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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society SHOW NOTCHES UP 90 YEARS

In spite of the atrocious gardening weather we have all endured this year, the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's 90th annual show attracted 375 entries. Home baking was particularly well supported, following an unexplained upsurge in chocolate cakes and the introduction of a new open class for loaves made in home bread baking machines.

The society's president, John Pullin, welcomed Bradford's Lord Mayor, Councillor Robin Owens, who opened the proceedings in the Memorial Hall, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. For this occasion on his home ground Coun Owens was sporting the official chain of office formerly worn by successive leaders of Bingley Urban District Council prior to the pre-1974 reorganisation when we all became residents in the remit of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. This was the first outing for the newly refurbished regalia, which had been languishing in a display case at Bingley library for the past 32 years.

Our show secretary, David Bell, read out the prizewinners and the

Lord Mayor made the following presentations:

John Wild Trophy (most points in the vegetable classes - Joe Chadwick ; Robert Smith Trophy (outstanding vegetables) - Joe Chadwick for his runner beans; George Todd Trophy (onions) - John Churchman; Jack Bentley Trophy (tray of vegetables) - Joe Chadwick; HM Dawson Trophy (fruit) - Alan Wilson; Brinley Jagger Trophy (tomatoes) - George Drake; Thomas Henry Shaw Trophy (best roses) - Joe Chadwick; Eric Cockroft Trophy (best rose) - Joe Chadwick; Charles Whiteoak Trophy (sweet peas) - John Churchman; Frank Whitaker Trophy (best dahlia) - John Churchman; Leslie Lund Trophy (most points for flowers) - John Churchman; Arthur Harrison Trophy (most points for vegetables and flowers); John Churchman; Ernest Edwards Trophy (runner up) - Joe Chadwick; Banksian Medal - Geoff Hargrave; H Whitehead Trophy (open) - Geoff Hargrave; Yorkshire Bank Trophy (flower arranging) - Lesley Wilson; Sydney Othwaite Trophy (home produce) - Margaret



L to R: Show Secretary David Bell, the Lord Mayor and John Churchman receiving one of his trophies.



The Lord Mayor has a pensive moment. Centre is the Lady Mayoress and president John Pullin.

More photos inside

Tetley; Franz Trophy Trophy the (photography) - Stanley Varo.

The committee is very grateful to all members who volunteered their help to put this year's show together - and take it down again afterwards. Some had only just got their boots clean after helping with our stand at the Gala!

Special thanks are due to Barbara Pullin's team in the refreshment room (Marie Ellis, Pauline Pickles, Sheila and Stan Varo, Rita Murgatroyd, Carol Brodrick and Val Churchman) who laboured especially hard and long behind the scenes this year to slake the thirsts of our many guests.

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Bob's Snippet

We went for a jolly afternoon out at Bolton Abbey. The signpost gave us the cheerful choice of Priory Ruins or Valley of Desolation.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Y.C.A. are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, September 28th at Eldwick Memorial Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Macmillan Cancer Support is holding its flag ship fundraiser, the world's biggest coffee morning. Donations made to Macmillan Cancer Support from coffee events throughout the U.K. help to fund essential information and counselling centres for people living with cancer and specialist Macmillan medical staff. Come and join us over a coffee.

Next meeting September 11th when Mr. Britton will be talking about Countryside Services.

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PLANNING

07/07269/FUL Construction of Stable blocks for horse isolation / rehabilitation and dwelling for Supervisor at land off Birch Close Lane.

07/07443/FUL Construction of single storey extension to kitchen, sun lounge and garage extension at Magpie Cottage, 14 Beech Grove.

07/07502/FUL Construction of water pump house at Craiglands Farm, Otley Road.

... Picture Gallery ...

HORTICULTURAL SHOW



More bread and cakes appeared this year.

L to R: Show Secretary David Bell, the Lord Mayor and Natasha Coen receiving a trophy on behalf of her grandfather, Joe Chadwick



Children from local schools celebrate official opening of revamped Eldwick Rec Playground

Tour of Britain Cycle Race pass over Eldwick Beck Bridge



Local Councillor presents book tokens to School reps from Eldwick & Lady Lane

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for September and October

September

16th 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Morning Worship
6.30p.m. Evensong

23rd 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
30th 10.30a.m. Morning Worship

October

7th 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Morning Worship
(Harvest Festival)

14th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

21st 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Morning Worship

28th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP meets on the third
Thursday of each month at 7.45 p.m. in the
church hall. 20th September – T.M.
Slocombe on "The lighter side of the law".
18th October – A.G.M. 15th November –
Alan Rudduck on "Travels". 13th
December – Christmas Party.

WALKING GROUP's next outings will
leave the church car park at 9.00 a.m. on
Saturdays 13th October, 10th November and
8th December (Christmas Walk and Lunch).
Further details will be posted in church a
week prior to each walk.

HOMEGROUP meets every other
Wednesday at 8.00p.m. for fellowship and
bible study. Details from Monique on
565482.

MEN'S GROUP meets on the last Thursday of
each month. Details from Jonathan on 565482.
ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH HALL is
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16th September

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10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry

23rd September

10.30 am Mr Mervyn Flecknoe

30th September

10.30 am Communion Rev Barbara Walls

7th October

10.30 am Harvest Rev Ruth Parry

14th October

10.30 am Mr Keith Bolton

21st October

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

10.30 am Mr Lorrain-Smith.

28th October

10.30 am Rev John Allison

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

2nd Fri Friday Walk 9am

3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion

4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST

Monthly Bible Study – Wed Evenings

Hand Bell Group - Alternate Tues

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

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The Centenary of Manor Park – The Garden Village



The development and growth of Eldwick over the last 50 years has been in the form of housing estates which have varied in size and somewhat alarming increases in density per acre.

From 150 years ago the Enclosure of Gilstead Moor led to the development of 'New Eldwick', comprising Victorian and Edwardian villas of Sheriff Lane, Prospect Road, Glen Road and Saltaire Road. These contrasted sharply with the old ordinary cottages of Eldwick Beck Mill, The Green and Park Top, homes for large working class families in the 19th century.

There was national concern about such living conditions endured in industrialised towns and villages which was addressed by Ebenezer Howard in 1899. As a social reformer, he created the Garden City Movement, designed to solve problems of overcrowding and unsanitary conditions, to encourage better planning and designing of housing areas. Letchworth Garden City saw his vision realised in 1903, followed later by Welwyn Garden City, both of which featured each house having its own plot of land on wide streets with opposite frontages generously spaced.

In Bingley, the Council's architect and surveyor, Walter Nunns, took

on Howard's principles and decided to build a 'garden suburb' in the Myrtle Park area near the new school, before turning his attention to the western edge of Gilstead Moor. As most of the land was originally owned by George Lane Fox of Bramham Park as Lord of the Manor, Nunns decided to name the site 'Manor Park'.

In 1885, Walter Platts, local textile magnate, had bought 5 acres of land south of his mansion at the corner of Warren Lane and Park Road and made access by a narrow roadway opposite the Prince of Wales Park. Further purchases of land from Lane Fox enlarged the potential estate site to the south, to 20 acres, by including 18th century Warren House Farm, once occupied by Robert Pollard.

The Platts family worked with Nunns to ensure planning permission was granted for 4 houses at Manor Park in April 1907 and, eight months later it was announced, "Sites may now be purchased at Manor Park, the finest and healthiest situation in the Bradford District. A few charming houses are for sale now, ready for occupation".

The Wildman family firm of builders from Eldwick had begun to lay sewers in Warren Lane and, in February 1908, Bingley Council approved a further expenditure of £800 to continue sewerage, "for the special benefit of the seven houses already built at Manor Park, together with others that might be built in the course of a generation. The Warren Lane work is needed in consequence of the laying out of a 20 acre plot for the building sites of Manor Park. The new sewer along the full length of Warren Lane could serve 40 acres of

development".

The seven properties referred to were 'The Manor House' of 1907, the adjacent cottages of 'Somersby' and 'Hillcrest' and the row of four cottages opposite – all with the distinctive diamond markings. Sadly, the project went no further, partly as the site was judged to be too exposed and also because Bingley Council was focusing on slum clearance and new-build around the town.

In 1909, Walter Nunns, architect of Manor Park and longtime member of Bingley Council's Building and Sanitary Committee, a prime mover of sanitary reforms in housing, was rewarded by his election as Chairman of Bingley Council.

As all the groundworks for the whole Manor Park Estate had been done, it was left to other local builders, like the Wildmans, to follow the original plans to create Cavendish Drive (shown on maps by 1921), and Clarendon Road on the site of Warren House Farm. But it was Fred Heaton of Crossflatts who set up a building company and bought the bulk of the Manor Park site in 1957 for £6,720 to build the 'Heaton Estate', from the end of Cavendish, along Grange Road and through to Clarendon Road by the 1960's. On the 1933 map the land behind the four cottages of Grange Road shows a Cricket Ground complete with Pavilion, and there were various shafts from the old Warren House Quarry to contend with.

So the reason why some of these 'Heaton' roads are generous in width, some with grass verges, and gardens are so nicely sized, is due to the original vision for the Manor Park Garden Village. All present residents are grateful for this, particularly those of us on the west side of Grange Road. Thank you Mr. Nunns for your vision to give us a long garden and stunning views over the Aire Valley and thank you to Fred Heaton for building my roof with ship's timbers to withstand all weathers as we perch on the edge of Gilstead Moor!

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