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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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JUST WHAT IS AN EFFECTIVE "VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT"?

- It is developed, researched, written and edited by local people;
- Is representative of the views of the village as a whole;
- Has involved a wide section of the village community in its production;
- Describes the visual character of the village;
- Demonstrates how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced in new development;
- Is compatible with the statutory planning system and the local planning context;
- Is suitable for approval as Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- Is applicable to all forms and scale of development; and
- Is about managing change in the village, not preventing it.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

"WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE VILLAGE, WHY AND IF POSSIBLE A SOLUTION TO ACHIEVE IT?"

NB We would be keen to hear from any children 6+ to teenagers up to 18 years old.

Kindly send your comments, by letter, mark the envelope 'VDS', via the Community Post Box inside Eldwick Post Office. If in doubt, Nigel will point out its whereabouts.

Thank You from the VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT committee.

WELL DONE ELDWICK SWIMMERS!



Sam Rogers, Fergus Lockwood and Robert Johnson took part in the team challenge and swam in the 18th Leeds swim marathon on 3rd November. They swam 100 lengths of Leeds Olympic pool in a fantastic 2hrs 17 minutes! Not only did they enjoy themselves (?) they raised £100 for Candlelighters (the Children's cancer unit in Leeds). Well done Eldwick boys!!

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**Birches Club is pleased to
announce the completion of
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You are cordially invited to our
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and soft drinks will be available.

Bob's Snippet

When Spring Lane was closed people in Baildon were unable to enjoy the excitement of Eldwick night life.

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

On 16th October our visiting speaker was Mr K Rawling who talked to us about "Trees of Forest and Garden". Mr Rawling had worked as the forestry officer for Leeds, which included dealing with trees in parkland and street settings. He demonstrated his wide knowledge of 'all things arboreal' as the evening progressed, and his talk was accompanied with slides.

The evening touched on a wide variety of aspects from the need to use Latin names to clarify exactly which variety of maple/plane/sycamore was being discussed and the difficulties of assessing the 'value' of a tree in the landscape, versus its value as timber.

As well as discussing our native conifers, eg the yew, juniper, Mr Rawling paid tribute to the great plant hunters who had brought the many and varied tree species to our shores. Many trees were suited to garden settings but the importance of thinking about a tree's ultimate height and spread was stressed.

By the time you are reading this, it should be around the time of our Annual General Meeting. We will receive reports on the year past, including our financial status and also receive a programme of planned events for the forthcoming year, before enjoying a pie and pea supper.

After having some 'time off' in December (to read seed catalogues!) our meetings will start again on the third Tuesday in January 2002. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY TIME.

REPORT BACK FROM PLANNING MEETING ON FORMER YORKSHIRE WATER LAND (CLARENDON ROAD)

The Area Planning Panel met on Thursday 1 November to discuss the Persimmon application for 66 'housing units' on the above lane. Over 3 hours were spent on this part of the Agenda, divided by a site visit which meant the Councillors were on Warren Lane around 3pm as the traffic was building.

Unfortunately, the Council Planning Officers are RECOMMENDING this development goes ahead and not necessarily after the opening of the Relief Road – as the condition which limited Bryant's initial development to 150 houses doesn't in their opinion have to be placed on Persimmon!

All the issues raised had been dealt with in the report with phrases such as (Drainage) "not considered to be a severe enough reason to object to the development ...", and "there are no environmental or infrastructure constraints which would restrict development of the site", and "Account has been taken of traffic flows and the location of the school and its associated parking".

The decision was deferred (to the next meeting in approximately 1 months' time) because of the following 2 issues:

Firstly, proposed plot 44 comes within 1 metre of the boundary of a house on Clarendon Road. Although the Planning Officer stated this was the legal minimum, Councillors on the committee have asked the developers to look again at this part of the site and come back with a more satisfactory layout.

Secondly, the developers are providing some new drainage, but the route eventually leads to CSO 114 which the Environment Agency have described as "very unsatisfactory". This in fact means that raw sewage overflows into the River Aire and there are no plans to repair/improve Bingley CSOs until approximately 2004. Doubts were also cast on the statement that "...the River Aire is meeting its water quality objective along this stretch". The comment from the Council on Drainage is given above, but after objectors had put their case, (including worries about e-coli for the many rowers using the river), Councillors on the committee have asked for further reports on the quality of the water in the River Aire.

Persimmon are being asked to contribute £114,035 for the 20 school places they estimate will be required by children of various ages from this site. This does not mean they (or children from the other developments 'off Warren Lane') will be able to go to local schools, and it was stated that there is currently no application to extend Eldwick Primary.

THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO LOCAL PLACES IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, THERE ARE NO LOCAL JOBS, NO PLACES WITH DOCTORS/DENTISTS, EVER-DECREASING LOCAL SHOPPING, ALL THE CONCERNS ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, CAR-DEPENDENT ESTATES OF A SIZE AND SCALE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION WITH THE AREA, AND THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO LOSE FOR EVER, OUR LAST GREEN FIELD OFF WARREN LANE, ARE INSUFFICIENT TO PREVENT THIS DEVELOPMENT.

WARREN LANE PHASE 2: As most people will be aware – particularly if you attended the Neighbourhood Forum on 1 November and saw the (concept) plan for the site – it is time to write to the Council (as individuals) if you have anything to say about the detail of how this site should be developed, for eg how the are currently allocated for "community use" should be used. Anyone can view the plans and look at all the correspondence/details in the file by visiting the Planning Department in Shipley Town Hall.

The reason this has arisen NOW is because Outline Planning consent was given on Appeal on 18/11/98 and the developer (Bryant) had 3 years in which to submit an application for what is referred to as "reserved matters" (REM). There is still a CONDITION on this part of the site which will delay building until after completion of the A650 Relief Road (Autumn 2003?).

The application is for 273 houses, but it is worth noting what has happened regarding the DENSITY of housing at the Yorkshire Water site. The Council "encouraged" the developers to increase their original application for 46 houses to 66, because the Government has brought in a new 'formula' about density. On the same basis 270 houses could become 380. Add to this the 150 houses in Phase 1 (Bryant/Redrow) which are almost complete and the 66 'almost approved' and we are faced with a possible 600 houses off Warren Lane with the resultant people, cars, noise, pollution ...

Dorothy Isaac

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Whizz Kids



Whizz Kids is a junior youth group for 7 to 12 year olds. They meet at Eldwick Methodist Church School room Monday evenings 6 til 7pm. We play indoor games during the dark evenings and on the recreation field in the summer, we do handicrafts cooking and all sorts. We are there to let them enjoy themselves.

It's held at the church school room but is open to any 7 to 12 year old. This term more than half of the children had to leave as they were too old so we have opportunities for more to come.

Thanks

John Wyborn (I help out making drinks Debbie Ashton is the main leader)

Eldwick & Gilstead Yorkshire Countrywomens Association

Our October meeting saw a welcome return of Alan Plowright, always a popular speaker with our members. On this occasion his subject was Lady Anne Clifford of Skipton Castle, born 1590, died 1676. Illustrated with beautiful slides of the Yorkshire Dales and the Eden Valley we followed Lady Anne's Trail from Skipton to Brougham in Cumbria, visiting the castles and churches she restored and the almshouses she built. A most enjoyable evening.

Our intrepid Chairman, Norma Feather, having completed a walk to raise funds for Heart Research, collected her sponsored donations. She thanked members for their magnificent response to the "Right to Write" Appeal which supplies pens and pencils to the poor children of South Africa.

The next meeting, 13th November is a talk on Saltaire by Mr. A. Bowtell. A pre-Christmas Bring and Buy Sale will be held.

A few seats are still available on the 10th December coach to York for the Associations Annual Carol Service at the Minster. Contact Maureen Beckwith 591055.

December 11th. Start Christmas early with warm mince pies and a talk on Colonial Candles of Cape Cod. Scented candles will be for sale. Guest night, bring a friend. A warm welcome is assured.

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BIG BANGS BRINGS BONUSES

The Eldwick Bonfire and Firework display proved to be a success again this year. The organisers were worried that the Bingley Round Table Bonfire, being held on the same night, might reduce the crowd. The gate did take less than last year when the Round Table had to cancel due to flooding. However we hope that we have taken enough money to cover the cost of the fireworks which were going off at £100 per minute! and that we are again able to make a donation to charity.

There were too many people involved this year to name individually, but many thanks to them all, the teams who built the fire, did the lighting, prepared and sold the food, supervised the crowd and cleared up afterwards. Finally thanks to you for turning up.

VICAR MOVES ON

We are saddened to hear that Rev Peter Willox of St. Lawrence's, Eldwick who has been in Eldwick since 1995, is leaving the village. He has been appointed chaplain to St. Martin's College, Lancaster and will be based at the Ambleside Campus in the Lake District. We wish Peter, and his family, well.

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SAD LOSS OF CONFECTIONERS....

however Nigel to the rescue.

We are saddened to hear that the confectioners has now closed. However the Post Office is now selling a wonderful range of confectionery. In fact the Post Office is rapidly becoming Eldwick's own mini Fortnum and Mason.

Nigel has increased the range of wines, which now include some very special ones and competitively priced. The range of high quality hampers are also going well.

You can actually buy a stamp as well if you wish.

Eldwick Village Society A.G.M.

Monday 26th November
at 7.30 p.m in Birches

PLANNING

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

1.01/03275/FUL Gable extension to form enlarged kitchen and bedroom and formation of new vehicular access at 7 Sheriff Lane.

2.01/03425/FUL Erection of garage with games room above at Hill Top Glen Road

3.01/03305/REM Residential development of 273 houses and associated works Warren Lane

4.01/0332/REM Residential development of 237 houses and associated works (phase II) Warren Lane

5.01/03607/FUL Erection of replacement freestanding double garage at 18 Glen Road

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THE STORY STONE-RELOCATED

It was a sad day when Eldwick's school left the village to move down the hill to Gilstead it was tragic that they left behind part of the school's heritage.

Nestling in the bottom southeast corner of the school field sits a large boulder forever known by generations of children as the story stone. Around this stone many alfresco story sessions were held but no more is it the focal point of attention.

What could be better than to relocate this boulder as the new Eldwick Stone to a place of prime importance once more?

My Eldwick publications trust fund could help pay for any relocation expenses and then the Horticultural society could suitably inscribe the rock to become a very natural feature, surrounded by flowers and shrubs all year round.

Allan Mirfield

Dear Editor

Eldwick Village Stone

I suspect that most Eldwick folk will applaud the Horticultural Society's intention to provide a 'village stone' with which to mark the millennium. May I express the hope that the lettering on the stone will be in the style of that used on the front of the Newsletter which is contemporary calligraphy at it's best. It is both distinguished and eminently legible. The stone should also bear the commemorative date.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Wilson

Birches Club were recently the grateful beneficiaries of a bequest from the late Mr & Mrs Reg Jones.

This bequest has helped to fund the refurbishment of the club. The club wishes to show its appreciation of this, and will shortly be purchasing a captains stool in memory of Reg.

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NOVEMBER 1901 – Eldwick News – 100 Years Ago

On Saturday evening the 2nd, St. Lawrence's Church Choir held a Social Evening in the Eldwick Board School in aid of choir funds. A very successful evening of singing and dancing was well supported.

At Keighley Register Office on Wednesday the 6th, Arthur Royston of Eldwick was married to Merenna Helen Cordingley of Windhill.

The Eldwick Improvement Society had become defunct during the Summer. However a few stalwarts decided to arrange occasional lectures in the Board School. Mr. W. Ferrand chaired a lecture by Professor R.F. Seton, the Manager of the Leeds City Councils Agricultural Farm at Garforth, on Monday night the 11th. The lecture was titled 'Manurial Experiments on Meadow Hay! The Professor dealt exhaustively with the treatment of land with all types of manures. The results of the practical experiments that he had carried out on 10 acre plots manured with dung, sulphate of nitre, kainit and phosphates. Plots were also experimented with combinations of these items. The lecture ranged far and wide, but on the whole it seemed the speaker, at the end of the day, felt that dung, with a top dressing of nitrate of soda, gave the best

results. At the conclusion of the lecture the Professor agreed to deliver more lectures, the next one would be in January 1902 and was entitled 'The Feeding of Milk Cows'.

On Saturday 30th Harry Parker, stated to be a native of this area was before the Magistrates. he had been arrested by P.C. Cunningham, the previous night in Main Street, Bingley charged with being drunk and using filthy language. In Court it turned out that he was a serving soldier, on 4 weeks leave, having returned from South Africa on the 27th. He had it seemed served with considerable distinction and had been wounded at the battle of Pardeburg. In Court P.C. Cunningham was clearly disturbed about proceeding with the case. He observed that perhaps the matter had not been as serious as it could have been because "no ladies were present" at the time. He obviously felt that since they were in Court Parker's record deserved lenient treatment. The Magistrates did not appear to altogether take the same view. He was fined 5s. plus costs or 7 days in prison. He immediately took the option of 7 days, and he told the Justices that he would like them to know that he (and possibly them!) would prefer Armley prison to the Veldt.

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