Eldwick

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HERE WE GO!!

STILL A MILE APART!

Gilstead is not coming any closer to Eldwick than it already is! At a recent meeting with Mr Terry Heuston of Wimpeys he confirmed that the name 'Gilstead Meadows' will not stay. On completion of the development the word 'Gilstead' will be *dropped* and the estate is likely to become simply 'The Meadows'.
Another success for the Village Society and 'thank you' Wimpeys!

DIGGING DEEP....

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE... You will find Membership Subscription Envelopes for Eldwick Village Society. Membership still costs a paltry 50p. per person, and, if nothing else, ensures a continued supply of this Newsletter.
Volunteer collectors will be calling a fortnight after the envelopes have been delivered – please support the Village Society!
(Why not come along to the next meeting in the Memorial Hall, and see what's going on in your village?)

DATES & EVENTS FOR GALA WEEK

In the build-up to the Gala on Saturday 28th June the following events are being arranged:–
Teddy Bears' Picnic for 5–7 year olds & their Teddies – Friday 20th June 5.00 p.m.–6.00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.
Junior Gala Disco for 7–13 year olds – Friday 20th June 7.00–9.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.
New event this year – **"A Gala Evening of Theatre & Song"** featuring the New Eldwick Dramatic Society, the Gilstead Middle School Choir, the Elstead Ladies' Choir, and the Eldwick & Gilstead Male Voice Choir – 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 22nd June.
Pet Show – Tuesday 24th June 6.30 p.m. in and around the Memorial Hall. For all family pets except cats please!
Football Match – Eldwick v. Gilstead – Thursday 26th June 7.15 p.m. at Gilstead Recreation Ground – followed by Trophy presentation and Pie & Peas at the Glen Hotel Gilstead. Something for all the family plus, of course on Gala Day, the Procession led, this year, by the Harrogate Brass Band, incorporating Fancy Dress Competition and Best Float Award, Crowning Ceremony, Children's Races, Punch & Judy, Train Rides, Pony Rides, Tombola, Afternoon Teas etc., plus a Variety of Stalls and Sideshows, Zippo the Clown and the Blue Eagles Parachute Team. See you there!!!
Enquiries regarding Procession to Brian 569307 or Duncan 569663; Stalls etc. to the Secretary 566758.
Don't forget, the festivities continue in the Evening with a **Disco and Barbecue** *inside/outside the Memorial Hall! Tickets available from Birches Club or any Gala Association committee member.*

Forget the all-Merseyside Cup Final and the World Cup – Eldwick held its very own Crunch Match on Wednesday 30th April when the 'Gentlemen of Eldwick' team challenged the Ferrands Arms to a match in aid of the Ormondroyd Memorial appeal (see page 3). Our photograph shows the victorious Eldwick Squad, who ran out Winners 6–4 (if you think they look an unruly mob here, you should have seen them **after** the match!!)

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WHETBY?

Gilstead Middle School

"And the rain it raineth every day." Shakespeare was obviously on the first year visit to Whitby when he wrote his immortal lines, but, despite the atrocious weather, the week was a great success. Activities included visits to the lifeboat and coastguard stations, fossil hunting on the beach and a "ghost walk" given by a local historian at the dead of night!

Nothing supernatural about the 6-a-side football team's achievements over the last 6 months however. In October last year they won the Bradford Section of the Smith's Crisps 6-a-side competition, going on to win the West Yorkshire Section. From there they were the West Yorks representatives in the North Eastern Counties section, the winners of which would play at Wembley during the Schoolboy International against Italy in May. They reached the finals and were leading until the final two minutes, when Leicester equalised. Despite pressing hard for another goal the score remained a draw and had to be decided on corners – thus allowing Leicester to win and so snatching from Mr Leigh's grasp the chance to lead a Gilstead Middle School team on to the hallowed Wembley turf! So near and yet so far!

Our heartiest congratulations to all concerned for doing so well in a national competition!

Congratulations, too, to Mark Humphreys who was selected for the Bradford Schools U.13 Cricket Team, and who was top scorer in a match against Manchester!

Another win last week for Mr Whittaker's Basketball Team against Waverley Middle School.

Many thanks to the Choir and Band who gave a super Concert in Riddlesden on May 9th as part of the United Reform Church's "Youth Weekend".

J.M.D.

Our trip down memory lane this month takes us to Eldwick Primary School in 1950. Many thanks to Mrs Muriel Birch for the loan of this photograph. We would be delighted to receive any 'archive' material for publication – rest assured it will be properly looked after and returned.

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

On Sunday 4th May the Bingley Round Table 101 members, entertained our members and other Senior Citizens in the district, to a tea and entertainment in the Arts Centre. This was much appreciated by our members, especially as transport was also provided.

Arrangements are now well in hand for our Annual Day's outing in July, this year to Llandudno. We hope for a sunny day!!!

30 members and friends are off for a week's holiday in June to Scotland, arranged by our Vice-President Mr D. Harkiss. We wish them a happy holiday, and good weather!

Dorothy Muggleston

UNIQUE

BIRCHES CLUB A.G.M. APRIL '86

Eldwick's "Birches Club" is absolutely unique, according to its secretary, Mr Tony Clegg, speaking at the Club's Annual General Meeting on April 30th. "Birches" is owned by its Members – that is, the villagers of Eldwick and it is now up to its members to ensure continued success, said Mr Clegg.

The well-attended meeting was opened by retiring President, Mrs Muriel Birch. She expressed thanks to all those involved in the running of the Club over the last year. Although this had been enormously successful in social terms, it still needs a lot of hardwork if the club is to realise its full potential. Special thanks were made to Tony Clegg, David Wildman, the ladies behind the catering for various social events, and the club's Steward, Gerry Reid.

"Birches" has made great strides this year, especially in fund-raising, largely thanks to a monthly "100-Club" draw, and weekly raffles run by committee members. It is very encouraging, if a little frustrating, to know that the Club is only falling a very short distance away from being highly profitable. The last year has been one of starting-up and ticking over. This next year will, hopefully, see the Club move into first gear, under the guidance of the newly-elected committee. Those elected were:– Mr David Bottomley, Mr Tony Clegg, Mrs Margaret Cummins, Mr Steve Cummins, Mr Richard Kellett, Mrs Marlene Richardson, Mr Nigel Risby, Mr Bob Slater, Mr Peter Waites and Mrs Joy Wildman.

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BIRCHES DIARY

Thursday June 5th
Horse Race Night 9.00
Tuesday June 17th
Bingo & Presidents Raffle 9.00
Saturday June 28th
Gala Bar-B-Q & Disco
Saturday July 5th
Car Treasure Hunt 6.00
Saturday July 19th
French Evening 8.30
Monday July 28th
Darts Contest 8.00

ORMONDROYD MEMORIAL APPEAL

Shown below is the proposed siting for the 2 seats dedicated to the memory of the Ormondroyd twins Richard & Robert whose family was so tragically hit by the Bradford City Fire twelve months ago. Special thanks go to all those who have contributed toward the fund raising efforts. This garden is to be built outside the Memorial Hall, and work is to start this summer. A further seat dedicated to the memory of their father, Charles, is to be sited in the grounds of St. Lawrences Church.

MEMORIAL HALL AGM

At the recent A.G.M. our Treasurer, Charles Rasche, indicated that he was leaving the area and would be resigning at the end of May. Mr Rasche has been Chairman for 5 years and has steered the Hall's finances through a period of heavy expenditure with skill and flair. We wish him well with his house move and are very sorry to see him go.

The Hall now urgently needs a new Treasurer. Anyone interested can contact Mr Rasche Brad. 569368 or our Chairman Brad. 569838.

In his Report the Chairman was very pleased to note that vandalism has almost ceased due probably to visitors to the Memorial Club. Very little repairs and renovations remain to be completed though Hall Finances were depleted drastically during the year. New tables had been purchased together with new crockery and cutlery. The Annual Autumn Effort had raised the net sum of £556, and the Chairman thanked all those people who had been involved in the Event.

Officers elected were:—
Chairman: Bill Brier, 569838
Secretary: Derek Gibson 565257
Treasurer: Charles Rasche 569368
Booking Secretary: Jeanne Edwards 565114

Future meetings will be held on First Thursday of every other month at 8.00 p.m. commencing July 1986.

YOUTH CLUB

Our Register now shows that over 100 different children have attended since we re-opened in September 1985. The average weekly attendance over the last months has been 50 per session. This shows that our 3 applications to the Local Authority for a purpose-built Youth Club in Eldwick, which all failed, were well founded.

Our last disco, prior to closing for the Summer break, will be held at the Memorial Hall on Friday 23 May for ages 7—13 years.

GALA NIGHT
BAR-B-Q & DISCO

SATURDAY 28th JUNE
8.00 p.m. to 12 midnight
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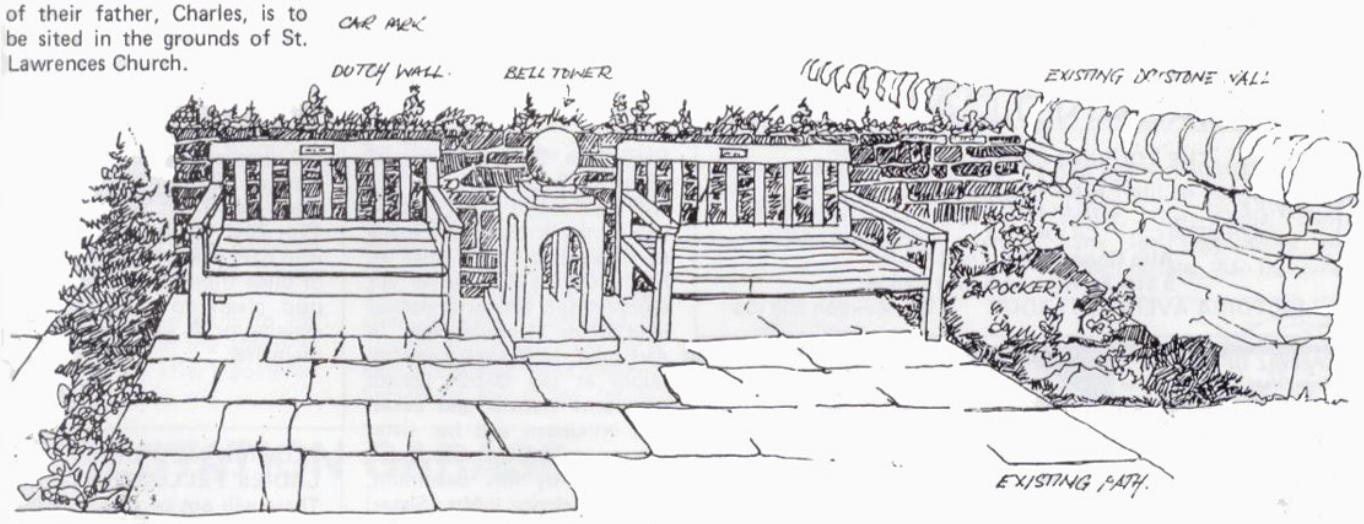

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CHURCH NEWS

A number of well-wishers from Eldwick were present at All Saints', Keighley on the 22nd April when the Rev. Peter Brindle was instituted as Vicar of that parish. It was a moving and joyful occasion and it was good to see the whole Brindle family given such a warm welcome. Here in our area an appointment has been made for Morton and Crossflatts, and the Rev. Alan Brown will begin his ministry there in September.

As last year, some of those who took part in the Joint Lent Groups were keen to spend more time together. A Joint Bible Study was started, meeting every three weeks. The final two meetings will be at 7.30 on Tuesday 10th June (at the Methodist Sunday School Hall) and at 7.30 on Tuesday 1st July (at St Lawrence's Sunday School Hall). Further meetings for Prayer and Fellowship (8.30 to 10.00 p.m.) are arranged at 14 Pengarth, the home of Chris and Margaret Terry, for two Fridays in June – 6th and 27th.

Don't build your hopes for fitting Gala weather on the timing of that last meeting . . . . What is guaranteed is that members of the churches of Eldwick and Gilstead, will be together at a Joint Churches Stall on Gala Day. We look forward to seeing you there. We are glad of your support on these occasions; glad when you are with us at worship; and glad when you can suggest ways in which we and our members can be of service within our community.

RICHARD WALLACE
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ELDWICK JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Another season has ended. Although no trophies have been won, improvements have been seen in all the teams' performances.

The Under 12's have finished mid-table in the Bradford Youth League and only lost 3–2 in the semi-final of the Craven Under 12's KO Cup.

The Under 14's competed in the Craven Under 14 League and, after a poor start, completed their season by winning 6 fixtures and also getting to the Craven Under 14's Cup Semi-final.

The Under 15's this year competed in the Craven League Under 16's section. By finishing mid-table it augers well for next season when they will be playing against lads of the same age. Four players from this team were selected for the League Representative Side who played a touring team from Hamm, Germany.

My thanks are due to the respective team managers: Gary Cope, Gordon Burke and Frank Flanagan.

Off the field of play, I would like to thank those who made donations and helped when we held a Coffee Morning for our Ormondroyd Memorial Appeal held at the Memorial Hall. In particular, to Mrs Ward and her pupils at the Middle School who sent biscuits and cakes; Mrs Wilkinson and her sister for serving coffee and biscuits; stalls run by Mrs Beaumont, Mrs Doughty, Mrs Slater; G. Thompson G. Broughton and Mr and Mrs Gaunt of Wilsden who demonstrated a P.T. bouncer.

The result of the April Draw:–
£10 J. Broughton
£5 G. Thompson
£5 M. Steele.

As another season draws to a close, this seems the best time to ask villagers for their support for their local football teams for NEXT season.

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

More than 60 Members were present at our Meeting on 15th April when we had an evening of films. We were shown the delights and recreation facilities in and around the South East Coast resort of Eastbourne, the skills and precisions required in the designing and making of Royal Doulton figurines and an interesting Public Relations exercise by Sainsbury's Stores.

Our Annual Spring Fair, held on Saturday morning 26th April in the Memorial Hall, was very well supported by members and friends. Our grateful thanks and appreciation are due to all who assisted on the day, to those who provided items for the various stalls and to everyone who purchased plants etc. The Society's funds will benefit by approximately £140.

The last meeting of the Spring Session will be at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 20th May commencing at 7.30 p.m. when there will be a film show.

We are hoping for good weather for our evening visits to Harewood Gardens on the evenings of Thursdays 29th May and 12th June and for our full day outing to the International Garden Festival at Stoke on Trent on Saturday 12th July. Would any members who have elected to go on any of these trips but have not yet paid, please do so at our next meeting or as soon as possible thereafter.

A. G. Webb

ELDWICK METHODIST LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

There will **not** be a meeting on May 28th, but we are looking forward to an interesting and helpful talk from Mr Gostick on Wed. June 11th at 2.30 p.m. Tea and biscuits will be served, as usual, and all ladies will be welcome.

Our final meeting of this session will be at the home of Mr and Mrs Crabtree on Wed. June 25th, with Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy Stall, from 2.00 to 4.30 p.m. Proceeds for Women's Work, World Mission.

L. Vousden