

## *Bob's Snippet*

Professional footballers keep saying they "hope to get a result". The Eldwick team gets one every game.

### **YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The meeting on the 9th October was well attended, Kath Hardy took the chair.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success, £386 was donated to Cancer Support. A big thank you to Margaret Newman who organised the event and her supporters.

Reminder that the Carol Service at York Minster will be on the 7th December, price £7.50 for the coach, please contact Maureen Beckwith for more details.

On the 17th of December there will be a Carol Service at Otley Methodist Church, lunch is available for £4, but numbers are restricted, contact Norma Feather if you wish to attend for lunch,

Affiliation fees discussed. At present £1 per member is sent annually to Central Office, due to inflation it is proposed to raise the amount to £3 per member annually. Recipes still required for the book 'Around the world in 80 dishes', please contact head office if you have a recipe that could be included.

Our speaker was Nora Whitham who spoke about her family and growing up in South Africa. Her family are Chinese and due to the poor economical conditions in China in 1896 her paternal grandfather travelled to South Africa with the hope of finding gold. On landing in South Africa he travelled by cart and arrived at Port Elizabeth on the eastern Cape, far from the gold fields. He had to do something to keep his family so he steadily built up a General Store in the residential area of Walmer. The Chinese community had no place in the segregated classes of South Africa so were unable to have an education or buy property. Nora spoke warmly of her father who steadily grew in influence and helped his local community. In 1942 the Chinese needed a licence to buy property even before apartheid in 1948. Education was difficult, Nora herself came to England to train as a nurse. Her family showed real fortitude and gained confidence from their father's strength and perseverance.

Our next meeting will be on December the 9th. A 'Christmas Sing Song'. New members always welcome.

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## **ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **Sarah's Successful Second Visit**

At Eldwick last month around 40 keen local gardeners gathered in the Memorial Hall and gazed in anticipation at a small forest of plants and foliage that had been assembled just in front of the stage. At 7.30 prompt a vigorous and forceful lady erupted out of this jungle and proceeded to address us. This was the dynamic Sarah Hopps and her subject that evening was Plant Shopping and Garden Hopping.



Sarah Hopps was brought up in North Yorkshire and has always had a passion for plants and gardening. For 15 years she ran her own small nursery specialising in cottage-garden and herbaceous plants. She writes for Garden Answers and since 1995 has been a regular panellist on BBC Radio York's gardening programme, sometimes sharing the microphone with Geoffrey Smith of Harlow Carr fame and has co-presented a gardening series for Central Television. She loves sharing her enthusiasm on the Road Show and gives talks and demonstrations to gardening and flower clubs across the country. Sarah also acts as tour guide, escorting groups around gardens in Britain and

Europe. During the winter months, she lectures on horticulture part-time at Askham Bryan College, York.

Never travelling without her camera, Sarah has a wide-ranging stock of slides to illustrate her talks and she shared some of these with us as she recounted her experiences in and out of horticulture in her own amusing and entertaining way. She is definitely a 'hands-on' gardener and has transformed a variety of plots for others whilst still finding some time for her own new garden near Thirsk.

During the evening she stressed the importance of always checking the label before buying anything in a nursery or garden centre. "Make sure the plant will fit your garden," she said. "The dwarf you see today may well become the giant of tomorrow". Apparently Russian vines and Roses of Sharon are just waiting to take over - today North Yorkshire, tomorrow the world - if you let them. We also learned that when visiting a renowned garden, it is very hurtful to criticise it within earshot of the owner. (Wait till you are back in the coach, perhaps?)

Our audience, in which women outnumbered men by a factor of eight to one, just loved Sarah Hopps. She had spoken to us in 2006 and after the success of her return visit, I'm sure she will be back. **MIKE**

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE – CAROL SINGING 6pm IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**



### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Live entertainment from Buddy Holly aka Mark Chrystyn all welcome free entry.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE – Birches / Memorial Hall**

Bring in the New Year with live entertainment. Pow Wow, very pleasant easy listening duo will set the mood for an enjoyable and relaxing evening. Supper will be provided. The Hall will be decorated to provide a suitable ambience for this popular evening. Seats and tables may be booked but tickets are limited for your comfort and enjoyment. Tickets are £12 and are available from Birches. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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# SKIP

An old friend has gone.

Lode Pit Lane won't be the same without his furry, black face, his bushy white and black tail – his nonchalance. Ever ready to greet with a wag and a rub he was always there. He relished a pat, a cuddle, a hug and best of all, a biscuit carried in a caring pocket. Skip loved to sleep outside, as sheepdogs do – in fog, frost, rain and snow. In summer he would snooze on the surface of the lane, stretched out and snoring. Cars had to drive around him – he wouldn't move. They did; and with a smile – they all knew him.

Sometimes, in the later years of his life – he was almost 14 – when walking in the lane you would see him tucked up in his soft bed in his kennel watching the world go by with his knowing brown eyes. There is a note on his kennel now, put there by his owners. It reads, '... thank you to all his friends and neighbours who have shown him so much affection over the years'.

Skip was loved – and acknowledged by many on their daily walk. His familiar presence, a character of Eldwick, important in his own way, is missed already.

**Eldwick Dog Lover**

# † THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES †

## ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

### NOVEMBER

16th 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 6.30pm Evensong  
 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion  
 30th 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Morning Worship (Advent Sunday)

### DECEMBER

7th 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Morning Praise  
 14th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 3.00pm Christingle Service  
 21st 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Morning Worship & Nativity Play  
 6.30pm Carol Service

**Card Making Group** meets at St. Wilfrid's church hall at 10.00am on Tuesdays (second and fourth Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's church hall). No fee, just a contribution towards materials. All welcome. Details from Anne on 565441 or Chris on 564694.

**Homegroup** meets every other Thursday at 8.00pm 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.

**Prayer Group** meets in church fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm and aims to pray for the parish, the community and those who have requested prayer. Details from and prayer requests to Yvonne on 562304.

**SEL**, a group for young people wanting to explore the Christian faith, meets fortnightly. Games, chat, videos, sweets – at Winston Grange, Otley Road, Eldwick – 6.00 - 7.15pm for Year 7 to 9 and 7.00 - 9.00pm for Year 10 onwards. Details from Chris on 564694.

**St. Lawrence's Church Hall** is available for hire for children's parties (one payment of £35) and community events (main hall £10 per hour; committee room £14 for half day and £27 for full day; registered charities 50% of standard hire charge). To make enquiries, contact our bookings secretary, Ann Shoebridge on 564690.

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

### NOVEMBER

16th 9.15am Communion  
 Rev. Barbara Walls  
 10.30am Rev. Barbara Walls  
 23rd 9.30am Big Breakfast  
 10.30am Rev. Andrew Taylor  
 30th 10.30am Mr. David Varley

### DECEMBER

7th 10.30am Mr. John Anderson  
 14th 10.30am Rev. Ruth Parry  
 6.00pm Rev. Ruth Parry  
 21st 9.15am Communion  
 Rev. Ruth Parry  
 10.30am Nativity Rev. Ruth Parry  
 24th 11.30pm Rev. Ruth Parry  
 28th 9.30am Big Breakfast  
 10.30am Mrs Judith Craven

### EVENTS IN DECEMBER

6th NCH Christmas Lunch  
 12th / 13th / 14th Christmas Tree Festival  
 20th Christmas Chaos

### REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9.am  
 3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion  
**Hand Bell Group** – Alternate Tuesdays

### 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.

## ELDWICK VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM

In Birches on 8th December at 7.30pm. Election of officers, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
 7.00 p.m. Open for viewing, refreshments, music and  
 8.00 pm Opening Worship

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
 10.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Open for viewing, morning coffee,  
 lunches, afternoon tea

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
 10.30 a.m. All Age Worship and Gift Service for Binkhain  
 12 noon - 6.00 pm Open for viewing, lunches, afternoon tea  
 6.00 pm Advent Carol Service

Cake, craft, toy, book stalls, quizzes,  
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# IN REMEMBRANCE

This year's village gathering on Remembrance Sunday was all the more poignant due to the fact that Eldwick, like the whole nation, was reminded of the fact that it is 90 years since the Armistice of the 1st World War.

In Eldwick the names of those who served their country, and the names of the fallen, are listed in perpetuity on the War Memorial or on tablets in the Methodist Church.

By 1922, enough money had been raised by public subscription in Eldwick for the village to erect its own War Memorial to honour the local men who had died in combat between 1914 and 1918.

In December 1922 the War Memorial was unveiled 'in perpetual memory of the men from the moorland village who laid down their lives in the war'. A large crowd, together with the choir of St. Lawrence's Church, attended the reverent ceremony and watched as Major S. Moore of Harden performed the unveiling. A bronze plaque listed the names of the thirteen men on the roll of the fallen which Mr. W. Rushton as Chairman of Bingley Council read out, saying that he had known those lads from their boyhood days.

A considerable number of ex-servicemen were present in charge of Lt. W. Starkey, (Eldwick), of the 6th West Riding (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment. After the unveiling, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded, with an interval of one minutes silence in between, by buglers of the 6th West Riding Territorial Regiment. Then relatives and friends of the fallen laid their wreaths and floral tributes at the foot of the memorial.

At a Service of Remembrance at Eldwick Wesleyan Church, in 1920, the brass plaque in memory of the three young men of the congregation who had lost their lives in the 1st World War had been unveiled, together with a Roll of Honour bearing names of the thirty two young men of the Church who had served in the war.

Three men who lost their lives are listed on both the War Memorial and the Church Plaque, John Steel, John William Steel and Arthur Bruce Stead, the latter being part of a heart-rending story.

After a silence of over 12 years, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stead of Lily Cottage in Sheriff Lane, (today called Stone Cottage), finally received confirmation from the Imperial War Graves Commission, that their only son, Arthur, of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, had finally been identified in the war dead. In the course of work to recover bodies of soldiers in scattered graves to be put in maintained cemeteries, the body of an unknown British soldier was found



at Longueville in the Val de Seine. When the removal was carried out it was found to include a piece of waterproof sheet bearing Lance Corporal Stead's regimental particulars and identity. The family was told that a permanent memorial for him would be erected at his grave in the Commission's Serre Road Cemetery, Beaumont Hamet, so they were relieved Arthur had been given a proper burial.

After the Second World War a second brass plaque was added to the Eldwick War Memorial, bearing the names of the eight Eldwick servicemen who had lost their lives. Included on this list is Bill Starkey who had been called up as a reservist and was killed in combat thus adding his name to the war memorial where he had commanded the military party in 1922.

## ELDWICK REMEMBERS AGAIN



The plaque to those who fell in the 1939-45 war, to accompany the one recording the names of those who fell in the 1914-18 war, on the village war memorial at Eldwick, unveiled on Sunday by Mr. H. Whitehead, chairman of Bingley Council.

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# P.O. O.K. for now



We are delighted that for the present time the Post Office has survived the most recent round of closures. The Post Office has a pivotal role within the community, not only does it provide the obvious Post Office service, it provides many other services for all aspects of the community, be it the convenience store or the "counselling service" and advice, that is always on hand. It provides exercise for many people both old and young, who will walk for their purchases, rather than get the car out. It does provide a certain security for many and in some cases, the visit to the Post Office provides the only social contact of the day.

Government does need to consider the impact of closures of not just Post Offices, but pubs, churches and village halls in rural communities (yes we are still classed as a rural community). We are lucky that we still have an excellent community centre in The Memorial Hall and Birches which provides a venue for social events and is the "home" for many village organisations, and long may it continue to be sustainable. We are also still lucky to have two churches and a very nice pub.

Sustainability will provide the security for all of these excellent facilities. So before you get the car to do your shopping, get your hair done, go out for a meal or a drink, think what you have on your own doorstep. Once the amenities are gone it is unlikely that any of them would be replaced. Do we wish to live in a sterile "village" where there is no sense of community at all?

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## Bonfire Thanks

Many thanks to all those who made this year's Eldwick Bonfire such a success especially the Bingley Scouts and Sea Scouts and the many volunteers who built the fire, loaned wagons, burned bangers, expertly let off fireworks, sold pie and peas, stewarded the event and cleared up afterwards. And of course you all for turning up.

## Thank You

**John and Dorothy**  
wish to thank  
Friends and Neighbours  
for their kindness in  
remembering our recent  
celebrations.

**Sweets**

- Traditional Christmas Pudding**  
with brandy sauce
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- Deep filled Mince Pies**  
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