

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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More houses for Eldwick? You need to act now!

Bradford Council has to find space for some 35,500 houses for 2030.

They have published a map of all "available" land in the area, whether it be greenbelt, brownfield, woodland whatever. This map may be viewed online. Some of the land identified around Eldwick is:

Fields on the left hand side of Heights Lane.

Land above Landsmoor Grove down to Heights Lane

Land opposite Saltaire Road stretching down to Shipley Glen

The fields down Sheriff Lane bounded by Sheriff Lane and Lodepit Lane.

These are just some of the parcels of land up for consideration.

We strongly advise the residents of Eldwick to make their feelings clear to the Planning Department at Bradford

Council. You have until 19th July to lodge your views.

Some of the concerns that planning will take into consideration are:

Lack of infrastructure i.e inadequate roads, lack of adequate sewerage, (Lodepit Beck already takes a lot of overspill in bad weather, as does the stream in Sparable Lane) and of course lack of school places.

You may make comments on line or in writing to the Planning Dept.

Please do not assume that someone else is going to complain on your behalf. Your comments will matter.

www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/theenvironment/planning/service/localdevelopment/framework/landallocationsdpd.htm

A limited number of copies of reply forms are available in the Post Office.

Development plans for The Eldwick Church building.

After several years of prayer, planning, discussion and consultation the congregation have given a clear mandate to the Trustees to pursue the option of refurbishing and extending the Church building. The draft scheme will retain the existing façade and the external appearance of the church building. There will be new and better equipped meeting areas and catering and social facilities, where the pre-school group and other community activities can take place, and then the new building will be linked to the church building to make a larger and more flexible worship space.

The Project Board are working to submit a planning application very soon, and there are then a number of

stages to work through before we can put the scheme out to tender, appoint a building contractor, and begin work. The plans will be available when they are lodged with the Planning department.

Meanwhile, we need to raise some money! Funding will come from some of the proceeds of the sale of the Methodist Chapel, direct giving from the congregation and the community, grants, and some fundraising events.

If you have any questions they can be addressed to:

eldwickchurchcomments@yahoo.com

Alan Brown, Chair of the Building Project Board 01274 511970

Richard Arnold, Project Manager 01535 272894

Update on Bingley Town Council

Following the election on the 5th of May the newly formed Town Council met for the first AGM on Wednesday 18th May

The acting Solicitor along with two members of BMDC were in attendance to offer support and to take the minutes of the meeting. Also present was a member of the Yorkshire Local Council Association (YLCA)

BMDC provided an interim Town Clerk to support the BTC until such time as a permanent Town Clerk can be recruited. The councillors elected the Chairman Terry Brown, Vice Chair Ros Dawson

The creation of three Committees have been agreed, Finance and General Purposes, Staffing & Planning. The number of committees may vary dependant on the nature of the business in hand.

All official meetings conducted by the Full Council and the Committees are held in Public. Notices will be displayed in the Post Office and on the Memorial Hall notice board, details will also be published in the T&A.

A member of the Town Council has been appointed to the Bradford Council and Local Councils Liaison Group

We will also be taking up membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, two councillors have been appointed as representatives of the Town Council to attend meetings of the South Pennine Branch of Associations.

As we are starting from square one the Interim Town Clerk is busy setting up a Bank Account as well as looking for an office and office equipment.

The Council will be responsible for 3 Allotments in the Bingley area, these will be handed over in September of this year for the Council to manage.

Bradford Council will notify the Town Council of any Planning applications in the Bingley area.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on the 31st May at the Scout Hut on Sycamore Avenue. This was for the members of the public to give their views and comments relating to Bingley and its surrounds. There is a long list of things that needs to be undertaken, we will prioritise and share these with you in due course.

A council Web Site is to be established where all contact details of each councillor will be published along with minutes of all council meetings.

The Planning Committee are meeting on Thursday 16th June 6.30pm at Cottingley Cornerstone Centre & The Finance and General Purposes Committee are meeting on Wednesday 22nd June 6.30pm at Cottingley Cornerstone Centre. Please come along to these meetings, your presence would be much appreciated.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

EXPERTS SHARE THEIR KNOW-HOW

Gardeners Question Time has always proved popular with our audience and over 50 turned up at our May meeting to ask Terry Marshall, Martin Walker and David Allison for advice on a variety of topics. "What," someone asked, "are N-P-K?" and David Allison, past president of the National Vegetable Society, explained that N, P and K are the three essential elements that plants require. N is nitrogen for producing leaves, P is phosphorous for root forming, and K is potash (potassium) for good fruit, flowers and colour. That last initial always fools me and Malcolm Walker, late head gardener at York Gate, had an easier way of remembering. "NPK," he said "stands for shoot, root and fruit."

So there you have it, I thought, but tomato expert Terry Marshall had the last word, reminding us that all plants require light, water, heat, nutrient and compost to thrive, and adding nitrogen late in the season is a waste of money, because most plants have already produced their greenery by then.

Next we moved on to the question of fertilizers. This topic covered fish, blood and bonemeal, chicken pellets (you can chuck 'em on the garden, or dissolve 'em

in water and use as a liquid feed), and finished with a reminder that multi-purpose composts contain very little in the way of trace elements. However, all agreed that most garden soil contains sufficient trace elements anyway, so we don't need to add any more. We also received advice on pollinating fruit trees: apparently a crab apple tree is a good pollinator in an apple orchard.

There were lots more questions to be addressed. We learned that orchids should not be watered but misted, as this replicates their original humid habitat. Agapanthus should be fed as soon as the flowers form, not when the plants are dormant. If you want to control the growth of onions and garlic, grow them in pots. Martin Walker reminded us not to neglect our hedges – they appreciate a good sprinkling of a general-purpose fertilizer now and again. Beech and many other deciduous hedges can be cut back to six inches from the trunk in alternate years and top-trimmed every third year, but conifers such as the dreaded Leylandii should only be hard-trimmed from the top to avoid scorching.

Finally, our readers should not feel guilty about using peat-based compost. Only five per cent of world peat



Picture shows our horticultural gurus (left to right): Terry Marshall, David Allison and Martin Walker.

production goes into horticulture, the remaining 95 per cent goes up in smoke in power stations and domestic fires.

Our thanks to the expert panel for their advice and their donation of a hanging basket of petunias, rhubarb, a giant leek, tomato plants and three types of early-fruited tomatoes as raffle prizes.

See you all on our stand at the Gala in June!

Mike Hitchen

News from Chris O'Neill, Councillor For Eldwick on Bingley Town Council

Contacts points for me are :-

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E-Mail - councillorchris@hotmail.com (this is a temporary address, until gov.uk addresses are implemented)

Mobile - 0791 7734009

These contact points are for raising issues that need attention in Eldwick.

Amongst things I am currently looking into are -

1) Arranging a public meeting, including Gilstead councillors, to get feedback on the Bradford Council plans for future development in Eldwick, including house building in Sheriff Lane ; Lode Pit Lane ; Heights Lane ; Saltaire Rd & Dalesway. or as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

2) Arranging a stand at Eldwick & Gilstead Gala and Bingley Show to publicise Bingley Town Council activities.

3) Arranging an organised litter pick in Eldwick. Please inform me of the area(s) you think would benefit most from this.

All of the above have to be sanctioned by Bingley Town Council, prior to implementation.

Chris O'Neill

MARIE CURIE BINGLEY FUND-RAISING GROUP BREWS UP FOR LAUNCH OF BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

The recently formed Bingley Marie Curie Fundraising Group is pictured enjoying a spot of tea and cake at Oakwood Hall, to encourage Bingley and District residents to get behind Marie Curie's summer fundraising campaign.

The Blooming Great Tea Party encourages everyone to get together with friends and family to hold a tea party between 20-29 June. Tea parties across the UK have raised over £4.5 million since the campaign started in 2008. The funds raised from Blooming Great Tea Party will help Marie Curie Nurses care for more people living with a terminal illness in their own homes and in the Marie Curie Hospice, Bradford.

Ruth Luscombe, Bingley Group Chair said: "Getting together with friends and family to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party is a fun and easy way to support your local Marie Curie Nurses who look after people in the Bingley district. We are a recently formed group and we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the group to help us raise funds for Marie Curie in our



Picture caption: L to R: Ruth Luscombe, Lynda Brabbins, Sara Duxbury and Anne Shields

community. Please call Sharon Link at the Bradford Hospice on 01274 386197 to find out more"

To register or for tea party inspiration visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0800 716 146. Follow updates on social media and share photos using #BloomingGreat.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our AGM was on Tuesday 10th May. It was well attended. It was proposed to increase our subs to £17, this was accepted. We also had a speaker, Mr Alun Pugh whose talk was "Teaching, an interruption to my holidays". He had quite a few amusing stories to tell and everyone enjoyed the evening.

The speaker for our next meeting on 12th July is Pam James. She will be talking about places she has visited around the world "From Here to There".

We are having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th July at The Memorial Hall, Eldwick. 10am to 12 o'clock. Entrance £2.50 this includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. We are having a Cake Stall and a Raffle. Proceeds to go to Manorlands.

Anyone wishing to go on our Trip to Port Sunlight. 17th August. Please contact Maureen Beckwith, 01274 591055.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Sylvia Slater 01274 563081

Police?

You will be aware that there has been a spate of burglaries and attempted burglaries in Eldwick, over the last couple of weeks. The thieves have usually targeted vehicles, forcing entry to dwellings and stealing keys, passports, watches etc.

It is interesting that our newly re-elected Crime Commissioner Mark Burns-Williamson is conducting a survey of priorities for policing from the public.

We did have a hugely successful Neighbourhood Police Team based in Bingley led by Sergeant Di Collins. Sgt. Collins held monthly meetings with representatives from local communities and businesses. This exchange of information was very helpful. Also, the sight of PCSOS and Police around the village was very reassuring. To go from this, to one PC based in Shipley as the "Ward Officer", seems an extreme measure even with the present cuts.

The public will quickly lose faith in the Police if they are constantly "left in the dark" and there is no communication with our local Police. Surely the greatest priority must be that the public feel safe in their own homes!

To complete the return www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/getinvolved/your-priorities-your-plan.aspx

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Messy Church

Saturday 11th June 4.00 – 5.00pm
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!

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wednesday 6th July 2.00 – 3.00pm
Tuesday 19th July 7.00 – 8.00pm

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

22nd July A Friday luncheon Outing.

SERVICES:

26th June

09.15 am Big Breakfast.
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Nigel Ogley.

3rd July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Nigel Ogley.
10.30 am All Age Worship.

10th July

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon of Bradford Ven. Andy Jolley.

17th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Clark

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24th July

09.15 am Big Breakfast.
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Malcolm Sharrock.

31st July

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission and Outreach team
Terry Wilson, Project Director, of In 2 Out.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers / Probus,
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes
Friday - 19.15 – 21.15
Elstead Ladies Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps.
3rd Thursday in the month
Ladies Fellowship.
Mid Saturday Messy Church.
Pause to Pray 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday.

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TIME FOR SCHOOL

The 2003 publication 'Eldwick A Village Oft Removed' could have taken its title solely from the varying locations of establishments which provided education for the children of Eldwick.

Commencing in 1800 at Horncliffe on Rombalds Moor, to Eldwick Crag in 1815, Eldwick Beck in 1832, and Gilstead Moor in 1877 to the present site in 1974.

Today, even more of a ruin than Top Withens, the site of Joshua Briggs' homestead, once a Shooting Box near the Horncliffe Standing Stone, Well and Stone Circle, was, quite remarkably, used as a schoolroom. Only an outline of the foundations of the building remain but can be found on the ramble from Eldwick Crag to Ilkley. Although born in Grassington, he was later apprenticed to a farmer in Beckwithshaw and was accustomed to escort his master's daughter to school, he on horseback, she riding 'pillion'. Maybe he read from her books but otherwise was self-taught. Around 1780 he moved to Baildon and was a mill worker but was the author of publications promoting the Sunday Schools locally, with profound titles like 'Vice Detected and Virtue Recommended; Under the Influence of Sunday Schools' printed in Leeds in 1788.

He walked daily from Baildon to Eldwick Beck Bottom across the glen to the woollen mill at the end of today's The Green beyond The Acorn. This mill preceded that of 1800 but both relied on the dams supplied by Eldwick Beck. Whilst the huge four storey spinning mill was part of the heart of Eldwick Beck Bottom, the small mill upstream merely prepared fleeces by a process known as 'scribbling' This was very appropriate to Briggs because whilst he was living adjacent to the mill, in or before 1796, in Mill Fold, later known as New Row, he conducted a Sunday School where he led the singing and played the violin.

This kind of establishment was common in those days. Books were both scarce and dear and few locals were able to read and write. A house or barn or workshop was lent to provide for a school. It was said that, at Eldwick, a rickety table served as a desk and wool combers' benches were brought from the Mill Fold cottages

About 1800 he and his large family moved to the old keeper's house at

Horncliffe at which he ran a day school with pupils lodging at farmhouses strung along the road at Eldwick Crag. Amongst his scholars was John Nicholson who was to become The Airedale Poet. Some would say that Briggs had an ulterior motive because, apart from the tuppence a week he charged pupils, he and his family gained subsistence in the wild desolate location from besom making. So the family workforce could have been expanded by the pupils gathering heather, to enable the number of brooms sold locally to markets on Saturdays at Bingley, Bradford and district. One interlude was when, 'for thirteen weeks one winter, the family were cut off from all communication'.

Leaving Horncliffe around 1806 Briggs began Day and Sunday Schools in Baildon and Tong. As he became older he trudged from farm to farm so that, in return for a meal or two 'or for a few coppers', at his weekly call, he would 'instruct the youths who were called from the loom, rough and ready, to receive lessons in reading writing and arithmetic. In later life his appearance was described as very venerable, the flowing white hair matching with the old world knee breeches, thick stockings and buckled shoes. His heavy spectacles were thrust up to his brow when not needed. In his basket he carried a Bible, and an ordinary reading book for younger pupils. He was prone to rhyming, another feature he probably imparted to Nicholson. Both Joshua and his wife Ann lived to a great age, 78 and 77, ending in the same year of 1827.

For those fit and fine today who wish to find Horncliffe amidst spectacular moorland scenery, especially when the ling is in full bloom, boundary stones of the former Lord of the Manor, Thomas Pulleyne, show the way. From The Green follow the Beck, crossing into the Lane up to Eldwick Hall and Lane Head. Over Otley road is the entrance to Birch Close Lane, through to Faweather, Little London and Knapley Ing, all ancient farms dating back to the 12th century. Once across the main road the boundary stone route begins at Knapley Hill to Low Two Stoops, High Two Stoops, Cocklake Hill, Althom Thorn to Horncliffe itself. The route separates Bingley Moor from Hawksworth Moor and is the boundary of the old Keighley and

Bingley Union. The long haul continues to Laid Stoop, Twelve Apostles Stone Circle and Lanshaw Lad, approaching the highest part of Rombalds Moor at 1000 feet, before descending to White Wells and Ilkley itself.

Returning to Joshua Briggs and the Eldwick schooling, he was actually on the preaching circuit of what on the 1847 Ordnance Survey Map was named The Mission Room. Built in 1815 for the benefit of the farms and cottages of Eldwick Crag which, as a community, was then larger than that of Eldwick Beck Bottom. *To be continued.*

Dear Editor

Thank you for the space to tell your readers about my campaign to travel to Russia in October 2016 for treatment that could halt the progression of the disease I have been enduring for the past 15 years.

Many of your readers may know me. I lived in Eldwick as a child and now live in Gilstead. I went to Eldwick First School and my children went to the local schools

I don't know if your readers are familiar with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) but for 15 years I have been coping with increasingly severe symptoms including disabling fatigue, pain and spasticity. I am unable to walk without crutches. Outside I use a wheelchair.

MS is an autoimmune disease, which means the immune system attacks my own body, specifically the myelin sheath surrounding the nerves. Scarring then disrupts the messages along the nerves – they get distorted, slow down or don't get through at all.

There is no cure for MS and no treatments are offered for the type I have which is secondary progressive MS. My MS is progressing and each year I can do less and less.

However, I have now been offered treatment in Russia. This is a revolutionary treatment – Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT)

It has traditionally been used to treat certain types of cancer. It will "switch off" my immune system and then reboot it which means the immune system will 'forget' I have MS – thus the disease's progression will be stopped in its tracks.

This treatment can't fix the damage already done to my spinal cord, and brain. But it should stop me getting any worse which clearly is my major concern.

The waiting list in Russia for the treatment is up to two years but I've been offered a place sooner as the assessor decided I needed the treatment as soon as possible.

This though means I have to find £45,000 by then. Some kind friends, are putting on some local events to raise funds but we also have a donation page which is found at this site below.

I would be so grateful if the readers of this newsletter could see their way to supporting these events and/ or donating if they are able and I will be forever grateful to anyone who can help me receive this pioneering treatment and kickstarting my life again.

Sarah Blagbrough (was Pittock)

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