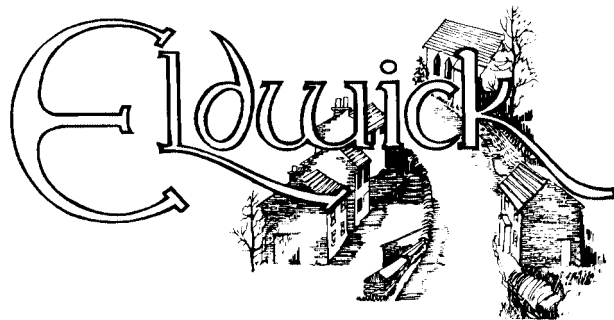


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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA

“LEGENDS” - Saturday 30th June

Eldwick Recreation Ground – Sponsored by Redrow

BEFORE THE DAY

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

with Andy's Magic Show

Friday 22nd June 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £1.00 3 - 7 year olds

Bring your teddy and a pencil

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Friday 22nd June 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £1.00 7 - 11 year olds

PET SHOW

MONDAY 25th June 6.15pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entries from 5.45pm

Dogs and Small Pets

50p a class

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 29th June 7pm start

From Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entries from 6pm or before

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

ON THE DAY

Gala Day parade departs Gilstead

12.45pm

Saturday 30th June

Gala Field Eldwick Recreation Ground

Decorated Floats

Entertainment from Jazz Band, Samba

Band, Spitfire Air Display, Dog & Duck

Display, Simply Circus, Looby Loo,

Eldwick Fell Race, Children's Races,

Dance Display, Burnt Bangers & Afternoon

Tea!

And lots more with stalls and games.

PET SHOW

MONDAY 25th 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 1-7 inc.
- 10 Pet the Judge would like to take home.

RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON AT ELDWICK GALA ON 30TH JUNE 2007

The Gala Committee is grateful to local businesses for providing excellent prizes you can win by buying raffle tickets from local shops and outlets in Eldwick, Gilstead and Bingley, or of course at the Gala Events.

Manningham Concrete – £100 voucher. 'Loafers' Restaurant – Meal for 2, bottle of wine

'Thai Smile' Restaurant – Two Course Meal for 2. 'The Acorn' – £20 Lunch Voucher.

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ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE A.G.M.

at The Memorial Hall on TUESDAY 29 MAY at 7.30p.m.

This is an Open Invitation for you to attend and become involved.

Last year we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the opening of our Village Hall and acknowledged the long and frustrating efforts of our previous generation during 14 years to realise this wonderful project's completion.

This is further underlined by the fact that this year's A.G.M. will be the 60th such meeting. When the Eldwick Memorial Hall Trust was set up, its Constitution set out the composition of a Management Committee. This was to include representatives from all ten then existing village organisations, (six of which exist today), ten members of the Eldwick Public and up to five more co-opted members. This enormous Committee had plenty of people from which the workload could be shared to run, maintain and promote the Hall, as well as organising

many social events.

Sixty years on, lifestyles and work patterns are radically different but the village still boasts an excellent community amenity. However, in recent years, meetings have been sparsely attended, trustees have come and gone, so meetings are only held quarterly and it falls to the three officers/trustees, together with the Booking Secretary and the Caretaker, to carry the workload once shared by many.

Regular use by many village organisations, new and old, family parties, charity and community events, prove the value and attraction of the Hall and ensure financial stability. Lottery grants, bequests and donations have made major refurbishments possible and thus the continual upgrading of facilities. Self-help continues, to keep costs down and to avoid unnecessary expenditure, whilst keeping

the Hall comfortable and attractive for users. Close liaison with 'Birches' has benefited both organisations where dual bookings have sourced valuable income.

As a facility for all age groups and all interests, our Village Hall remains both a Public Charitable Trust and an integral part of the Eldwick Community of which we can be proud.

Nevertheless, it would be highly rewarding and quite wonderful to share responsibility for this continuing amenity with more people, so that together we may see ways of both maintaining and adapting its provision, to the changing needs of our community today and in the future.

So please, take this as an invitation to come to our A.G.M., to become involved, and thus to keep Eldwick Memorial Hall as an essential and vital centre for the village for years to come.

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

Harewood comes to Eldwick

Last month we were fortunate to have Trevor Nicholson drive over from Harewood Gardens, where he is in charge, to tell us what it is like to be immersed in horticulture on a grand scale. He made it sound quite simple. Get to know your employers' interests and their likes and dislikes, then plan their gardens using that knowledge and the result is sure to please.

Trevor arrived at Harewood in 1994. The "big house" and grounds had already been transformed like so many others into a tourist attraction and a source of income to those aristos hard-pressed not only to pay death duties but simply to meet the day-to-day running costs of the magnificent properties they had inherited. Trevor was initially responsible for the Parterre Garden but in 1995 he was appointed head gardener and able to travel to Asia and beyond, courtesy of the Harewood Trust and the RHS, looking for plants to stock his 4800 acres.

While much of this expanse is either designated parkland or given over to estate farms, there are still to be considered the 32-acre lake, Lady Harewood's garden (formerly the West Terrace), the Dolphin Garden, the Rock Garden, the Himalayan Garden, the Children's Garden and the Parterre, with its 1.8 miles of box hedging. Including the top and the two sides, that amounts to nearly six miles of pruning.

After the golden age of gardening in the 1920s and 1930s the Harewood grounds were turned over to vegetable production in the war years and have since made a slow return to their former glories. Trevor's imaginative plantings include a

springtime sea of 9000 hyacinths in the Parterre Garden followed by 12000 heliotropes flowing over the diminutive hedges (Lady Harewood is not fond of yellow in that location). A little later in the year visitors can be amazed at a veritable ocean of lavender nearby. The Orpheus theme in the Archery Garden where there are statuesque conical yews - all hand-clipped - reflects Lady Harewood's love of music.

In the park many of the trees originally planted by Capability Brown survive from the 1770's and these, like all the trees on the estate, are inspected twice yearly and their crowns thinned and trimmed as required. The grass is never fertilized artificially but is cut to a special length to withstand up to 5000 cars being parked on it at weekends and aerated using 9-inch spikes. By now Trevor was running out of time and slides - but not information! He said there was so much more to tell if we would invite him back. I'm sure we will. M Hitchen

Spring Fair and Show

The Memorial Hall was a busy place on the last Saturday morning in April, with people eager to see what our Spring Fair had to offer. At 10p a stick, Allan Mirfield's rhubarb didn't stay long on the stall, and most of the perennial flowers, vegetable plants and annual bedding stock went pretty quickly too. Home-made cakes were snapped up and there was brisk turnover of paperback books, while bric-a-brac items were slower to leave the shelves and, who knows, some may well be seen again next year!

Over in the church Sunday school, children queued to book in their entries for the edible

necklace, fruit/vegetable animal and miniature garden classes in the show. Their artwork, poems and creative writing were already mounted on display boards around the room by the indefatigable Stanley Varo. Close by, Barbara Pullin and her willing team served tea/coffee and cakes to the visitors.

At 11.45 our society president John Pullin announced the winners. These were, in order 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended:

Edible Necklace, 5-8 years: Tegan Horsfall, Rebecca Marsh, Amy Jeffery, James Huntingdon; 9-13 years: Emily Brear.

Miniature Garden, 5-8 years: Tegan Horsfall, Phillippa Booth, Jonathan Sutcliffe, Matthew Sutcliffe.

9-13 years: Amy Corrin, Emily Brear, Joshua Marsh.

Fruit/Veg Animal, 5-8 years: Tegan Horsfall, James Huntingdon, Erica Lambert, Holly Cruise, Rebecca Marsh.

9-13 years: Joshua Marsh, Emily Brear.

The N W Raby Trophy for the child with most points in the open classes 1-6 was awarded to Tegan Horsfall.

Our next event is a day trip to Biddulph Grange and Stapeley Water Gardens in Staffordshire on 9 June, price £15.00 for members of the RHS, £10.00 for non-members. Still a few seats available if you contact Stan or Sheila Varo on 569156.



PLANNING

07/02923/FUL Alteration to shopfront to include installation of ATM and ramp regrading of pavement to form platform in front of ATM to enable disable use - 88-90 Otley Road.

07/03284/FUL Construction of sun room extension to side of property at Low Head Lane, Otley Road.

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Chernobyl Children's Lifeline - Host Families Required

The Bradford link of the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline require families to host a child from Belarus this summer. This is the country where 70% of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion in April 1986 settled. Each year thousands are born to go on to develop thyroid cancer, bone cancer and leukaemia. The charity enables with the help of the host family for children to visit the UK. This helps to build up their immune systems, and at the same time gives them a holiday of a lifetime. Many families that have previously hosted have found this to be a very rewarding experience, with many keeping in touch long term with the child and their families once they have returned home.

For further details on visit dates, ages, planned activities etc please contact Graham on 563184 (Eldwick)

Eldwick Primary School Health Week

11th - 15th June 2007



During the week beginning 11th June 2007 the whole school and its wider community will be taking part in a Health Week, the purpose of which is to improve knowledge and understanding of how to lead a healthy life and have fun!

A range of exciting and informative activities have been planned, including:

A SEATED EXERCISE CLASS FOR THE ELDERLY.

DATE	Wednesday 13th June 2007
TIME	1.30pm - 2.30pm
VENUE	Eldwick Primary school (Private Drama Room)
EQUIPMENT	Just yourselves and comfy clothing

Please ring the school office on 01274 568361 to book a place. Since places will be limited, they will be offered on a strictly first come first served basis.

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for May and June

MAY

13th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
20th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
27th	10.30am	Holy Communion

JUNE

3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
10th	10.30am	Holy Communion
17th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
24th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Children's Society

The table-top sale at St. Lawrence's on 21st April was well-attended and made £162. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Christian Aid Lunch

To be held in St. Lawrence's church hall on Saturday, 19th May from 12.00am to 2.00pm. Bread, cheese, homemade soup, tea or coffee. Tombola and bring-and-buy cake stall. Pay at the door - £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. All welcome.

Eldwick Gala Day we are joining with Eldwick Methodists to sponsor Puppets from Pudsey who will be giving two free shows for children (and adults) on the Gala field. Further details next month.

Homegroup meets every other Wednesday at 8.00pm. Details from Monique on 565482.

Men's Group meets on the last Thursday evening of each month. Details from Jonathan on 565482.

Prayer Group meets in church at 8.00pm on Sundays, 20th May, 3rd June and 17th June. The aim is to pray for St. Lawrence's parish, 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 (at £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.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

MAY

13th	10.30am	Mr Mervyn Flecknoe
20th	9.15am	Communion
		Rev Barbara Walls
	10.30am	Rev Barbara Walls
27th	10.30am	Communion
		Rev Barbara Walls

JUNE

3rd	10.30am	Mrs Susan Greenhart
10th	10.30am	Miss Diane Greenwood
17th	9.15am	Communion
		Rev George Brigham
	10.30am	Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith
24th	10.30am	Mr Donald Craig

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 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

At the Post Office some pensioners cannot remember their recent four digit PIN number but rapidly gave their 1940s seven digit armed services number.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At the meeting on the 10th of April 47 members and 2 guests attended.

Mike Bamford gave a talk of a recent holiday he had taken with his wife Dot to India. His enthusiasm showed by the way he spoke of the people, country and architecture. He took us on a tour by slides starting at Delhi, the capital of India since 1931. The mixture of monuments dating back to the 12th century and up to the 20th century results of Lutyens's planning. Following the river Ganges to Varansi, the holiest of holy places in India, a city very important for Hindu worship. They then travelled to Orchha where they saw functioning village life. Then on to Agra where the Taj Mahal the glory of Moghal life standing stupendous and its surface ever changing with the light. A delightful insight into India.

June 12th Founders Group Meeting. Entrance will be £1 and light snacks will be served. The speaker will be A. Plowright on a Yorkshire Journey. A competition "Yorkshire Life", entries will give an interpretation of life in Yorkshire. Entries to be approximately 24 inches by 24 inches.

From 21st September for two weeks at York Minster flowers will be arranged by members of the Y.C.A. All are welcome to visit.

**Found - Girls Bicycle
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Birches

Quiz every Thursday in the month (Supper provided).

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

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Thursday Afternoon Club

Eldwick and Gilstead Thursday Afternoon Club waited outside the Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th April for the coach that would take them to Esholt and to the cinema of Mercury Movie Makers.

Here they were entertained to a very varied selection of films which were most entertaining, there was also an interval and tea and biscuits were served. This was not the end of the outing for the next stop was Murgatroyds Fish Restaurant at Yeadon where the club enjoyed further refreshments. We also marked the 95th birthday of one of our members Mrs. W. Wilcock. A most enjoyable afternoon.



Birches AGM

The annual review of the Eldwick Memorial Club, Birches took place on Thursday 10th May. The meeting was well attended. The chairman reported that the last year had not been good financially but as the auditors pointed out this was typical of the whole trade. However, the chairman was pleased to point out that this year was already looking much better financially, with a good upturn in trade.

The chairman stated that the Trustees would like to see a change in management. A committee meeting once a month was not the way to manage a business with £100,000 turnover. An executive management group would now meet weekly and have the power to co-opt others from the rich pool of business talent that makes up the Birches membership. The way forward was to build a much stronger working partnership with the Memorial Hall. The combination of the Hall and the bar makes an excellent venue for a whole range of events from business meetings to weddings and funerals. Diversification was the key to success and the team were already looking at various ways to increase the use of both venues. This is a unique village amenity, which is the envy of many other communities. The chairman felt very positive about the future.

The Memorial Hall and Birches Garden

The hardlandscaping of the garden is almost complete. The traditional Yorkshire stone certainly compliments the building, this is thanks to local businessman Stuart Clark who not only provided this stone at cost price, he also worked on the project himself.

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

June 28 2007 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall Council engineers will be attending to talk about the new white lining in Otley Road. Please ask everyone in the Village who has comments to make to attend.

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Thanks Stuart! We are still seeking funding to finish the garden, to provide planters and seating to make this a truly attractive communal garden. If you would like to sponsor seating or planters we would not only recognise this in the Newsletter, we would be pleased to put plaques on the planters or seats honouring the donor. If you are interested in helping with this project and would like more details please telephone the editor on 01274 562643.

Birches are proud to present SCARLET HEIGHTS after the Gala on Saturday 30th June.

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