

Bob's Snippet

I went to the Charade Gala as Lady Chatterley's Lover but she was not there.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our A.G.M. was held on the 13th of May. 54 members were present.

The Chairman gave her report on the past year, 84 members are now enrolled. She thanked the committee for their hard work. A special thank you to Norma Feather who is retiring as the speaker secretary after 20 years. The Chairman also spoke about some of the successful events that had taken place during the past year. The committee is standing for a further year and Sylvia Slater is happy to stand as Chairman for a further year.

A new constitution for the Eldwick and District Branch was proposed and seconded.

Entrance fee will now be £1, due to rising costs.

Founder Group meeting on the 12th of June at Robert Craven Memorial Hall, Bramhope.

Seats still available for the trip to Liverpool on the 6th of August.

Our speaker was Ian Hutchinson who provides a will writing service. He gave many reasons for writing a will because it means you have some control over how your money and possessions will be distributed. Inheritance tax planning to ensure people take careful planning on their estates. A legal last will and testament allows you to appoint someone [an executor] to sort out your estate when you die. More importantly it also enables you to say who will look after your children [their guardian] if you and your partner should both die. Some people think it is too complicated or too expensive, Ian says it is neither. If you die intestate your loved ones may lose control of what happens to your estate. Ian was very informative and gave many interesting scenarios.

Our next meeting will be on 8th of July.

New members always welcome.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society – May meeting

Steve Thorpe is a man who styles himself as "just a parent who started a school gardening group". Due to reorganization of the Bradford Parks department, he left to do his own thing, much against the given "wisdom" of his fellow "workers" to protect his pension, and set up the Haworth Primary school Gardening group in 2002.

If there was ever a case of acorns growing from great oaks the Horticultural Society heard about Steve from The Acorn Garden centre in Castlefields and he agreed to address us on Tuesday 20th May. We all agreed that we have never heard such an inspirational lecture of how the work of one man is rescuing Haworth from vandalism, raising it to be a self-respecting and happier community. Steve is no self-publicist but a practical gardener. With the considerable support of the school headmistress, Mrs Parkinson, he has done what he thought right. With hard work and persistence, he has passed his enthusiasm on to the children and given them a better understanding of what life can be about.

Initially, he asked the children how they wished to lay out their own school grounds and then helped them to landscape it. The previously barefaced plot on which the school stood is now festooned with flower beds and a delight to all who enter from teachers to parents and children. He showed the children how to make vegetable raised plots, to grow plants from seed and left them to get on with it in their own way. He has received support from the school in every way possible, not only to the benefit of the pupils but also the staff and the community. The children's produce is now included in the school menu so they can taste the results of their efforts. This coincided with the arrival of Jamie Oliver's drive for healthier eating but Steve also developed a programme that gave them the experience of giving to society and to win prizes. They now donate their produce to the local old people's home, give "thank you for keeping us healthy" packages to the Health centre, provide gardening teams twice a year to the police, fire and railway stations. They sell their produce at public events and shows, and in the past 4 years have raised £12,000 for organisations like the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The School has won the Yorkshire in Bloom Golden award over each of the past four years plus many more which has developed their own publicity regarding their efforts. As a result, Baroness Andrews, whilst being a special guest at the Yorkshire in Bloom presentation ceremony, and being

impressed with their work and achievements, invited a group including Mrs Parkinson, Steve, his son Joe (our projectionist for the evening) and six other children to the House of Lords for tea. GNER covered the rail fares, Prime Minister Tony Blair arranged for the children to visit Downing Street in the morning, and a tour of the Houses of Parliament followed.

Steve has rescued youngsters from a hobby of destruction, to re-building greenhouses they had destroyed, to growing plants and giving to the community, whilst at the same time re-building their own self-esteem destroyed by family breakdown. Similarly, older members of the community who had been made redundant have joined the gardening club to help the children. The children have also reintroduced gardening to older folks, often wheel-chair bound, hitherto sitting around at home. He now has eight schools under his guidance from villages to city suburbs. In accepting a challenge from the students to see how many bedding plants he could plant in one hour he achieved Guinness Book of Records status with 2021 plants. His Gillington students call him a "very honourable man".

The children's generosity to the community has resulted in one of the 32 supporting local companies building foundations free for a new poly-tunnel greenhouse. Hearing that Alan Titchmarsh was to open it, the poly-tunnel company upgraded the ordered economy model to a top of the range model at the same price. Alan had been asked to visit and launch their 2007 calendar in August 2006 but because he was unable to come, he and his wife came of their own volition in May 2007 to open it, and worked with the children to their great delight.

The name Thorpe has its roots in Denmark and Old English meaning Hamlet or Village. Steve Thorpe has brought life, beauty, care and health back into his village which is an example to the whole country. All this has been done on a self-financing basis. At the start of this project Bradford Council had been asked to get involved but the appeal fell on deaf ears. So much for empowering the people through local or central government. As a result this oak of a man is growing some very fine acorns.

The E&G Horticultural Society now steps outside for its summer programme. It includes a trip to Levens Hall and Holehird Gardens on 22nd June; we shall be at the Gala on June 28th to sell plants and promote our presence; we go to Gardens in Carleton on an evening trip courtesy of Mrs Wooler, and on August 30th we celebrate our 91st Autumn Show. Call 01274 551451 if you wish to join us.

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Dear Editor and Committee

Once again I find the Eldwick Newsletter issue 353 April, 2008 very interesting.

Thank you for sending it to us.

Having lived in 'Park House' when first married; but for forty minutes our second son Kevin would have been born there, just getting to Shipley for the last 15 minutes in a Nursing Home. 'Park House', 'Beck Kiln House' I never knew had that name, I remember well as a child. Cherry Barron was a school friend living in 'Park House' and I guess would have been maybe nine years of age when they emigrated I think to South Africa.

Cherry was a very pretty girl with a lovely complexion, brown hair in plaits, had a nice nature. I wonder if Cherry is still alive. Grapes grew in the conservatory when we played there as young girls.


Reading your story took me back many years.

Best Wishes
Maureen Royston

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

JUNE

22nd 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
29th 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Holy Communion
6.30p.m. Gala Service

JULY

6th 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. All Age Worship
13th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
20th 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Morning Worship

(a joint service at Eldwick Methodist Church)

6.30p.m. Evensong (a calm reflective service with lovely music – come along and try it)

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 scones from 1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. On the field there will be a toy tombola stall run by Eldwick Methodists and St. Lawrence's.

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

MEN'S GROUP meets on the last Thursday of each month. Details from Jonathan on 565482.

PRAYER GROUP meets in church fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00p.m. and aims to pray for the parish, the community and those who have requested prayer. Details from and prayer requests to Yvonne on 562304.

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

Join the Churches for a
FUN AFTERNOON
FOR ALL
THE FAMILY
on Sunday 6th July.
3pm
Games on the Rec
5pm Faith Supper
(bring a picnic to share)
6pm Lively praise evening at
St. Lawrence's for local
churches but anyone is
welcome. Modern, lively,
informal music provided by
live band.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE

15th 9.15a.m. Communion
Rev Ruth Parry
10.30a.m. Rev Ruth Parry

22nd 9.30a.m. Big Breakfast
10.30a.m. Communion
Rev Ruth Parry

29th 10.30a.m. Miss Diane Greenwood

JULY

6th 10.30a.m. Rev Ruth Parry
13th 10.30a.m. Mrs Audrey Sutcliffe
20th 9.15a.m. Communion
Rev Alistair Newton

10.30a.m. Mrs Judith Craven
Joint Service with St. Lawrences

27th 9.30a.m. Big Breakfast
10.30a.m. Communion
Rev Barbara Walls

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9a.m.

3rd Sun 9.15a.m. Holy Communion

4th Sun 9.30a.m. BIG BREAKFAST

Hand Bell Group – Alternate Tues

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

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THE BARRON POLLARD ESTATE

Following the recent internet link with descendants of the Barron family, originators of the brickworks in Heights Lane, additional information has now been discovered. The Newsletter article, together with ongoing appeals for interesting facts revealed in property deeds, has resulted in another batch of documents being added to the Eldwick archive. Thanks to the present owner of Park House in Eldwick, a century of detail concerning the Barron and Pollard families has come to light.

In 1836 one Richard Hartley of Bingley, bequeathed a property portfolio to trustees, one of whom was his nephew, Richard Tolson, solicitor. Land in Heights Lane and in Bailey Hills was included, together with rents from farms and properties. Richard Tolson's will of 1847 devised land to his sisters, Agnes and Ann, which enabled them to lay claim to the allotment of plots in the 1861 Enclosure of Gilstead Moor. The sisters, both spinsters, were awarded land west and east of Heights Lane, bordered to the south by Park Side and Otley Road. Some of the land to the west was added to the 10 acres allotted in the Award for Recreation, to enable the creation of the Prince of Wales Park in 1865.

Two years later the sisters sold land to the east of Heights Lane to Robert Pollard of Manningham, wool merchant, and he then had an estate of 9 acres around Brick Kiln House, later Park House. Initially, George Lane Fox of Bramham, as Lord of the Manor, retained mineral rights on the land as working stone quarries there were profitable. However in 1885 the rights were sold to Pollard, with more land to make his estate 14 acres.

In 1895 Robert Pollard died, leaving property to family as trustees. One of his daughters, Ada Lavinia, had married into the Barron family, linking together two wealthy dynasties. By 1928 only Ada and Dorothy Barron of Park House represented the family as trustees. Their portfolio comprised local farms, eleven cottages at Whetley Hill, Park House, land in Heights Lane, and all ten Brick Kiln Cottages adjacent to Park House.

Once Ada died in 1941, Dorothy, with Robert Barron, planned to dispose of the Eldwick land on Otley Road and Heights Lane, by building a housing estate with 44 plots. From Heights Lane, Robert Road would lead first to Barron Avenue, then to De Maine Drive. Both these would run north to link with Marian Crescent, all names linked to the two families. By this time the quarry north of the site was little used and the former Public Quarry of 1861, next to Moorland House off Otley Road, (today's Willow Tree Gardens), had an uncertain future.

Just as the Trustees of Eldwick Memorial Hall had plans thwarted by post-war building restrictions, presumably this housing estate scheme never became a reality.

Half a century later of course, the land was developed by others, from Landsmoor to Pengarth and beyond, but with a much different density and without access to Heights Lane.

So, what secrets do your deeds hold?

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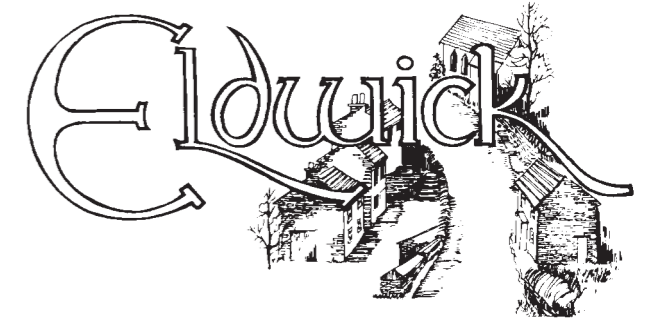
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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA

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GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE FOR THE GALA

- 1st Prize Mountain Bike - from HB Clark, Birches Supplier
- 2nd Prize Lunch for 2 plus a bottle of wine - Foundry Hill Bar
- 3rd Prize Luxury Rug - Melrose Textiles
- 4th Prize Lunch Voucher - The Acorn
- 5th Prize Special Gift - Nigel at Eldwick Post Office

BIRCHES GALA EVENING EVENT

KAY LEE -
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 8pm
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BIRCHES AGM

At the Annual General Meeting of the Eldwick Memorial Club, Birches, a very positive message was put over by the Chairman in his review of the year. Financially the bar had stood up well and almost matched last year's income, and he was pleased to announce that this year's income was already well up on this time last year. Certainly the Thursday night Quiz and the Wednesday Jazz sessions were proving a great success. He thanked a number of people who have been especially supportive over the year in making various events happen. A good working relationship had been forged with the Memorial Hall providing an excellent venue for many uses from weddings to funerals! It is hoped that the garden could be used more this year for barbecues, weather permitting! The

chairman went on to stress that the management team were still looking for diversification in the use of the building during the day, an application for funding has been made for IT equipment which could be used by many groups within the community.

JAZZ AT BIRCHES

We are pleased to announce that there will be Jazz in Birches every Wednesday night starting from 8.30. The group Blues by Five who will appeal to a more mature audience will play on Wednesday 18th June, 2nd and 16th July. The Robert Sudall Trio, who are less mature in age but exceedingly mature in their approach to music will play on Wednesday 25th June, 9th and 23rd July. Both of these bands are highly professional and rank some well known figures among them. Admission is free and all are welcome.

NIGEL & THE POST OFFICE

We are extremely fortunate in Eldwick to have a really good Post Office and shop run and owned by Nigel Horsfall. Nigel is a kingpin of our village community and we are lucky to have the services of such a valuable man. Many people go to his shop and Post Office every day for postal services, good quality food, bread, milk, wines, flowers and more. They appreciate visiting the shop regularly because of the warm welcome and cheery greeting they receive. However busy he is, however weary he gets, Nigel makes time to converse with his customers - old and young alike - discussing not only the Government's proposed Post Office closures situation but politics, friendships, romances and travel plans and he calls every person by their first names.

He is genuinely interested in his customers. Not only is he concerned when your telephone bill is too much money, or you have forgotten your purse (and you can pay later!) he makes sure you get the best rate of exchange for your currency and has lots more caring thoughts. He encourages you to think what you are doing. He goes out of his way, even though he is always busy, to advise people about many things.

On a personal note, he once saved me a special 50 pence piece because on the back was an emblem very dear to my heart. I still have it. He doesn't have to do all this for we people of Eldwick - but he does, and I write this in recognition of and thanks for his diligence, thoughtfulness and kindness.

Nigel keeps his shop open almost 14 hours a day, mostly, and I have often marvelled at his ability to sustain his cheery, positive attitude over such long periods of time and have been amazed at his skill in communicating with people. The elderly people in our community rely on the Post Office and shop. It is a focal point, a place to walk to, to meet people and pick up their daily needs. It is a vital source of communication for them and Nigel makes sure they have what they need.

In this present climate of Post Office closures, let's hope that Nigel and his Post Office and shop will not be lost to us. It's always a welcome sight at 7.30 each morning when the Yorkshire Post billboard goes out on the pavement and the trolley bearing the excellent choice of cut flowers and plants is trundled outside to light up the corner of Sheriff Lane and Otley Road. It's even better to see Nigel with his shirt sleeves rolled up and his welcoming smile standing there opening his shop. Long may it continue!

A GRATEFUL CUSTOMER

Poo, bag it and sling it!

Sadly a number of people do not clear up after their dogs, they feel it is acceptable to leave dog waste on the pavement and in the road. This is both antisocial and illegal and does make a statement about the owners of these dogs! Fortunately the majority of people bag it and take it home. However there are a number of people who bag it and then place it in the bag at the side of the road or on a wall or even more strangely, throw it into a tree! Has no one told these people that these bags are not biodegradable and will hang there in the tree like from unpleasant looking fruit.

PLANNING

08/02693/VOC Variation of condition 7 of planning application 04/01053/REM at 15A Glen Road.
 08/02825/OUT Demolition of bungalow and construction of 2 detached 2 storey dwellings and 1 detached single storey dwelling and resiting of garage at 10 West View and 1 Moorcroft.
 08/02772/FUL Conservatory to rear of dwelling at Fairbank, Pollard Avenue.
 08/02838/FUL Construction to extension to rear of property at Beck Cottage, The Green.
 08/02921/FUL First floor extension to rear at 26 Heaton Drive.

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