

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

David and Dorothy Morland came from Ripon to present their audio-visual show which we had entitled Mansions & Music at the time of preparing our programme and before David had actually made up his mind what selection they would show us. Their show was not originally designed to run for gardeners but what an excellent selection they put together for our enjoyment.

The presentation was built from a collection of photographs which they had accumulated over recent years and combined with music on one of the computer programmes designed specifically for the photographer to use. The result was absolutely enchanting.

Starting from Culzean Castle in September-time their journey took us then to Thorpe Perrow in the Spring. Wensleydale meadowlands were next accompanied by Alan Hartley's beautiful poem (published 2006) of which two verses follow:-

Keep safe the meadowlands,
the ancient ground,
The founding soil of settled ways,
The land our ancestors reclaimed from bog
And bracken scrub for Fescue
and Field Brome,
Ryegrass and Meadow Oat, Cocksfoot
and Bent,
Vernal and Darnel and soft Yorkshire Fog

.....Keep safe the meadowlands,
if they should go,
Our children's children may not ever know
To care about
The loss.

In particular, in Aysgarth, they showed the Hidden Gem rock garden originally laid out by a York Garden designer in the late 1800s. It became overgrown by its original planting but the present owners have revitalised the garden by April 2003 and it has now recovered its original splendour. We aim to consider it for inclusion in one of our annual trips.

The Lakeland colours were another theme in November 2007 followed by Torosay Castle, and on to Threve owned by the National Trust which is a Gardeners Training Centre.

The last clips were of a frosty morning and then a sequence accompanied by a reading of Kipling's "The Glory of the Garden". Our members agreed that the presentation was masterly demonstrating what we all know - that this is a beautiful country and that our efforts take time to bring it to maturity.

Our next meeting on April 21st will be by Chris Abbot of Thirsk on Wild Flowers and Folklore.

The Spring Fair will be held on April 25th when the Eldwick Primary School childrens competitions in poetry, painting, miniature gardens, necklaces and animals will be shown. The awards will be made at the end of the Fair when we look forward to seeing the winners themselves.

In May on Tuesday 19th we will be examining plant variation in Rhododendrons, their curious connection with Cycles and forces of growth.

BINGLEY GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY

You may be aware that Bingley Gilbert & Sullivan Society rehearsed in premises behind St Lawrence's Church, Eldwick for many years until recently. I wonder if we could have a plug for our forthcoming production of The Pirates of Penzance at Bingley Arts Centre in a forthcoming edition of your magazine please? Our rollicking band of Pirates will be providing fun-filled evenings of Gilbert & Sullivan entertainment from 27th April to 2nd May 2009 at 7.30pm and tickets are from £7 with family tickets and concessions available. Please contact Sheila Gillett on 01535 652547 for further details and to order tickets.

Many thanks
Ian Dobson
Bingley Gilbert & Sullivan Society

ELDWICK PLAYGROUP

Eldwick Playgroup has said a very fond farewell to Mrs Lomas after many happy and rewarding years running the playgroup from the Methodist Church on Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings. Mrs Jane Courtney is taking over the playgroup following the Easter break and aims to continue the high standard of care and education provided to children aged from two and a half years.

Mrs Courtney and a colleague Mrs Sue Barber are also opening a new pre-school in September, accepting Nursery Education Funding, which are the five sessions funded by the Government following the child's third birthday. "We will support children in developing at their own pace, tailoring activities to their individual needs and developmental stage. In a safe and encouraging environment, we are dedicated to helping each child reach their full potential. Sessions will be organised so that a balance of child-led and adult-led activities are based around a wide range of age appropriate resources. We are very excited about the prospect of offering early years education in a fun and creative way, so children can make friends, learn through play and grow in confidence."

The pre-school was intended to be based in the village of East Morton, but as the original premises are due to be renovated, it will open in September from the same Methodist Church Hall as Eldwick playgroup, at alternative session times.

Sue and Jane are holding an open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 4 May between 1.00 and 4.00, within the Methodist Church Hall.

For additional information please contact either Sue Barber on 07968274149 or Jane Courtney on 07981124093.

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

On March 10th 69 members attended the Spring Fling Party. A big thank you to the committee for their organisation and hard work in producing a very special evening. 2 Dine 4 catered with friendly efficiency and presented a delightful meal.

Our entertainment was provided by Keighley Amateurs Singing Club. The group of young singers gave a varied repertoire of music from musicals and well-known shows. Their conductor Louise Barton brought out their enthusiasm and talents. Delightful to see so many youngsters enjoying themselves whilst giving joy to their audience.

The evening finished off with a quiz to test the cerebral matter.

A big thank you to the committee, the caterers and the entertainers for an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on May the 12th when the A.G.M. will take place.

New members are always welcome.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On February 26th members of Eldwick and Gilstead Thursday Afternoon club met for a celebration party .

Members Dudley and Frances Wilcock had recently had their Golden Wedding anniversary so we enjoyed a sociable afternoon amongst friends. Appetizing food was on the tables and balloons decorated the hall, thanks to all the willing helpers who made the afternoon a success.

Since that meeting we have enjoyed Mike Bamford's illustrated talk on his East Nepalese adventure.

Alan Plowright gave us talk with slides outlining The Bronte way which covers a fairly large area and includes National Trust property in Lancashire. Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall although membership at present complete.

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HOUSE SWAP IN ELDWICK

Well done, you brave Eldwickians who have put trust in my scheme. Over the last 2 weeks, I have had news that success has happened for two connections, i.e. that 4 houses have been exchanged/sold. I'm so happy that I've been able to help, so, please keep sending me your house details and what you're looking for, absolute discretion and confidentiality guaranteed, no fee charged, just a genuine desire for Eldwick housing market to flourish and not stagnate.

Ann Oakden

Please contact me either by post or email
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LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

On Sunday 8th March St. Lawrence Church members made a momentous decision for the future of their Christian witness in Eldwick.

In October 2008, following a long period of sharing, consultation and growing together, the members of Eldwick Methodist Church were balloted on the proposal to invite St. Lawrence's congregation to sign with them a Declaration of Intent to form a Local Ecumenical Partnership. 74% of their members voted in favour of the proposal.

St. Lawrence's congregation was consulted and opportunities were given to hear more about just what forming a Local Ecumenical Partnership would mean. Finally, on March 8th, in a secret ballot of all members of the electoral roll, a 94% majority voted in favour of accepting the invitation.

The first stage will be to formulate and sign a 'Letter of Intent'. This is a brief statement of what the partner churches are committing themselves to do together instead of separately, and why they are doing it. It expresses the essential spirit of the Partnership and gives the people a vision to which they can commit themselves. It is therefore a formal written agreement affecting the ministry, congregational life, mission and buildings of the two denominations.

Following this, the two churches will work on creating a formal sharing agreement, as eventually the Methodists will join St. Lawrence's congregation to become one congregation with an agreed constitution and equal partnership.

It is hoped the Methodist buildings will eventually be sold and money raised would be released to contribute to the development of the St. Lawrence's site in order to provide resources for the newly created congregation and the community it serves.

Through this the two churches are moving from co-operation to a clear commitment to each other, in search of the unity for which Christ prayed and in common evangelism and service to the world.

AND ALL THAT JAZZ!!

On Wednesday 8th April the excellent jazz trio of Robert Suddall was fronted by the young singer, Lauren Spink. She sang to a packed Birches in the true tradition of female jazz singers and was truly marvellous.

Come back ASAP Lauren. Jazz is on in Birches every Wednesday Night from 8.30 - all are welcome and admission is free.

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APRIL

19th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

26th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

MAY

3rd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30 a.m. Big Family Praise

10th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

17th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 p.m. Morning Worship (with Eldwick Methodists)

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Bishop's Weekend We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop David to St. Lawrence's from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May. He will be out and about in Eldwick and Bingley - visiting the prayer tent in Bingley market-place on Saturday morning, attending the Christian Aid lunch on Saturday afternoon, officiating at Morning Worship and Evensong, and going to the teddy bears' picnic (and hospitality) at Eldwick on Sunday afternoon from 2.30 p.m. onwards. He is going to have a very busy weekend, and we hope that he will be able to meet as many people as possible while he is with us.

Christian Aid Lunch will be held in the church hall on Saturday, 16th May from 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. Delicious soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee will be available. Pay at the door. All welcome.

Children's Society St. George's Day Coffee Morning will be held in the church hall on Thursday, 23rd April from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. There will be cakes and paperbacks (as new) for sale, and a raffle. Pay £1.50 at the door. All welcome.

Ladies Fellowship meets in the church hall at 7.45 p.m. 21st May - Norma Turner on "Martin House". 18th June - Supper Outing. 16th July - Children's Society Coffee Evening.

Walking Group's next outings leave the church car park at 9.00 a.m. on 23rd May, 20th June and 25th July. Details posted in church a week prior to each walk.

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.

PHILIP DAVIES MP

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SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

19th April

10.30 am Rev Andre Taylor

26th April

9.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Miss Lorna Whiteley

6.00 pm Easter Offering Service

Mrs Sharon Fell

3rd May

10.30 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

10th May

10.30 am Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith

17th May

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

10.30 am Joint Service with St Lawrence's at St Lawrence's led by the Bishop of Bradford.

24th May

9.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Mr David Varley

31st May

10.30 am Miss Diane Greenwood

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am

3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion

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 www.eldwickmethodistchurch.co.uk

Eldwick Ladies Probus Club

Eldwick Ladies Probus Club meet the last wednesday of each month in St. Lawrence Church Hall at 10.15. We have a variety of speakers and would welcome visitors and new members.

The next meeting is April 29th and the speaker is Mrs. Lorraine Radcliffe and the talk is "In the Lord Mayor's Parlour"

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE.....? AN ELDWICKIAN OR A GILSTEADIAN?

Now that, at long last, Bradford Council have erected an Eldwick sign outside Eldwick Primary School, opposite the allotments, we would like to welcome hundreds of new residents to Eldwick. At the time of the construction and subsequent sale of Phase 2 homes of the Oak Glen estate off Warren Lane, purchasers were told they would be living in Gilstead.

Prior to the whole 'Swan Avenue' complex being built, fields, and the school, separated the Wimpy estate from Gilstead Lane so it was easy to decide how the villages were set apart.

Only the school on one side and the allotments, with the former Filter Beds, on the other side, were twixt Eldwick and Gilstead. Clarendon Road was always Eldwick.

Barnaby Road, below the school, with the splendid avenue of trees running from Warren Lane to Sherrif Lane is the obvious boundary. All that part of Swan Avenue and its other streets lying south of that line should be Gilstead. All the second phase, behind and above the school should be Eldwick.

As Frankie Howard used to say "Just please yourselves !"

It was good to note that the new complex of buildings on the community land at the end of Swan Avenue were deemed to be in Eldwick when passed by planners.

ORGAN CONCERTS

Readers will probably be aware that after months of dedicated hard work from various volunteers and expert organ restorer, Robert Rowley, the Victoria Hall, Saltaire, now has it's very own Wurlitzer organ! This rises from under the stage transporting the performing organist to centre stage, similar to Blackpool Tower and the Cinema Organs of yesteryear!

The first season of Cinema Organ Society concerts from leading musicians featuring the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ begins with the Grand Unveiling Celebration - Easter Weekend - 11th & 12th April. Saturday evening 7.30pm features BBC Radio 2 'Organist Entertains' Nigel Ogden along with International star, Simon Gledhill. Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm stars American Virtuoso in concert - Jelani Eddington.

Tel: 0845 4002208 for details.

Also for your diaries, your very own local International star - Robert Sudall - will perform in concert at the Mighty Wurlitzer on Sunday, 10th May at 2.30pm. This will also feature his brother, David Sudall on rhythm (as seen regularly with Robert at The Birches - Wednesday Jazz night) and vocalist Lauren Spink. Popular light music spanning the decades!

Tickets £8. Tel: 0845 4002208 for details.

Forthcoming concerts at 2.30pm

14th June - Nicholas Martin / **9th August** - David Lowe / **6th September** - John Mann

4th October - Morrision Orpheus Male Voice Choir with Nigel Ogden

8th November - David Shepherd / **20th December** - Richard Hills

For further information visit: www.cosnorth.co.uk

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD CRICKET CLUB

The club has been running since around 1896 and has played at its present site for the past 30 years. The field and club house is below Dick Hudson's pub, High Eldwick, access through the pub car park. Committee meetings are held monthly at the Star Hotel, Bingley – for which we are most grateful – Thank you.

The cricket season starts off at the end of April and training has already commenced at Bradford and Bingley, Wagon Lane cricket nets.

There are two adult and two junior teams (under 17 and 15's). Adults and under 17's train on Thursdays 9pm - 10pm and the under 15's train on Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm.

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact John Smith on 01274 569713.

Thank you.

For A Lost Friend

We walked the moors together,
You and I,
In the stillness of the morning,
Treading down the bracken,
Listening to the skylarks, the
curlwews
And the crows.

Early sunbeams touched
The bracken heads
And the misty fields below
Were swathed in sparkling dew.

We reached the lane
You and I
In the stillness of the morning
And stood together by the wall
Looking at the crows,
Then, leaning on the capstones
We counted the bees going
To and fro, busy by the hives and
Shared in the wonders
We saw close by –
As we did, always
You and I

We went down into the woods
In autumn and
Touched the burnished
Leaves as they drifted
Down to the wet ground,
Staying close to the special tree
We nurtured,
Just you –

And me.

Squirrels, woodpeckers,
The great, grey heron,
Circling the dawn,
Companions on your daily walk.

Over the years
You knew them all,
And shared you knowing
With me.

Together we watched the winter
Creep into the land,
You and I.

In the stillness of the morning
We saw the sheep huddled
Against the rain,
Waiting for the dark
Days to pass, and the
Bright spring to come again.

We will always walk the lane
Together,
You and I.
In the stillness of the morning
You will show me once again the
Flowers in the hedgerows.

And still

We will listen to the soft,
Lilting song of the blackbird
In the new blossomed
hawthorns
And watch together
The tiny birds you loved so
much.

We will always walk the moors
Together
You and I
Treading down the bracken,
Listening to the skylarks
The curlwews and the crows.

Anon

PLANNING

09/01115/ FUL conversion of garage to granny flat for dependent disabled relative at 9 Sheriff Lane
09/01159/ FUL Construction of single storey extension to rear at 16 Heaton Drive
09/01113/OUT Construction of detached dormer bungalow with detached garage and access at Farfield Cottage Glen View Road

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Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Saturday 27th June

Congratulations to this years Gala Queen and her party who were selected at the disco held in the Memorial Hall at the beginning of April.

THIS YEARS PRE GALA EVENTS ALL BASED IN ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

FRI 19th JUNE 5 - 6pm
For 3 - 7 year olds, entry £2

DISCO FRI JUNE 19th

7 - 8.30pm
For 7 - 11 year olds,
entry £2

PET SHOW

Monday 22nd June 6 - 8pm
Classes will be listed in next
months newsletter

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Fri 26th June 7pm 1.5 mile run,
approx 7.35pm 3 mile run

Gala Day theme for the parade "Pantomime"

This years entertainment on the field



The Welsh Axemen - displaying their lumberjack skills with chainsaws and axes on large tree trunks!!

STOP PRESS

BBMF Spitfire Air Display - we have just heard that we have again been granted an air display by this wonderful aircraft.

Left to right Gabrielle (Deputy Queen), Claire, Jemima (Gala Queen), Victoria, Olivia, and Lydia, Matthew and Jamie

NEW THIS YEAR - DONKEY RIDES

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