

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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MILNER FIELD FARM

The following comments are from a local Historian Les Brook re Milner Field Farm. He has produced a 20 page very detailed report, and this is a summary of his objection. The Farm was included in the LDP but probably people were not wholly aware that an application for planning had been submitted.

It will be on the next Bingley Town Council Planning Meeting agenda on 15th August.

We think it prudent that we remind everyone in the neighbourhood, if the farm goes it will be lost for ever, it may never be developed as proposed and it will go to housing, the area around us will be just become a big urban sprawl and the benefits of a farm will be just a distant memory of a bygone age.

The land is owned by Hartley Estate Group, who are trying to get the current incumbent farmer off the property. The Downs family have farmed the land for over 100 years.

The planning application reference numbers are 15/05538/MAF, to demolish agricultural buildings and replace with an innovation centre plus parking for 100 cars. The second application 15/05552/FUL seeks to change the use of agricultural land to land for research and development.

Residents should send an objection to:- Bradford Planning by writing to Local Plans Group, 2nd Floor, South Jacobs Well, Manchester Road, Bradford BD1 5WR.

or send via e-mail to:-
planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk

You may wish to use this for the basis of your objection

Milner Field Farm planning applications WILL THE PROPOSED INNOVATION CENTRE OFFER PUBLIC BENEFITS?

Objection to 15/05538/MAF and 15/05552/FUL from Les Brook, 91 Riverside Court, Victoria Road, Shipley BD18 3LZ
15/05538/MAF - Innovation centre in conjunction with Bradford University for change of use of existing use of the existing farmhouse to innovation use and demolition of agricultural buildings and construction of a new innovation centre.

15/05552/FUL - Change of use of existing agricultural land to provide land for research for Bradford University and the proposed innovation centre's requirements.

SUMMARY OF THIS OBJECTION

- The national policy framework places an obligation on planning authorities to make a judgement on the public benefits of proposals.
- There is no "clear and convincing" justification for the Innovation Centre project.
- If approved, the applications will lead to the closure of a successful local agri-business and the weakening of the local economy.
- In the short to medium term the project will undoubtedly result in economic and social loss.
- The absence of even rudimentary business, financial or marketing plans do not inspire confidence in the project.
- All Innovation Centres are reliant on public funding both in the short and long term. The applicant does not acknowledge this, has not planned for it, and is in a weak position to get it.
- Whilst the national economic argument for Innovation Centres is well-founded, none have proven records of success. As a result, their economic benefits cannot be calculated.
- The location of the Milner Field Farm Innovation Centre - in a rural area, some way from a university campus - seriously weakens the Centre's credibility and viability.
- There is a very real danger that the outcome of the planning process will be no farm and no innovation centre.
- The applications fail the public benefits test.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Meets at 2.00pm in the Memorial Hall.
Meetings commence at 2.30pm.

SYLLABUS

AUGUST	CLOSED
September 1	The Young's in "Pointless"
September 8	"Brotherhood" Choir
September 15	Outing
September 22	Pam James Amusing Talk
September 29	Chris Binns (Slides part two)

DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE ELDWICK CHURCH BUILDING

We are very pleased to have submitted a planning application to Bradford Council for a scheme to refurbish and extend the Church building.

The application was validated by the planning department on 19 July and can now be viewed online via the link:
<https://planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications>

In the 'Search' field, you need to type the actual planning application reference: 16/05431/FUL

The scheme will retain the existing facade and the external appearance of the church building, with an extension at the rear of the building. There will be new and better equipped meeting areas, catering and social facilities, where the pre-school group and other community activities can take place. The new building will be linked to the Church to make a larger and more flexible worship space.

If you have any questions, they can be addressed to:

Alan Brown,
Chair of the Building Project Board
01274 511970

Richard Arnold,
Project Manager
01535 272894

October 6	Members Quiz
October 13	AGM
October 20	Paul Kenny (Slide Show)
October 27	Jeanette Wallace Talk
November 3	David Turner "Island Hopping in the Azores"
November 10	Member's Day
November 17	Baildon Ladies Choir
November 24	Beetle Drive Cake and sherry
December 1	Christmas Lunch

Closed until 12th January 2017 (then quiz)

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

GARDENS OF THE MIDSHIRES

On the 22nd July the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society set off on their annual long weekend trip. This year it was to the gardens of the midshires with Kettering as our base, where we were booked in at the excellent four-star Kettering Parkway Hotel.

On our way south we had a morning break of tea, coffee and scones at the 'Ye Olde Bell' Hotel at Barnby Moor, Retford. From there we made our way to Boughton House near Kettering, often described as 'The English Versailles'. The house, which has belonged to the Montagu family since 1528 is normally only open during August, but made an exception for our group. Lunch was provided followed by a two-hour tour of the House. After this we explored the 150 acres of stunning gardens and landscapes, including the Grand Etang, an 18th century reflecting pool restored in 2015, the walled garden with its herbaceous border, flower beds and sensory garden. Plus the 'rose garden' and the 'medieval lily pond'.

The following morning saw us at the Leicester University Botanical Gardens on the outskirts of the city. These are primarily engaged in scientific research and education and comprise 16 acres displaying a wide range of plants and trees, landscape features and listed buildings. We split into three

groups, each setting off in a different direction, each led by an extremely knowledgeable guide.

After tea, coffee and cakes we set off for Coton Manor Garden which is well hidden in the Northamptonshire countryside, and only open from April to September. The house dates back to the 17th century, but the 10-acre garden was only laid out in 1925. It encloses a series of smaller gardens, some with luxuriant borders providing a great deal of variety. Beyond the garden there is a five-acre bluebell wood and wild flower meadow. Despite its small size it contains over a thousand varieties of plants, many of which are unusual and not easily found elsewhere.

The final day started with a boat trip around Rutland water, which covers some 3000 acres, has a perimeter of 25 miles and was created in the 1970's by Anglian Water. After enjoying our customary tea, coffee and scones, we hoped the cruise would provide an opportunity to see the nesting ospreys but that was not the case.

In the early afternoon we made our way to Barnsdale, the garden created by the legendary gardener Geoff Hamilton. It was here 30 years ago that he presented 'Gardeners' World' on BBC 2. From little more than a ploughed field he created an unbelievable 39 small garden rooms linked by



Picture shows: Ornamental beds at Leicester Botanical Gardens

landscaped borders. Each one is unique and some would be familiar to our group.

In the late afternoon we had to leave and make our way back home, arriving early evening.

Stephen Wilkinson was responsible for creating this trip and great thanks must go to him for such a well organized and most interesting weekend with glorious weather throughout our stay.

The next event on the horticultural calendar is the 99th Annual Autumn Show to be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 27th August. After that the next meeting will be on the 20th September when Teresa Clements will be giving a talk on 'English Tulips'.

Michael Sutcliffe

NOTES FROM BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH JULY

Following the chairman's introduction, the meeting gave over to the members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of items on the agenda or ask questions on other matters relevant to the Parish.

Myrtle Park was a cause for concern due to the lack of upkeep by Bradford Met. The poor quality of shopping in Bingley, the general view most people now shop in Keighley.

Parking on the grass verges in Cottingley, as was speeding and quad bikes racing all over the area

Anti social Behaviour was a major cause for concern. The lack of Police was again echoed by everyone and was a matter of great importance.

On the plus side the Public Toilets have been repainted and the flower beds improved.

As previously mentioned we have now advertised for the position of full time clerk to the council. If you are interested please contact one of your local councillors (Truelove or O'Neill)

We can report that our bank account is in place and we just await Bradford Met to

deposit the precept allocated to Bingley Town Council.

Following the floods last Boxing Day a Flood Resilience Plan has been put in place to hopefully alleviate the repeat of last year. It was reported that the water levels were 129% higher than the previous flood in Bingley.

The Bingley flood support group needs additional help, there are still 60 people who have not been able to go back into their homes. If you can offer assistance it would be gratefully appreciated, please contact Michelle Chapman on 07830 402589

It was accepted at the meeting to introduce a grant scheme which can be applied for by local organisations in the Bingley Town Council Area.

Mark Truelove

COUNCIL NEWS FROM CHRIS O'NEILL

I am holding a "Councillor Surgery" on Tuesday 6th September, 14:15 to 15:45, at the SBVS offices in Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Rd, BD16 2TA. I chose that location as it is the Bingley Council office, and free of charge for Councillors to use. Anyone with Council related, ideas or issues is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, or wish to contact me otherwise, please e-mail chris.oneill@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk, or call 0791 7734009.

Last month I publicised the need for

volunteers to help with a scheme to reduce, hopefully eliminate, dog littering in Eldwick/Gilstead. To date only one person has come forward to help with this. Schemes like this rely entirely on volunteers. BMDC can help with these ideas only to a limited extent - due to continual budget cuts - the majority of on the ground troops need to be local volunteers. Unfortunately if more happy helpers are not forthcoming there can be no progress on what is regularly identified as one of the top local problems. Please contact me via the above means, if you feel you may be able to help on this issue, or would like to know more. You don't need to be a dog owner - the ladies who started the pilot scheme in Priesthorpe area do not own a dog between them!

Bingley Town Council will be holding its full meeting in Eldwick Church Hall @ 18:30, on Tuesday 29/11/16 and in The Memorial Hall 31/01/17. All are welcome to attend and raise issues they wish to speak on.

Finally, the first BTC "Litter Pick" will have taken place in Myrtle Park by the time you read this. I am looking to get one organised in Eldwick area. All required equipment is provided by BMDC, I just need volunteers and ideas of places to go picking in. Please let me know.

Chris O'Neill

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our Meeting on 12 July 2016 was Pam James. She gave a very interesting talk about her holiday to Rio and the places she visited on the way there.

We have no meeting in August.

The speaker for our September meeting is Dr Aziz Hafiz. (Natural Disasters and the Response).

Forthcoming Events.

30 September our Macmillan Coffee Morning. 10am to 12 noon. Entrance £2.50. There will be a Cake Stall and Raffle.

York Carol Service 9 December 2016 more details to follow.

New Members are always welcome

"ELSTEAD LADIES' CHOIR"

*Summer ends and we begin the
Autumn Session on
Friday 9 September 2016
at 7-15pm*

*in The Eldwick Church Hall, Eldwick
(building behind Eldwick Church,
Otley Road, Eldwick)*

*Autumn sees us rehearsing for our
Christmas Concert with a mixed
programme of carols
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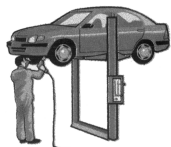
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MESSY CHURCH

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

Wed. 14th September 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:-

15th September Michael Sutcliffe
"A Darjeeling Railway Journey"

SERVICES:

7th August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

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. Barbara Walls.

4th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Rosemary Nash.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

11th September

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Anglican.

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18th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr. Terry O'Shaughnessy.

25th September

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Malcolm Sharrock.

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.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

Contact Ann Shoebridge 564690

BINGLEY INNER WHEEL

The President and members of Bingley Inner Wheel would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who generously supported our Tea Party in The Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

We raised a very substantial amount for the Abbeyfield Project in Bingley for which we are grateful.

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A PENNY IN THE POUND

In researching the history of the Prince of Wales Park there was a need to consult archived minute books of the various forms of local government from the middle of the 19th century. In large leather bound volumes, the proceedings of committees were recorded in immaculate longhand pen and ink writing.

The advent of the newly formed Bingley Town Council marks a new chapter in our local government and, doubtless, there will be a keen interest in the precept that householders will be required to pay. About 150 years ago it was the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor who looked after Eldwick's 'township cottages' – 1 to 3 Eldwick Beck, the 17th century almshouses. Similarly the Enclosure Award of 1861, including plots that were to become the Prince of Wales Park and the Warren Lane allotments, was made to that early government. In successive years came the Bingley Improvement Commissioners (1847-1896), the Bingley Local Board (1865-1894), and Bingley Urban District Council (1894 to Bradford MDC).

All charged some form of rate to cover the provision of local services and, like today, people often questioned for what were they paying? For instance, in the 1890's Eldwick had no proper water supply, the local reservoirs providing water for Shipley. Houses relied on local springs, like Rawson Dyke (running beneath Sheriff Lane), whose 'tributaries' fed Glen Road, Prospect Road and some houses on Otley Road. (The new development beside the former Eldwick School has revealed spring water flowing to the beck, as well as 'voids' from tunnel quarrying.)

By 1894 the Bingley Outer District Board was criticised for not providing piped water, sewerage and lighting. When, in 1898, seven wards were created in the Bingley District which covered 17,000 acres with a collective rateable value of £70,000, Eldwick and Gilstead formed the East Ward with three seats, (for 505 eligible voters), including William Dawson of Eldwick Grange and John Robinson of Gilstead Lane End Farm. The following year a protest meeting was held at The Fleece Inn, proper name for Dick Hudson's, to oppose a single rate being imposed for the whole Bingley District. Prior to that the Town Rate had been 4/10d and that for Eldwick&Gilstead was only 1/8d. It was argued that agricultural places should have lower rates, especially since the whole question of water supply was still being debated. Richard Garnett, the farmer and inn keeper of the Fleece Inn said he had no sewerage, no water supply except from private owners, no causeways, drains, or a gas lamp within a mile. So he should not pay for services which did not exist.

In 1904 Bingley Urban District Council needed to borrow £11,500 since the area, including Eldwick and Gilstead needed sewerage to be installed. Passive resisters appeared in Bingley Court for a very different protest. A new Education Act had led to an additional payment per household of 2/4d as that part of the rates to cover education. It was argued that the government had compelled ratepayers to maintain schools over which they had no control. This was because one of the consequences of legislation had led to the destruction of the Local School Boards. In a quirk of fate the curator of the Eldwick Board School had his salary of £20 per annum reduced by the Council assuming control. By comparison of finances in the same year, the will of Colonel George Stansfield (formerly of Cottingley Hall) declared his estate being valued at £159,000.

In 1905 Miss Annie Preston of Hammondale in Eldwick, the large house at the bottom of Saltaire Road, who was the daughter of dialect poet Ben Preston, creator of The Glen Pub, was summoned to Bingley Court. She argued that her non-payment of rates was a protest against the Bingley UDC refusing to erect a gas lamp in the road leading to her house. As a result she had to shepherd herself and visitors the length of the road with a lantern. Her appeal was promised to be considered so she paid her due on 28th April, only for it to be refused on 19th May! At the time public gas lamps were only lit during the months of May to August until midnight, not lit at all in June and July but, from October to April they were on all night. It was estimated that the sewerage of Eldwick and Gilstead was to cost £3532/15/8d.

In the 1906 election for the East Ward, Mr William Walsh, of Low Fold Farm in Gilstead, defeated William Parker, a coachbuilder, and Seth Parrett, the Gilstead grocer and confectioner. William had obviously been the local councillor previously since one local elector commented, "We've nivver hed noa deacent roads sin Bill Walsh cum of o,t, Council".

In a very different comparison to today's legislation, in 1907 the Bingley Council Education Committee decided in July to take no action against parents in places like Eldwick who were keeping their children off school to help with the harvest and fruit picking. The Court said it would dismiss any such cases. However, the Bingley Court was still dealing with the Passive Movement supporters who were still withholding the education portion of the Poor Rate. One such person was none other than Harriet Preston who may or may not have been related to the argumentative rebel Annie?

ELDWICK MATTERS - POLICE UPDATE

For some time now Eldwick Village Society have been in dialogue with the local Police to understand current priorities in our village and we are now in a position to update you.

In common with Police forces across the country it's very much a case of the Police having to focus resource on priorities which will of course change over time. A key priority is to 'protect life and limb' and consequently there is currently a real focus on dangerous driving with Operation Steerside being well publicised in the local press.

The Police do recognise concerns about other crimes, not least burglaries and break ins. Trends have changed in recent years and the days when criminals would take TVs and video recorders etc have now gone with the focus on more lucrative items such as cars, phones and lap tops. All these items are easily disposed of for profit and in the case of cars often stolen to order.

The Police will respond to trends using whatever resources they have at their disposal but these are a number of things we can do to help

- Lock cars, sheds and external doors. Believe it or not a significant number of crimes are made possible because that doesn't happen. Worth a check before you go to bed
- Don't leave valuables in cars particularly overnight
- Use burglar alarms where fitted – set them overnight and when you are out
- Keep valuables including car keys out of sight and away from external doors
- Fit the best locks you can. UPVC doors can be particularly vulnerable if the locks are older (before 2009). Locks to look for are TS007 or Solid secure diamond standard
- If you see anything suspicious report it using the 101 number or 999 if you can't get through and believe a crime is about to be committed. The Police tell us that quite often concerns are shared with friends on Facebook but they aren't told !!

We will continue to work with the Police to ensure they understand your concerns and we understand their changing priorities. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on local policing and priorities in the usual way.

More in future editions!!

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