

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Thanks for the Gala

See Insert. Photos by Bill Faulding

Eldwick Juniors FC Changing Room Renovation

Those of you who have been on the Recreation Ground over the past few months can't fail to have noticed the developments that have been going on at the Eldwick Juniors FC changing rooms! The facilities on the rec were in desperate need of improvement as they had fallen into a general state of disrepair and were pretty much just used as a storage facility. The club has had plans to redevelop the facilities but had lacked the serious funding required to take on the task.

In the autumn of 2015 the club were lucky enough to win a competition for £5,000 worth of materials from Gibbs and Dandy. The driving force for helping secure the funding and the social media voting campaign was led by Nik Beedham (one of the parents of our Under 8's team).

Winning the competition provided us with the much needed support that we needed to develop a professional, clean and warm environment for our teams to change in as well as facilities to provide tea and coffee to parents on those wild winter mornings we get on the Rec!

The development project began in March and was led from start to finish by Mick Hawthorne (Under 9's Manager) and village stalwart Richard Rowan. The club also received huge support from parents and the community to help complete the project with donations ranging from a kitchen, insulation, wallpaper and most importantly the hard labour needed to complete the project. The support was truly overwhelming.

The changing rooms were officially opened in June with a fun filled morning involving a penalty shootout involving Bradford City's own Billy Bantam and the Bradford Bulls' Bullyboy. The village society also provided the very welcome services of their "Burnt Banger" team. It was a superb



From Left to Right Mr John Edwards, Ellis Hawthorne, Bullboy, Richard Rowan and Nik Beedham

morning. It was also a privilege to meet Mr John Edwards (the first Captain of Eldwick Juniors in 1947!) and to show him round the completed facilities.

The club has almost 200 boys and girls (from aged 3 to 17) training and playing on a regular basis, we now have the facilities to match the pride they have in representing their village and club. Nik, Mick and Richard – the players, parents and coaches are extremely grateful for the effort you have put in over the past few months.



Parents and Players painting!

As a club we would also like to formally thank the village society for their help and support and all members of the community who have helped with this project. The links we have forged, and how we have

overcome challenges collectively that the project has thrown up (e.g. getting the water connected!) has been truly inspiring.

The club's strategy is to develop not only the footballing skills of our players, but also to develop them as individuals in terms of confidence, team work and respect. We also encourage them to have plenty of fun along the way, through running several off-field events throughout the season such as the Christmas Party, Gala Parade, Penalty Shootouts, Fun Day and Bradford City FC visits!

If you are interested in keeping up to date with events at the club you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The club will also be providing occasional updates to the newsletter throughout the forthcoming next season.

If your son or daughter is interested in joining the club or if there is anyone interested in sponsorship/donations please get in touch via eldwickjuniors@hotmail.com Up the Eagles!

James Thirkill
Chairman, Eldwick Juniors FC



The under 8's at the Penalty Shootout with Billy Bantam!



Noah Thirkill of the Under 8's preparing to shoot at Billy!



Ellis Hawthorne, Mick Hawthorne and Richard Rowan.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A DAY OF TWO HALVES

The gazebo crew were up early doors to erect our stall in its new location (a bit nearer the action, we hoped). Our members had been nurturing bedding plants from plug to maturity and sales were brisk.



The gazebo up and ready for trading.

Raffle tickets sold well and the winner was Yellow 106, bought by Jennifer Bradford of Wilsden, whom we congratulate.

Until the rain came around three o'clock we greeted friends old and new and then the gazebo filled up with the bedraggled - including our Gala Queen, her mum and dad and as many more wet folk as we could cram in.

In a light-bulb moment our Secretary John Churchman and Treasurer Michael Sutcliffe became aware of the stampede of potential customers into the church hall for shelter and cups of tea. So they bagged up their last-minute floral bargains and toured the tearoom, making some extra sales to swell our funds. That's what a good treasurer does!



Open for business: manning our stand are (L-R) Pauline Feltwell, John Churchman, Janet Jamieson and Dorothy Isaac.

Now we all pray for a dry evening on Tuesday 17 September - our next meeting - when Tessa Clements will be telling us all about English Tulips at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Always a good night out!

Bingley Town Council

Bingley Town Council held their monthly council meeting on Tuesday 28th June at Cottingley Village Primary School. It is the Council's intention to hold their meetings in the Wards that make up Bingley Town Council.

All council meetings are open to members of the public, please refer to notices displayed in the Eldwick Post Office or the Notice Board outside the Memorial Hall advising of when meetings are to be held. Notices will also be displayed in and around Bingley, the town square and the Library plus other locations.

We are currently setting up our Bank account, which should be in place by the time you read this article. BMDC will be able to deposit the money into our account enabling us to pay costs incurred to date.

When the next issue of the news letter is published we will have our office in Bingley thus giving us an address for correspondence to be sent to.

We now have in place a Web address that is currently being populated, all council business will be displayed on the site including all the minutes of Council meetings, Web address is:- <http://www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk>

Also in place are the official email addresses of the various ward Councillors. Eldwick representatives are:- Mark Truelove. mark.truelove@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Chris O'Neill

chris.oneill@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Note all the address is in lower case.

As a newly formed council we are going through a steep learning curve, to assist us in understanding our role and responsibilities we are undertaking training which will help us greatly.

The Council are seeking to engage a part time Town Clerk and this post will be advertised shortly. Anyone interested please contact either of your Councillors.

There are many challenges that lie ahead of us some are easier to address than others.

The Market is an issue under discussion with the Council. The Market Traders would like to make this a fully functional and vibrant market as in the early days when the new Town Square was opened.

Another burning issue is Litter and Dog Fouling. Please see the article below from my fellow Councillor on this matter.

Councillor Mark Truelove

COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM CHRIS O'NEILL

All Bingley Town Councillors have now been issued with "official" e-mail addresses. In future to contact me please use -

chris.oneill@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk
My Facebook & Twitter tags remain the same as

www.facebook.com/councillor.chris.9
and @councillorchri5 respectively.

At the Gala pet show and the Gala stall itself I have been endeavouring to collect contact details for volunteers who would like to join an initiative against dog

poo and anti social dog walkers.

The Bingley Green Dog Walkers group is a group of volunteers set up and resourced by Bradford MDC since 2013. Members work to educate local people to clean up after their dogs and also work alongside BMDC wardens to identify those who allow their dogs to foul and in some cases prosecute them. People who allow their dogs to foul can be issued with a £80 fixed penalty notice or prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. The group has done regular work with local primary schools, promoted their work at local events, and have supplies of posters and bags. Their Facebook page reflects a network of people who share information about problem areas.

To get such a scheme operational in Eldwick & Gilstead would need a number of volunteers, alongside myself, to organise and action the idea. There would be plenty of support from the Green Dog Walkers Group, Bradford Met and other bodies. If you are interested in volunteering to combat one of the most complained about issues there is, please send your contact details via one of the above means. Thank you.

Chris O'Neill

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our Meeting on 14 June 2016 was Frank A Wright. His talk was on "The Experiences of the Village Butcher". He told many amusing stories and was very interesting. There will be no Meeting in August as it is our Annual Trip. This year to Port Sunlight and the Wirral.

Yorkshire Day Coffee Morning. Saturday 30 July 2016. 10 o'clock till 12 noon. £2.50 including Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. Cake Stall and Raffle. Proceeds to go to Manorlands and YCA.

Our next Meeting is on Tue 13 September. Our Speaker is Dr Aziz Hafiz. "Natural Disasters and the Response".

New Members are Always Welcome

ELDWICK CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Eldwick Church are launching a Toddlers Play Group in September. The first meeting will be at The Eldwick Church on Wednesday 14th September at 09:30. Each session will be for one hour. The group is aimed at toddlers, under 3's and their carers. Topics will include play, craft activity, a chat and a drink. All toddlers in the area are warmly invited to attend. Subsequent meetings will be 12th October & 9th November.

On Sunday the 4th September The Eldwick Church is organising a Walking Treasure Hunt, which is suitable for the whole family.

Everyone is invited to take part. The walk will start from 14:00 at The Eldwick Church.
Chris O'Neill

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th September 4.00 – 5.45pm
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!

TODDLER PLAY

Wednesday 14th Sept. 9.30–10.30 am.
For under 3's and their carers: play, craft activity, a chat and a drink.

WALKING TREASURE HUNT AROUND THE VILLAGE FOR THE FAMILY

Sunday 4th September 2.00 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

22nd July A Friday luncheon Outing.
15th Sept. Michael Sutcliffe
"A Darjeeling Railway Journey"

SERVICES:

3rd July
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Nigel Ogley.
All Age Worship.
10.30 am
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
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.
7th August
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.
10.30 am All Age Worship.

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14th August

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Bishop of Bradford
The Rt. Revd Toby Howarth.

21st August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mrs Patricia Henny

28th August

09.15 am Big Breakfast.
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Barabara Walls.

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

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THE SECRET NORTH WING

It was the 1870 First Elementary Act that brought the significant development of education in Eldwick and the surrounding area with a purpose to request the formation of School Boards who would provide accommodation for elementary education. So it was on October 10th 1874 that a notice appeared in the *Keighley News* requesting the deficiency of school accommodation and, if no action was taken within six months, their Lordships of the Department of Education will cause a School Board to be formed.

Meetings took place in Bingley but it was not until 1875 that a Bingley School Board was formed. Reviewing the figures from 1874 when Bingley, Cullingworth and Cullingworth had over 2000 school places, there was seen to be a need for another 1000 places, including 60 for Eldwick. Records at the National Archives of the Department of Education describe the Eldwick scenario. Neither the 1815 chapel schoolroom at Eldwick Crag, nor the 1832 schoolroom at Eldwick Beck were seen as sites to develop so an alternative should be found.



Mornington Road School Board Offices combined in the school.

In Bingley sites were considered for a Board School, combined with offices as the headquarters of the new Bingley School Board and one on Mornington Road was chosen. The board members elected were undenominational and were denounced as opponents of religion as many church and chapel schools had been the norm.

So it was that when yours truly became head of Mornington Road School, aka Priestthorpe Primary, the first task was to request a full inspection of the building by a fire officer. Looking

at the western or front façade of the school it will be noticed that one of the gables, that towards Park Road, is higher than the other two. The fire officer asked why the whole building had not been made accessible. It was revealed that there was no internal access to the upper floor from the school. Later a key was provided to unlock the big blue doors, beneath the former elaborate gas lamp fixture, to reveal a wonderful sight. The stone flagged entrance led to a spectacular stone staircase with ornamental wrought iron and wood rails up to a landing block of stone and another staircase. At the top a corridor had several pitch pine doors bearing faint lettering of office, secretary's room and board room. This indeed had been the headquarters of the Bingley School Board from when the building was constructed in 1877. Even the huge safe was still in place.

So, this is where the debate took place to decide on school places for the area, including Eldwick and Gilstead. On 29th June 1876 their Lordships in London accepted plans for the Eldwick School. Considerable success was achieved in a short time with the Eldwick Board School being opened in 1877, just two classrooms in the building on Otley Road as it now still appears. Just 53 pupils were on the roll that year and it took almost seventy years before that figure doubled. The real expansion, with additional classroom space and the growth of the village in the 1960's.

As far as Gilstead was concerned, something that is still questioned today arose. A school site was chosen in 1861 between what is now Fernbank Drive and Moor Bottom Lane but, with Mornington Road School being built with such capacity, the Gilstead School was never built. In 1861 the Warren Lane allotments were established and rents from them were meant to support the Gilstead School as a kind of grant. When the school was not built these 'rents' were endowed to Bingley Grammar School to support scholarship pupils from Eldwick and Gilstead. Hence the mistaken belief that money seen as income from the allotments by Bingley Grammar School was presumed to be



The former Eldwick Primary School

rents paid to them as owners.

The Eldwick Board School became the predecessor of the Memorial Hall, holding all kinds of meetings, events and social gatherings. The members of the School Board were from both the social and commercial hierarchy. Towards the end of the 19th century Mr William Cole Ferrand was the chairman of the Bingley School Board. He was a wool merchant and resided at Daisy Bank, (today's Dale Lodge), one of the villas in the Gilstead Lane/ Glen Road/ Prospect Road development areas post 1870. Not only did he treat all pupils and staff to seaside trips to Morecambe but regularly held garden parties, almost like galas in the grounds of his mansion. There were games and races, prizes for school performance and all the teachers received special gifts. Parents were included and so some 350 people enjoyed the event. Mr W. Rushton, headmaster, conducted the scholars in a capital representation of the cantata, *Flowers of the Fairies* with different coloured costumes depicting the Four Seasons. There was also a display of Drill Exercises from the boys of the Evening School and performances by the Musical Bentleys of Laurel Bank opposite who ran a market garden nursery. A good end of year prom?

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Thanks for the Gala

Thanks to all of those people who worked so hard to make this Gala such a success, despite the rain!
More photos on the website www.eldwickvillage.co.uk Photos by Bill Faulding.



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