

Bob's Snippet

A dog bit my cap from my hand. The Yorkshire owner said he was sorry about my attitude.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

An anniversary service will be held at York Minster on Monday the 7th April at 11am. This service will celebrate 25 years of the Yorkshire Countrywomen.

The Yorkshire Countrywomen's AGM will be held at Askam Bryan on the 8th May.

Hazel Goodwin spoke on old Hawksworth, a village on the edge of Rombalds Moor. She took us back as far as the Romans with stonework that had been found in the village, querns giving rise to Romans having lived in the area. In the Dark Ages that followed the Roman withdrawal, Anglo Saxon people from across the north sea settled across the area naming their farms and villages in a distinctive way with words ending in ton, ing and worth which means homestead. In the 9th and 10th century the Danes invaded and brought names ending in by and thorp.

Hazel also spoke in depth of Holdsworth Hall, first built in 1440, the family taking the name Hawksworth. She mentioned several generations who appeared to have married to increase their fortunes. The Hall is once more in private hands after several years being run as a children's home. A very interesting talk which will encourage many of us to find out more about the history of our surrounding countryside.

Next meeting on the 8th of April is the 25th Anniversary Party. The theme is Old Time Music Hall, everyone welcome to dress in character for the occasion.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

Meeting Held on 19th February 2008

Speaker: Michael Edmondson Subject: "Things ain't what they used to be"

Mr Edmondson described himself as "confused" by such things as the 'swing' between chemical and organic. He described the ban on nicotine-based products, but stated that 50 years ago, most gardeners had 2lb jam jars, full of evil-coloured liquid, created from old tab ends! They also collected the last bits of soap bars to dissolve and convert into a spray for green/black/white flies. All these seemed to be efficient pest control methods, and he seemed to lament the fact that in his house at least, soap only came in plastic bottles these days!

Mr Edmondson's real theme was "the future of the village show" about which he spoke with passion (and humour), as a gardener, exhibitor and judge of flowers, fruit and vegetables. He suggested that the industrial revolution brought about a loss of job satisfaction, ie cloth made was not a personal achievement, but had been made at "some mill". Those who had come from a village life - where plants had provided everything from food to medicine, continued to have pride in their plants, showing them to one-another and bragging about them. An example of this link is the miners of the North-East and their leeks/onions. The main flowers in those days were polyanthus, pinks, auriculars and the English (pink) tulip which was shown off in beer bottles! This was the breeding ground for the "village" show. These plant enthusiasts were called "florists" and became nurserymen. Carnations were exported from Bradford to Belgium. Bradford held 2 chrysanthemum shows at St. George's Hall, lasting 3 days each and the show at Bingley-St Ives had one room for chrysanthemums and another for dahlias!

After judging at the Annual Eldwick Show (this year it will be on Saturday 30 August), Mr Edmondson always looks at the cards for new exhibitor's names appearing and wanted to encourage people to "have a go", to get involved, and keep the village show alive. He proceeded to give a number of "tips".

It is very important to show a matched set. With eg runner beans, 6 'inferior' are

better than 2 superb and 4 unmatched. The winning potatoes are not necessarily the biggest - they should be the size of a good duck egg with shallow eyes and not over-scrubbed. Tomatoes should be firm, evenly coloured with no blotches and the calix should be left in. One of Eldwick's shallot growers (no names) was said to be "very good" and Michael described how good shallots could be cut in half or even quarters and grown on (in the hope that "like breeds like"). Many vegetables are decorative and flowers and vegetables can be combined in the garden, eg a wig-wam of runner beans and sweet peas could provide entries for 2 classes! Pansies were described as easy to grow, many with big round flowers which should lay flat when shown. There are classes for a vase of annuals and perennials, so people were encouraged to enter at least one or more classes and KEEP THE VILLAGE SHOW ALIVE!

There were many humorous anecdotes during the evening, such as the winning runner beans that had seen more of Lancashire than he had (the secret being keeping them in damp paper in the fridge between shows). Also, the winning leek which had been bought for £1,000 to be set up and grown on for seed - only to be used by the lady of the house in a pie! However, women had excelled in other areas, such as the winner of the individual and 3 heaviest onions classes at last year's Harrogate Show. In praise of a positive change, Michael said there were now great advances in the wide range of composts available and told the story of an immaculately dressed gentleman who used cow manure in his home made compost recipe. He journeyed into country areas, collected this, and wrapped it in brown paper, but unfortunately once left a "parcel" on the bus!

(Those present on the 19 February were indeed our hardy perennials, as Bingley recorded a temperature of minus 9 degrees that night!)
Please join us for a future meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in the Memorial Hall - non-members welcome: "The World in Bloom" - 18 March and "Japanese Gardens" - 15 April.

SPRING FAIR/CHILDREN'S SHOW
SATURDAY, 26 APRIL,
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An open letter to the parents of Eldwick teenagers (12 - 17 years old) who may not know where their children are at night.

Yes, that means you. You probably think you know, but you are probably being told lies or kept in ignorance. In years gone past, trouble used to arrive from Keighley and Bingley, to infiltrate and coerce our youngsters into their bad ways. Now, we have only ourselves to blame. You have cared for, guided these little angels when they were small, they knew right from wrong. Teenage years approached, they became surly, secretive, disruptive. So what do you do? The greater majority of these kids are left to their own devices, parental control seems either not to be there, or totally disregarded. Are you, as responsible parents, giving up on your children now, when they need you most? Most evenings, there are many of these mindless clones, causing havoc in our village with their thuggery and violent behaviour, drinking and drugs seems to be the norm. Where are they getting the money from? Are you slipping them a fiver to get them out of the house? Yes, I know not all kids are bad, but, due to peer pressure, they get sucked into a vortex where they don't belong but can't get out of. How many of you know where your child is on a Friday night in particular, when fights organised at school take place on Sheriff Lane, with 70-100 children spectating!! Booze flowing freely, probably drugs as well.

Do you want your son/daughter caught up in this mayhem, when knives and other weapons are carried, because, believe me a fatality will happen. Will it be your son or daughter we'll be mourning?

Yes, the Police are aware of these meetings, but they still happen.

Come on, be proper and responsible parents. Make sure you know where your child is at night, because lies trip of their tongues like water. Check up on them. Don't be the house where the doorbell rings in the early hours to summon you to a hospital.

You will never, ever forgive yourself.
From a concerned Eldwick parent.

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THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES

ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

A Happy Easter to you all

MARCH

16th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship (Palm Sunday)
20th 7.00pm Joint Service with Eldwick Methodists (Maundy Thursday)
23rd 10.30am Holy Communion (Easter Day)
30th 10.30am Family Worship

APRIL

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

LADIES FELLOWSHIP meets in the church hall at 7.45pm. 17th April - Pam Lofthouse on "Spring is Here". 15th May - Moira Smith on "Tourism Manager, Bolton Abbey".

WALKING GROUP - next outings will leave the church car park at 9.00am on 19th April and 17th May. Details will be posted in church a week prior to each walk.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH HALL is available for hire for community events (£9.00 per hour) and children's parties (one payment of £30.00). To make enquiries, contact our booking secretary, Mrs A. Shoebridge on 564690.

Dear Editor

Like Sue Green in last months newsletter, I have a white, black and tan cat that appears to be left outside all day when its owner is at work and has nowhere safe and dry to go. It has attempted several times to come through my cat flap to escape from the bad weather. I would like to appeal to other cat owners to please provide their own cat with a cat flap fitted to either a house door or perhaps a garage door so that these poor animals have somewhere dry to go. It is irresponsible pet owners like this that spoil it for responsible pet owners by not looking after their own animals correctly. Cats hate wind and rain and should not be locked outside all day and this is probably why Sue has someone elses cat using her cat flap and terrorising her own as its owner probably can't be bothered to fit a cat flap on their own door!!

Thanks
Carole Clarke

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SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

March

16th Palm Sunday
10.30am Rev Geoff Reid
23rd Easter Day
7.00am Communion on Baildon Moor
9.15am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
10.30am Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith
30th
10.30am Mr David Varley
Sunday Lunch contact 566641

April

13th 10.30am Rev Ruth Parry
20th 10.30am Mrs Lynne Keating
27th 9.15am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
9.30am Big Breakfast
10.30am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am
3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion
4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST
Hand Bell Group - Alternate Tuesdays

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

Eldwick Methodist Church Hall is available to the community for events and children's party, our newly refurbished kitchen is ideal for catering.

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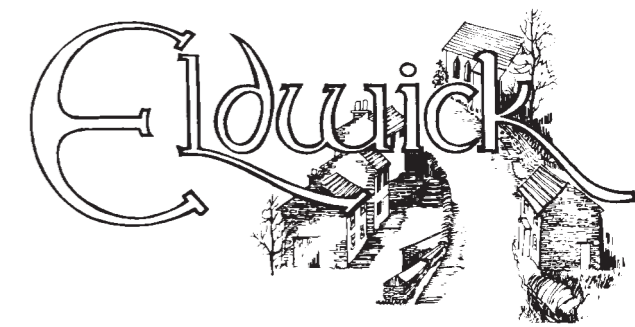
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THE SHIPLEY GLEN ROAD DEBATE of 1904/5



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2008 ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA Saturday 28th June

This year Theme "CHARADES"
(a book, a play, a film)



The 2008 Gala Queen was selected at the Memorial Hall Disco on 7th March – Miss Abbie Walker
Deputy Gala Queen – Aysha Ali
Attendants Mia Holt, Emily Wightman, Alice Garratt, Amy Jowett, Jamie Teale, Joshua Smith

Congratulations to you all – thank to the children who attended the Disco, and of course to Andy the DJ.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR GALA DAY

BBMF Spitfire Air Display Local Birds of Prey
Another opportunity to see The Mellin Family sheepdog demonstration without the rain

GALA EVENTS BEFORE THE DAY

PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW

Teddy Bears Picnic June 20th Friday
5 – 6pm Memorial Hall for 3 – 7 year olds

GALA DISCO June 20th Friday
7 – 8.30pm Memorial Hall
for 7 - 11 year olds

PET SHOW June 23rd Monday
6 – 8pm Memorial Hall

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN
June 27th Friday 7 pm start
From Memorial Hall 1.5 miles or 3 miles

Entries in the parade welcome,
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To book a stall or advertise in the
programme
please contact the gala secretary
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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 9th April, 17th May
young, old, male or female all welcome



traffic, hence, "repair costs would be trifling".

Moreover, the total cost of the full scheme was estimated at £14,000, or, alternatively only £9000, which was the cost of road from Eldwick, plus £2000 payable to Col. Maude for not building the lower road. After all, the £5000 difference was equivalent to a full penny in the pound on the rates of Bradford people, and, "why should the Corporation go out of its way to hasten the 'spoiliation' of Shipleigh Glen, spending ratepayers' money without the prospect of ever getting a halfpenny in return?"

"Surely, the course which ordinary common sense would dictate would be to pay the forfeit demanded, and let the landowners who stand to gain by it, make the road themselves. The other road will serve as a memorial of a shortsighted and stupid bargain, and, if it also acts as a warning to the promoters of future extension schemes to walk more warily, it will not have been made quite in vain."

The scheme was adopted in October 1904 with an amendment not to build the lower road through the woods. In Council there had been no environmental concerns but two months later the Scientific Group objected to a plan for the unemployed to construct pathways along each side of the stream through the Glen. They said it could not happen, "now that another part was being cockneyed by the making of a road." The archaeology group also complained that the new road would obliterate the Stone Circle on the Glen.

Construction work began in late 1904 and by January 1905 it was reported that the road was sufficiently advanced for an opinion to be formed as to its ultimate impact on the Glen. A straightened road and wall had replaced the somewhat circuitous old track with its weatherworn wall and had been built higher up into the fields but would still mean the charm of the Glen had gone forever. In April 1905 at Easter time the road was open and visitors to Shipleigh Glen in the holidays had their first chance to walk along it. There was some criticism of the height of the new wall along the eastern edge but delight that walkers could alight from trams

at Baildon Bridge, walk up Green Lane to reach the Glen Tramway, then walk on the new road to Eldwick and beyond.

Unemployment was rife in 1904/5 so it was claimed in August 1905 that the long section from Lobley Gate to Prod Gate had only cost £2000, not the £7000 estimated, as the workforce used had been drawn from the unemployed. Why then could not the lower road be constructed at a cheap price, also meaning no £2000 penalty fee need be paid to Colonel Maude? Happily, this was rejected so the woodland survives to this day and makes a pleasant route to and from the Glen for all to enjoy.

PLANNING

08/00233/FUL Construction of two storey extension to rear of existing property at 6 Landsmoor Grove.
08/00923/FUL Construction of balustrade to provide amenity space to rear of property at 46 Otley Road
08/00925/FUL Construction of dwelling at 46 Otley Road.

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

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THE ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB met in the Memorial Hall very recently and welcomed Barbara from the organisation known as Extend, (a registered charity).

This afternoon included exercises of a sedentary nature as we were able to remain seated but after the session it was remarkable how suppleness seemed to return and it was very beneficial.

Usually our afternoons consist of choirs, or sometimes slide shows. We have very interesting talks and sometimes there are coach trips. This was quite different for us however, it was the first time we have had exercises and hopefully it will be arranged again in the future.

For more information contact 01274 773858

Sound Idea for Birches!

A fund raising event for upgrading the internal sound system for the Club will take place in the Memorial Hall (with bar facilities) on Saturday 19th April, 2008.

For your "Home Grown" entertainment Anton Kitchen will be singing easy listening, pure nostalgia numbers, Andy Stockdale will provide "Magic" and Mark Chrystyn will give his tribute to Buddy Holly.

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