

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE ELDWICK CHURCH BUILDING

The Eldwick Church Hall was filled to capacity on Thursday 25th September by church members and Eldwick residents, for a public consultation meeting.

The trustees of The Eldwick Church explained that, in their view, the former St Lawrence's Church building, and the adjacent Hall, were no longer 'fit for purpose'. The congregation membership is ninety in total, average service attendance seventy, nicely filling the church. It was said that, for some services, like baptisms, the church cannot accommodate a large attendance. Any development or enlargement of the building, to a multi-purpose use, would not threaten the neighbouring Eldwick Memorial Hall.

It had been decided by the church, to explore two possible options for a building that would become fit for purpose. This would mean provision for worship, meeting rooms, kitchen, café and playgroup space. The church membership had already been invited to participate in a ballot.

A) To extend the existing church building to meet a variety of future needs.

B) To demolish the church and construct a completely new building, fit for purpose.

85% of church members voted, with a 2:1 majority preferring option B.

The estimated cost would be £1.3 million, of which £400,000 was available already.

At the consultation meeting, projected screen images and displayed sheets for the decided option were on view, of ground plans and elevations.

There followed a somewhat heated

interchange of views, both for and against, the proposal. Church members reiterated the enhanced provision to be gained with a new building.

In contrast, there were objections from local residents and some church members, voicing discontent about:

A) The loss of an iconic building which was part of Eldwick's heritage

B) The assumption that the church solely belonged to church members, not the community.

Discussion moved to the architect's plans. Although it was said that plans had been requested and drawn for both options, it was questioned why only those for the preferred option were on display?

Debate continued, with some personal and professional input, suggesting the extension option was not an insurmountable design problem. Church members insisted they had a fervent desire to pursue the proposal for a new building. Members of the village community, in opposition, had a keen regard to retain their historic building, in some form.

Food for thought was the outcome. Perhaps a second public consultation may be arranged, with all the architect's plans on view, for everyone to see the alternatives, and for church members to further their case.

The Church would like to engage in further dialogue with representatives from the village community to explore further the building options available. It is hoped to report back on this at a future open meeting (hopefully before Christmas).

A briefing paper about the



development proposal is available on the Church website with hard copies available from the Church office on 01274 565079.

Comments and questions can be directed to eldwickchurchcomments@yahoo.com

ELDWICK BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

Following last year's total washout, Birches have organised a bigger and better firework display for this popular family event. The Bonfire is on **Sat 1st November** on the Recreation Ground. Entry is by programme, £4 for adults and £1 for accompanied children. Programmes will soon be on sale at the Post Office however you may pay on the gate. The gates open at 6.30pm and the fireworks will be at approximately 7.30pm. There will be a stilt walker and a children's entertainer in the Memorial Hall after the fireworks. There will also be Burnt Bangers and Pies and Peas. The bar in Birches will also be open. Please be aware that this is a field so please wear appropriate footwear. Please do not bring any fireworks to this event. Proceeds will go to local charities. We thank our sponsors Premier Lettings for their support. Have a good evening.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our meeting on 16th September was our first after a break for summer. We enjoyed a very entertaining talk by Nigel Harrison. Nigel is a lecturer from Askham Bryan Agricultural College near York. Having constructed 3 gardens at Chelsea his talk was entitled "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea".

The Chelsea show started in 1913 but it was few years to 1995 when the college made its first appearance there. The garden was eventually destined for the Teesside Hospice and was appropriately called the garden of Hope. All in all it was built 4 times, once at the college as a practice, then transported to Chelsea, back at the college and then at the hospice. Considering that the hard landscaping was so big it was donated by, and delivered on lorries from, Tilcon Quarries, this was no mean feat. We were treated to spectacular slides of the garden and its construction.

It was a wonder the garden ever got to Chelsea as the truck taking plants there caught fire as it was just on the A64 slip road near York. A student who was driving threw a cigarette out of the window and it blew back onto the truck. 2 trucks later everything arrived in Chelsea. All the trouble was worth it as the college won a silver gilt medal for the garden. The next 2 gardens entered by the college

both won silver medals, which was a great tribute to the students, as well as Nigel.

We saw different gardens under construction and how they spring to life from piles of rock and earth. Nigel is a plantsman and thinks putting the plants in, soft landscaping, is the bit of construction that really makes the garden complete. His favourite was the Honda Japanese Tea Garden. A good tip for visiting Chelsea was to join the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) as the first 2 days are for members only and there is more chance of seeing the gardens whilst it is less crowded.

The society has 2 garden visits planned for next year. The first is on May 21st to Wentworth Castle gardens, where we will have a guided tour of the gardens at a time when rhododendrons are in flower. Included will be tea/coffee and lunch.

In August we will be going to South Wales for 2 nights at the Aberavon Beach Hotel and visiting the Welsh National Botanical Gardens, near Carmarthen.

On Tuesday 21st October there will be a talk by Andrew Fisher entitled "At the Helm of Swincar Nurseries". It will be in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and if you would like to come along everyone is most welcome.

ATTENTION!

If you have read the articles in this Newsletter, regarding the intentions to demolish the church building, and feel you would like to object, please email

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There is a movement to put forward alternatives and we need your comments.

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ELDWICK VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM

Monday 1st December at 7pm in Birches

Eldwick Village Society Website

We are very pleased to announce that the new website is now up and running thanks to the hardwork of Richard Clarke. We will publish the newsletter on the website and run with current affairs within the village. If you wish to contribute to the website please contact us on eldwicknews@yahoo.co.uk. The website address as before www.eldwickvillage.co.uk.

Sheepdog History Exhibition & Christmas Fair in the Memorial Hall Saturday 22nd November. This is a fundraiser for The Freedom of Spirit Trust for Border Collies based in Spring Lane.

There will be a display of sheepdog history and associated crafts and industries
Website www.fostbc.org.uk

BINGLEY COUNCIL There will be a meeting to launch the proposed Bingley Council in the Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 29th Oct at 7pm. All are welcome.**

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Dr Frances Vose of The Oaks Dental Practice, Swan Avenue, Eldwick writes:

On 7th September, myself and my nurse Joanne, ran the Great North Run. We have been raising funds in the practice for a dental charity called Bridge2Aid, based in Tanzania. We have had display boards and balloons up in the waiting room, and patients have been very generous in dropping coins and notes into the collection box! Bridge2Aid sends British dentists and nurses to Tanzania on a 2-week programme to train Tanzanian clinical officers on a one-to-one basis, how to extract teeth safely and effectively. The nurses teach cross infection and sterilisation procedures.

I have done the run once before, but for Joanna it was her first time. It is a very exciting event to take part in, especially with Mo Farah running in the same race!

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our meeting on Tuesday 9th September began with news that long standing member Peggy Priestley had died after a long illness.

Thanks were given to Maureen Beckwith for once again organising an excellent outing in August to Liverpool.

The speaker for the evening was Patricia Atkinson whose talk was on Florence Nightingale. Most of us knew about 'The Lady with the Lamp'; but we soon found out how little we did know. For instance her very wealthy family expected her to accomplish 'ladylike pursuits'. She had a violent temper and at times was frequently at odds with her father and elder sister who wanted her to conform. Educated at home by her Father she was able to speak 5 languages at 6 years old. Running wild in the surrounding area she came across injured animals and enjoyed nursing them back to health. This was quite a different side to her personality.

At 19 she wanted to train to be a nurse. As there was nowhere in England, she went to Germany for 4 years. The Crimean War gave her the opportunity to do the sort of nursing she wanted. She set off with 38 hand-picked nurses for Scotari Hospital. However upon arriving at the hospital, she was met with scorn and told by the doctor that it was no place for 'silly women'. She outflanked the doctor and was appalled when she saw how filthy, unhygienic and inadequate the conditions were.

After two months 30 of the women went back home as they couldn't cope with the conditions and Florence's temper.

Balaclava changed things. She became needed and accepted as there were 1200 wounded soldiers occupying a hospital made for 500. Florence's regime of washing, scrubbing and disinfecting everything, stopped the death toll of the men dying from disease and infection and not from their original wounds. She became revered by them all.

There is so much more to learn about Florence, there isn't enough space for it all. Thanks were given to Patricia for a brilliant talk.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September; £392.20 was raised.

November meeting is on Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm @ Eldwick Memorial Hall. Speaker Peter Higginbottom's talk is Gruelling Experiences.

† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 18th October 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Saturday 15th November 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

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Wed. 22nd October from 09.15 – 10.15 am
Wed. 26th November from 09.15 – 10.15 am

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 29th October 12.00 noon – 4.00pm
Thursday 30th October 7.00 – 7.30 pm.
Wed. 19th November 12.00 noon – 4.00pm
Wed. 26th November 7.00 – 7.30pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

16th October 7.30 pm AGM
20th November 7.30 pm Dr. John Rhodes "Mercy Ships".

SERVICES:

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 Ogley.

2nd November

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Rosemary Nash.

10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Betty Pedley.

9th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

4.30 pm A service of commemoration for loved ones departed led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

16th November

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Maurice Baren.

23rd November

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Terence Porter.

30th November

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach Group speaker Brian Horsfall from Bradford Street Angels.

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

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2014 DEVOLUTION OR A NEW BINGLEY COUNCIL?

THE CHRONICLE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1907

Imaginary Meeting of the Bingley City Council. Eldwick Claim for Independence.

In this article the writer desires it to be clearly understood that it is merely a burlesque, and no offence is intended to any of the gentlemen at present sitting on the Bingley Council, or any officials – Editor.

In the year 1957, the Bingley City Council was discussing Eldwick's claim for independence and Mr Jackdaw had spoken, urging the necessity of a divorce of the places, as far as local government was concerned. He had said that Eldwick had contributed sufficiently to the coffers of Bingley in the past, and it would be far more satisfactory to the place if they could only be able to manage their own affairs, without any hindrance from anyone. Eldwick had grown out of all proportions, and it was now of sufficient strength to become an entirely separate body.

The Mayor was very decided on this point. The idea was preposterous. Would it have grown to the dimensions it had but for the enterprise their predecessors had shown. Every council member knew what a fight they had in the past to maintain their right as a local governing body. Greedy Bradford had already swallowed up Shipley and Saltaire and had endeavoured to poach on Cottingley, Wilsden and Eldwick. They would have seized Bingley itself if our worthy clerk had not stepped in to nip their nefarious intentions in the bud. Could Mr Jackdaw be in league with Bradford to rob Bingley of one of its prize possessions? Mr Platts the clerk said if the motion was rejected, all that would be necessary would be a petition to Parliament, showing the majority of

inhabitants were in favour of a separation, and the rest would be easy. Mr H. Sniff, the Lighting Engineer, said that £10,000 had been spent on Eldwick in the last six years in improving the illumination. This money had come from the pockets of the whole of the Bingley City. This was only one instance of Eldwick benefitting from being within the city boundary. Mr Ben Darnitt said it was just like the cheek of Eldwick to take a sovereign out of one's pocket, and replace it by a threepenny bit. Mr John Borem said it was no use getting personal. If Eldwick wants to go on its own, let it. Mr A.M. Duck said there have been more problems set by the wisecracks of Eldwick, than from all the other outlying districts. It was recorded in history that a talk of a certain member from Eldwick, had stopped the Town Hall clock. Eldwick had all the plums. Mr Jackdaw: even the home for the incurable imbeciles? Mr H. Bottomlie said the petition was a demand. They claimed they had a right to independence. They were able to manage their own affairs and were weary of being compelled to pay Bingley rates, which were seldom spent for the benefit of Eldwick. If they had their own rule, they would be. Mr G. Fister said, if Eldwick were silly enough to take such a step, in ten years' time they would be kneeling before Bingley, asking to return to the fold. The Mayor reiterated that by saying once the step was taken there could be no retraction and no reunion. Mr J. Skipinson and Mr J. Metacow said enough money had been spent on Eldwick. Mr Jackdaw: Spent upon what? Mr G. Puncher and Mr J. Peaker explained that the money had been spent on aerio-cars, lighting, free libraries etc. Mr H.M. Jackdaw said that

everything that had been granted by Bingley to Eldwick, had been paid out of public money, a quota of which Eldwick people had themselves paid. Four members said they would support the motion, as being the best thing that could happen to the people of Bingley. Mr. Jackdaw gave an impassioned speech. Eldwick was fighting for its freedom, it had been subservient too long. How dare the city defy Eldwick? Because Eldwick was numerically smaller than Bingley were they to be deprived of their independence? Why, even Damems had got it. Could he say anything more convincing than the Clerk, in showing how Parliament could be convinced the majority in Eldwick were in favour? With their quota of rates paid, and nothing gained, the people of Eldwick might just as well talk of claiming a piece of the Town Hall, the Electricity Station, or the Mayor's car.

Take a sovereign out of one's pocket? Mr Darnitt would no doubt be one of that type, who would do more than that. In the operation, he would cut a hole. For what Mr Mayor? To recover the threepenny bit gentlemen. He was almost at a loss what to say to those who had spoken against Eldwick receiving independence. He was astounded that any intelligent body of men could stand and be so bigoted and prejudiced because a town had made headway, and almost risen to be as large as the parent. Eldwick had simply taken the matter before the Council as an act of courtesy, and, whatever the result that day, they were bent on being separated.

Eldwick got its independence by a good majority.

Footnote. This was written in 1907 when there actually was passive resistance to paying rates to Bingley when Eldwick had poor roads, lighting and even uncompleted sewerage throughout the village. So, what of the planned precept in the future?

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