

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN ELDWICK!



GALA LATEST

Charlotte Leeming of Look North will be the main celebrity attending the Gala this year.

GALA PET SHOW MONDAY 23RD JUNE

Entries to be taken from 5.45pm
Judging from 6.15pm Entries 50p per class.

SCOUT AND GUIDE FUN RUN FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

2 runs 1.5 miles and 3 miles Start 7pm from the Memorial Hall. Entry forms are available from the Post Office and School. Burnt Bangers will be available from 6pm.

GALA DAY SATURDAY 28TH JUNE.

Procession leaves Barnaby Rd at 12.45 reaches the rec' at 1.15 and the opening is at 1.30pm The BBMF Spitfire is booked for 3pm. There is the Eldwick Fell Race, Entertainment, parade, stalls and games, arena entertainment from Mr. Dan Circus Skills - including fantastic fire display, Tailwagger Display Team, and course there will also be "Burnt Bangers" and the New Orleans Phoenix Jazz Band. In fact, something for all the family. With thanks to our 2014 Gala sponsors - Hunters Estate Agents.

PLANTING OF THE MILLENNIUM STONE

We would like to thank Sally Robinson of Lighthouse Garden and Design for planting up the Millennium stone on Otley Road. We would also like to thank all those other organisations and individuals who have tended it up to now. The planting was funded by the Village Society.

Lighthouse Garden and Design can be contacted on 01274 596869 or 07964 934676.

MEMORIAL HALL PLANTERS

Michele Smithson of Flowers by Eldwick Post Office has made some striking floral displays in the



Memorial Hall planters, enhancing the newly refurbished Hall which is just getting the final touches.

Flowers at Eldwick Post Office will provide flowers for all occasions including weddings, farewells, special days or just for you.

Michele can be contacted on 01274 563750 or 07584 221502.

ELDWICK BEER AND BANGER FESTIVAL

15th 16th August.

Tickets will soon be available from Eldwick Post Office and Birches.

If you still wish to sponsor this event contact us at

eldwicknews@yahoo.co.uk.

ELDWICK VILLAGE SOCIETY WEBSITE

As some of you will be aware we have been experiencing some technical difficulties. The web site has now been redesigned and will soon be up and running.

Friends of Prince of Wales Park volunteers working every Wednesday and Saturday from 9am. We'd love you to join in!

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Jacqui Iddon Dagnall amuses capacity audience in Memorial Hall

For her third appearance in Eldwick, the ever-irrepressible Jacqui arrived bearing many plants, random leaves and twigs plus lots of information about her nursery garden at Bretherton, Lancashire and the delightful events she and her sculptor husband organise there.

Her theme for the evening was An Inspirational Gardener and on this occasion she produced for our delight three different and inspiring arrangements of seasonal flowers, foliage and plants whilst causing much laughter at her endless supply of amusing anecdotes about her gardening life. This appears to involve an ongoing battle with the slugs, snails, rabbits and other invaders out to destroy her wonderful gardens near Preston. As usual, she proffered a selection of proven deterrents, only just failing to call in the military with weapons of mass destruction.

We sat entranced and encouraged by her enthusiasm and many of the audience later sought advice on a



Our President and Treasurer put the finishing touches to the society's stand at last year's gala.

variety of problems. Not least among them were dealing with woody plants and pruning, the best way to annihilate the aforementioned snails and slugs and the merits of various types of compost. Jacqui had us all laughing a lot, while we also learned a lot and went home with some of her beautiful plants and big smiles on our faces.

After that fitting start to the summer break, your next chance to meet us will be on the E&GHS stand at the Eldwick Gala on Saturday 28 June, when we will be selling plants, running a prize raffle and hopefully signing up new members.

Jane Hitchen

Refurbishment of the Memorial Hall

The refurbishment of the Memorial Hall is virtually complete. The roof has been repaired, new tables and chairs have been purchased. New storage areas have been created making "setting up" a lot easier. The decoration has been completed by Peter Marriott and new curtains purchased. A new "hatch" has been fitted in the kitchen.

The Hall hosts a whole range of organisations from West Riding Woodturners to the Soroptimists. The Hall has been used for funerals, discos, weddings, christenings and many other social functions.

The Hall can be used in conjunction with Birches Freehouse when the internal doors are opened, adding this superb lounge bar facility to the Hall.

The Hall can be booked by telephoning Sylvia Slater on 563081.

PRINCE OF WALES PARK

Thank you to all the volunteers who are giving up their time to bring the park back to its former glory.

M.A. CAPENERHURST

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 12th July sees the return of The Eldwick Church Annual Car Boot Sale. This takes place in the car park and Church Hall of The Eldwick Church, Otley Rd, Eldwick BD16 3EQ. There is an indoor Table Top sale, and outside Car Boot Sale. Sellers need to arrive between 8am and 9am, with Buyers getting free admission from 9am to 1pm. Refreshments, including bacon butties available. Sellers pay £7 if booked in advance, or £9 on the day. Please call to book, even if paying on the day. Contact Chris on 01274 560539 to book in cars, or to book a table - which is provided.

VILLAGE SOCIETY WEBSITE

Readers may have noted that the Village Society website has not been working recently. We are having the website redesigned and it should be "up and running" in the near future. We hope that other organisations may link to this site. We will also be able to offer all current and back copies of the Newsletter. More details soon.



Eldwick Beer & Banger Festival

Fri 15th August - 5pm - 11pm
Sat 16th August - 2pm - 11pm

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Tuesday 13th May was our AGM. After a welcome to everyone by Chairman Pauline Bowen, flowers were presented to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer by Barbara Douglas who thanked them for their hard work during the year.

Minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read; followed by the Chairman's Report given by Pauline Bowen who ended her report thanking: Barbara Douglas for her flower visits, Pam Vinnicombe for her super reports, Beverley and Linda for the splendid range of speakers and finally to the Committee and the Members for their support throughout the year.

The proceedings were then handed over to the Convener, Monica Walton. The Committee agreed to stand for the following year apart from Margaret Newman (Treasurer) who has resigned temporarily. We had a new 'volunteer' Committee Member's name put forward: Pauline Clayton, who was duly voted on to the Committee. Pauline Bowen was re-elected as Chairman for a second term. The AGM concluded; the evening continued with the usual monthly meeting.

Barbara Douglas (flowers) is in the process of leaving the district, she will be sorely missed. The baton has been handed over to Kathleen McGuinness. Anyone knowing if a Member is ill and would like a visit please contact Kathleen (her number is on the Member's subscription card).

The speaker for the evening Dr John Rhodes was introduced. His talk was on Mercy Ships. This is an International Global Charity which funds hospital ships and is run by volunteers from all over the world. The Africa Mercy ship mainly visits West Africa which is one of the poorest regions.

They sometimes have as many as 7000 people queueing for treatment. It was a very thought provoking talk and made us aware just how fortunate we are having the NHS in this country.

Norma Feather gave a vote of thanks for his talk.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 8th July 7.30pm @ Eldwick Memorial Hall. Speaker - Linda Jaasma: Staying Healthy and Active with Aloe Vera.

✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 14th June 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Saturday 12th July 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Messy Church is a worshipping community of all ages, it is for all the family. It will be held in the church hall and the church. There will be craft activities as you arrive in the church hall, stories from the Bible, songs and prayers in the church – rounding off with sharing a simple meal together in the church hall. This is an event for all the family – whatever your age, why not come and join in the fun!

HAPPY HOUR FUN SIZE CHURCH for young families – All welcome

Wed. 25th June from 09.15 am – 10.15 am
Wed. 23rd July from 09.15 am – 10.15 am

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 25th June from 12.00 noon – 6.00 pm
Wed. 23rd July from 12.00 noon – 6.00 pm

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

19th June 7.30 pm Coffee evening proceeds to Action for Children.
17th July Supper Outing.

SERVICES:

1st June
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Crompton.
10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Betty Pedley

8th June
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Hodgson & Rev Gordon Dey

15th June
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Betty Pedley.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev. Dr. Neville Richardson.

6.30pm Evensong
22nd June
09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

29th June
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach Group & Bradford Street Angels.

6th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Dr. Neville Richardson.
10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev. Helen Hodgson.

13th July

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Hodgson & Rev Varty

20th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Alan Brown.

27th July

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.30 – 11.15 Livewires,
Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers / Probus,
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
18.00 – 20.00 Weight Watchers
Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes
Friday - 19.00 – 21.00 Elstead Ladies Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Sunday in the month Youth Club 7.00 – 9.00 pm
1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps
3rd Saturday in the month Saturday Strollers
3rd Thursday in the month Ladies Fellowship
4th Wednesday in the month Happy Hour
4th Wednesday in the month Pause to Pray
Mid Saturday Messy Church

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THE ELDWICK GALA SAGA

The introduction of a village gala for Eldwick in 1942 came when the nation was at war and that first event was to have a significant outcome for the village's community life.

Press reports about the first gala were preceded by the deaths of local servicemen and news that Sgt.L.Philips of the Eldwick & Gilstead platoon of the Home Guard had received injuries during training manoeuvres. A resident of Sheriff Lane and manager of the Eldwick Co-op in Otley Road, Sgt Philips recovered from the accident involving a flash bomb.

At the beginning of August in 1942, the Eldwick Gala was advertised for the first time. Organised by the Ladies Knitting Circle of the Eldwick & Gilstead Home Comforts Fund, the gala was for the benefit of the Bingley Cottage Hospital in Fernbank. A varied programme of entertainment was to include a concert in the church schoolroom, a whist drive and children's sports. Open Air Dancing was to take place on the lawn of Meadowcote in Otley Road across from today's Memorial Hall, with a significantly large garden before later redevelopment.

The ladies of the knitting circle had a stall on the lawn and supplied refreshments. Also on the programme was a Ladies v Gentlemen Cricket Match and a Fancy Dress Parade.

The event was a success despite the day being somewhat marred by rain. Early in 1943 the Gala Committee organised a Variety Show in the church hut as it was then called. It was to be 'no ordinary village concert, but a well organised effort of local talent, supported by artistes from the surrounding districts.' Chairman Alec Birch said the show was designed to keep the Eldwick Gala Project alive during the winter months and it would provide entertainment for local people when the wartime situation made transport and travelling difficult. Notably, he added it was a pity the church

hut had such limited accommodation and the need for a Public Hall in Eldwick was never more apparent. The Concert Programme was vocal, instrumental and dramatic, with the Eldwick Dramatic Society performing two 1 act comedies.

Following this one-off appearance the Dramatic Society was formally founded, complete with stage manager, producer and coach, and even a wardrobe mistress. Remember, this was all for productions in Eldwick's somewhat miniscule theatre Moses Mellor of Baildon was voted M.C. for future events since, 'his presence is as fine a tonic as the breezes over Rombalds Moor and Hope Hill.' The Society was to raise funds for the galas and their first major production of three short plays was reviewed as 'by an already fine, lusty infant, gives evidence of the shape of things to come in the future. This was a grand little show, to encourage all to go forward with even more ambitious efforts in future.'

The second Gala followed the 'Wings For Victory Week', when Eldwick had exceeded its £3000 target through many events being held to encourage major investments with the Eldwick Savings Group. In that Gala the special attraction was the Children's Pony Show and Gymkhana, open to residents within a 6 mile radius of Bingley. Various classes were on the schedule, with prizes of 30, 20 and 10 shillings. As before there would be sports, with a Tug of War versus the Home Guard, followed by a concert in the evening by locals. The dancing on the lawn at Meadowcote was from 8.15 to 10.15pm, then from 10.30pm to 11.45pm in the Schoolroom.

Later that year of 1943 post-war plans were announced by the government for satellite towns and Mr. Dawson of Eldwick

Grange in Sheriff Lane said 'the prospect of an Eldwick Town Hall should be assured. Eldwick could govern itself but first there was a crying need for a Public Hall, not a Town Hall. The recent expansion of activities in Eldwick reflected great credit on all concerned and thus they would get what they badly needed - a village institute'.

It was known that the Carnegie Trust actually subscribed to the building of village institutes, contingent upon local contributions being made. The Gala Committee and the Eldwick Dramatic Society had already demonstrated their ability to entertain and it was said that such enthusiasm should help to achieve a larger village hall to be built.

Such local news was second only to sad news from the ongoing conflict of the war. In November of 1943 an announcement was made of a local making the ultimate sacrifice. Flying Officer Kenneth Chapman, aged only 24, of Lingfield in Glen Road had been killed in action. He had served initially in the Royal Artillery, then was transferred to the R.A.F. gaining his wings during training in Canada. His funeral service was at St. Lawrence's, attended by officers and the N.C.O.'s of his squadron.

The Gala of 1944 had a parade led by the Canal Ironworks Brass Band, with all the usual events. That Gala was judged second to none. When the first Gala was held, the nation was in a gloomy atmosphere but 'present news from the battlefield made even the pessimistic more cheerful.' The new innovation that year was the Cross Country Run, which started from the Rec, across the fields to Dick Hudson's, then back, with no restrictions on the choice of a return route.

So the Eldwick & Gilstead Gala of today was born in tumultuous times to bring happiness.

Today, especially with the 70th anniversary of D Day, we can reflect on just how important the origin of the Gala was.

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