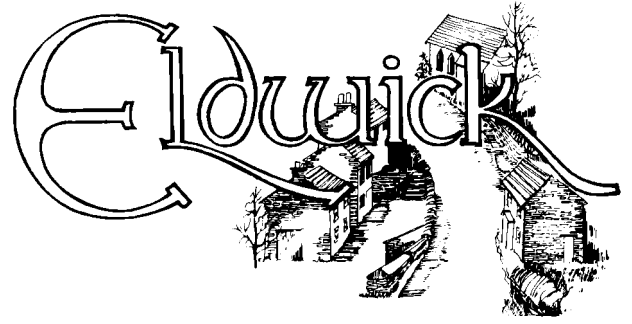


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GALA 2007

Saturday 30th June

CONFIRMED – BBMF Spitfire Air Display

Spitfire, Jazz Band, Juggler, Looby Loo,
Sheep Dog & Duck Display, Fell Race
and lots, lots more

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Teddy Friday 22 June 2007
5 – 6pm

Disco Friday 22 June 2007
7pm – 8.30pm

Pet Show Monday 25th 2007 6pm
Note change of Day !!!

Fun Run Friday 29th June
start 7pm 1.5 / 3 miles

Local Hero

The Eldwick Newsletter has nominated Allan Mirfield as a "local hero". The award has been created by the Shipley Neighbourhood Panel and we are pleased to announce that the nomination was accepted and Allan has now enjoyed attending the awards ceremony. Not only does Allan contribute to the Newsletter as our own local historian, he is involved with the Memorial Hall, Birches, The Gala Committee to mention but a few of his contributions to the community. Congratulations Allan!

Gala Queen – Laura Stuart

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Deputy – Meg Stone
Attendants – Leah Jeffery,
Sarah Bedell, Sophie Cottam,
Amy Jeffery

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

2007 SPRING FAIR

& sale of plants, produce,
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**Saturday 28th April
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from 10.00 am - 12 noon
including

Children's Show

Prize Presentation at 11.45 a.m.
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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

SHARING IDEAS FOR YEAR-ROUND COLOUR

Chris Abbott has a house by the weir on the river Nidd at Knaresborough. At our March meeting she used some of her collection of superb colour slides to take us on a tour of her large garden season by season.

It would require far more space than we have here to describe in detail how Chris has achieved such a pleasing mix of colour, texture, height, shape and scent throughout the year. Suffice it to say that the results are spectacular. When she took the plot in hand 35 years ago, the house had been rented for a long time and the tangle of weeds to three sides of it bore witness to the previous tenants' complete lack of interest in gardening.

At the start of her talk Chris confessed that she is totally untrained and had learned her craft partly by observation and mainly by learning from the many mistakes she made along the way. With the minimum of help from her husband, a kindly man who at least cuts the grass in her wildflower meadow once a year, she divided the garden into different sections - a raised bed, a green bed, a conifer bed, a grassy area (see above), a rocky, a pond and a small bog garden.

We saw examples of her favourite plants and flowers and marvelled at the way she used these subjects to paint an ever-changing canvas from spring through to winter, year in year out. We laughed at her high security "thug bed" where she allows the more rampagious plants to enjoy their freedom without threatening their more delicate neighbours. Chris Abbott's enthusiasm is infectious. "Love your plants - all of them," she said, "and remember that if your foliage is good, then your garden will look good all the year round."

PS: And don't forget the dead-heading!

WHO SAYS TREES A CROWD?

At our next meeting on Tuesday 15 May Adrian Helm will be telling us about the work of the International Tree Foundation.

7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for April and May

APRIL

15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
22nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
29th	10.30am	Morning Worship

MAY

6th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Praise
13th	10.30am	Holy Communion
20th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
27th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday Club for children and young people - 10.30-11.30am in the church hall.

Livewires Toddler Group - 9.30-11.30am in the church hall on Mondays.

Ladies Fellowship meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm in the church hall. 26th April - Kay Adams on "The Children of Africa". 17th May - Children's Society Coffee Evening. 21st June - Supper Evening.

Walking Group's next outings will leave the church car park at 9.00am on Saturdays, 14th April, 12th May and 16th June. Further details will be posted in church a week prior to these walks.

Table Top Sale

Bingley Children's Society are holding a table-top sale in St. Lawrence's church hall on Saturday, 21st April from 10.00am to 12.30pm. All welcome to browse and purchase. Refreshments available. Anyone (individuals or organisations) wishing to book a table to sell unwanted items please contact Sandra Brown on 564228 or Mollie Brumfitt on 565864. Table hire only £5.00

Christian Aid Lunch

To be held in St. Lawrence's church hall on Saturday, 19th May from 12.00am to

2.00pm. Bread, cheese and homemade soup. Tombola and bring-and-buy. Pay at the door - £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. All welcome.

St. Lawrence's Church Hall is available for hire for community events (at £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

APRIL

15th	10.30am	Mrs Susan Greenhart
22nd	10.30am	Rev. Demetris Palos
29th	10.30am	Rev. Robert Gee

MAY

6th	10.30am	All Age Worship Mr David Varley
13th	10.30am	Rev. Demetris Palos
20th	9.15am	Communion Rev Barbara Walls
	10.30am	Rev Barbara Walls
27th	10.30am	Communion Rev Barbara Walls

Regular Monthly Events

2nd Fri Friday Walk 9am

3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion

4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST

Monthly Bible Study Wednesday Evenings

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 www.eldwickmethodistchurch.co.uk

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

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Bob's Snippet

After reading books about Hitler and Mao Tse-tung I now know how to gain control of Eldwick.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

With reference to Mr. Kitchen's letter, the new Otley Road layout is designed to reduce vehicle speeds through the village.

The features that Mr. Kitchen believes improve safety i.e. segregation of vehicle movements by direction and refuges for turning movements at junctions also tend to facilitate and encourage higher vehicle speeds (hence their use on motorways). However, on roads through built up areas, the higher speeds encouraged by these road layouts have been found to increase both the likelihood of accidents and their severity, particularly for vulnerable people e.g. horse riders, cyclists, pedestrians and children as well as making life unpleasant for residents.

By decreasing vehicle drivers' ability to traverse Otley Road at speed through chicanes, removal of refuges etc, the objective of reducing vehicle speeds (for all the above reasons) is achieved. The alternative of removing all road markings suggested by Mr. Kitchen is a variation on this principle. Blanket 20mph restrictions are generally avoided for straight roads as drivers consider them more unjustified and ignore them. Road safety designs arise from extensive before and after accident monitoring, use of statistical techniques and data sharing between local authorities.

Jonathan Hepton

Dear Editor

The letters in March Newsletter reflected Eldwick residents' pride in our village, safety and environment. AND their disapproval of irresponsible people spoiling things.

Many people enjoy walking and riding in the historical rural part of Eldwick accessed via The Green onto the bridle path and the interesting walks this route leads to. Most people treat it with respect.

On their right as they reach the bridle path is a small privately owned woodland which is very steep, too steep to walk in but perhaps worth a glance at the beck rippling past the bluebell patches.

Lately, someone has decided the little woodland is their personal garden rubbish tip. The rubbish is unsightly, liable to cause blockage in the beck, spoil the bluebells and is very difficult to remove.

It's difficult to understand why they do this. Bradford Council has a service which provides bags and collects **dry** garden waste from people's homes. Surely this is more convenient. For details telephone 01274 43100 for this service. For garden waste including soil it's a very short drive to Dowley Gap Tip where it's easy to tip the rubbish.

Let's hope whoever is doing this decides to use the provided way of disposing of their garden waste so we can all enjoy our rural environment. Perhaps they would consider – Would YOU like someone to dump their garden waste in your garden?

Yours sincerely
C.A. Summers



Dear Editor

SALAD IN A BATHTUB

In reply to John Taylor's letter, which was in the February edition of the Eldwick Newsletter, I attach a photograph of what can be achieved with a recycled bathtub.

Hasn't Mr. Taylor heard of recycling?

I have an allotment in East Morton and use an old bathtub to collect rainwater, which I then use on my crops when water is scarce, but I think that the idea of using bathtubs to grow salad crops is inspirational.

The slums of Bradford indeed! What a snob.

Yours sincerely

Birches

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Tickets are now available for Scarlet Heights – 30th June.

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CHILDREN'S ENTRIES WILL BE STARS OF SPRING SHOW

Make a date in your diary now. The Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's Spring Fair and Children's Show will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 28 April from 10.00 am till 12 noon. There will be plants, produce (cakes, preserves etc), books and bric-a-brac on sale and a café where you will be able to sit and chat to all the folk you haven't seen since our last show in August.

The Children's Show has classes for all children from the ages of five to thirteen and two special classes for Year 3 pupils at Eldwick School. You can look forward to some interesting entries from tomorrow's gardeners. We're talking miniature gardens, edible necklaces, animals crafted from fruit and veg, with poems and artwork from Year 3. Our President John Pullin will be presenting the prizes at around a quarter to twelve. Don't miss our show!

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

On March 13th 64 members were present at the Spring Fling Party. Guests included Mrs. Audrey Totty M.B.E. and 2 members from Hawksworth Branch. The committee did a superb job providing the catering. Members enjoyed the after dinner entertainment by the committee, who did their interpretation of 'Nobody loves a fairy when they are forty'. A dictionary definition of fairy, imaginary small creature with powers of magic, was interpreted by the committee as Fairy Liquid, Fairy Snowflake, Fairy Rainbow etc. a humorous take by the Y.C.A. Our thanks to Chairman Maureen Beckworth and all members of the committee for a very enjoyable evening.

Norma Baker retired as treasurer of the Founders Group and was presented with a bouquet by our President Mrs. Audrey Totty on behalf of the Founders Group.

Next Meeting

May 8th A.G.M. Voting will take place for Chairman. 'Try to be Active' a talk given by A. Burns will take place after the A.G.M. New members welcome.

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FLAGSTONES – ELDWICK'S UNDERGROUND TREASURE

continued from February 2007

Initially at Warren Park Quarry, George Lane Fox held all mineral rights and leased workings to four local contractors. A lease from 1911 for 5 years had a minimum rent of £10 plus royalty of 3 shillings per sq yard extracted, which could increase with production.

Newspaper references are not all doom and gloom as the example from 1899 shows. William Foster, proprietor of some Warren Park workings was involved in a trespass dispute with Foulds Bros. Mr Foster had worked the site since 1875 very successfully but in July of 1897 his workers underground heard noises from beyond their site. In the October they were amazed to see workers of the accused breaking through into the galleries leading from Mr Foster's shafts. The case was proved and £7,000 of damages were awarded, presumably for loss of income.

How territory was marked out is unknown but it does seem surprising that the shafts, which grew to nine in number, were worked by different miners.

Shafts 1 and 2 on the northern edge of the site around Stone Hill/Southway were approached by a raised roadway from Warren Lane. Worked by Foulds and Royston, they had dual arrangement for men and laden trolleys, gave access to culverted water and had a trimming platform for masons.

Shaft 3 was beside Warren Lane within the Wimpey estate, Shaft 4 across the road behind Flagstones and Shaft 5 off Slate Quarry Lane in the preserved copse of trees, all worked by Samuel Johnson.

Shaft 6 was beyond shaft 5 where another copse and spoil-heap used to be, worked by Wilson and Moulding.

Shaft 7 had a water tank fed by the underground stream and is today the stone-lined example in the field behind the school.

Shaft 8 was further east in the next field, probably just an air shaft.

Shaft 9 was in the far north-east corner, in the fault zone, next to Sheriff Lane and was only an exploratory shaft.

Once the demand for flagstones subsided, with new materials being used both domestically and commercially, between the wars, the workings were abandoned. In the 1901 census only thirty men were in the industry, others were at the brickworks, excavating reservoirs, or in Bruce's mill.

The mines literally were abandoned which meant that the likes of Charlie Starkie in 1930 were able to do 'boys own adventures', beneath Warren Park. Descending shafts on a rope and pick-axe handle, armed with matches and candles, Charlie and his mates had a whale of a time

and we are indebted to Charlie who has been able to pinpoint shaft locations, describe conditions underground, the culvert, the tanks, and to recount how so much was just left behind.

His local knowledge was gratefully received by the consulting engineers who in 2004 began extensive investigations for the current development. Other surveys had been conducted many years before on the whole site bordered by Otley Road, Warren Lane and Sheriff Lane based on Coal Board maps which showed the workings. Despite the fact that all are numbered, the succeeding Coal Authority was unable to produce the detail that once went with the maps. A tenth shaft was shown in the west bank of Eldwick Beck below Huntsmans Cottage in Spring Lane. This was a horizontal shaft or 'adit', once pictured as a bricked up entrance, now lost under leaf-mould and debris. One local in days gone by insisted it was possible to enter such a tunnel in the top of the Glen and emerge far westwards near Warren Lane.

So both contemporary and technological evidence has given a good picture of Eldwick's stone mines of the past. In return for such local knowledge the consultants were happy to pass on the detailed plans of probes and the findings of their investigations of Warren Park, now in the Eldwick Archive. Presumably such findings were made available to would-be residents of the three housing developments on the site over the last 20 years.

Back in 1980's at a public meeting in the Memorial Hall, the Wimpey representative had to explain how the land, long considered safe from building due to the mines, would be developed. Yes they had found voids and broken ground revealed by probe drilling some 80 feet down. However, once the workings had been capped and grouted – pumping solidifying material through countless probe pipes, all would be safe. He also said the fault-zone was not akin to the San Andreas Fault in California, so there would be no 'earth-moving experiences' for future residents. Having said that, special instructions have been given to the current developers to give additional reinforcement to foundations of buildings round the five identified shafts on the site as well as to



those near the fault-zone.

Everything will be treated with due care and consideration, extinguishing the Warren Park Quarry workings by cloaking them in cement and power-station waste material. The investigation process has at the same time provided excellent insight into the former flagstone mines, as details of Eldwick's industrial past.

PLANNING

- 07/00921/FUL Roof alteration and construction of rear dormers and conservatory at 9 Warren Avenue.
- 07/00657/OUT Construction of detached bungalow at Rosse Dene, Otley Road.
- 07/0154/FUL Construction of self contained dependant property at 9 Sheriff Lane.
- 07/01555/FUL Construction of detached dwelling at Coryton, Pollard Avenue.
- 07/01773/FUL Construction of detached triple garage and workshop with playroom over at Prospect House, Prospect Road.
- 07/01859/FUL Construction of fence panels to front boundary at 15 Glen Road.
- 07/01936/FUL Alterations to form new pitched and hipped roof over flat roofed side extension at Owls Moor, Glen Road.
- 07/01873/FUL Construction of single storey side extension to rear of property and second storey extension above existing single storey to rear of property at Hetherleigh, 110 Otley Road.
- 07/02589/LBC Installation of three thermal collectors onto front of inclined roof at Moorland Grange, Otley Road.

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