

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK CHURCH – BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Following the initial meeting with village residents (last September), The Eldwick Church trustees and (building) Project Board have:

- Considered the feedback given, and
- Consulted further with village representatives.

This has resulted in the development of an alternative building plan Option (3). This involves a different scheme of extension to the existing building. We have also revised the new build scheme (Option 2).

We wish to present both schemes to village residents, for comparison, questions, discussion and feedback. We aim to do this on Thursday 12th February, in the Church Hall. This meeting will be a precursor to a church membership meeting when the best way forward will be considered.

All residents and newsletter readers are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which will commence at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th February.

Gala Queen Selection Disco

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Friday 20th March 7-8.30pm

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Gala Queen Entry Form

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD GALA

Saturday 28th June 2014

I would like to be considered for Gala Queen / Attendant for the 2015 Gala. The Gala Queen will be chosen at the 'Gala Queen Selection Night Disco' on Friday 20th March, 7pm till 8.30pm in Eldwick Memorial Hall (Disco entry £2). The Gala Queen should be in year 6 or over and the attendants between the ages of 7 and 10 (girls or boys). The Gala Queen's name and all Attendants' names will be drawn out of a hat by the 2014 Gala Queen.

Name _____ Tel No. _____

Address _____

School _____ Age _____

I agree to my child's picture appearing in the Eldwick Newsletter and local press

I do live in Eldwick or Gilstead.

Signed _____ parent

Please return this slip to Eldwick Post Office before 19th March.

DATES FOR 2015

The Fun Run 26th June

Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Saturday 27th June

Beer and Banger Festival 21/22nd August

Art Show 23/24/25th October

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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DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to report that a defibrillator unit has been purchased as a joint venture between the Bingley Airedale Rotary and The Eldwick Village Society. The Eldwick Village Society contribution is from the proceeds of The Beer and Banger Festival. The unit will be secured outside The Memorial Hall and Birches and will be illuminated at night. It is hoped that the unit will be fitted soon and we will be printing instructions on its use.



BENCH ON GILSTEAD MOOR

A bench has now been placed on Gilstead Moor as a joint venture between The Bingley Civic Trust, Gilstead Village Society and The Eldwick Village Society.

CHURCH INCREASES "FLOCK"

Twenty or so sheep decided to settle down for the night, on the evening of Monday 5th Jan, in the Church garden. This provided an interesting spectacle for a number of "passers by" and a number of photographs were taken. The sheep had escaped from a nearby field and had also spent some time grazing on the rec'.

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CAROL SINGING

Thanks to June and Allan for putting on such a good Carol singing session on Christmas Eve. This is a long standing and very popular event. The Salvation Army Band were excellent as usual and £254 was raised from the event for their funds.

LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE REC

Eldwick Juniors Football Club have struggled to practise on the rec as the lighting system has all but failed. Jason Hall of JCH Electrical has offered to replace some of the lights with new LED lights and to repair the existing ones. This is a joint venture between Eldwick Juniors and The Village Society who thank Jason for this generous offer.

Malcolm Ward

It is with deep regret that we hear of the recent death of Malcolm Ward of J.A.Ward and Son. J.A.Ward have supported the village Gala for many years by sponsoring the BBMF Spitfire. Malcolm started his business as a joiner and was latterly joined by the rest of the family. His presence is sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family.



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At the time of installing the lights the weather conditions were not the best and given that they had to erect a scaffold some 35ft plus was no mean feat. According to Keith Armstrong Owner of PKA due to the nature of their work, they have to work in all weathers, this therefore, was one of the easier tasks they have been requested to undertake.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Eldwick Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association ladies have had a busy few weeks.

On the last Saturday in November several of our members attended the Hawksworth YCA Coffee Morning which is always a great event, with plenty to keep us entertained and the opportunity to meet with members from other Groups. The cake stall goes down very well as do the bric-a-brac stalls, and it was nice to see quite a few young children attending this year. Congratulations Hawksworth on another successful event.

We enjoyed our annual coach trip to York on **December 5th** to attend the Carol Service at the Minster, which was wonderful. The Choir was particularly excellent this year, and the comical (if irreverent) Sermon had us all laughing.

Eldwick was also well attended at the YCA West Riding Carol Service held on **11th December** at Otley Methodist Chapel.

Our monthly meeting was held on **Tuesday 9th December 2014**.

The Memorial Hall looked very cheerfully festive and put us all in the Christmas Spirit, aided by a glass of wine.

Members of Bingley Amateur Operatic Society entertained us and we enjoyed a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols, with an invitation to join in, so the rafters really rang in Eldwick as we all sang along.

The choir comprised a mixed age group, and the talent of this combined assembly was a pleasure to hear. Not only did they sing with gusto to a great piano accompaniment, they also entertained with Ukulele playing. They certainly whetted our appetites and at least a couple of members admitted they would love to learn to play this great little instrument. Look out YCA, you could have some new entertainment coming along.....

Following the entertainment our brains were stretched with a complicated sheet of Dingbats, that had us all groaning – particularly when we heard the answers and it all became quite obvious!

Here are a couple of examples for the newsletter readers:

1) MANAWAYGER

2) TODNCUC

(answers next month)

The competition this month – ‘an edible Christmas decoration’ – was won by Dawn Honey, with second prize going to Norma Feather. Our meeting ended with mince pies and a cuppa, and with Christmas greetings echoing the hall we all agreed we'd had a great night.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Feb 10th 2015 – ‘Same Sheet, Different Day’ – **Barbara Sykes**.

Mar 10th 2015 – Party ‘Spring Fling’ with **entertainment**.

Apr 14th 2015 - ‘Ambulance Services’ – **Dave Jones**

New members are always very welcome, and meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th January 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm.
Saturday 21st February 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm .
Merry 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. 28th January from 09.15 – 10.30 am.
Wed. 25th February from 09.15 – 10.30 am.

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 14th January 12.00 noon – 4.00pm.
Tuesday 27th January 7.00 – 7.30 pm.
Wed. 11th February 12.00 noon – 4.00pm.
Thursday 26th February 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

15th January 7.30 pm “Poems and Puds”
19th February 7.30 pm Patricia Henny “A day at Buckingham Palace”

SERVICES:

4th January

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.
10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

11th January

10.30 am Covenant Service led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

18th January

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Kenneth Beardsley.

25th January

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Sadu Kanu.

1st February

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Nash.
10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

8th February

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Terry Porter.

15th February

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr. Neville Richardson.

22nd February

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.30 – 11.15 Livewires,
Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers /
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
18.00 – 20.00 Weight Watchers
Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes
Friday - 19.15 – 21.15 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
Mid Saturday Merry Church

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THE LOCAL HISTORY – VOLUME III

After far too long an interval, I have finally succeeded in putting pen to paper, sorry, fingers to keys, during a lovely sunny autumn, in order to produce the third book about the history of the village. I am aware, and thankful, that some readers already have both the two previous publications and have enjoyed my regular 'back pages' in the Eldwick Newsletter, so some of the following is not news to them. However, this third book **ELDWICK – A NEW ERA – 1871 to 1911**, may be added to the collection next month.

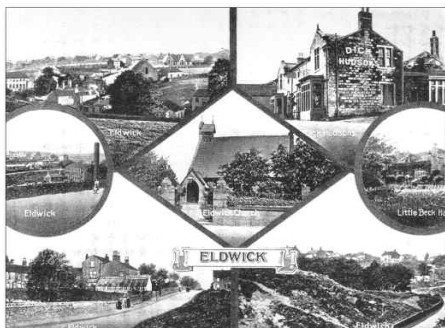
My interest in local history dates back to 1977 when I organised the Centenary Event for Eldwick School, which included the return of our most famous old boy, the great Sir Fred Hoyle. As ever, the long established families of Eldwick, were all too eager and willing to pass on information, family photographs, documents and personal memories of life over generations in the village. In 1977 Eldwick was already outgrowing its status of a village as more and more houses were built.

ELDWICK IN TIMES PAST was the result of utilising a growing archive collection, and was published in 1986, the year I moved on from Eldwick First School, with many happy memories. The book was a customised Countryside Publication, even with an ISBN code! It only had one full page of text in its 48 pages, most of the rest being two pictures per page with accompanying text. The book soon sold out and, after some demand, was reprinted by Bingley's 'Copyquick' in 2002. By that time the green fields behind Otley Road and Warren Lane were occupied by housing estates, the village centre had

ELDWICK

A New Era

1871 to 1911



ALLAN MIRFIELD

only one shop, and the old school had been converted into apartments.

ELDWICK A VILLAGE OFT REMOVED

was published in 2003, by Angela, our Newsletter printer, of Highlight Type Bureau, when time, for me, permitted in retirement, gave the opportunity for more widespread research. Having said that, I used to give a presentation named, 'The Travels and Travails of the Local Historian'. This entailed visiting local libraries, the West Yorkshire Archives in Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield, and even The National Archives in London at Kew. Then came the advent of technology, with online accessibility, which meant some information could be downloaded first hand, whilst other indications were given as to where actual documents could be made available. To actually see, and to be given permission to handle archive material, is still more exciting than viewing the screen, but everything is much easier now. More and more information can be downloaded, from the likes of Ancestry.com and the British Newspaper Archive. This second book charted the movement of the location of Eldwick, from the edge of the high moorland – Helwiche, to Helguic in the Domesday Book which comprised only one carucate. That unit of land, for tax

purposes, was deemed to be 'that which could be ploughed by a team of eight oxen in a year, said by some to be about 100 acres. In later years, the many farms were developed by the monastic orders of Rievaulx and Drax, around what was to become Eldwick Hall. Eldwick Beck became a place name in its own right when both a corn mill and a worsted mill drew in cottagers, as High Eldwick was in decline. So it was that 'Beck Bottom' became the village, which was until 1861, when everything changed. At which point the second book drew to a conclusion.

ELDWICK – A NEW ERA

It was the full publication of the most recent census, that of 1911, which gave another opportunity to chart the growth and development of Eldwick, since that 1861 milestone in the timeline of the history of the village, into the 20th century. At least, that is my excuse for such a long, too long some would say, wait for more history to be recounted.

All the census returns, every ten years, from 1841, have been a wonderful record of the people of Eldwick, who they were, where they lived, and how they worked. This book continues to make comparisons, of not just the size of the population, – remarkably not notably varying, of the types of occupation, but also of those families long established in Eldwick and the 'in-comers', post 1861.

1861 is the date, which, to this day, could be said to have been the birth of what we know as Eldwick at present, when the vast areas of Gilstead Moor and Romels Moor were enclosed. This signalled the opportunity for land to be settled, cottages and villas to be built, even though by 1877, there were hardly any houses on Otley Road. From that late 19th century date, the village gained a new school, a new chapel and a new church, as well as several shops, as its centre moved up from what had been the heart of the village, in Beck Bottom. The movement continued, to stretch up Otley Road, heading towards the developments of recent years.

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