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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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The Memorial Hall, Eldwick

We are pleased to announce that we have a new booking Secretary who started this work on 1st February, 2007. Her name is Mrs. Tracy Horsfall her address is 15 Glen View Road, Eldwick, telephone number 01274 565410. No phone calls after 9pm please as she has a young family. Please phone Tracy for all your bookings.

For any new comers to the village, the Hall has a thriving community of clubs and societies which you may be interested in joining. These include Bridge, Wood Turners, Yorkshire Countrywomens Association, Horticultural Society, Soroptimists, Yoga, Janus Club for Men and the Thursday Afternoon Club. For further information Tracy will be able to give you a contact number. As well as these clubs the Hall can be booked for your private function. We have had wedding receptions, christenings, adult birthday parties, childrens parties, big bands dances and lunches booked in the past, so we are open to most ideas for your event. The Birches Club will also be willing for you to use their bar facilities on application. Do consider us for your event. Last year we were awarded a lottery grant of £5,000 and you may have noticed the work which has already been carried out. The Gents toilet block has been completely updated as this was long overdue. New flooring has been laid in the kitchen and ladies toilet area. Decorating to the hall has already started with wooden plinths having been placed around the radiators to prevent bruising by chairs and over the next few months the walls in the hall and the ladies toilet area will be decorated. New curtains to the back of the stage have been fitted and this has made this area much more

presentable when people wish to use it for a disco or some musical activity. The flat roof has at last been repaired and overhauled to prevent ingress of water. So as you can see the lottery money plus more of our own has been spent.

There are only three members of our committee who run and organise the Hall and we are concerned that we have so little support at our meetings, usually the committee and one or two of our regular supporters. Please come along to our meetings, your input to our discussions would be most appreciated and new ideas are always welcome. The dates of the next meetings are as follows all held in the Hall at 7.30pm.

TUESDAY, 29th MAY, 2007 AGM

THURSDAY, 30th AUGUST 2007

THURSDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 2007

Chairman Mr. Allan Mirfield 01274 770871

Treasurer Mr. Patrick Abbott 01274 560340

Secretary Mrs. Sylvia Slater 01274 563081
and now Mrs. Tracy Horsfall 01274 565410.

Memorial Hall Gardens

The Village Society has recently made an application for a grant to develop the Memorial Hall Gardens. Bradford Council have pledged £3000 from "The Shipley Area Committee" toward the project as long as the rest of the funding can be found within the next six months. A design has been drawn up which includes the removal of the existing grass, building a terrace with tables and planters, building raised beds with railway sleepers and replanting. It is hoped that this garden will provide a place for relaxation and



provide aesthetically pleasant focus to the centre of the village.

A lot of interest has already been shown by village organisations, The Memorial Hall, The Newsletter and Birches who would be responsible for maintaining the garden. The services of a garden designer have already been offered to project manage the building of the garden. We are appealing to businesses and individuals within the village to find the other £3000 to complete the project. There are many ways in which sponsorship could be recognised and we are very happy to discuss this (please ring the editor of the Newsletter on 01274 562643. We are a registered charity which can have tax benefits for business sponsorship.

We may also be contacted through the usual channels i.e. the newsletter post box in the Post Office or our email eldwicknews@aol.com.

There is a real opportunity here to create something very special for the whole community.

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Bob's Snippet

On Otley Road the white full stops, dashes and brackets need the addition of a question mark for motorists

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I do not know if you put in such adverts but I have recently moved into the area with my family and I am keen to start playing squash again. I am looking for a female opponent. My contact number is 01274 519967.

Thank you
Yours
Gillian Hyde

Dear Editor

OTLEY ROAD

I was just wondering who the graffiti artist was who's pseudo Picasso work is to be seen along Otley Road ?

As I always understood it, the primary rule of road making was the separation of traffic streams i.e. the further away one stream of traffic was from the other, the safer our roads would be.

Now Bradford Council department of road chaos has let some fourth form school kid on work experience, demonstrate their talent to baffle on our main street. The whole concept is devoid of common sense and leaves us Eldwickians in greater peril than we were before!

Leaving the mini roundabout at the top of Park Road things start off fine for 20 yds and then we have to take to the centre of the road to drive round parking spaces. This puts us in the middle of the road **facing** oncoming traffic with a closing speed of up to 60 mph ! We then wind our way in and out, passing through pinch points too narrow for moving traffic to pass through. Junctions into Otley Rd have been moved directly into the path of oncoming cars, there are no safety refuges for traffic turning right and outside the Methodist Chapel, traffic is directed to swing into the centre of the road on a blind corner for reasons which are lost on me. These lines on the corner make any manoeuvre more acute, this means more lateral force on the car which in turn means a greater chance of skidding in rotten weather. Overall traffic will be continually breaking and accelerating, using more fuel and chucking more muck into our village.

As I understand it the objectives were to reduce speeding through Eldwick. We could have had a 20 limit like East Morton, this seems to be working well or two or three humps however I would rather the former.

The dogs dinner we now have will I fear lead to more risk to drivers and foot passengers alike. Was this not a golden opportunity to try out the Dutch system where all road markings are removed and no one has priority ? The Dutch have seen significant reductions in accidents because everyone has to take more care.

I am going into a darkened room now to calm down.

Regards
Guy Kitchen

Dear Editor / John Taylor

Re: Warren Lane Allotments

What "look like old bath tubs" are old bath tubs - some have gold taps if that makes you feel any better! A little research has revealed that they have been a feature of these allotments for at least the past 50 years. Of course there would not be the crowds accessing the school and less people passing on Warren Lane, to be offended in those days! The baths serve the function of catching and storing rain water from hut roofs and other receptacles. They also hold metered tap water on the various plots because there is a rule against using tap water directly onto crops from the hose pipe. Water at the site is turned off 6 months in the year. Considering the national and global debates about the value and waste of water, we feel these are valid reasons for having baths on site. If it's time to be complaining about what upsets us, a greater concern to the plot holders are local families who think it appropriate to steal from/investigate the contents of huts, kick cabbages over and break glass in greenhouses!

The main objective of The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners is to "help all enjoy the recreation of gardening and so promote their health, education and community fellowship". Local and National Government acknowledge the mental and physical health benefits of gardening. Allotments are a sustainable source of food that can be chemical-free and we've probably all heard of "food miles" by now.

It is insulting to describe the allotments (or allotment holders?) as "scruffy". As well as maintaining their own plots, several people put time and effort into the general appearance of the site, such as pruning the hedge on Warren Lane, plus the internal hedges, mowing the grass paths, etc.

The Allotments are full, and there is a substantial waiting list. In the past they have overcome strong pressure for development. Perhaps people would prefer to see more (dry-stone) wall to wall housing on one of our last open green spaces, rather than a few old baths, recycled to serve a useful purpose!

Warren Lane Allotment Tenants

Dear Editor

Once again, irresponsible people are allowing their dogs to foul outside our house and along Sheriff Lane generally. Most dog owners carry a plastic bag with them to clear up - why can't they?

I would remind them that it is illegal to do this and they can be fined. I will have no qualms in reporting anyone I see. Would they like it outside their own house - I think not.

Yours sincerely
A. Woodford

Dear Sir

I am writing to introduce myself as I have been appointed as the Sergeant for our Neighbourhood Policing Team at Bingley responsible to Inspector Owen West.

I am very much looking forward to working with you to further the safety of the Baildon, Bingley and Rural Wards and to increase the profile of the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Bingley. I was hoping I might be able to meet the Village Society at some stage in the near future to introduce myself?

As you can tell from my surname I am local to the Aire Valley. I moved to Bingley in 1979 and I was educated at the Beckfoot Grammar School. I remain a resident of Eldwick and as such I am very aware of local concerns and sensitivities.

I was first appointed a Special Constable at Bingley in 1989 and I have been part of the policing family of West Yorkshire Police ever since. I was appointed a PC in 1994 and I was promoted Sergeant in March 2005.

Please can I assure you of my best attention and if I can assist with any specific problems please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Richard C. Baildon
01274 361122

Dear Editor

I read with interest Flagstones, Eldwick Underground Treasure bringing me back to my childhood days.

My father the late Mr. Herbert Royston worked at Gilstead Quarry for almost forty years and the last owner he worked for was Mr. Walter Smith, Harvey's father. My father had been retired for a couple of weeks when Mr. Walter Smith died suddenly. After a visit from Mr. Smith, my father many times pondered whether he should have returned to work for him but he was tired, and suffered a stone disease, to his chest. Herbert/Dad started his day at 5am hand milking on his parents farm The Springs, Eldwick, then off to the Quarry, with his "jock" tied in a red spotted handkerchief later a little attache case I got from a jumble sale at Eldwick Hut. Dad lived to be 74 years of age.

What a pity some of our young people can not make that grade anymore. I write two days after a robbery to our home, please *Eldwick* make *sure* your doors are locked.

My best wishes
Maureen Green, nee Royston

THANK YOU

I would just like to thank those who assisted me when my dog ran out into Sheriff Lane in to the path of an oncoming car, albeit whilst on his extended lead. Remarkably and fortunately all he suffered was a cut eyelid and shock, but not as much shock as the driver to whom I apologise most sincerely and thank him for being so helpful.

S. Walker

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
'The Good the Bad and the Beautiful' evening lecture turned out to be a bit different from what both the speaker secretary anticipated and the audience, for which the former apologises to the latter, particularly as the attendance was so good. Nevertheless, the revelations of what goes on behind the scenes and the organisation of horticultural shows were both eye-opening and mind-numbing if both effects can be believed to be concurrent.

Peter Holden, the lecturer and horticulturist of Springfield Nurseries, Nelson, specialises in campanulas and is a frequent exhibitor at as many as 20 shows each year. His tales of the events were alarming and certainly gave an early warning lest one was tempted to visit them all. That there are nearly 60 shows across Britain from Cumbria to Cornwall is probably known to some, but that they range from those which include champagne in the entry fee (Arley Hall) to one with a death each year and a carpet of plastic beer pint pots across the main street (Royal Welsh, Builth Wells). They would seem to represent a cross section of British society today. Naturally Chelsea Flower Show and Tatton Park were listed and their traffic problems are being exacerbated by road tolls in London. The pressures on exhibitors to man their stands from 9am until 9pm, catch a bite to eat, queue for "facilities", make early morning trips to refill their stands and be civil to the visitors who seem to delight in moving plant labels from pot to pot, could prove to be more than exhausting. Many of the exhibitors who compete in the cut flower events buy them off the Dutch delivery containers as they are making deliveries to florists. Also, the highest awards often go to exhibitors whose specialities do not sell as well as others so that they are given an incentive to return in following years.

Undoubtedly, in his opinion, the best organised and most convenient to exhibit at, and to visit, was the Shrewsbury Show held in August 10th and 11th this year. Features which figured in his list of desirable aspects were its proximity to transport centres and town, but the most remarkable factor is its turnover which is drawn from 70,000 visitors each year. For this, the Shrewsbury Horticultural Society, which is not a public company, spent £750,000 in 2006 to attract its visitors and surely make a profit, as they have accumulated £4 million in their bank reserves. This has allowed them to make generous donations and improvements to the town beautiful to behold, and to give bursaries for research and horticultural students. The Society has been running their show for 120 years so will be well practised.

Mention of age brings us to the error published in our last report for it was claimed that the E&GHS was formed in 1907. Referring to the earliest minute book we hold shows that even in 1942 the Secretary had to correct his record of the AGM by one year to the 25th. This confirms our date of birth to be 1917 and the present scribe to be inaccurate by a factor of 10. For all that, we are facing our 90th Annual Show this year which we hope will be inundated with entries to show we are still alive and kicking.

The next event, for which this publication will be in time to announce, concerns the affairs of the Harewood Gardens delivered by the Head Gardener, Trevor Nicholson, at 7.30pm on April 17th. All are welcome. £1 for members, £2 for non-members, and £5 Membership fee. Raffle tickets are issued with entry fee and a bottle of wine is provided for the winner. For membership queries call Mrs. Barbara Pullin, 01274 551451.

Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Saturday 30th June 2007 This Year Theme "LEGENDS"

Entries in the parade welcome, motorised or walking!

To book a stall or advertise in the program please contact the gala secretary on 01274 774758

If you would like to help out on the day or in the planning for the event come along to a Gala meeting in the Birches on Wednesday evening 8pm on 21st March, 18th April, 16th May young, old, male or female all welcome.

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MRS. JEAN CLEGG

The Tennis Club was sad to hear of the passing of former Eldwick resident, Mrs. Jean Clegg. She was, in 1959, the first secretary of the club and one of the founder members. She is particularly remembered for the splendid barbecues, held for the tennis club, in the large garden of her house in Glen Road. These and other events contributed to raising enough money, in less than 18 months, to start developing the courts. All this without the help of grants. The tennis club will always be grateful for the time and effort Jean and the other founder members put in to establish a tennis club for the village.

FUNDING FOR NEWSLETTER

We are pleased to report that following a successful grant application, the Newsletter has been awarded £600 by the Cnet Community Network Bradford and District. This grant is towards the running costs of the Newsletter. Whereas we usually exist on a "hand to mouth" basis with the advertising just about covering our expenditure we can now buy some much needed equipment i.e. a digital camera and various other small pieces of IT equipment. Thanks Cnet.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB



On Thursday 1st March members of the Thursday Afternoon Club enjoyed a musical entertainment. A varied selection was played by local band "Notably Music" consisting of four instrumentalists and a vocalist. Featured were Dave Connell, Barbara Connell, John Slack and (from Eldwick) Richard and Yvonne Crossland.

Members of the club were invited to join in and at some point song sheets were provided. All agreed it was a very pleasant afternoon.

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YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

50 member and 3 guests attended the meeting on the 13th of February. The Chairman Maureen Beckwith was presented with a Y.C.A. badge of honour to be worn by the chairman at the monthly meetings.

The A.G.M. will take place on May 8th and two nominees have put themselves forward for the post of chairman, Norma Feather and Sylvia Slater. A covering letter and voting form will be sent to all the members and the voting form must be returned on the night of the A.G.M. meeting or by post to the treasurer Margaret Newman, envelope marked Y.C.A. in time for the A.G.M.

Andrew Greenwood a specialist in Zoo and Wild animal medicine gave a talk on the Yorkshire based charity Wildlife Vets International. This charity benefits rare and endangered animals all over the world, preserving wildlife for future generations. W.V.I. is a charity run by vets to give specialist veterinary support and is backed by leading U.K. Zoo and Wildlife specialists making full use of their in-depth knowledge and expertise. Andrew spoke of some of their projects such as saving the Echo Parakeet in Mauritius, rehabilitation of the drill monkey in Nigeria and wildlife intervention protocols in Sumatra to resolve human and wildlife conflicts. Training on the use of field gas anaesthesia, over the past few years a robust and transportable system has been developed which allows a safer approach to the anaesthesia of a wide range of animal species that are regularly immobilised by field biologists and researchers for the purpose of radio collaring, biometric surveys and other scientific study. Saving endangered animals takes time, knowledge and commitment.

Next meeting April 10th, a talk on Emperors and Mao by M. Bamford.

† THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES †

ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for March and April

MARCH

18th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship (Mothering Sunday)
25th 10.30am Holy Communion

APRIL

1st 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Praise (Palm Sunday)
8th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)
15th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
22nd 10.30am Holy Communion
HUGH'S LEAVING "DO"

On 28th January Hugh held his last service at St. Lawrence's. Afterwards there was a faith lunch in his honour, held in the church hall and attended by about 70 people. God's Gangsters, our young people's group, presented Hugh with a lovely picture of St. Lawrence's church painted by Tony Clegg. Sarah received some flowers, and the children received book tokens. Hugh had already been presented, on 17th December, with a cheque, a case and containers for sacramental oils, a photograph of the congregation and a card signed by all of us. We are so grateful to Hugh for his hard work over the last four years, giving us help, encouragement and guidance, and we wish him success and happiness in his new ministry at Earby and Kelbrook. From now on Rev. Canon Derek Jackson will be vicar in charge of St. Lawrence's, and he can be contacted on 563113.

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.m to 12.30p.m. All welcome and 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

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

March

4th 10.30am Communion Rev. Ruth Parry
11th 10.30am Rev. Barbara Walls
18th 9.15am Communion Rev. Ruth Parry
10.30am Rev. Ruth Parry
25th 10.30am Mr. Don Hassall

April

1st 10.30am All Age Worship
Rev. Ruth Parry
5th 7.00pm Maundy Thursday
Passover Meal and Service.
8th 7.00am Communion Rev. Ruth Parry
on Baildon Moor
10.30am Communion Rev. Ruth Parry
15th 10.30am Mrs. Susan Greenhart
22nd 10.30am Rev. Demetris Palos
29th 10.30am Rev. Robert Gee
Lenton group meeting 10.00 – 11.30am every Tuesday during Lent starting Tuesday 27th February until 3rd April.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

2nd Fri 9am Friday Walk
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

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