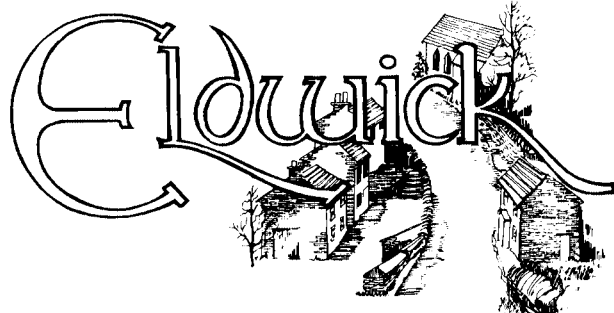


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ELDWICK BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

The popular family event will be held on the rec on Saturday 3rd November. The fire will be lit at 7p.m. and the fireworks will be at 7.30 p.m. There will be "Famous Burnt Bangers" served from 6.30.p.m. with refreshments in Birches and the Memorial Hall. Adults £3 children £1.

Thanks Peter!



During the year the Memorial Hall garden has been completely relandscaped. This has given the volunteer gardener Peter Illingworth a break from mowing and allowed him to do some replanting. Peter has maintained the garden since Birches was built over twenty years ago. As we can see from the photograph, he is doing a splendid job.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There was a good turnout for the Horticultural Society's September meeting to hear Ken Green's topical ideas on how to develop and maintain colour in the garden in autumn and winter. Great stuff – Otley Road in Technicolour 12 months from now, perhaps?

Our last meeting of the year is the AGM on Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a faith supper and our president John Pullin invites all members to attend and enjoy a friendly get-together evening after the formalities are over. Watch this space for details of next year's speakers and garden visits.

IT Centre in Eldwick

An application for a grant to purchase equipment for an IT centre has been made to the Telegraph and Argus parent body. The Gannett Foundation supports local community projects. Initially the grant would provide six laptops, a projector, wireless hub, broadband and a printer. The equipment would be housed in the Memorial Club, Birches, it is hoped that this will be available for groups and individuals at times during the day and some evenings. If we are successful in this bid we will advertise this facility for both recreational and educational use in the newsletter.

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Bob's Snippet

In Eldwick there were so many police no Milk Race cyclist risked doing over 30 m.p.h.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our meeting held on the 11th of September was attended by 45 members.

The Founders' Lunch will be held on the 5th of November at the Wharfedale Hotel.

The speaker was Peter Britten, wildlife officer for Bradford Countryside Services. The Countryside Rights of Way Service aims to protect, enhance, promote and inform responsible public enjoyment of Bradford's natural environment of rights of way network.

Peter has been a wildlife officer for the last 25 years and covers the welfare of local wildlife. The badger, deer, vole and otter are protected animals. The number of protected animals in the Bradford area are great but are at risk from illegal poaching. Peter spoke of the 24 hour watch that must be kept to keep these animals safe. His anecdotes were amusing but at the same time showed how important his patrolling of the habitats are. A very informative talk which made us very aware of the wildlife in our area and how vulnerable it is.

The next meeting will be on the 9th of October. Mr. Lyness of Calder, Ilkley will be our speaker.

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Eldwick Methodist Church



Saturday 22nd December 2007
For children aged 5 – 10/11 years
Starts at 10am finishes at 3.30pm
Cost is £5.00.

Activities include things like: candle making, glass painting, holly wreaths, mini Christmas cakes, face painting, card making, lots of other arts and craft things, which will hopefully be very messy. There will be time to play some very silly games.

Sandwich lunch provided and a visit from a Christmas VIP!

Application Form for the Children's Christmas Chaos Fun Day

Saturday 22nd December 2007 at Eldwick Methodist Church

Name of child Age

Name of parent / carer

Address

Telephone number

Parent will be / will not be staying

Please enclose £5.00 (cheques payable to Eldwick Methodist Church) and a SAE
Send to Julie Smith, Glencairn, Otley Road, Eldwick BD16 3EQ

Confused of Eldwick

Please can someone help me, I am confused as to where I live?

My house in Heaton Drive, was in Eldwick when it was built over 40 years ago, but where is it now? I grew up living at the top of Ferncliffe Road, Bingley before marrying and moving to Eldwick. The Gilstead southern boundary then started where Hall Bank Drive joins the top of Ferncliffe, (an old sign post confirms this) the first house above there was Gilstead Post Office. Once you got above the filter beds, you entered Eldwick.

Now, this is where I start getting confused.

When I receive mail from the Local

So if you are interested, why not come along and let your mum get on with her last minute shopping.

Complete the application form below and send to Julie Smith, Glencairn, Otley Road, Eldwick BD16 3EQ

Closing date is 1st December. After which you will receive a reply and a form to complete about any special things we need to know about i.e. special dietary needs, contact details etc. (parents are welcome to stay for part or all the day but they don't have to)

There will be a special very informal Children's Christmas Celebration the day after on the Sunday morning, where we hope to show some of the things the children got up to – all children and their families are most welcome to join us, but again you don't have to!

Places are limited so it will be a first come first served.

Authority, Eldwick has disappeared from my address. It doesn't exist, Heaton Drive has moved to Bingley.

Last month an article in the T & A reported a murder behind the Fisherman Inn in *Gilstead*, a few days later in the same paper a photograph with the caption "a cyclist in the Tour of Britain Race passes the Fisherman Inn, *Eldwick*"?

Is it any wonder I am confused?

I admit to being over 70 years old but have I missed something? Please can someone enlighten me?

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for October and November

October

14th 10.30am Holy Communion
21st 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
28th 10.30am Holy Communion

November

4th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
11th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday
United Service at Eldwick Methodist Church
18th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
25th 10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Group meets in church fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm. The aim is to pray for St. Lawrence's parish, the community and those who have requested prayer. Next meeting on 7th October. Details from and prayer request to Yvonne on 562304.

Children's Society Coffee Morning on Saturday, 3rd November from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in the Little House, Bingley. £1.00 entrance fee including tea or coffee and biscuits. Gifts, cakes, books, games, toys, jewellery, etc. on sale. All welcome.

United Service with Eldwick Methodists
It was lovely to see a full church on 2nd September, with Rev. Ruth Parry officiating at communion and Canon Derek Jackson assisting her. Afterwards there was an excellent faith lunch, and altogether this was a very successful and enjoyable occasion.
St. Lawrence's Church Hall is available for hire for community events (£9.00 per hour) and for children's parties (one payment of £30.00). To make enquiries, contact our bookings secretary, Mrs. A. Shoebridge on 564690.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

21st October

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
10.30 am Mr Lorrain-Smith.

28th October

10.30 am Rev John Allison

4th November

10.30 am Miss Diane Greenwood

11th November

10.30 am Joint Remembrance Service
Rev Ruth Parry

18th November

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
10.30 am Rev Alistair Newton

25th November

10.30 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

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

Eldwick Methodist Church Hall is available to the community for events and children's parties, our newly refurbished kitchen is ideal for catering. To enquire about dates please contact the booking secretary Phil on 774526

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ELDWICK'S NEW BYPASS



In response to the many phone calls received regarding the tarmac stretch of roadway, recently constructed by Yorkshire Water near Tewitt Lane, there is an opportunity to review the impact of water resource provision on the local landscape.

For some years it might have seemed imprudent and not very neighbourly to publicize local doubts about the wisdom of building new estates over former mine workings. However the advent of modern technology, the ability to bore into, and pump grouting into the perceived cavities and voids, dispelled doubts about the stability of the land. No such fears or doubts seem to have troubled existing residents of Eldwick Beck or those who came to develop the Saltaire Road part of 'New Eldwick', about the existence of two huge reservoirs upstream from their homes in the late 19th century. The hamlet of New Row near the Corn Mill, despite being alongside Eldwick Beck, had its own well for its water supply, as did cottages on The Green around 'The Acorn'. The residents of Spring Lane and the Eldwick Beck Mill hamlet similarly had their own spring-fed water resource.

As Saltaire and Shipley grew in industrial stature, with a burgeoning population, it was essential to explore means of vastly increasing their water supply, which the local Shipley Board was expected to provide. They didn't have to look far to see the potential catchment of the moors above Eldwick which fed into Eldwick Beck, but of course the Beck was the power source for both the Corn Mill and Beck Mill, each of which had their own dams. So, if a reservoir was to be constructed it would have to be a compensation type which could keep a steady flow on the Beck for its industrial dependents. Bradford had already begun to exploit the waters of Wharfedale and in 1856 excavators were building a conduit from East Morton to Heaton, including a 545 yard tunnel under Gilstead Moor – hence the stone markers seen locally. The Eldwick reservoir in Intake Wood is thought to have been built by Shipley at that time, with a capacity of 27.4 million gallons, retained by an earth bank with puddle clay core protected by granite setts.

The land was purchased from the Crompton Stansfield family of Esholt who were major Eldwick landowners and their land was also to provide the location of Graincliffe Reservoir in 1872. This was to be a huge, expensive and lengthy project by the Shipley Authority who even invited tenders for 50 workers' wheelbarrows so that work could begin in September 1872. As well as the reservoir there was a need to build a house for the manager of the two reservoirs, as well as a schoolroom and huts for workers and families. By 1874 another advert appeared for 100

more excavators to speed up the construction work which had thus far cost over £20,000. By 1876 Shipley had acquired Eldwick Beck Mill and Mr William Green Wood, one-time licensee of 'The Acorn' was at Graincliffe House as manager. This was a clever move on his part since all site visits to the Graincliffe by the Shipley Board had included luncheon at his pub. No figures were published for total cost of the reservoir which was finally completed in July 1880 and would hold 94 million gallons of water when filled. The following October William Green Wood jnr, woolsorter, of New Row, Eldwick Beck, (and enumerator in the Census of 1881!) was appointed caretaker of the reservoirs. In lieu of wages he would have Graincliffe House rent free and grazing rights on the embankments of the two reservoirs. William senior, 74, was to remain as Water Bailiff at the same time as running 'The Acorn'.

So Eldwick could see lots of water but would not receive any of it until the Gilstead Filter Beds were opened by Bradford Corporation Waterworks in 1887 to receive water from the new Nidderdale reservoirs.

Over the years the reservoirs have been upgraded and now Yorkshire Water have recently embarked upon a major project which has introduced Eldwick's new bypass. Rather than ruin the legendary packhorse trail of Loadsaddles Lane known as Tewitt Lane they have constructed a tarmac strip through several fields to get their plant to the site.

The official statement states, "To ensure the reservoir complies with the latest design standards relating to overflow performance we are constructing a new auxiliary overflow structure to replace the existing shallow masonry channel which runs parallel to the bridleway". Further, the new overflow on the embankment will be grassed over, all original walls will be rebuilt, and all will be reinstated, including the removal of the tarmac works road.

Apologies are given for the visual impact but it seems, in the course of time, all will be back to normal.

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