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WORLD TOUR BEGINS IN ELDWICK

Those of you old enough (or young enough) to remember the music of the mid-1970's may be familiar with the Bradford Group "Smokie". The band have now re-formed and are about to undertake a world tour starting next month in Germany. However, their search for a keyboard player has led them to Sheriff Lane in Eldwick, and to 21 year old Simon Chidsey.

Although Simon admits to being only 11 when "Smokie" were topping the charts, he is nevertheless delighted to be given the opportunity to help them update their image.

Editor's Note: Our Birches Club correspondent informs us that Simon has been provisionally booked for an evening of music at the Club on his return from globetrotting.

ELDWICK VILLAGE SOCIETY NEWS

NO!

ELDWICK BETRAYED

Bradford Planners have produced "extra proposals" to provide more building land in Lower Airedale. Central to these proposals is the designation of 49 acres (yes, 49 acres) between Warren Lane and Sheriff Lane, Eldwick, as "Land with a presumption against Development". Do not be confused. This jargon really means that the land will not become a housing site within the plan period – say the next 5 years, but that it will some day. 49 acres means at least 500 houses, maybe 750. JUST THINK WHAT THIS WILL DO TO ELDWICK. After the Wimpey public enquiry about the Warren Lane site, less than 12 months ago, the planners promised to include the site illustrated in

Flashback to December last year when the Village Society appealed to residents to send in their reasons for opposing the Lower Airedale Plan. Full report published next month.

VICTORY FOR ELDWICK

The latest (and hopefully last) chapter in the saga of the Lower Airedale Plan has just been received and we are delighted to be able to report some good news at last.

Last Novembers newsletter showed details of the proposed increase in the housing development off Warren Lane, and gave readers the opportunity to object to the Council Planning Department. Thanks to the great support of over 300 residents who sent in their complaints (the majority on the basis that community identity would be destroyed and that existing services would be overstretched) it would appear that the Council are prepared to see things our way.

Their report also mentions the considerable objection raised by Eldwick Village Society, who must also take credit for this latest decision. As the Council's report concludes: "It is believed that the original draft green belt allocation was correct and that this judgement has now been endorsed by an Inspector appointed by the Department of the Environment. We recommend that the original draft plan allocation be confirmed and this land become part of the green belt".

Unfortunately, we are unable to overturn the Planning Enquiry decision to develop the 11 acre field behind Stone Hill. We understand building will commence almost immediately.

Calling all Gilbert & Sullivan Fans

St. Lawrence's are the hosts when the Bingley Gilbert & Sullivan Society give a concert at St. Lawrence's Sunday School Hall on Friday 25th October at 7.30 p.m. No admission charge: but a retiring collection for Church funds.

DERRICK MALLINSON

NEDS DO IT AGAIN

From our drama correspondent

The Memorial Hall is about to be transformed . For a few adventurous days late in November gone will be the normal interior, newly decorated and refurbished, to be replaced by this year's pantomime.

Hickory Dickory Dock is full of spectacle, fun, music, laughter and again one huge cast.

No prizes of course for guessing that the plot is built around a grandfather clock and all that happens when it chimes the hour. It's giving away no secrets to say that from it comes ghosts and an imp, but, into it, go all the characters on their way to Never Never Land, Neptune's cave and a Fairy Glen.

The principals, chorus, tots as well as backstage and production staff have been hard at work since the summer devising assembling, ironing all those ingredients that last year proved such a huge success.

The property department however are having somewhat of a difficulty assembling a wardrobe of differing hats. They are looking for a varied selection of titfers: large, small bowler, top, flat, safety, mortar – any size, any shape as long as it's a hat. If you have an unusual one and wouldn't mind loaning it; Pamela Thomas on 566447 wouldn't mind knowing, but please make sure it's not a family heirloom!!!

We are sure you'll want to come and enjoy our show – Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 20–23 November 1985. Seats for Hickory Dickory Dock this year are bookable, a vast improvement on last year. Price £1.50 and £1.00, details are at the bottom of page 3. Please don't be disappointed as "hundreds" were last year, book early and enjoy this year's village extravaganza Hickory Dickory Dock!

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Who Needs Village Life ?

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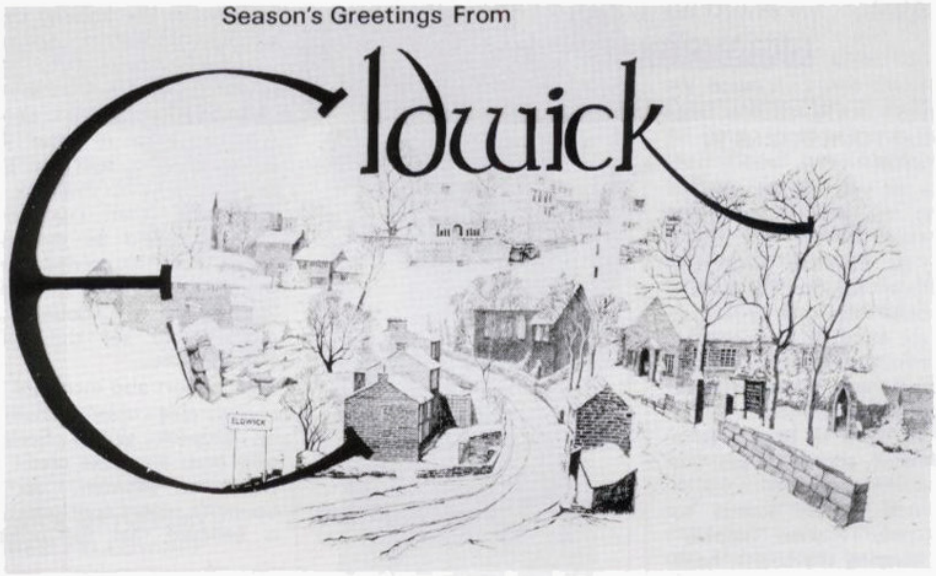
The last meeting of the Village Society, due to lack of those attending, was again inquorate. We ask the question "Do we want a Village Society?" The accusation that it has become complacent may be levelled. However we must consider the successes and the organisations that exist beneath the umbrella of the Village Society. A successful Youth Club, Football team, this Newsletter and, of course, a great involvement with the centre of the Village i.e. the Memorial Hall and Birches.

The Village Society operates for the good of Village life and does need new blood. If it has become complacent it needs new tasks to improve the quality of Village life for both young and old, be it arranging Discos, organising a Bonfire Night or planning some environmental project – whatever. Your ideas and help are important. The AGM is 26th November at 7.30 in the Sunday School and all are welcome.



Above is an exclusive preview of the 1985 Eldwick Christmas Card, specially designed by Tony Clegg. This card goes on sale at the Autumn Effort in the Memorial Hall on Saturday October 12th. After that, it is available at Birches Club, the Post Office and the Newsdesk. Price – Just £1.00 for 6.

This year the card is printed in two colours for the first time and demand is expected to be heavy. So don't put off buying your supply until December – you may be disappointed!

Bobs Snippet!

If you are worried about deep holes in the ground, write to Bradford Planning Office – at Jacobs Well.

EDITORIAL

THANK YOU VILLAGE SOCIETY

There will no doubt be many Eldwick residents breathing a sigh of relief when hearing that some of the land off Warren Lane is to be deemed "off limits" for building. As our lead article points out, the 320 individual complaints to the council from Eldwick residents did much to further our cause. But how many readers will have stopped to wonder who organised the protest by initiating the pre-printed 'Complaint' forms distributed with the Newsletter? Indeed, how many people know who is responsible for the publishing of this self-supporting newsletter?

Eldwick Village Society can take much of the credit for these achievements. Surely they deserve more support and commitment from local people, before the feeling of apathy starts to influence even the most enthusiastic of society members.

Telephone the Secretary (Alistair Coy 563654) to see how you can help, or come along to the Village Society A.G.M. on November 26th, 7.30p.m., Sunday School. PLEASE!

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THE ELDWICK GYMNASTIC CLUB

I would like to thank the Gala Committee for their donation of £40 which we are hoping to put towards a new mat.

Maureen Beaumont held an "Annie All-Sorts" party at her house and what a success that was! You had to queue to get in, and, once in, you couldn't get out! Once more she donated £18 made on that evening, to the Gym Club. Thanks a lot MB for the coffee and cakes also.

I am pleased to announce 3 new assistants to the G.C.:

Howard Leeming (Boys' Section)
Elizabeth Emmot (Girls' Section)
Elizabeth Kay (Both Sections)

We are very grateful. At the Autumn Fayre on Saturday 12th October we will be holding our usual Red, White & Blue Stall. All contributions thankfully received. Tickets on sale at the G.C.

I. WILLIAMS
Advanced Club Coach

PANTO SEATS-BOOK BEFORE YOU DRINK!

Seats for Hickory Dickory Dock can this year be **booked**, a vast improvement we feel. A seating plan will be in the Birches Club on Wed., Thurs., Fri. 30, 31 October, 1st November 1985 from 5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

After this tickets will be on sale from Mr & Mrs Hellowell at the Post Office, but then specific seats will **not** be bookable. Price £1.50 adults, £1.00 for senior citizens and children.

To book your seat just call in at the Birches Club on any of the above 3 nights in the early evening – you don't need to be a member, but if you've never been inside before you may enjoy a look around the place.

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Fifty members were present at our September meeting. The first of two films shown 'In Search of an English Garden' clearly illustrated the delights and pleasures of our large country gardens which are being opened for public viewing on an ever increasing scale. The second film 'American Rice Food for the World' made us aware of the modernisation and extension of this industry in America in recent years.

Our next meeting, on 15th. October, is the Pie and Pea Supper and film show for which a charge of 50p per person will be made.

Owing to a change in the dates for the Dramatic Society Pantomime in the Memorial Hall our Annual General Meeting plus films on Tuesday 19th. November commencing at 7.00 p.m. will be held in Eldwick First School, Otley Road. Our Secretary, Mr S. Harrison, indicated 12 months ago that this is to be his last year and we are looking for his successor. Nominations for this post and for any of the Society's Officials or Committee should be submitted to Mr Harrison, 8 Grange Road, Eldwick.

A. G. WEBB

ELSTEAD LADIES' CHOIR

The continued success of any organisation relies on sustained efforts to recruit new members. Whilst we have through our efforts welcomed new recruits, the wheel of fortune has not swung in our direction as yet. Unfortunately, because of illness and removals from the area, we have lost valuable members for, at least, the present session. Though disappointed with the enrolment, this does not in any way constitute a crisis. We still have a very sound choir. It has been suggested that there may be prospective members lurking in the background who are not prepared to pay fees to step into the unknown. If this dear lady applies to you why not come along and see what you are buying before you pay. If you like what you see and hear, stay with us and enjoy the friendly atmosphere which is a feature of our choir, and, remember, stepping into the 'unknown' sometimes can be a very rewarding experience!

We meet every Friday 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. at the First School, Otley Road, Eldwick. Fees, which are quite reasonable, include generous concessions to those over 60 and the unemployed. See you then?

C.W.

M.A.Y.C.

As school started and the Summer months ended, we opened our doors again for the Autumn session at Eldwick Methodist Youth Club, which I must say got off to a flying start!

On Sunday 15th September, the M.A.Y.C. West Yorkshire District Fund raiser was held at Haworth Road Methodist Church. With great enthusiasm the kids came to partake in a 'Fancy Dress Fun Run' ranging from an unlikely looking gang of 'St. Trinians' to 'Rambo'. After a long day the evening was rounded off with a disco. Despite blistered feet and aching limbs, we are proud to announce that Eldwick M.A.Y.C. was presented with the District Fund Raisers shield – a well earned surprise for us all – our first victory!

Let's hope this kind of effort can be kept up throughout the year's busy schedule. Anyone interested in finding out more – ring Brian Coleman on Bfd. 567357.

N.B. M.A.Y.C. stands for "Methodist Association of Youth Clubs". Photo shows some of our young people who took part.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

We were glad to share in evening worship on the occasion of our Harvest Festivals. As usual, both congregations will be together in the Memorial Hall on the morning of Remembrance Sunday – at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 10th November.

Members of either congregation are always welcome at the meeting for prayer and fellowship that takes place about every three weeks at the home of Chris and Margaret Terry (14 Pengarth). The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th October, starting at 8.30 p.m.

One other event to note takes place at Mornington Road Methodist Church at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd October. That's the Wednesday in One World Week – the week when Christians are asked to think and to help others to think about our response to the needs of the Third World. The evening is billed as Drama (including a share-out of food) to illustrate the problem of World Poverty.

RICHARD WALLACE
and RAY WOOD

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

In September the Gala Committee presented us with a cheque for £50 for the funds. We are most grateful for this, and we can assure them that it will be put to very good use.

On 17th October we will be having our A.G.M., again anyone is welcome to come to this.

DOROTHY MUGGLESTON

Jane Halliday and Kevin Campbell leaving Eldwick Methodist Church by pony and trap after their wedding on Saturday 28th September.

ELDWICK METHODIST LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

We are holding our Annual Ladies' Weekend on November 2nd and 3rd. This will start at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 2nd November with an Autumn Fayre to be opened by Mrs Grace Dunwell;

Soloist: Mrs Kathy Wetherall;
Chairman: Mrs Frances Wilcock
STALLS and BUFFET TEA.
Sunday 3rd November at 10.30 a.m. Morning Service,
Preacher: Mrs Dorothy Sharp,
Soloist: Dr Daphne Wallace.
Ladies Choir
Organist: Mr J.P. Reddihough.
EVERYONE WELCOME.

Our Fellowship meets on Wed. 16th October when we look forward to a Musical Afternoon with Mrs Dorothy Muggleston, Mrs Olive Nutter and Mrs Kath Hardy.

On Wed. October 30th our speaker will be Rev. H. Evans and our AGM will follow. Both meetings are at 2.30 p.m. and tea and biscuits will be served afterwards. All ladies welcome.

L. VOUSDEN

OUR CHAPEL

In Eldwick's chapel on Sabbath morn
There is a balm, a peace, a holy calm.
There is a mighty force of life and power;
The Holy Spirit's blessed dower.
The Preacher gives the Word
of goodness, truth and love;
The Word to heal and save
All those who come
Distressed, downcast, forlorn,
To Eldwick's chapel on Sabbath morn.

Little children bring
Their own fresh charm of innocence and grace,
And young and old together sing
Glad hymns of thankfulness and praise.
There is a warm and joyful atmosphere
And they who worship with hearts sincere
Go forth refreshed, renewed, reborn,
From Eldwick's chapel on Sabbath morn.

G. GOSTICK

AN APPEAL FOR CAUTION

On 1/10/85 my young cat – a real "character" and much-loved pet was killed outside my house. I was extremely upset and the driver was helpful and apologetic but said that "Tigger" hovered and then dashed across at the last minute. Unfortunately this is typical of cats as they do not have much road sense, but one expects them to be fairly safe in a quiet cul-de-sac, as opposed to a main road.

However, my concern *now* is for the *children,* and they tend not to have much road sense either, and I have neighbours with young boys. Also, at certain times of the school day our road and Otley Road are extremely busy with people in cars and on foot, ferrying their children to and from school. May I please appeal to *everyone* who drives down Lyndale Road to exercise *extreme caution* in this area. *The next victim could be a child.*

DAPHNE M. DOUGHTY
12 Lyndale Road

ELDWICK YCA

A meeting of the YCA was on Tuesday September 10th (presided over by Mrs Kath. Hardy assisted by Mrs Pat Harper (sec.) and Mrs Muriel Birch (treas.) when members were asked to give cakes for the stall at the Memorial effort which is on October 12th.

We had a lovely day at Chester on the 13th August ending with a trip to the Chester Workshop, where a beautiful tea was supplied for us.

The meeting ended with a demonstration by Mrs Lockey on "China Painting".

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