

FAREWELL OLD FRIENDS

Sadly, Eldwick has lost two more great characters in the last few weeks who had special places in the local community and thus merit praise and thanks for their varied lives.

Win Wilcock

A lady of 96 years, Win will be best remembered as the loving, caring and ebullient Nursery teacher who introduced countless children to the world of education at Eldwick School.

A highly educated and versatile professional, Win first qualified to work in a pharmacy on completing her education. She married Norman and together they brought up a family with Win taking a career break to devote time to her children. Once the children were older, there had been such enjoyment in watching their development that Win decided to train as a primary school teacher at Margaret McMillan College.

From there she joined the staff at Eldwick School, expecting to teach the older children but was 'persuaded' to 'temporarily' take charge of the Nursery class and this proved to be her forte. Musical, artistic and highly literate she was able to provide the children with a wide variety of experiences but first and foremost concentrating on socialisation and personal development. With her long-time colleague, Norma Feather – the only Nursery Assistant known to supervise and demonstrate messy craft activities with young children and emerge as immaculate as ever, without a spot of glue, paint or clay – there was a wonderful partnership.

In retirement, Win enjoyed her painting, producing unique handcrafted Christmas cards, her music and writing her poetry, publishing booklets of sensitive, moving and personalised poems.

She enjoyed the company of her family after her husband's death her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as the many friends in Eldwick at the Thursday Club. After battling with arthritis Win enjoyed her final years, throwing a huge party for family and friends to 'celebrate her coming of age at 90'. Living at Sutton Court in Bingley, Win was very active and very popular as a figure in that community.

Her talents, her humour and her

lively personality will be sadly missed but she has left many people with happy memories of the time she touched their lives.

Douglas Walton

In his 94th year Douglas finally decided that, after 47 years tending his allotment in Warren Lane, he felt the need to retire. No sooner had his fellow allotmenters of today come to terms with his decision than Douglas had a short illness and passed away in hospital.

Born in Undercliffe, Douglas was always interested in machines so, after completing his time at school, he gained various qualifications which led him into the merchant navy and a remarkable career. Engines were his fascination so he had a motor cycle and later a car in which he went rallying. However it was much bigger engines that were to become part of his life at sea.

He joined The Blue Star Line and sailed the world, eventually becoming Chief Engineer for the company, retaining his white boiler suits to wear at the allotment! He found time to keep records of his voyages, both in logs and in his own paintings, creating many pictures of a Blue Star ship in some exotic port far from home.

Wartime intervened and Douglas served his country at sea, almost losing his life in 1941 in the Atlantic. His ship was torpedoed and he was only one of six from the entire crew who survived both the icy waters and the fact that the U boat captain did not follow the 'no survivors dictat'. Taken from the water he was shipped to France and made a prisoner of war in northern Germany for 4 years. Maybe this is why his familiar greeting to a friend at the allotment was "Na'then me lucky lad!"

Douglas even kept a record of his wartime experiences and was particularly keen to mention the delight of receiving Red Cross parcels whilst a prisoner. This led him to dictate that the collection at his funeral should be for the benefit of this worthy institution. After the war he returned to work in engineering, eventually with GEC, and came to live in Eldwick with his sister, who died some years ago so Douglas looked after himself.

His years at sea must have given him some longing for the land because he

developed a passion for gardening and for bee-keeping. Not only did his allotment at Warren Lane, with a vine in a huge greenhouse, and a small orchard produce excellent fruit and vegetables, but his bees produced wonderful Eldwick honey, all of which he gave to all and sundry.

Douglas was a member of the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society, met with his fellow bee-keepers, and joined a weekly painting class in Bingley which was more of a social event than an educational activity. He enjoyed sending friends Christmas cards on which he painted local scenes and, with his wry sense of humour, gave me a personalised one of the infamous Millen(n)ium Stone. Douglas even went to classes at Beckfoot School to make metal gates for his driveway, each featuring a five-pointed star in the centre from his Blue Star link.

He will be much missed by family, fellow allotmenters, bee-keepers and artists, all of whom can tell endless tales of his adventures with them, as well as the fascinating stories he recounted himself.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA

“CHARADES” (a book, a play, a film)

Saturday 28th June – Eldwick Recreation Ground

Sponsored by Manningham Concrete

BEFORE THE DAY

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC – Fri. 20th June

with Andy's Magic Show

5.00pm - 6.00pm Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £1.00 3 - 7 year olds

Bring your teddy and a pencil

DISCO – Friday 20th June

7.00pm - 8.30pm Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £1.00 7 - 11 year olds

PET SHOW – Monday 23rd June

6.15pm Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entries from 5.45pm

Dogs and Small Pets 50p a class

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN – Fri. 27th June

7pm start From Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entries from 6pm or before the day

Forms available from P.O., School or Scout Hut

PET SHOW – MONDAY 23rd June 6.15pm

Classes

DOG SECTION

- 1 Prettiest Eyes
- 2 Waggiest Tail
- 3 Prettiest Bitch
- 4 Handsome Dog
- 5 Best Six Legs
- 6 Best Pup under 12 months
- 7 Best veteran over 9 years
- 8 Trophy (to be held for 1 year) - Best prize 1st prize winner from classes 1-7 inc.
- 9 Dog the Judge would most like to take home
- 10 Basic Dog Handling – all age

SMALL PET SECTION

- 1 Best Gerbil or Mouse
- 2 Best Hamster
- 3 Best baby Rabbit under 5 months
- 4 Best Guinea Pig, smooth coated
- 5 Best Guinea Pig, long coated
- 6 Best Buck Rabbit
- 7 Best Doe Rabbit
- 8 Any other Pet
- 9 Trophy (to be held for 1 year) - Best prize 1st prize winner from classes 1-inc.
- 10 Pet the Judge would like to take home.

ON THE DAY

Gala Day parade departs Gilstead

12.45pm Saturday 28th June

Gala Field Eldwick Recreation Ground

Decorated Floats

BBMF Spitfire Air Display sponsored by

J A Ward & Son Ltd.,

Entertainment from Jazz Band,

Bingley Grammar School Samba Band,

Dog & Duck Display, Looby Loo,

Local Birds of Prey, Majorettes

Eldwick Fell Race, Children's Races,

Grand Summer Raffle

Dance Display, Burnt Bangers & Afternoon Tea!

And lots more with stalls and games.

A Great day out for folks from Near and Far

raising funds for local charities and

organisations.

Over £2000 was distributed from the

proceeds of 2007 Gala Day.

Thank you for your support.

Eldwick & Gilstead Crime Round Up

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to report that crime levels remain low in the Eldwick and Gilstead area. However please remember to keep doors and windows locked at all times and car keys out of sight. Hanoi type burglaries where car keys and then cars are stolen is a crime we can prevent by hiding car keys. If your car keys are on view this makes your property more attractive to burglars as they can see what they are looking for.

We would like to ask all residents to be aware of recent reports of workmen in the area, who have been knocking on doors and telling people they require work doing to their properties, they are described as being very persuasive and will ask for money up front, after receiving the money the work has not been carried out. Please do not answer the door to anyone who you do not know, do not agree to let anyone canvassing for work take any money from you unless you are confident that you know who they are and which company they work for. If they are legitimate they will be happy to provide you with identification and will allow you to contact their company before agreeing anything. There have also been reports of males in a van asking people if they can take property from yards and gardens for scrap, on a couple of occasions they have been told they cannot take the items but when the occupants have gone out they find the property missing on their return. It is likely that the males are returning later and taking these items. Please report any suspicious males in the area if you are approached by them and take any registration numbers of vehicles used. This information will help with our enquiries. If you are asked about any items and then go out make sure these items are not left in your yard/garden and are stored out of sight so they cannot be taken later.

We have had a report of diesel theft from a parked vehicle in the area, please report any suspicious people around vehicles to us so that we can carry out enquiries. At this stage we are not aware of a trend developing for this type of crime but due to the increase in fuel prices we need to be aware that this has happened.

Your local number for reporting matters to the police is 0856 60 60 60 6 - non emergencies, or 999 for emergencies. The neighbourhood policing team website holds an up to date list of contacts for officers and an email address for any non urgent queries.

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Bob's Snippet

I went to the May Poll. No dancing and ribbons just people showing who made them cross.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our 25th Anniversary party was held on the 8th of April, over 50 members attended, Audrey Totty M.B.E. a founder member and several members from neighbouring branches were guests for the evening. The chairman also spoke of the contribution Norma Baker had given to the Eldwick branch, the first chair and over the years taking on several posts. Photographs bridging the last 25 years were displayed around the hall bringing back lots of memories. All enjoyed a very special meal and a big thank you was given to the Committee for their organisation.

The themed entertainment was 'Old Music Hall', many members dressed accordingly and glamorous hats and feather boas were at a premium. The singer Louise Hindle Barton was accompanied by pianist Margaret Woods, Louise sang a wide range of numbers from Marie Lloyd to Florrie Ford and encouraged members to join in. The gaiety of the old music hall songs filled the village hall. A very enjoyable evening and an Anniversary party we will all remember for a very long time.

The 7th of August is planned for our visit to Liverpool, European City of Culture 2008. A chance to revel in the passion of one of England's greatest cities. If you have not booked your seat contact Maureen Beckwith for details.

Next meeting June 10th. New programme of events to be published.

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

Rocks and sand and trees and water - welcome to Japan!

Trevor Naish told our society's April meeting that although he had devoted many years to creating his Japanese garden in Eastby, he was still adding new features. This is possible because the traditional design incorporates a series of different areas, each one concealed from the others, so that as the visitor progresses through, new vistas are constantly being revealed.

Trevor told us that the golden age of Japanese gardens occurred between 1333 and 1568 when groups of skilled craftsmen called senzui kawaramono (mountain, stream, and riverbed people) were responsible for creating a new style of garden, known as karesansui (dry mountain stream).

The ancient Japanese believed that a place surrounded by rocks was inhabited by gods and their gardens are designed to be tranquil places where their gods can be happy, at ease and bestow blessings upon the family. This form of garden, not seen in any other part of the world, was probably influenced by Chinese ink-painted landscapes of barren mountains and dry riverbeds.

Japanese garden designers try to follow three basic principles when composing scenes. These are reduced scale, symbolisation, and "borrowed views". The first refers to the miniaturisation of natural views of mountains and rivers and reuniting them in a confined area. Symbolisation involves abstraction, an example being the use of white sand to suggest the sea and groups of rocks to represent mountains or waterfalls. "Borrowed views" means using natural features that can be observed beyond the garden, such as trees, a mountain or the ocean, and making an integral part of the scenic composition, sometimes as a reflection in water within the garden.

A large, irregularly-shaped pond is essential in a Japanese garden, where it will mirror nearby features and create a pleasant sound with a waterfall or small fountain. An island made from large stones completes the picture and creates a scenic composition that mimics nature. This is all in contrast to the geometrically arranged trees and rocks of a Western-style garden.

No Japanese garden can be called complete if it lacks a tea house and tea garden complete with traditional elements such as stepping stones, stone lanterns, and clusters of trees. It was through the tea



WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, AGED FIVE, WINS TOP PRIZE AT SHOW

Top points scorer at the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's spring show was five-year old William Hall of Eldwick. William's edible necklace made from black and green grapes, and his pineapple and strawberry dragon, both came first in their respective classes. They combined to give him the top score and so he walked away with the coveted N W Raby cup for best in show. William told us that he only entered because his grandma persuaded him.

Winners in the Year Three poetry-writing classes from Eldwick School were (age seven): first - Isaac Jolaoso; second - Oscar Hasell; third - Sophie Krol; (age eight): first - Amy Jeffery; second - Rosie Tillotson; third - Sophie Thackray.

garden, which retained a highly natural appearance, that one approached the teahouse.

When Trevor Naish and his wife Marion designed their Japanese garden on a Yorkshire hillside, they made sure that this amenity was included. But here ends the similarity. In Japan, the preparations for the tea ceremony take around 40 minutes while visitors wait in the tea garden. At Eastby, Marion will switch on the kettle and make you a brew in no time at all.

This doesn't mean that the couple don't take their garden seriously. They have won the Garden of the Year competition and regularly open their's to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme to raise money for charity. Their fascinating slides showed us what they have achieved. A wonderful evening! **Mike Hitchen**

Just a few seats remain to be filled on our Sunday coach trip on 22 June to Levens Hall and Holehird Gardens, via a coffee stop at Whoop Hall, price £19.50. To reserve yours, contact Stan Varo on 569156. On Saturday 28 June everyone will be welcome to top up their borders at our plant stall at the Eldwick Gala.

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MAY
18th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evensong
25th 10.30am Holy Communion
JUNE
1st 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Praise
8th 10.30am Holy Communion
15th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
22nd 10.30am Holy Communion

GALA DAY The Church will be open so that floral displays can be enjoyed. The Church hall will also be open, providing a mother and baby feeding room, a space for toddler play and tea and cake from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. On the field there will be a toy stall run by the Methodists and St. Lawrence's. **MISSION PRIEST** Rev. Chris Lowe has been appointed to Bingley Team. She has been working as priest-in-charge at Thornton-in-Lonsdale and Burton-in-Lonsdale for the last five years, and it is hoped she will move to our parish in July or August.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP meets in the Church hall at 7.45pm. 19th June - supper outing. 17th July - Children's Society coffee evening and bring-and-buy.

WALKING GROUP's next outings leave the Church car park at 9.00am on 21st June, 19th July and 16th August. Details 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.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On Thursday 8th May the Eldwick and Gilstead Thursday Afternoon Club set off by coach from the Memorial hall. Their previously arranged destination was Yorkshire Lavender at Terrington, near York. The day was perfect and the scenery was spectacular. A talk had been arranged by the proprietor who gave us a history of the enterprise and the benefits of lavender. Some time was spent round the gardens and the on site tea room. Leaving the gardens we set off for New Earswick where a tea had been arranged at the Methodist Church, a very substantial tea indeed. So after a pleasant time there we set off for Eldwick. As we drew near to home again our chairman Peter Beckwith gave his characteristic vote of thanks as yet another fine day out came to a close.

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Rev Ruth Parry
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10.30am Mrs Judith Craven
JUNE
1st 10.30am Rev Ruth Parry
8th 10.30am Mrs Susan Greenhart
15th 9.15am Communion
Rev Ruth Parry
10.30am Rev Ruth Parry
22nd 9.30am Big Breakfast
10.30am Communion
Rev Ruth Parry
29th 10.30am Miss Diane Greenwood

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri 9am Friday Walk
3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion
4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST
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