

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

Issue No. 430 September 2014

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(see back page)

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The Eldwick Art Show

A showcase of local talent.

This popular event will be held on the 10th/12th/13th October
Eldwick Memorial Hall

We would like as many people as possible to enter, particularly the younger end. There is no selection process, but each entrant is limited to three pieces which may be in any medium from sculpture to photographs. There will be a preview at 7.30 on Friday 10th to which all entrants will be invited which will include a glass of wine and nibbles.

The West Yorkshire Woodturners will be demonstrating and selling their wares. We also hope to have a potter.

Packs may be collected from Eldwick Post Office containing entry form, instructions labels etc.

The cost is three pounds for up to three entries and this includes a glass of wine at the preview.

• NOTICEBOARD •

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Friday 26th September 2014

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE ELDWICK BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

Will now be on the Saturday 1st
November, not 8th November as earlier
advertised.

FUTURE OF THE ELDWICK CHURCH

There will be a meeting to discuss the future of the Church building, The Church of St. Lawrence on Thursday 25th September in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. All residents of Eldwick are invited and refreshments will be provided.

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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"HORTY" TEAM MAKES AUTUMN SHOW A SUCCESS

On the last Saturday in August the sun shone on the Memorial Hall and from eight o'clock onwards our exhibitors were arranging their fruit, vegetables, flowers, pies, cakes, loaves and photographs as attractively as possible in the hope of winning a trophy, or at least a prize card for 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their class. By noon the café team were setting out their tables and chairs in the church hall next door ready for the inevitable swarm of thirsty visitors.

On the stroke of three our president Jane Hitchen introduced Eldwick's very own historian Allan Mirfield to the crowded hall, whereupon he declared the 97th show open. As is his wont, Allan regaled us with a few historical tidbits. In 1917, he noted, our first show was not reported anywhere, because it coincided with the Bingley Show which drew a far greater multitude on the same day. He also reminded our audience that he had opened our Autumn Show some years ago, and was delighted to have been invited again in 2014. More comebacks than Frank Sinatra? In his role as chairman of the Friends of Prince of Wales Park, Allan then thanked the society for its support for their ambitious renovation project and in particular for the two benches we recently donated.

After touring the exhibits in both halls with his wife Val, Allan stepped up onto the platform to present the trophies (listed at the end of this article). Members then collected all the unreserved show entries and handed over proceedings to Alan Wilson who conducted a lively auction designed to replenish the Society's coffers.

This is a good opportunity to thank Mrs Barbara Pullin who came out of her "retirement" to reprise her role as co-ordinator of the hard-working café team, those ladies who spent a hectic non-stop afternoon looking after the hordes of thirsty visitors in the church hall.

Back at the competitive world of fruit, veg. flowers and produce, our 2014 trophy winners were: John Wild trophy (most points veg) Roger Golton ~ Robert Smith trophy (outstanding veg) Roger Golton ~ George Todd vase (onions) Roger Golton ~ Jack Bentley trophy (veg tray) Roger Golton ~ H M Dawson silver trophy (fruit) Roger Golton ~ Brinley L Jagger trophy (tomatoes) Roger Golton ~ Thomas Henry Shaw trophy (best roses) John Churchman ~ Eric Cockroft trophy (best rose Carol Robinson ~ Charles Whiteoak trophy (sweet peas) Roger Golton ~ Frank S Whitaker trophy (best dahlia) Roger Golton ~ Leslie Lund trophy (most points flowers) Roger Golton ~ Arthur Harrison trophy (most points veg and flowers) Roger Golton ~ Ernest Edwards trophy (runner up) Geoff Hargrave ~ Derek Lofthouse trophy (best flower exhibit) John Churchman ~ RHS Banksian Medal (highest points score in classes 1 – 61) Geoff Hargrave ~ H Whitehead trophy (most points in open classes 45-61) Geoff Hargrave ~ Yorkshire Bank trophy (best entry home produce) Lesley Wilson ~ Sydney Owthwaite trophy (most points in home produce) June Driver ~ Franz trophy (Photography) Alan Wilson.

Don't miss our next event on Tuesday 21 October at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, when Andrew Fisher will give us a fascinating insight into how he runs Swincar Nurseries at Guiseley.



Show Secretary David Bell, Mrs Val Mirfield, Mr Allan Mirfield and Soc President Mrs Jane Hitchen discuss the flower section.



Man v. machine? Both kinds of homemade bread were on display.



Banksian Medal winner Geoff Hargrave puts final touches to his dahlias.



While baking and confectionery draws lots of visitors, a keen cactus fan has the display to himself.

FRIENDLY WOMEN'S GROUP

Ladies would you like to join in lively discussions on a variety of topics and make friends. We meet informally in groups all over the country and are looking for new members to join our organisation called National Women's Register (NWR). The local group is in the Eldwick/Bingley area. Our meetings are held in each other's homes once a month in the evening. We are a small group of eleven and would like to meet new members. Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th September. If you would like more information you can contact me Beverley Brayshaw on 01274 565077.

BUS SHELTER RESPONSE

Who is the anonymous responsible member of the community who has put an end to our new bus shelter, with seating and vision so we can stay inside keep warm and dry and watch for the bus coming. We have to always stand outside as the bus driver will not see us and drive straight past. It can be very cold and wet, so if this person likes the shelter so much could they please come and stand outside while we stand in the smelly old bus shelter and put their hand out for us.

Jill Quigley

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Saturday 20th Sept. 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Saturday 18th October 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
Wed. 22nd Oct. from 09.15 am – 10.15 am

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wedn. 10th Sept. 12.00 noon – 4.00pm
Tuesday 30th September 7.00 – 7.30pm.
Wed. 29th October 12.00 noon – 4.00pm
Thursday 30th October 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

18th September 7.30 pm TBA.
16th October 7.30 pm AGM

SERVICES:

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.

5th October

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Crompton.

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

12th October

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Helen Hodgson.

19th October

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev David Lee and Rev Helen Hodgson.

26th October

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Nigel Ogle.

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 7–9pm
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

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

Contact Ann Shoebridge 564690

To Newsletter Team

I read Issue 429 - August 2014 - with interest and many thanks for your continued help, giving insight into what is going on in Eldwick, Nr. Bingley, West Yorkshire

Once my home was the Travellers Rest, Otley Road, Eldwick and may I say that The Eldwick Church will always be St Lawrence for me. I spent many happy hours in the Church Choir and the wooden hut Sunday School. Our two eldest sons were baptised in the Church, and so was I.

I enjoy my visits to Eldwick and appreciate what you have been able to maintain i.e. The Gala since I was six years of age. It takes a lot of work and you need to be congratulated. Foulridge, where I live on the border between Yorkshire and Lancashire, has a long way to go to get anywhere near what you do.

I did speak to one or two village people who think it is not the same, but that is what we all have to accept - what a pity. They said they liked to read what I write and I found the issue about the Roystons that Mr Mirfield wrote, very interesting.

We now have two great grandsons, both Canadian babies - one named Mason Richard Axle Green was a twin but sadly the other did not survive.

A Mason Green lived in Bingley, one of thirteen, years ago but our Richard would not know about that. Reading about the stonemasons in Royston issue was quite fitting. I think the other boy was named Evan Paul.

My husband goes out to Toronto on Wednesday 27th August to enjoy our granddaughter's wedding on 31st August to Sofkos, a Greek Cypriot young man. I met him once and he seems quite nice. I will await the photos on Harold's return or maybe get the chance on the Face etc.

Looking forward to seeing Prince of Wales park in Eldwick. I pushed the pram to Park House on the side, but when I see it now, I would not like to try again.

My very best wishes to you all. Keep well and happy.

Maureen (nee Royston)

PS Glad the kittens were found - how cruel.

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WE'VE DONE IT!

Success for the Friends of Prince of Wales Park £50,000 WREN bid

In April we submitted a £50,000 bid to WREN for a project covering a range of improvements in the park. We are really thrilled to tell you that this bid has now been approved. (WREN is a Not for Profit business that awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment to the Landfill Communities Fund).

Through your generosity we managed to raise the required funds of £5,500 for what is called the third party contribution (which does not go to the project but is payable to the landfill company) and this was a fantastic demonstration to WREN of the amount of community backing for our proposal. The District Parks team at the Council then agreed to put in a similar amount which means that we have a total budget of £55,000 for the project.

So, how are we planning to spend the money? Well, here is the list of all the project elements that have been approved for funding. We arrived at this list by selecting the ones that emerged as the most popular when we did our questionnaire consultation last February and March.

- New signs for the main entrances (Lady Lane lodge entrance and the Eldwick entrance). These will show a plan of the park, and there will be a noticeboard for Friends and other park users to display events (so no more tying our flyers to the gateposts with string!);
- Fingerposts pointing to the lovely features off the main paths;
- Information boards on the fascinating history of the park, and wildlife diversity;
- Two picnic tables for the arena (old quarry area);
- Two or three items of woodland play equipment for children;
- Renovation of the worst area of path surface (working up from the lodge gate);
- Improvement to other footpaths in the lower park area;
- Improvement of the short stretch of path from the Eldwick entrance for easier wheelchair access;
- Production of a heritage and wildlife trail leaflet to be available to download from our website.

With all these improvements in place the park

will look much more inviting from the outside, be easier to walk round and have more to offer to all groups in the community. We hope to start this project by early October, and expect to complete, weather conditions allowing, by June 2015, in time for the 150th anniversary of the opening of the park.

We still have a little bit of work to do: for example the choice of play equipment needs to be finalised, and this month we are asking groups of children to tell us what they think. There are quite a lot of constraints, around cost, health and safety and practicality, but we have a number of possible choices which we think would nicely complement the play activities that the natural features in the park already offer. Thanks to those who have already helped, and please let us know as soon as possible if your school or group would like to comment.

Now we have done the work on the bid, the Senior Technical Officer, Parks & Greenspaces team at Bradford Council will take on the management of the project for us (dealing with choice of contactors, payments etc). This gives us a lot of reassurance, as this team are very experienced in doing similar projects and can ensure value for money and efficiency by using internal council services for some of the elements. Our job will then be to do all the interesting bits, for example to choose what should go on the history and wildlife information boards. This might be quite a hard task though, as we have collected so much fascinating material and photographs we will be spoilt for choice.

The park is such a treasure trove of history and nature – even those of us who thought we knew every corner are still coming across new things to surprise and delight. This is why we decided to have a heritage and nature trail leaflet that families can use with their children to enhance the enjoyment of their visit. If you have any ideas on this, or would like to help design the leaflet, please get in touch. We would like it to be lively and fun - ideas from children will be especially appreciated.



Damaged path to be renovated using WREN funds.

This project will make a big impact to the look and feel of the park and we hope it will encourage more people to visit this superb amenity we have on our doorstep. We are especially hoping that more children and families will come and explore, and start to use it as a regular place to play.

Finally, just a little reminder: our volunteering work sessions run in the park twice weekly (Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9am to 12 noon). Come along and try it – it's a great workout and social all in one!

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Now the figures have been finalised, we are very happy to announce that out of the profit we are able to donate £4000 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We are also keeping a sum on one side for local groups and charities.

The whole festival was a success with all twenty nine barrels of beer and one thousand sausage sold.

There was something for everybody from locally sourced beers to tea and cakes provided by the scouts. Of course the star of the show was the Air Ambulance itself which landed on the rec at 4.30.

The pilot put on quite a show. Children, and some adults, were allowed to crawl all over the helicopter and many photo opportunities were taken especially by our own photographer Bill Faulding.

On both nights there was superb entertainment in Birches which was free.

We are inviting local groups to apply for grants. Last year we gave the Yorkshire Air Ambulance £3000 and we donated a bench to the Prince of Wales Park and a keyboard for use by the Thursday Afternoon Group. We have pledged a donation to the Memorial Hall for putting up with us for four days.

To apply for a grant, please email the Newsletter eldwicknews@yahoo.co.uk.

We would like to thank our sponsors, listed overleaf, but especially Simply Bathrooms who were our main sponsors. If you would like details about sponsoring a barrel for next year again please contact us through the Newsletter.

Finally thanks to Black Sheep Brewery for their technical support and, of course, to all of you who came and enjoyed yourselves.



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