

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Thanks for the Gala

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Eldwick Beer and Banger Festival 2015

**Friday 21st – Sat 22nd August
at Birches Freehouse and
The Eldwick Memorial Hall**

A range of at least twenty six locally sourced beers and a large number of ciders. There will also be locally sourced sausage, specially cremated for the event

Last year we donated four thousand pounds to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and other monies to local organisations. We are expecting the helicopter on the rec on Saturday afternoon.

Starting at 5.00pm Friday and 2.00pm Saturday. There will be free entertainment in Birches Freehouse on both nights.

Tickets are five pounds which includes a special glass, beer tokens and tasting notes they will be available from Eldwick Post Office and Birches Freehouse before the event. They are valid for both days.

There is still the opportunity to sponsor a barrel. The cost is £100 pounds which includes four event tickets for both days, four complimentary pints, four event glasses. The name and logo will be on one of the casks or ciders. There will also be advertising in the Newsletter and the tasting notes.

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DOMESDAY RELOADED

In the school year 1985/86 the children of Eldwick First School took part in a project launched by the BBC to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book with the aim of publishing a modern version of the book on a video disc. As one of ten thousand schools all over the country taking part, Eldwick First School was allocated a nearby area or block of land to survey, describe and photograph, including some statistics.

The record was created on the school's only computer, a BBC B, complete with disc drive and a printer which produced an output more like a tele printer or telegram. Once completed, the school kept a copy of the text, sent in the discs, but never had an opportunity to see a video disc on which the children could see their own work. It was first seen by the public at the National Archives in Kew. Now it has been digitised for all to see. At the time it was said that the new generation of optical video discs could carry pictures, sound, graphics, text and computer data. So, instead of scribes writing on vellum with quill pens recording information collected by 1086, the children were able to use their 'microcomputer'. It was envisaged that by Michaelmas 1986 the world's first and only electronic Domesday Book would have been created.

So what did the children of Class 4M produce on the wonderful new item of technology, albeit in their wooden hut classroom in the playground – sorry, 'temporary classroom'?

First they described the school itself, then with 280 children on roll with Mrs Hall and ten teachers. Having opened in 1877 the school did not expand significantly until the 1960's. The main building had the Hall, a classroom, an office, the staffroom, toilets and cloakrooms at either end. There were two temporary classrooms beyond that in the

playground, two more wooden classrooms and a two storey brick building for four classes. The large house was once for the head teacher but now for Mr Weston the caretaker. Finally there is another playground, a grassy hill and a very large playing field.

There was a description of a visit to the Glen tramway, the Old Glen House 400 years old, the Wardens Centre on Brackenhall, Cup and Ring Stones, and the Bell Pits

The Eldwick Gala of 1985 had events all week. The Gym had the best float with Boss Hogg, The A Team and Mr Men. The Circus had a horse, a camel, a lady on a trapeze and clowns. Zoe and Bryn went on the trampoline and there was a little train.

John wrote about life on the farm at Gilstead, rounding up the cows to go for milking, then loading the muckspreader on the back of the tractor to improve the grass for the cows. Then there was some walling repairs to do down Sheriff Lane. Finally he tells of going to the cattle auction at Otley where Dad bought a cow for more than £100.

A description of the village describes the Clinic behind the bus shelter, the Scout Hut that is really stone. Also on Otley Road was the paper shop, the bakers, and opposite was the post office/general store, a butchers, the greengrocers and the fish shop. The Birches, Memorial Hall, tennis club and church had the rec behind, with swings, a climbing frame and the soccer pitch. Further down the road was the school, chapel, Acorn pub and the buildings of Eldwick Beck hamlet.

Fiona wrote of her day, going to school with her recorder, and reading the list of jobs to be done from Mr Mirfield. The afternoon was maths, reading, writing and making something. Going home after story time she went to her modern and tap dance class.

The children had interviewed Jack White,

the retired huntsman of the Airedale Beagles, who still lived in the huntsman's cottage above the dog kennels. He told of every farm in Eldwick once having dairy herds, pigs and hens, some milk going to Bingley and on to Bradford in churns. He had a collection of hunting horns, models, photos and paintings of the pack. In retirement he made tack, using leather, wax and thread for bridles, head collars, lead reins, crops, whips, stirrup leathers and harnesses. A famous Eldwickian.

Shipley Glen was described as a good place to visit, and in the olden days people came by tram to Saltaire to walk to the glen. The little dam was once supplying water to the dye house at Salts Mill. The rocks and crags stood above the glen during the Ice Age when ice carved out the valley.

The last page submitted was entitled 'Eldwick and Gilstead Join?'

"Until about thirty years ago this area completely separated the villages of Eldwick and Gilstead. Today it now contains the largest housing estate in the whole neighbourhood. The Heaton Estate developed all the open land to the west of Warren Lane, right up to the edge of the former Gilstead Moor Quarries. It included a general store. Part of the moor is covered in water by the Gilstead Filter Beds which are on the underground aqueduct from the reservoirs of Nidderdale to Bradford. On the east side is the new Middle School which takes local children from 9 to 13 years. A few fields were left on that side until about 200 houses were built in 1979. Old people in the area said no more could be built because there used to be delph stone mines under the land. In June 1985 builders planned to add 129 houses after a Public Enquiry."

So, where are you now Class 4M and can Eldwick Primary School reload a new version in 2015/2016? **ALLAN MIRFIELD**

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

RAFFLE PRIZE PROVES POPULAR

At 0900 on 27th June our building team started to erect the scarlet E&G HS gazebo in the top corner of the field. First there was Past President John Pullin, whose 84th birthday coincided with the Gala Day. "How old, John?" someone asked him. "Oh, just a backward 48-year-old," he confided.

Later that morning the grand raffle prize arrived: a spectacular basket arrangement of seasonal flowers. It seemed that everyone loved it because tickets @ £1 a strip were flying off the shelf. Our plant sales went well, too. They make a big contribution to the prize money required by the Autumn Show each year. So this is a good opportunity to thank our relay of helpers, everyone who supported us and to congratulate Fiona Dunne, who bought the winning raffle ticket.



A delighted Fiona Dunne displays her raffle prize.



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our meeting on 9 June 2015 our Speaker was Mr Reg La Pla (The Singing Bone). He spoke about the Development of Forensic Science and Medicine in crime. He explained the History of Finger Printing, Blood positioning in crimes and spit (DNA). All the members found it very interesting.

Membership subscriptions are due.

Reminders. The Trip to Hawes etc. on 12 August. Our Coffee Morning on 1 August, 10am – 12 noon. If any ladies would like to bake for us please bring it along on the morning.

No meeting in August as we have our trip.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 8 September. Speaker is Howard Toll. (Howards Birds of Prey).

New Members are always welcome.

● NOTICEBOARD ●

PLANTERS

We would like to thank Michele at Eldwick Post Office for "planting up" the planters at The Memorial Hall.

We would also like to thank David Selby for tending the grass around the Millennium stone and Sally Robinson of Lighthouse Garden Design for looking after the planting.

DONATION TO PRINCE OF WALES PARK

Following the success of the "Burnt Bangers" at the Jubilee Celebrations in the park, the Village Society have been able to make a donation of two hundred pounds to support the work of clearing up the park.

YORKSHIRE DAY COFFEE MORNING

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On Saturday 1st August.

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 18th July 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. 15th July from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

16th July Supper Outing.

YOUTH CLUB:-

Sunday 5th July 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

SERVICES:

19th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Maurice Baren.

26th July

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Gordon Day.

2nd August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Rosemary Nash.

9th August

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

16th August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Julie Bacon.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

23rd August

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev David Lee.

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30th August

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach with speaker from Bingley Food Bank.

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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Eldwick Resident Wins Disabled Entrepreneur of the Year!



It has come to our attention that a local businessman Ben Wolfenden won a highly commendable business award late last year.

Ben Wolfenden who has been a resident of Eldwick for 20+ years won the award for his strength and determination in growing his digital agency from a one man freelancer service to a growing team of 8 (including another local Eldwick resident) with offices in Leeds and London. The awards themselves are run jointly by EasyJet founder Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou's charitable foundation and Leonard Cheshire Disability. Ben has cystic fibrosis and diabetes. With only 50% lung function, he undergoes a gruelling regime of medication and five hours of physiotherapy every day.

'My disability has meant I've never been able to have a "conventional" job. I'm unable to work in a carpeted, air-conditioned or dusty environment. So instead of feeling sorry for myself I became determined to create a successful business that worked for me.' — BEN WOLFENDEN

He started digital marketing agency Visibilis in 2010 to help businesses grow online. In the process, Ben and his team have grown Visibilis itself by over 1000% in the year from 2012 to 2013, with 2014 exceeding expectations.

Ben strives to get everything out of life after sadly losing his elder sister to cystic fibrosis. He also has a five-month-old son, Max, who gives him every reason to continue to work hard and fight his disability.

'Winning the Stelios Award is great recognition of what Visibilis has achieved over the last few years. I look forward to investing the money in developing the business, employing some key staff and purchasing an air filtration system for the office to ensure the environment is optimal for my deteriorating lungs. This will allow me to continue to do what I love and grow a thriving business.'

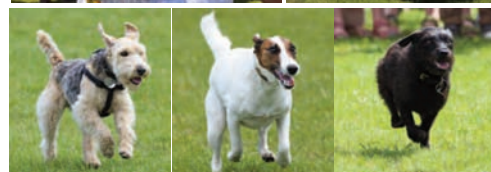
'I want to say a big thank you to the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation and Leonard Cheshire Disability for running these awards.'

Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou said he was impressed by the growth of Ben's business and the way he is meeting a genuine need in the market.

'I am passionate about encouraging entrepreneurship, and the previous winners of this award offer proof that there are many highly talented disabled entrepreneurs out there.' — STELIOS

Stelios also noted that, with around 50% of disabled adults out of work, 'It is clear that there still is a long way to go. Removing the barriers disabled people face in business is essential, and I hope that the Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs goes some way to highlighting their achievements.'

Ben and his team are always on the look out for new team members so if you have a son, daughter nephew, niece, grand-daughter, grandson keen to get into digital — you can contact him on b.wolfenden@visibilis.co.uk



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