

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## THE ELDWICK CHURCH



It is now almost 4 years since the Methodists and Anglicans came together as a Local Ecumenical Partnership in Eldwick and we are now settled into our new life together as The Eldwick Church.

For a while now we have been acutely aware that our existing Church property is adversely affecting both the way we want to worship and the way in which we want to engage with the village community through our Mission and Outreach programme.

We have therefore been considering how best to redevelop our property so that it will provide better support for worship and mission & outreach activities. Our membership has voted in favour of a preferred scheme and we are aiming to submit a planning application to Bradford Council in the autumn. Before we do this we would like the Eldwick residents to see our plans, to hear the rationale behind the proposals and to let us know their views.

**We therefore cordially invite the residents of Eldwick to a presentation to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th September in the Church Hall where refreshments will be provided.**

### FRIENDS OF PRINCE OF WALES PARK UPDATE

The decision on the WREN bid has been delayed a little, and we now expect to hear the result by the middle of August. Please see our Facebook page or website for news updates. Other news: we have received £1,000 from the Northern Horticultural Society for new plants for some of the landscaped areas in the lower park and are now working with the council design staff to agree a planting plan. We hope to have work completed by late Autumn.

**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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## • NOTICEBOARD •

Please note that **ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB** will not be meeting during August 2014 due to various members holiday arrangements. We will re-open on September 5th with a varied musical bill from the Ritardando Choir. The meeting on September 12th will take us to rural Canada.

To get more information please contact either Molly on 01274 589047 or Anne on 01274 985245.

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The **ELDWICK CHURCH LIVEWIRES GROUP** meets in the Church Hall, on Otley Road, Eldwick every Monday – starting September 8th. It is aimed at children up to 2 years old, and their parents / guardians. The group meets from 09:30 to 11:15 each week. Cost is £1:50 for the first child; subsequent children £1 each, with no charge for babies under 6 months old. We currently have some vacancies – contact Sharron on 01535-272894 for more details.

## REPRIEVE FOR THE BUS SHELTER



Apparently the bus shelter at the top of Beech Grove was to be replaced by a modern construction made of plastic and glass. A notice was posted in the bus shelter by WYMetro, fortunately this was seen and action taken. A responsible member of the community contacted WYMetro, explaining that it was not necessary to replace the shelter as its design is sympathetic to the surroundings. WYMetro replied saying it could stay, well done!

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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## TO KEW . . . BUT NOT TO QUEUE!

Our inspirational trip secretary Stephen Wilkinson being indisposed, it was our treasurer, the ever-dependable Mike Sutcliffe, who took over the organisation of our long-awaited visit to Kew Gardens and Hampton Court Palace on the first Saturday in August.

There were 42 members and friends on our luxury coach. Two hours after a coffee and comfort stop at Castle Donington we drew up outside Kew Gardens where our tickets were promptly issued and we split into three parties with a guide allocated to each.

As we assembled in our groups, a hundred yards away an urban fox trotted leisurely past a shrubbery, but the nearby peacock remained unperturbed. With so much to see and so little time, our party began with the cycad, one of the oldest (and biggest) pot plants in the world. It was brought back from South Africa in 1775, making it older than the USA, which declared its independence a year later. This specimen now measures 13ft 2inches from the base of its stem to the growing point (an average growth rate of about only one inch per year).



They grow these at Kew - Giant Victoria Water Lily

Moving on to the water lily house, we were then amazed to see the Victoria water lily, whose huge circular leaves will support the weight of a small child sitting in the centre. Later our guide told us about the life-enhancing power of some of the plants we saw and we were able just to scratch the surface of a fantastical world of botanical wonders in Kew's historic glasshouses.

We lunched outdoors – it was a warm, sunny day – and in the distance we saw the Pagoda amid beautiful woods, magnificent vistas containing more precious specimen trees. With still more to see, we took in rose gardens, examined flower beds and tried to remember at least some of the Latin names of our favourites and then . . . it was time to return to the coach and head for the Holiday Inn for the night.

Sunday morning saw us leave the hotel in Shepperton and journey to Hampton Court Palace. Steve had pre-booked expert garden guides whose botanical knowledge was greatly appreciated by those of us who chose to explore some of the most spectacular gardens in the

British Isles. The big problem was what to see in the time available: how to choose among over 60 acres that run down to the River Thames, featuring sparkling fountains, glorious floral displays and 750 acres of tranquil royal parkland. There's also the Great Vine - planted in 1768 by 'Capability' Brown - the Rose Garden, the Great Fountain Garden, Home Park and its royal herd of fallow deer, plus the Hampton Court Palace Maze - begun in 1690 as a form of courtly entertainment for William III. Some of us settled for the formal Privy Garden where we could look through the avenue of huge conical yews to the Fountain Garden in the distance. Visiting these alone will save you the cost of a trip to Versailles



The West Front of the Hampton Court Palace

Back at the Palace there was lots more history, but more about people than plants. Hampton Court Palace has risen from its humble medieval beginnings through the 'grace-and-favour' period to today's attraction for visitors from all over the world. Its history is the story of two palaces: a Tudor palace, magnificently developed by Cardinal Wolsey and later Henry VIII, alongside a baroque palace built by William III and Mary II. Well known for his many wives, Henry VIII was also a keen builder. He spent today's equivalent of £18 million developing his favourite palace. Later, the Stuarts had many uses for Hampton Court from party venue to hunting grounds and from home to prison. During the late 17th century, William III & Mary II enhanced the palace with grand baroque architecture which transformed the east and south facade. In all, there are 1300 rooms in Hampton Court, 90 open to the public. (I have still another 78 to "do").

A visit is a living history lesson through the last five centuries illustrated with portraits of royalty and some of their personal possessions in every room. It gives a real insight into how our country has been shaped under very different monarchs to become what it is today. My best advice is to make the opportunity to go and see it for yourself.

Finally, many thanks to Mike S for a relaxed, crisis-free excursion and our best wishes to Stephen W who was unable to join us (get well soon, Stevel!).

We hope all our readers will join us on Saturday 30th August when your favourite local historian and regular columnist Allan Mirfield will return from Sark to open our 97th Annual Show. MIKE HITCHEN



Our party pose in front of Hampton Court

## A REWARDING DAY OUT AT ARLEY HALL

At 9.00am on the 12th July Society members left on a day trip to Arley Hall in Cheshire, stopping first at High Legh Garden Centre for morning coffee and a look around at the plants for sale. The temptation was too great for some and the first of the day's plants came on the coach. The weather had promised to close in during mid-afternoon but we were lucky and the rain held off.

We arrived at a good hour before the tour started which gave people sufficient time to have a preliminary look around the gardens and have an early lunch. At one o'clock we were met by the former Head Gardener – Tom Acton.

Arley Hall Gardens were established in Victorian times and cover an area of 12 acres. Tom had started working here in 1940, witnessing the change in priorities from formal gardens to functional kitchen gardens for the war effort, the remaining areas of the garden becoming overgrown.



Enjoying the floral display at Arley Hall Gardens

After war time service from 1944-48, he returned to a radically different and neglected garden. From 1960 to the 1990's he became head gardener with the responsibility to oversee the rebuilding of the garden to its former glory.

Tom took us to view the walled garden, the shrub roses, herb garden, the impressive yew hedges and the pleached limes together with the 14 quercus ilex trees clipped into the shape of giant cylinders. Not forgetting the magnificent double herbaceous border planted in 1846 for which the garden is famous. We were given a very informative talk about the history and the planting regime. Our party asked various questions to which Tom gave very detailed answers. Whilst walking around later in the afternoon we were serenaded by a string quartet, courtesy of a wedding party celebrating in the main hall.

Our last stop on the trip was of course the well stocked plant shop. Few of our group could resist this temptation, and most people walked back to the coach with plants of varying shapes and sizes. At 4.00pm everybody had returned to the coach and we set off home after a very enjoyable day.

MIKE SUTCLIFFE

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Eldwick Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association held their monthly meeting on **Tuesday 8th July 2014.**

**Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.** If you haven't already paid it would be helpful if you could ensure you do so as soon as possible. As there is no August meeting, please contact our Chairman Pauline Brown, 16 Otley Road, Eldwick. Tel: 01274 563081.

**We are always delighted to welcome new members.**

Our speaker this evening was Sue Firth, Business Development Manager of 'FOREVER' – her talk was entitled '*Staying Healthy and Active with Aloe Vera*'.

Sue was first introduced to 'FOREVER', (an American company which operates in over 150 countries worldwide) over 21 years ago, and was so impressed with their products that she became a distributor. She explained that the products are made straight from the Aloe Vera plants (grown in such countries as Texas) within 30 minutes of leaving the field. Their purity is guaranteed and no pesticides or herbicides are used in their production. Sue told us that Aloe has been used for centuries, and quoted a few examples such as Cleopatra, who used it as a beauty product, and it is even mentioned in the bible. Apparently Jesus' head was anointed with Aloe at the crucifixion. It was also described as a life and health giving food in the desert by Ghandi.

Sue brought a full range of products to demonstrate, including not only health food to be drunk each day, but also things such as toothpaste and sun cream. Although the products are rather expensive, Sue gives a full money back guarantee, and with this assurance we were all tempted to buy. Certainly Sue and her husband Geoff were very good examples of their product as both were glowing with health! Those of us who made a purchase are hoping for similar results – only time will tell, but we all had a most enjoyable evening.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

There will be no August meeting.

**9th September** – '*Champions Show the Way*' by Shanaz Begum.

**26th September** – MacMillan Coffee Morning, 10.00 – 12.00 in the Eldwick Memorial Hall. We had a splendid turnout last year, so let's make this year's event equally successful.

Members are reminded of the Founders' Group Luncheon which will be held on **10th October** at Oakwood Hall. Cost £18.

**14th October** – '*Crystal Power*' by Robert Wood.

## † THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

### MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 20th September 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. 24th Sept. from 09.15 am – 10.15 am

### PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 10th September 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Tuesday 30th September 7.00 – 7.30pm

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

20th August (Wednesday) Visit to Tapestry at St Barnabus.

18th September 7.30 pm Claire Gill "My call to the Deaconry Ministry"

### SERVICES:

#### 17th August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Michael Webster.

#### 24th August

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Nigel Ogley.

#### 31st August

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach Group & friends from The Curry Project

#### 7th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Rosemary Nash

10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev. Helen Hodgson.

#### 14th September

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Hodgson.

#### 21st September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Hodgson

10.30 am Morning Worship led by

Mrs Joyce Hartley

6.00 pm Evensong led by Rev Alan Brown

### 28th September

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 7-9 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

Mid Saturday Messy Church

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## THOSE SCRAPS ARE GOOD DEEDS PAST

Tracing the origin and subsequent occupants of any building, can be helped in research, by using a variety of preserved records.

In Eldwick there are farmhouses, a few cottages, the High Eldwick Chapel, and, of course, Eldwick Hall, of some antiquity. However, much of the village was developed after 1861. Regular readers will be familiar with the Enclosure of Gilstead Moor, which allocated plots of land to people who already had landed interests. Such was the case of a small area, from the corner of Sheriff Lane up to Beech Grove, in today's terms. Covered in a collection of legal deeds.

In the midst of these former plots stands the somewhat mis-named 'Scout Hut' - a solid stone building with modern extension.

The Enclosure Award details the Bingley Road to the north, land of the Trustees of Baildon Church to the west, Jopseph Bently and the Oddy family to the south and east, including one Wilful Oddy! In each case, reference is made to the 1848 Tithe Map on which allottees had land on which they paid the tithe. The original Tithe Map for Bingley was held in Leeds, as the principal landowner around the district was not Ferrand, or Busfeild, but George Lane Fox Esq of Bramham Park.

The future Scout Hut plot and surround, changed hands for three instalments of £50, between 1864 and 1867, with a dwelling house erected in 1864. The various people involved in the transactions were, a yeoman farmer, a church minister, and a woolcomber. By 1873, William Anderton of Sheriff Farm was in possession, having paid £750 for the three original plots, totalling three acres. It was said the dwelling house was being used at the time only as a stable. In 1885 a house had been built fronting Otley Road. The year before, Thomas Whitwham, market gardener, had bought part of the land for £540, and he appeared in the 1901 census, aged 62, market gardening at Springfield House in Otley Road.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the deeds relates to one branch of one of Eldwick's long established families, dating back generations - the Roystons. Various members of the family in all the census records were, woolcombers, worsted weavers, farmers, quarrymen and stone masons, all typical Eldwick occupations from the early 19th century. In 1903, William Rhodes Royston, stonemason, paid ninety pounds, ten shillings for part of the land in question, some



1,278 square yards. On this land stood the stable, with narrow access to Otley Road, as today. Other Roystons lived at Royston Fold, a farm in Saltaire Road, and in each of the three terraced cottages, off Saltaire Road.

By 1905, William was referred to as a stone merchant, having built three houses at the top of his plot on Otley Road. William's middle name had come from links with the Rhodes farmers of The Heights, and later his family was linked to the Wildmans - another long established Eldwick family of stone masons and builders. The late Fred Wildman used to say that, apart from Eldwick Hall, where his mother, nee Naylor, lived, every other house in which he lived, he had built in Eldwick. His last house was Sunways on the corner of Heights Lane.

One of the Wildmans was executor to William's will after 1916. Successive Roystons lived in the three cottages and owned two of the three in Otley Road, as well as the stable. By 1941, following the properties being inherited by various descendants, ownership passed by assignment to another relative, Elaine Barrett, of Manor Park, one of the 1907 houses built in Grange Road, who later lived at Woodbank in Villa Road. There was only the barn/stable/garage at the original plot. In 1962 she sold that property in trust to Margaret Isabel Hind and others for £350. It was in that year that permission was given for a change of use from barn/garage to Scout H.Q. Trustees from then have held responsibility for the property, with added facilities, stemming from 'all those three allotments, or parts of land, fenced off, being part of the Enclosure of 11th November 1861.'

So if anyone wants to do a good deed, by making their own legal documents available for perusal, I will be most grateful!

ALLAN MIRFIELD



### The Eldwick Church

Family Quiz Walk around the village, some rough ground in parts but suitable for pushchairs.  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm.

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## HEARTLESS

I would just like to inform the person/persons who left 2 little kittens on Heights Lane lay-by - to DIE, that they are doing fine NOW.

I cannot comprehend how anyone would be able to do this. You hid them in the long grass and didn't even put them in a box, if you did not want them, why leave them there to die.

They were starving and if they had not been crying so loudly I would not have heard them. All you had to do was take them to the RSPCA for rehousing.

Thankfully I have a very good neighbour who is an animal lover, and she had recently just lost her older cat, and she has kindly taken them both in. They are in a good place now, being loved and well looked after.

So if you have a conscience - you can sleep well now. SHIRLEY PATRICK

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