

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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GALA DAY SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2015

Theme "Magna Carta" 1215 – 800th Anniversary year

Dates and Info for your diary for 2015 Eldwick and Gilstead Gala

The Gala raises over £2000 each year for distribution to local children's organisations and charities.

EVENTS ON THE DAY

Parade from Gilstead at 12.45pm for decorated floats -

Opening Ceremony 1.30pm on the Gala Field

Eldwick Recreation Ground

Stalls, Games & Attractions,

tbc BBMF Spitfire plus Escapologist,

Terrier Racing, Fell Race, Jazz Band,

Circus skills and lots more

To enter a float in the parade,
have a stall on the field,
advertise in the Gala Programme
please contact
gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk

EVENTS BEFORE THE DAY

DISCOS - Friday June 19th

with Andy and Partymania

6 - 6.45pm for 3 to 7 years olds

7 - 8.30pm for 7 to 11 year olds

in Eldwick Memorial Hall

entry £2

PET SHOW

Dogs and small pets sections

Monday 22nd June

Judging from 6.15pm

Entries open at 5.45pm

(50p per class)

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 26th June

1.5 mile start 7pm

3 mile start approx 7.30pm

a medal for every runner,

Entries £2 before the day,

£3 on the night.

TO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

- can you help on Gala Day ??
with Stewarding for the Parade
and on the Entry Gate

If you are over 18 and would be able to
offer some of your time on
Saturday 27th June from 12.15pm
please get in touch with
gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk
because

to conform to legal and road closure
requirements we need volunteer marshals
just around the time of the parade - please
get in touch if you can help out.

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS SESSION

run by the

West Yorks Ambulance Service.

In the Memorial Hall

Saturday 11th April

starting at 10.30 am til 12.00.

All welcome.

Coffee available beforehand

Results from vote on future of St Lawrence's Church, Eldwick, February 2015

1,200 voting slips were delivered in the village newsletter to Eldwick residents, who were given the opportunity to express their views on the proposals set out by the trustees of The Eldwick Church. The full information and comments can be seen on the Village Society website www.eldwickvillage.co.uk

Comment

Total returned	445	37.08% of total distributed	
Total discounted	63	14.15% of total returned	51 not Eldwick residents 12 either no signature, name, vote or address
Total eligible votes	382	85.84% of total returned	
Demolishing the existing Eldwick church and rebuilding	25	6.54%	
Extending the existing church building	357	93.46%	

We take this opportunity of thanking all those people who returned the slips and to Nigel Horsfall at the Eldwick Post Office and Birches Freehouse for agreeing to supervise the collecting of the returns.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

on behalf of

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FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015

10.30-12.00

ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

£3.00

Hot X Buns, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea etc.,

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

Contact us:

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news@eldwickvillage.co.uk

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

LIFE'S A BED OF ALPINES - FOR THE WILSONS

Alan Wilson and his wife, Lesley, were kind enough to join us on Tuesday, 18th February, to deliver quite the widest ranging talk we have ever heard at the Horticultural Society. Truly entitled "From Wharfedale to Switzerland" this talk was in place of the expected talk on Hydroponics, that speaker obviously having dried up giving notice of only two days, leaving him with no medium to speak of. Our Speaker Secretary, Norma Bartle was given a round of applause for her rapid response and choice of replacement.

Alan is a member of the Alpine Garden Society and sees no boundary to his garden. It would seem that the Alpine plants do not need the Alps alone on which to grow. On their search for many beautiful examples of first class individual Alpine plant photographs collected over 22 years we were shown over 100 within an hour. This was a tour de force that showed not only devotion to an interest but a high degree of skill as a photographer. They have visited Striding Edge on Helvellyn in the Lake district, the Cuillins on Skye, Banff in Canada, many camp sites in the Pyrenees in Spain and France, the Alps nearby the Eiger and Jungfrau in Switzerland and over the border to Zermatt in Italy.

Surprisingly the picking of wild flowers is not forbidden in Switzerland compared with restrictions in Britain. However, that does not restrict the collection of seed from the "mountainous" verges of the Burley-in-Wharfedale by-pass which yielded Ox-Eye Daisy and Cowslip seeds, for planting on the mountain pasture behind the Wilson domain on the Chevin.

No mountain pass seemed to have been ignored by the tips of Alan and Lesley's walking sticks and the patience and skill of the behind the camera had to be seen to be admired. Of particular note were the butterflies, insects such as the Processionary Moth and its caterpillars acting out their name. Even a viper gave a pose of curiosity in this vast research project. Not only their capture on camera but also the retention by name in the memory of the showman that we know and welcome anytime. Many thanks were given by our members applause.

Notices were announced relating to the Denso-Marston Nature Trail - call Steve Warrilow at 07919 595193.

Gardening Courses at Shipley College (call 01274 327327) on Saturday mornings are being advertised.

Our trips are filling up. The payment of balances for the day trip to Wentworth Castle & gardens on 21st May are due and should be made to Steve Wilkinson. Departure time to be announced.

There is still space for ten more people to join us on the three day trip on the 16th to 18th of August, to the National Botanical Gardens of Wales with half-board accommodation at Aberavon Beach Hotel with stop-offs at Gloucester and Worcester - £165pp (twin room sharing) & £191 (single room). Departure is at 7.30 a.m.

The next meeting will be on March 17th when we shall hear how to raise alpenes - now we have seen the enormous range available from all that Alan Wilson has shown us!

Contact our membership secretary, Barbara Pullin on 01274 551451.

John Pullin

ELSTEAD LADIES' CHOIR

SPRING CONCERT

and
Buffet Supper

on Friday 1 May 2015
in Eldwick Church Hall, at 7.30 pm

Free Admission
(there will be a charity donations plate for the supper)

Sue Ryder

Coffee Morning Saturday 21st March, 2015

Eldwick Memorial Hall
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For more details, please contact eldwicktennisclub@gmail.com

Registration night will be held on Thursday 16th April at 6.00 pm at the clubhouse. Everyone welcome. All members who have enrolled before enrolment night or sign up on the day will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win one of 5 tins of Slazenger Wimbledon Tennis Balls. This will be drawn on the night.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB 2.30pm

Come and join us - new members and visitors would be most welcome. We have a varied programme of speakers and entertainers with tea and biscuits and a chat to finish.

5 March Paul Kenny - Slide Show

12 March Nora Whitham - Experiences of a Chinese girl in apartheid South Africa.

19 March Baildon Ladies Choir

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our meeting on Tuesday 10th February was Barbara Sykes from Golcar Farm just around the corner from the Memorial Hall. Barbara was very interesting and amusing. She has such a diverse life. What with farming, training sheepdogs and horses; she also is an author and enters sheepdog trials.

Barbara brought one of her sheepdogs with her. His name was Digby; and is deaf. She had raised him from a puppy and what a delight he was. Anyone with a dog whatever breed that owners maybe having problems with; there are training programmes available.

Next meeting is Tuesday 14th April 7.30pm at Eldwick Memorial Hall when the speaker will be Dave Jones; his talk will be on Ambulance Services.

Spring into Song

If you enjoy singing with others then Opus 44, Bingley based, award winning, female choir is hosting an Upper Voice Choral Workshop on Sunday May 10th 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Bingley Little Theatre Studio, BD16 2LZ. The cost, including music hire and light refreshments, is £15 and £7.50 for students

This is an exciting opportunity to sing with Opus 44's inspiring Choral Director, Alison Pryce-Jones, graduate of RNCM and the London Opera Centre, founder member of Opera North, singing teacher and experienced musical director for all age groups. During the day Alison will introduce a varied and enjoyable repertoire of songs for upper voices to improve vocal technique and choral singing skills, whilst having fun with like-minded people.

If you wish to enjoy a day sharing super music then, for further details about attending the Singing Day, and to obtain an application form, please contact:

Sue Waring: Tel: 01274 617118.
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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 28th March 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm.

Saturday 18th April 4.00 – 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 March from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

Wed. 29th April from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 18th March 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm.

Wed. 25th March 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

Wed. 22nd April 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm.

Monday 27th April 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

19th March 7.30 pm Rev Ruth Crompton.

16th April 7.30 pm Mavis Dean “Words and Music”

YOUTH CLUB

Sunday 1st March 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Sunday 12th April 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

SERVICES

1st March

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

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

8th March

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Dr. Neville Richardson.

15th March Mother's Day

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Barbara Walls.

22nd March

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

29th March Palm Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

5th April Easter Day

07.00 am Baidon Moor Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

12th April

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Terence W Porter.

19th April

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr. Maurice Baren.

26th April

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 /
Probus

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 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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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015 COMMUNITY



Each year Eldwick Primary School produces a School Improvement Plan which governs our activities in school and how we look to move the school forward. In order to put together the plan we ask everyone in the school community for their views of what is going well, what we could look to improve and to help us formulate the vision for future years.

In order to strengthen our partnership we would like the views of the local community and would therefore appreciate any suggestions on:

- How the local community views Eldwick Primary School.
- How to strengthen the partnership between Eldwick Primary and the local community.
- If there are any local community groups the school could become involved and work in partnership with.
- If anyone in the local community has any particular skill or interest they would be willing to share with the staff and pupils at Eldwick Primary School.

We would welcome any comments/suggestions either:

1. In writing to the School Office or Eldwick Post office.
2. By email to office@eldwick.bradford.sch.uk
3. By calling 01274 568361.

In addition please visit our school website at www.eldwick.bradford.sch.uk to learn more about us and how you could become more involved. Many thanks.

Mrs J Kershaw (Head Teacher)

Celebrating 150 years of the Prince of Wales Park

by Kate Hustler

As an Eldwick resident, I have enjoyed walking through the Prince of Wales Park, particularly, early in the morning during the summer months with my daughter. We would happily amble through the woodland gardens, accompanied by our Jack Russell swapping pleasantries with other dog walkers on our way to school.

As I, like many others, have watched this public park become wilder, more neglected and vandalised over recent years, I was delighted when the Friends of the Prince of Wales Park Voluntary Group was established and addressed these problems, with overwhelming support from local residents and a fantastic fund raising network. Supporters set about tidying up this forgotten piece of land, showing a community spirit and sense of responsibility you could be forgiven for thinking had died out in recent times.

In recent months a steering group has emerged and Bingley is on course to getting a new Town Council. According to the many signatures obtained in the speed of three months (over the 10% of the electorate in the area stipulated) it seems that many residents want Bingley to move forward and want to get involved and have a say in what they need for their town. Protecting and enhancing public areas and historic buildings are two of a variety of important objectives that the residents have identified. The Council's voice hopes to allow people to try and regain some control of their town and amenities. This is evident in the growing numbers of voluntary groups such as the Friends of POWP. These energetic residents want to make Bingley stronger and more proactive in order to provide a richer place to live, in every way to everyone.

I have been lucky enough to speak to one of Bingley's oldest living residents, Jack Bailey, who recounted his early recollections of the POW Park. He spoke about his father taking him there for nature walks on Sunday afternoons as they were very poor and entertainment was limited. They walked up around the pathways that traversed and encircled the park, discussing what they saw. They would stop at an ornate, stone water fountain and take a drink from metal cups that hung around it which he said "were always there, never stolen or vandalised!" They always headed to the top of the park, where a plateau had been created from old quarrying operations. This was an area covered with sand, where they would play on two large guns that had been put there after the war. He remembers also the re-erected Market House, Stone Cross and stocks. He recollects seeing the park as we do today, a wooded garden, a "natural place", kept tidy by the Park Keeper and volunteers.

Literature tells us that the early development of the Park had widespread support, with subscriptions mainly coming from working people, who also provided voluntary labour. The first turf was cut out on the 10th March 1863, the wedding day of the Prince of Wales and the Park was named after him. It officially opened on the 6th June 1865. Fifteen thousand trees had been planted, fifty of those having been sent by the Prince, from Sandringham. Like Jack Bailey, many Bingley people have cherished memories of the park and the Friends group has received some fascinating archive material and photographs. Using this, and other sources Chairman Allan Mirfield has been able to put together a full and detailed history of the park over its 150 year history which will be published later this year. It is a story of community effort and imagination that is truly inspiring for us in Bingley today.

I am today very happy to see the revival and improvement of our beloved Victorian Park and the changes that are afoot to benefit everyone. Bingley Gilbert and Sullivan Society have been invited to sing The Mikado in an open-air concert to mark the Prince of Wales Park's 150th Anniversary along with other exciting events on the 6th June 2015.

I hope that this day will be remembered as the day the Prince of Wales Park is acknowledged again as being one of Bingley's most cherished assets and will continue to be enjoyed and preserved by generations to come.

The Bingley Gilbert and Sullivan Society will be first performing their annual production of The Mikado at Bingley Arts Centre from the 20th-25th April 2015. Tickets are priced at £7-£14 and are on sale at Bingley Arts Centre Box Office on 01274 567983 or at www.ticketsources.co.uk/bingleyartscentre

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