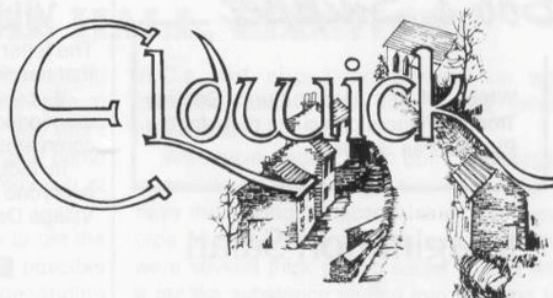


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"ELDWICK" VILLAGE STONE



The Horticultural Society is currently planning to provide a "Village Stone" in Eldwick as a result of suggestions on a way to mark the new millennium.

Discussions, etc, are proceeding with Bradford Council (Highways) and the proposed site is on land to the south-east of the mini-roundabout at the junction of Otley Road and Warren Lane.

If you have any comments, please address them to the Society via the Newsletter channels.

Thank you.

Eldwick Bonfire AND Firework Display

This family event will be held on

November 3rd

on the Recreation Ground

Fire lit at 7p.m. approx
Fireworks 7.30p.m. approx

Barbecue and Bar in Birches

**PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER ANY WOOD
TO THE RECREATION GROUND**

Adults: £2

Children under 10: 50p

Eldwick Village Society A.G.M.

Monday 26th November
at 7.30 p.m in Birches

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Bob's Snippet becomes a book

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to publish a compilation of Bob's Snippets. This marks the recent birthday of the author Mr. Robert V. Osbourn M.C., M.A.

We were delighted to attend a "signing" which was held in Birches recently when Bob was presented with a bound copy of the compilation by the Newsletter editor. It brought rave reviews from around the bar in Birches like "Why?" and "Haven't you anything better to do with your time"

Copies are on sale in Birches for £1, be quick as we have already sold over half of the first edition. If you talk to Bob nicely he may even sign a copy for you.



NEW ELDWICK DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

"Aladdin"

By ALLAN PEARSON

AT ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

Wednesday 28th November 2001 – Saturday 1st December 2001

Adults £4.00 Child and Concessions £2.50

Tickets on sale from Eldwick Newsagents from
Monday 5th November 2001

Eldwick & Gilstead Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

Thursday 1st November
at 7.30 in
Eldwick Primary School

MacMillan Cancer Relief

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28th September 2001
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Annette, Elaine, Sarah and Val

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Bob's Snippet

Which of the Horticultural Society Trophy Winners grows the peas for the Pie and Pea Supper?

Imagination Safari

*Taking a walk with my little friend
often is quiet fun. We venture out
on safari, an old stick becomes a gun.*

*The woods become a forest, rocks a
mountainside, we take along our
trusty dog, he can be our guide.*

*Today we are on a mission, to
look for beasts that are rare.
It is a beautiful afternoon and there's
lots of animals out there.*

*What fun we had in searching amongst
the trees around, changing pets to ferocious
beasts, that were seen to stroll around.*

*There were Rhinos and Elephants,
who are hunted for their tusks.
We saw them drinking
at the stream unaware of us.*

*Black Panthers and Lions were basking on
the rocks, whilst crocodiles were seen to
glide through waters at the locks.*

*Baboons and Apes were plenty, swinging
in the trees. Climbing rocks or mountains
are not for ageing knees.*

*We thought we saw a great big snake
wriggling in the mire, but when we took a
closer look we found it was a tyre.*

*We don't need any money or to travel by
bus or train, It really is a lot of fun, this
imagination game.*

Maureen Beaumont

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VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (VDS) STEERING GROUP

The letter below has recently been sent from the VDS Steering Group to the various 'groups' that use the Memorial Hall.

If you are a member of a group that meets in the Memorial Hall and this letter has been mentioned or read out to you at a meeting, this copy will help you to think if you have any comments to make.

In fact, this is an **open letter** and our second reason for printing it here, is to keep everyone informed and to encourage **you** to participate in the process of developing the Village Design Statement. We welcome your comments and interest!

ELDWICK VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT STEERING GROUP

(a Sub-Committee of The Eldwick Village Society)

Date: September 2001

**Replies to VDS
'community postbox'
Eldwick Post Office
Otley Road**

Dear

Over the forthcoming year, it is our intention to prepare a Village Design Statement which will give local people their say in the shaping of Eldwick's future. The Statement will cover themes such as the village's history, built environment, landscape, highways/transport, recreational and social facilities.

The final document will be presented to Bradford Council to be approved and adopted as supplementary planning guidance.

Over the year, we will be raising awareness, providing information, analysing feedback and working towards the production of the final document.

Communication channels will be open through questionnaires, public meetings, etc and through the Village Newsletter – via email at eldwicknews@aol.com, or care of the above address.

You are receiving this letter as one of the various 'groups' who use the Memorial Hall and we would like to know whether the facilities provided in the local community meet the needs of your 'members'. Please give us feedback on any improvements/changes you would like to see and particularly, how you see the future for your group in Eldwick.

Please read this letter to your group and seek the opinions of your members/committee. Where the group involves children and young people, we are very keen that their ideas are included.

It would help us to receive a copy of your Programme for the year (if you produce one) or details of key dates/events. We would also like to know if you would be in agreement with us displaying an information board at one of your events, (eg the Spring Fair of the Horticultural Society).

The Village Design Statement can only be compiled with input from those who live in Eldwick and use its 'facilities'.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

The VDS Steering Group

Dates for your diary:

- 13 October – small 'progress exhibition' at Eldwick Primary School Open Day.
- 20 October – walk-in, awareness-raising morning in the Memorial Hall, 9.30-12.00.
- 1 November – Neighbourhood Forum at Eldwick Primary School, 7.00 onwards.

Dear Editor,

I have been going to write for some time about a replacement feature for Morris & Co. As this has now gone may I suggest a new feature which could enhance the village and the lives of those who live in it.

Neighbourhood Moines, Peoples niggles, (only a suggestion for the heading).

It could be a monthly column where people can voice their opinions on things which other people are doing, probably without realising they are, and without naming names or having to confront them.

I could start you off with a couple. (load more available).

1. Please cut your trees, bushes, ivy etc which hang over paths from your garden. Not only could someone poke their eye out, but it reduces the width of the pavements thus forcing prams and children nearer the road.
2. Please have your burglar alarm serviced regularly. False alarms are annoying to others, and eventually people ignore checking the property out for signs of entry.

I'm sure you can come up with a good section on these lines. I hope you, like I, think that the service will benefit the people of Eldwick.

Thank you.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Yorkshire Countrywomens Association

Well here we are again after another summer recess – how time flies. Welcome to the new winter season with lots of good meetings arranged for our enjoyment over the coming months.

But first let me say how sorry we all were to hear that Eileen, our usual correspondent is poorly and no longer can continue with the newsletter. All our best wishes to her and our thanks for so ably contributing our news to this letter.

We had a wonderful trip in August to Knowsley Safari Park and Southport. The weather was extremely kind to us, the lions didn't eat any of us, we foiled the monkeys attempt at a break out on the top of the bus and the ice cream tasted grand. Southport had magnificent shops and everyone found something to enjoy. The meal on the way home was excellent and we nearly ended up as extras in a new series being made for television in the village of Downham, where we stopped. All in all a memorable day and our thanks to Maureen for arranging it.

There was a very pleasing turn out for our September meeting, with a talk given on the Sylvia Wright Trust. What an inspired lady she must be to expend all her time and money on promoting health care and education for the very poorest of children in India. Her commitment to this work is an example to us all.

Our next meeting is 9th October when the talk will be, "Lady Ann Clifford". At this meeting we will be holding a cake and produce stall to raise funds for our group, so we will be most grateful to anyone who can provide anything for this stall.

We are also collecting any spare pens, pencils, biros, coloured pencils etc., to send to an education project for children in Africa. If you have any of these to spare the collection tin will be at the next meeting or give them to a friend to donate for you.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, new and old friends are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome.

Sylvia Slater



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MEMORIAL HALL, ELDWICK

The A.G.M. took place on Wednesday 5th September. Our regular supporters were at the meeting but we would like to see more people there to support our work and come forward with new ideas for the promotion of the Hall.

Our main aim at the moment is to get the new lighting installed as soon as possible and then we can get on with redecorating and making the place more attractive.

The new Ladies toilet block is now in operation and some mirrors have been fixed in place as this was not completed by the builders.

During the summer Mark the caretaker has stripped the floor once more of all the old polish and repolished the floor and this is looking very good again.

We had our first committee meeting directly after the A.G.M. when the officers of the Hall were elected, these being:

Chairman –

Allan Mirfield – 01274 770871

Treasurer –

Patrick Abbott 01274 560340

Secretary/Bookings –

Sylvia Slater – 01274 563081

Email:

sylvia@manorhouse4.freemove.co.uk

Since this meeting we have discovered that once more criminal damage has been sustained by the Hall. The Police have been informed and we would like all villagers to keep a sharp eye open for anyone acting suspiciously at the Hall at any time.

During this year we have had the doors to the electric and gas services vandalised and the gas has been turned off at source and then turned on again. Apart from the complete idiocy of perpetrating such an act, it was an extremely dangerous thing to do.

Who knows what appliances could have been installed in the hall and how much gas may have escaped with this very foolhardy act.

This week it was discovered that the drain for the basins from the Ladies toilet area and the rain water from the fall pipe had been completely sealed up with concrete very professionally. On lifting the manhole it was then found that the sewage pipe from the

W.C.s had also been blocked up with concrete making the use of the toilets impossible.

We have now had both blockages removed and in so doing it was necessary to have the grating replaced. Inside the waste pipe after the concrete was removed there were several thick plastic sacks coated with a tar like substance stuffed into the pipe for quite a distance.

What are we coming to when people go to such lengths to cause problems for a place which is operated for the good of the local people? What are they aiming to prove? What have we done to instil such a dislike of the Village Hall and the people who try to operate it successfully for the benefit of all?

To all this of course there is a cost. The new toilet block complete with disabled access has taken a large slice of our bank balance. Now we have had to pay out more money to protect the services into the hall and further to clear the drains and sewage pipe with which no one had the right to interfere.

PLEASE look after your local village Hall and help us to protect it for everyone to use. Anyone with any information may contact any of the Officers of the Hall, their telephone numbers are on this page or of course go directly to the Police.

Sylvia Slater

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been made to the Council. Any representation should be made to the Planning Office at Shipley Town Hall. All planning applications may be viewed in Birches.

- 1.01/02902/REM Construction of a detached dwelling with integral garage at the rear of 18 Glen Road.
- 2.01/03119/FUL Conservatory to the east side of property Norwood Glen Road
- 3.01/0301/FUL Erection of stable block and tack room The Springs Kennels and Cattery Spring Lane.
- 4.01/03001/FUL Erection of UPVC Conservatory to rear of property 6 Finch Close.
- 5.01/03192/Ful Two storey extension to rear at Croyton Pollard Ave.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

At our meeting on 18 September we were entertained by Alan Wilson who gave a talk and slide show entitled "Spain without Thompsons".

The talk was based on a 'plant hunting expedition' which took place during Easter, last year. As indicated, the Wilsons flew to Spain and hired a car, planned their own route and accommodation etc. The talk included – in Alan's humorous way – helpful hints on the facilities and opening habits of that endangered species, the rural Spanish post office!

Slides included snow-covered mountainsides where bulbs and alpine plants were peeping through, below the melt-water line. A great deal of trouble had been taken to research the location of specific plants (eg species narcissi) and on most occasions, Alan was able and lucky enough to find and photograph these plants. Where flowers could not be identified from the reference books taken on this holiday, Alan had consulted the 'experts' on return, so that we could be treated to many impressive Latin names! A lasting impression was the many beautiful orchids photographed in their native habitat. The slide-show was enhanced with appropriate music in parts – a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Our meeting on 16 October is about Trees of Forest and Garden and on 20 November we will hold our Annual General Meeting to be followed by a Pie and Pea Supper.

You are welcome to join us at any of our meetings – 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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 5th November 2001.

OCTOBER 1901 – Eldwick News – 100 Years Ago

The Wesleyan Harvest Festival was held at the Eldwick Chapel on Sunday the 6th. The address at the morning service was given by Mr. George Severs of Bingley, and in the afternoon and evening by Mr. F.D. Anderson also of Bingley. There were choir anthems at both afternoon and evening services. The afternoon was 'The Lord is my Shepherd', soloists Mr. J.R. Bruce and Mrs. Steel, and in the evening 'Praise Ye the Lord', soloist Miss Severs, she also sang 'Jesus lover of my soul'. Mr. S. Naylor was the organist for the day. On the Monday evening, the congregation had what was described as a fruit banquet at the chapel, and thereafter the vegetables were sold for chapel funds.

Eldwick figured large in the Bingley Harriers Autumn Event held on Saturday the 12th, the two hares were J. Williamson and H. Duckett. A start was made at 3.20pm.

The course led past the park through Eldwick to Dick Hudsons, then to East Morton via the Alma back via Peas Acre and The Heights to Bingley.

On Wednesday the 16th at Bingley Police Court James Newsome, an innkeeper of Marfleet, Wakefield successfully applied for the transfer of the Licence of the Fleece Inn, High Eldwick (Dick Hudsons) from Richard Garnett.

Bingley District Council at their meeting on Monday the 21st decided to remove the gas lamp presently sited on the Bingley side of Sheriff Lane, Eldwick and re-site it on the opposite side. No reason for this action was reported, the Council merely accepting the recommendation of their Gas Committee who presumably had their reasons. The Council also approved plans for the erection of two cottages in Glenback Road, Eldwick for Mr. William Leeming.

Congratulations...

...to all the students who took and passed their recent ABRSM Music Theory and Piano Practical exams held in June/July 2001.

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| Roy Bartle..... | Grade 1 Theory | Distinction |
| Katharine Rawson | Grade 1 Theory | Distinction |
| Danielle Rogan..... | Grade 1 Theory | Distinction |
| Phillip Bailey | Grade 2 Theory | Distinction |
| and | | |
| Matthew Stanworth..... | Grade 1 Practical..... | Pass |

I hope you all had lovely holidays and are looking forward to starting the new Music Year.

Mrs. W. Clarke

Winner of the Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Balloon Release "The East Winds Will Blow"

And they did, all the way to Hull. Mrs. Rita Priestly's balloon travelled the greatest distance to Hull and was found on July 1st, day after Gala Day.

Well done to Mrs. Priestly who will receive £50 worth of gift vouchers to spend at Alders Department store, City Centre, Leeds.

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