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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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BONFIRE IS A ROARING SUCCESS

Thanks again to all of those people who turned up to make this year's bonfire the best yet.

There are about 25 volunteers made up of builders, butchers, accountants, company directors, many sea scouts and of course "the retired". This year we were allowed to use the larger fireworks as we now have fully trained firework operatives.

Fortunately the weather just kept off, leaving some nice clear skies showing off the fireworks at their best.

When the books are finally balanced The Village Society would hope to be able to make some donations to the organisations who made this event such a success. An especially big thanks to local businessman Jack Bairstow of PFF and Arvensis, who is this year's major sponsor.

PAVEMENT PARKING - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Pavement parking is still a pedestrian predicament. Motorists who insist on parking on pavements are not just performing an illegal act in blocking the pavement, it is highly antisocial. Having to actually walk into the traffic because of this inconsiderate behaviour is of course highly dangerous. If you have a disability or pushing a pram it is an extreme hazard. What is interesting, is when motorists think that if they park their vehicle on double yellow lines it is not as bad if they put most of the vehicle on the pavement. Finally, to finish this rant, parking on the road does actually slow traffic down!

**The Hair Team, Otley Road,
have a chair to rent.
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GALA WINTER DISCO

**FRIDAY 27th November
7 - 8.30pm**

Eldwick Memorial Hall

For all 7 to 11 year olds

Entry £2

(Refreshments 20p)

**Eldwick & Gilstead
Gala Association AGM
Monday 23rd November
In the Birches at 8pm**

Come along and be involved in the
planning of future events !!

Be involved in your community.

2010 Gala Day - Saturday 26th June

2009 GALA Proceeds of over £2000 will shortly be distributed among local organisations, in addition to the funds raised on Gala Day itself by those who took part. Local event supporting local organisations.

BIRCHES STOP PRESS

Christmas Eve at Birches Freehouse

Enjoy Christmas Eve at Birches with the Robert Sudall Trio featuring the excellent blues singer Lauren Spink, not to be missed. Entry is free and all are welcome!

New Year's Eve at Birches Freehouse

Fantastic live entertainment with boy girl duo, on the stage in the Memorial Hall. See the New Year in at your new public house. This is a ticket only event. Tickets are available from Birches at £15.

Eldwick Village Society AGM

On Monday 14th December
In Birches at 7.30pm
All welcome

CARDIGAN HOUSE DAY CENTRE

Presents our
AUTUMN / CHRISTMAS FAYRE

To be held at

**Cardigan House Day Centre
Ferncliffe Road, Bingley BD16 2TA
on Saturday 21st November
09.30am till 12.30pm**

Features will include: Tea and Coffee and a Biscuit, Raffle, Tombola, Clothes Stall, Sweets, Cake Stall and Balloons for the kids.

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NEWSLETTER ON LINE

The Eldwick newsletter can now be viewed on line.

If you log on to the Eldwick Memorial Club, Birches website: www.thebirchesclub.co.uk

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

On Tuesday 20th October we were delighted to welcome a regular speaker, Ken Green of Hornby Castle, to address us on "Planning for Spring". Ken was quick to clarify that he is resident of only a small flat on the premises but Hornby Castle and grounds are open to parties for a tour by arrangement but his nursery is open for plant sales to the casual caller at most times - 01524 221989.

Whilst the title of the talk had been agreed between speaker and speaker secretary the content is left entirely up to the speaker and what we got was a most interesting listing of plants which suit a range of dates depending on what one chooses to define as Spring. Naturally the period is wide depending upon the location and the weather and as a result Ken was able to show some excellent slides of everything from Snowdrops to Rhododendrons, To the surprise of those familiar with the location of Hornby - near Lancaster - we were told that since September they had had temperatures as low as -10 degrees centigrade and many occasions around -3. The nursery lies in a walled garden but between two rivers. As he had also brought a good range of plants for sale we could be assured that they had been frost hardened. They sold well. Members asked a number of questions relating to the slides and one concerning the possibility of moving tree ferns at this time of year. The advice was Don't; leave them well wrapped up over winter and wait until your definition of Spring arrives before considering to move them.

The next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on 17th November to which all members are welcome. There will be a Faith Supper based on you bringing your favourite specialities to share with fellow members. We take this opportunity of

wishing all our members and visitors past, present and future, the very best for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our first talk of the 2010 programme is entitled Children in the Garden. It will be on January 19th at 7.30 at the Memorial Hall as usual, and given by Mrs Jayne Franz, Assistant Head Teacher of Eldwick Primary School. All are welcome.

Dawn quizzes the experts

Keen-eared listeners to a recent Radio 4 Gardener's Question Time broadcast from Harlow Carr will have heard a question from Dawn Lardner, one of our committee members. Dawn wanted to know how to keep her chilli plant alive through the winter. All the sensible answers from the experts concerned providing sufficient light and heat, but John Cushnie suggested chucking the plant away and starting again next spring! (if you don't ask, you'll never find out).

INVITATION TO JOIN IN BEFRIENDING

Joy Mills was one of the speakers at the Neighbourhood Forum on 16th September 2009 at Eldwick Memorial Hall. She told us how Shipley Area Links Befriending Service is seeking local people to join them, either as volunteer visitors or to receive a weekly visit.

Shipley Area Committee of Bradford Council are one of the funders, together with the Big Lottery Fund. They cover all the overheads, including Criminal Bureau checks, training and professional supervision, so that the service is available for free, to people over 65 years. Some older people suffer a lack of company, especially if they live alone, without friends and family close by. They can enjoy regular visits at home, from a local volunteer.

Joy is based at Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Service (SBVS) at Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road, Bingley, above their popular day care and community centre. Joy organises volunteers visiting people in the Bingley area, including Eldwick and Gilstead. Befriending in other parts of Shipley are organised from Health Action Local Engagement (HALE) and Cottingley Cornerstone Centre.

If you or anyone you know might benefit from a befriending visit, or if you are willing to meet an elderly neighbour, then please get in touch. Joy will be happy to provide full details and to meet you to discuss further.

Contact details: Joy Mills at SBVS 01274 781222 or joy@sbvs.org.uk

POLICE UPDATE

Unfortunately over the last few weeks we have seen an unusual rise in Burglaries in the Eldwick area. The figures are still low however we all need to take extra care now that it is dark at 4pm to ensure that we are not a victim of crime. Some simple steps can be taken which will make your property less likely to be compromised. Lights on timers are absolutely essential, most people do not sit in total darkness so a house that is like that is most likely to be empty so have low energy light bulbs coming on timers in different rooms. Also consider the type of lock you have fitted in your doors. If its an old upvc door the chances are that the lock is out of date and easy to breach. If you are in any doubt about this please email me and I will be able to provide further guidance.

Bingley Neighbourhood Policing Team have also introduced a mobile number that the team can be contacted on by local residents. The number is not there to replace the 999 or 0845 number however it can be used to give the team information about youths engaging in anti-social behaviour or vehicles/ individuals that are acting suspiciously or just seem out of place in the area. Information can be rung to the team or sent as a text message. Due to operational commitments I cannot guarantee a 100% answer rate on this phone however most calls do get answered by an officer.

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Bingley Neighbourhood Policing Team

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YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The meeting on the 13th of October was attended by 54 members.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success and £416 was raised with all the proceeds going to the Macmillan Cancer Support Fund.

Please reserve your seat on the coach for the Carol Service at York Cathedral on December 4th.

Otley Methodist Chapel will hold a Carol Service on December 16th, a pre-bookable lunch is available for £5.

The Y.C.A. Home craft competition will be held at Wetherby Church Centre on March 20th 2010. Entry forms can be obtained from Sylvia Slater.

Our speaker was Bill Mitchell, the subject communicating through an interpreter. Bill had worked as a farming advisor and since 1992 had worked in post communist countries advising on Agriculture policies. The European Union paid for consultants to educate farmers who had previously worked under Communist rule. It was therefore important for him to have an interpreter who could assimilate his words quickly, including jargon and acronyms. Analysing sentences expressed in one language and explaining them using another language. The interpreter must learn technology to extract specialist vocabulary and build up specialist vocabulary banks. It is important that the relationship between speaker and interpreter is professional and they can work together. They can then prepare by considering agendas before meetings, lecture or speeches in advance. The interpreter can be helpful by liaising with internal departments and local agencies.

His talk was very interesting and he spoke of many funny anecdotes. He had certainly had a very interesting career.

The next meeting will be December 8th, Christmas Festivities.

✠ THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES ✠

ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

NOVEMBER

22nd 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
29th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Advent Carol Service

DECEMBER

6th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Big Family Praise
13th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
4.00 p.m. Christingle Service
20th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Nativity Service hosted by St. Lawrence's & Eldwick Methodist in Memorial Hall
6.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service
24th 4.00 p.m. Travelling Nativity from Eldwick Methodist to St Lawrence's with refreshments in St. Lawrence's Hall at 5.00 p.m.
6.00 p.m. Village Carol Service in Memorial Hall
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion
25th 10.00 a.m. Family Service

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

MEN'S GROUP meets on last Friday evening of each month. Details from Jonathan on 565482.

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% off standard charge). Contact bookings secretary, Ann Shoebridge on 564690.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

15th November

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
10.30 am Mrs Louise Makin

22nd November

9.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Communion Rev Jacky Hale

29th November

10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry

6th December

10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry All age worship and Gift Service

13th December

10.30 am Songs of Praise

20th December

9.15 am Café style Communion
Rev Ruth Parry
10.30 am Nativity service in the Memorial Hall jointly with St Lawrence's
6.00 pm Carol Service jointly with Bingley Methodists at Bingley.

24th December

11.30pm Rev Ruth Parry

27th December

10.30 am Joint service with Bingley Methodists at Eldwick

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am

3rd Sun 9.15 am Holy Communion

4th Sun 9.15 am Big Breakfast

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.

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FITNESS FOR PURPOSE – A TECHNICAL EDUCATION

When Eldwick Board School opened in Otley Road in 1877, all the pupils were educated in just two classrooms and most children spent their entire school career, up to the age of 13, in that school. Educational standards were drawn up and children moved from Std 1 for seven year olds to successive standard, providing tests were passed to achieve such progression.

In the archives of Eldwick Primary School, the Admission Registers provide a wealth of information on each child, dating from 1877. As well as the details of date of birth, parents' names and addresses, and date of entry, there is a record of Standards achieved by the time the child left. Most children left at 13 to start their working life, whilst those achieving County Minor or Major Scholarships may have progressed to Bingley Grammar. Some elderly Eldwick residents recall moving on to Mornington Road School for their final years of elementary education, and, later, to Bingley Technical School.

In October 1888, a major public gathering saw the foundation stone of this building in Mornington Road being laid by Alfred Sharpe of Myrtle Grove, mill-owner and local philanthropist. Two projects had been planned for Bingley and district, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the building of Bingley Cottage Hospital and the Technical School. Alfred Sharpe donated £1000 to launch the school project and bought a site in Mornington Road, opposite the Board School. Further public subscriptions, donations from The Clothworkers Company of London, and grants from the Government, met the £3750 cost of building the school.

In 1889 the opening ceremony took place by His Worship The Master of The Clothworkers Company, who used a gold key from Bradford's goldsmiths, 'Fattorini's' to open those same big doors that front the building today. Originally The Master was to have laid one of two foundation stones for the building in 1888 but was unavailable so came for the opening instead. In his speech he commented how important it was for this

school to develop the education and skills of industry necessary to keep Britain ahead of growing competition from European neighbours.

The original location for the school was to have been in central Bingley, near The Mechanics Institute and the Bradford Old Bank (modern day Barclays). However since the majority of the working population for the mills and factories lived in and above Mornington Road, extending to Gilstead and Eldwick, the final site chosen would be more convenient for workers to attend classes.

The substantial Gothic building, now in a disgraceful state thanks to Bradford Council removing the roofing slates, retains many features of its original stonework, glass-roofed area for weaving and spinning workshops, and lovely windows at upper level for maximum lighting. When opened, the ground floor was the chemical department, together with the weaving sheds and design department. The whole of the upper floor was devoted to the art department, both for teaching and for gallery exhibition space. The basement area for stores and boilers, also included the Caretaker's accommodation.

The school functioned with classes and evening classes from 1889 when it assumed vocational training from the Mechanics Institute which became a Free Library in 1897. The Technical School was Bingley and District's focal point for such training through to 1947 when Bingley Secondary and Technical School opened at Beckfoot. The Mornington Road site had always had potential for expansion and, 40 years after the opening, an additional building was constructed at the rear. The lower floor of this was used to teach Housecraft and Domestic Science, whilst the upper floor was first 'The Geneva Club' - a kind of social club for workers, but later was a Gym Club and a Clinic.

Governors' records for the Technical School show pupils who enrolled for vocational training were sometimes required by family financial necessity to work full-time and application was made to withdraw from classes. In most cases the governors made financial allowances possible for the pupils to finish their courses. Eldwick people today can still recall having classes at the Technical School, either to develop domestic skills or to learn vital skills in textiles, joinery and mechanics.

Right up to 1947 a local Board of



Governors ran the school, then the West Riding Education Authority assumed responsibility for both full-time education and all local evening classes, which included those at Eldwick School, and some classes when Eldwick Memorial Hall opened.

After the war a large part of the Technical School's ground floor became gigantic kitchens to supply school meals to all the districts schools, which only had facilities to warm up the containerized meals. Another generation will recall the Bingley Central Youth Club which opened on the upper floor of the Technical School in 1954.

Many people of different generations will have memories of using this building and urgently wish it to be restored and put to use. It would be interesting to add to the details of this lovely building's history by recording useful and interesting personal recollections if you have them.

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