

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK JUNIORS SECURE £5,000

Eldwick Juniors are delighted to announce their success at a national competition to secure £5,000 for a renovation of the old changing facilities on Eldwick Recreation Ground, Eldwick, Bingley. Saint-Gobain UK & Ireland are a world leader in design, production and distribution of construction materials and are celebrating their 350th year anniversary and have lead a competition for their employees.

Branch Manager, Nik Beedham of Gibbs and Dandy in Pudsey, Leeds which is a part of the Saint-Gobain Group says, "SG held a competition for employees this year (as it is their 350 year anniversary) to nominate a local concern for improvement. I saw the opportunity and put forward a case. This got us shortlisted and that is when I asked for the club to provide a 50 word sound bite to support our Facebook campaign"

Nik, also a proud parent of one of the Eldwick Juniors players, tirelessly led the Facebook campaign and in doing so securing the win for the £5k section of the competition by a lead of 677 votes. The online voting was just a small part of the judging process and the final decision was made by Saint-Gerbain and was awarded to the community football club this week.

Stuart Moorhouse of Eldwick Juniors says, "Thanks to Nik, we are thoroughly delighted that we have won the UK 'Nominate to Renovate' funding competition run by Saint-Gerbain and we are looking forward to building an even brighter future for Eldwick Juniors'.

Eldwick Juniors play weekly at Eldwick Recreation Ground and are great ambassadors for playing sports at grass roots level within the community. They currently have an old pre-fabricated hut which leaks water during the winter and does not contain any heating. Monies secured will hopefully go a long way to making sure facilities for the children are significantly improved.

Eldwick Juniors are currently seeking new members to join their ever expanding teams. Please contact Stuart Moorhouse for more details or visit the Eldwick Juniors facebook page.

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Interschool Debating Competition

Recently on the 16th of June 2015, it was the first Interschool Woolsack Debating Competition at Cartwright Hall. Eldwick Primary School were in a triad with Myrtle Park and Crossflatts Primary.

Lois Rance and Keira Philips, from year 5, were representatives from Eldwick Primary. There were two debates in the morning and our triad was lucky enough to be in the final in the afternoon. In the final we faced stiff opposition. Everyone debated very well but we were narrowly beaten by an excellent team. All the teams look forward to the next competition.

"It was a really good experience and I hope all the schools enjoyed it the same as we did," said Keira Philips age 10.



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.

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Letter to the Editor

Subject: footpath at Eldwick Beck

Dear Editor, re. the foot path that runs from Tewitt House near Eldwick, crosses Eldwick Beck below the Old Corn Mill over an unusual stone slab bridge and joins Otley Road opposite the entrance to Cragg Wood Farm. It runs in front of what used to be a farm labourer's cottage or a mill cottage, which now has a garden around it. However the footpath remains. It is on the map, also the footbridge.

On the evening of the 29th June 2015 at 9 pm, not even sunset, I used this foot path, I do so, infrequently Someone has built what they call a bridleway around the property, but this does not concern me. It is recent. The old footpath goes past the cottage front. Gates have been put up, whether authorised or not.

About 400 yards down the route to Eldwick Beck, still on a public footpath, the householder/inhabitant of the cottage caught up with me. He had pursued me, along a public footpath. There was an unpleasant scene and I felt threatened by a man much younger than me. He accused me of looking into his house. I didn't. He appeared to be in doubt as to rights of way. He said I should not use the footpath in the evening. What I believe he meant is that he does not want people to use the footpath, wants to discourage people so he can close it and claim lack of use. I believe that this is now an endangered Eldwick footpath. The waymarker which used to be on the west side of the cottage on the garden gate has been removed. A friend of mine, son of Dr Lings farm labourer, lived at this cottage when I was at school in Eldwick over sixty years ago, and crowds used to pass by the front door on Bank Holidays on their way to Dick's and Ilkley Moor. I have never had trouble before. This owner (if owner he is) no doubt knew about this path when he moved in, he accepted the situation when he signed the deeds. Can't change it now. I could ride a horse over it, it was once a pack horse trail, part of Eldwick history.

As for time of day, there is a footpath outside my house too. It is called a pavement. People walk past 24 hours a day. They don't look in, but I put lace curtains up.

That is what you do.

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

YOU COULD BE A WINNER AT THE HORTY SHOW!

At three o'clock on Saturday 29th August Mr Terry Marshall will open our 98th Annual Show in the Memorial Hall. Terry is the renowned organic grower from Cottingley who specialises in tomatoes. In the past he has shared his knowledge with the Society as a speaker and as a panel member at our Gardeners Question Time meeting. We look forward to hearing from him again.

This year's show features classes in fruit, flowers, vegetables, home baking, preserves and photography. You can expect a colourful display in the Memorial Hall and in the St Lawrence church schoolroom, where we'll be serving refreshments to our visitors.

What's new in show this year? With only a slight nod to the success of The Great British Bake-Off, we have removed Brandy Snaps from the baking classes and substituted One Round Fruitcake. This year the subjects of our two photography classes are A Single Flower and My Favourite Garden. This may be your own or somebody else's garden . . . even a stately home. The world's your lobster, as the late, much missed George Cole would have said. So fire up the oven, or get that camera out of storage because we're looking for lots of entries this year.

Following the prize presentation you can take the opportunity to stock up your larders and flower vases when we auction everything that our exhibitors have left behind. Bargains galore to be had before you head homewards. Entry to the show costs £1 (children free) and the doors open at 2.45pm. Don't miss this annual event.

Next month Terry Marshall will be back with Martin Walker, Head Gardener at York Gate Garden, and David Allison, Chelsea judge and Vice-Chairman of the Vegetable Society, when we stage another

Gardeners Question Time. Bring your horticultural problems to them at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15 September from 7.30pm.

Our October meeting sees the third appearance of Terry Marshall this year. In a tribute to our more mature membership Terry will share his thoughts on Greenhouses and Gardening for the Elderly. The date is 20 October, the venue is the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Our meetings are jolly occasions where you can make new friends or chat with old ones. We would love you to join us: membership costs only £8 per annum, admission to meetings is £1.50 for members, £3 if you are not a member. The Society also organises trips and excursions to destinations like the Dutch Bulb Fields, Kew Gardens, stately homes and (this year) the National Botanic Garden of Wales. Just look what you could be missing!
Mike Hitchen

WANT TO SING?

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Autumn Session begins on

Friday 11 September 2015 at 7-15 pm

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our July meeting was Lanson Moore who talked about Trading Standards, Scams and Frauds. Members took part in trying to recognise scams and also listening to some. These were familiar to some members. It was very informative.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September when the speaker will be Howard Toll – Howards Birds of Prey.

Date for your diary – Macmillan Coffee Morning. 25th September, more details to follow.

All new members welcome.


Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society
98th ANNUAL SHOW
 OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, FLOWERS, PRESERVES AND HOME BAKING
Saturday 29th August
 in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 2.45 pm.
 Opening ceremony at 3.00 pm
 by **Mr Terry Marshall**
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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 19th September 4.00 – 5.30 pm.
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HAPPY HOUR FUN SIZE CHURCH –
 for young families – All welcome
Wed. 16th Sept. from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-
17th September Mike Armstrong
 “Saintsbury’s Baker”.

SERVICES:

- 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.
- 30th August**
 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach with speaker from Bingley Food Bank.
- 6th September**
 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.
 10.30 am All Age Worship.
- 13th September**
 10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Terence Porter.
- 20th September**
 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

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- 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Maurice Baren.
 6.30 pm Evensong led by Rev Andrew Clark.

27th September

- 09.15 am Big Breakfast.
 10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
 Wed. - 09.30 – 12 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
 3rd Wednesday in the month Happy Hour
 Mid Saturday Messy Church

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SUNWAYS – FRED'S SWAN-SONG

A Delightful Property for Sale

Frederick Naylor Wildman (1896-1979) was a member of a family who farmed and built in Eldwick for well over a century. At least at the beginning of the 19th century the Wildmans were farming at Eldwick Cragg but, by 1861, David Wildman was both farmer and stone mason. This was the start of a prolific trend of involvement in the local building trade. The Wildmans built all types of houses, but those for family were quite distinctive and can still be seen in Eldwick today.

Fred was born at Eldwick Hall, or rather, Eldwick Hall Farm, where his parents were farming 60 acres. His mother was Alice Naylor of Eldwick Hall, hence his middle name. Fred used to say that, apart from his birthplace, every house he subsequently lived in was built by his family or by himself.

So, in 1901 he was with his parents and brother at

Leylands, one of a block of four terraced houses in Otley Road. In 1917 John Wildman was at Stanhope House, 29A Otley Road. By 1922 the family, with Fred were at Park Royd. Walter Wildman was at Fairmount which, with Whingate, stands on the corner of Park Drive, opposite Park Royd. Walter eventually moved into Park Royd and by 1948 Fred and his wife Gertrude were at Whingate. Alice was living at Sunways, built for her in the entrance of the former Park House estate.

In 1956 a commercial directory listed D.Wildman & Sons, Park Royd, building contractors. The company had a yard in today's Eldwick Croft. By that time Fred and his wife were in the house he had built for his mother and they remained there for the rest of their lives.



OTLEY ROAD



SUNWAYS



LEYLANDS



STANHOPE HOUSE



PARK ROYD



FAIRMOUNT / WHINGATE

LINE DANCING

It will be four years in November since we began Line Dance Sessions at Eldwick Memorial Hall and there is still a lot of laughter and dancing going on! Although we all feel we have plenty to learn, it can be difficult for newcomers to join in and pick up the steps from scratch. We are therefore holding a 10 week course from Wednesday, 2nd September especially for beginners AND the first lesson is free! Do come and give it a try in our beautifully refurbished Hall from 9.30 - 10.15 am.

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