

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

Issue No. 459 February 2017

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER GALA 2017 – Gala Day Saturday 24th June. This years theme "Jolly Holidays!"

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- all in Eldwick Memorial Hall

#### GALA QUEEN SELECTION DISCO

Friday 24th March  
7pm - 8.30pm for  
7 - 11 year olds

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#### SUMMER DISCO

Friday 16th June  
Junior Disco 6 - 6.45pm  
for 3 - 7 year olds  
Gala Disco 7 - 8.30pm  
for 7 - 11 year olds

#### PET SHOW

Monday 19th June  
With classes for Dogs and  
Small Pets from 6pm

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#### FUN RUN

Friday 23rd June  
Scout & Guide Fun Run  
1.5 miles 7pm  
3 Mile Run 7.30pm

### GALA DAY – SAT 24th JUNE

*Watch this space for more details.*

### More Gala event details .....

- To volunteer to help on the day or at events
- To place an advert in the Programme
- To book a stall on the Field or in the Memorial Hall  
please contact [gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk)

Lots of information available from [www.eldwickvillage.co.uk](http://www.eldwickvillage.co.uk)

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### Gala Queen Selection Disco

with Andy of Partymania

Friday 24th March 7.00-8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

for 7-11 year olds

Entry £2

### ELDWICK OPEN GARDENS – 17th June

*We need your gardens! Please pick up a form from the Post Office*

**ELDWICK GUIDES** are looking for dynamic and enthusiastic Girls & Women to join our team. Become a Guide. For girls aged 10 to 14 - it gives you the opportunity to meet people and try new experiences. Become a volunteer today and benefit from friendship, adventure and opportunities guiding has to offer. Eldwick Guides meet on Tuesday from 7 to 8.30pm at Eldwick Scout and Guide Hut. If you are interested please call Angela Bolton 07814 904449 or Helen Childs 07912 509025.

### NEW VICAR FOR ELDWICK

Rev'd Peter Mayo-Smith is now officially the vicar of The Eldwick Church, following his welcome and licensing service on 24th January, led by Bishop Toby. Peter and his wife Eileen are excited to be here and are looking forward to what God will do in Eldwick over the next couple of years.

Do look out for Peter as he goes out and about exploring Eldwick and meeting the local community.

Peter can be contacted on 01274 457042 or by e mail at [eldwickmin@gmail.com](mailto:eldwickmin@gmail.com)

In other Church news, we continue to make steady progress with our building project. We have now gained building controls approval and have submitted our first grant funding applications.

Many charitable organisations work on the concept of 'match funding', therefore we continue to fundraise locally and invite you to contribute to our efforts – see insert for further details.

### Gala Queen Entry Form

**ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD GALA**

**Saturday 24th June 2017**

I would like to be considered for Gala Queen / Attendant for the 2017 Gala. The Gala Queen will be chosen at the 'Gala Queen Selection Night Disco' on Friday 24th March, 7pm till 8.30pm in Eldwick Memorial Hall (Disco entry £2). The Gala Queen should be in year 6 or over and attending the selection evening and the attendants between the ages of 7 and 10 (girls or boys). The Gala Queen's name and all Attendants' names will be drawn out of a hat by the 2016 Gala Queen.

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School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## PUTTING ON THE STILE

Walls have been with us for a long, long time. We need them to keep our property safe, mark our boundaries, keep others out, keep us warm, protect us from the weather.

Dry stone walling is David Wadsworth's longtime hobby. He practises it, teaches it, obviously loves it and he came to Eldwick all the way from Gilstead to talk about it to a packed house on a dismal evening in January.

We're justifiably proud of our dry stone walls in Yorkshire, but David told us about similar walls of even greater antiquity all around the world in both hemispheres. The stone may vary in colour and size and texture but the principles of construction remain the same, otherwise the walls would probably fall down.

After you have collected sufficient raw materials for the work in hand you must start, David explained, by taking the grass off your chosen site, (you don't need any foundations) and lay your base stones longways in. Then you are ready to lay your first walling stones, building up to knee-height, when you need to put in your first "through stones" - these are the long ones - to provide stability. You repeat this procedure at hip-height, and by now you should be getting the hang of it. The through stones, by the way, are usually placed about one pace apart.

When you are just learning the craft, your instructor will require you to construct a 2.7m<sup>2</sup> section of wall in seven hours. This achievement

will earn you your Level One Certificate in Dry Stone Walling. For Level Two you will be required to construct a "cheek end" where there is to be a gateway perhaps. For Level Three a stile . . . and then it starts to get harder! Once your hands, shoulders, knees and aching back have recovered, you will be eager to take on the big challenges of the craft, like building a wall on a steep incline and perhaps inserting a stile or two. Plenty of those round here!

Up in the dales you'll find the long through-stones often replaced by pieces of wood because suitable pieces of limestone are hard to find.

For our interest and amazement, David showed us slides of the beehive-shaped trulli houses in Italy, prehistoric dwellings in Orkney and Shetland, the Dordogne and Menorca. My own favourite was Julia Bradbury sitting on a wall near Malham . . .

It was an interesting evening and we're all looking forward to David's return on Tuesday 21st March when he will unravel for us the mysteries of his other fascinating hobby, Bee Keeping.



Picture shows:  
David Wadsworth will be  
returning next month

## GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL – MARIE CURIE

### Marie Curie urgently needs YOUR help!

As we see the first daffodils of the year bloom, terminal illness charity Marie Curie is asking people of Eldwick and the surrounding area to volunteer to collect for its Great Daffodil Appeal in March. Volunteering just two hours of your time to give out daffodil pins in return for a donation can help Marie Curie Nurses be there for people living with a terminal illness in their own homes and at the Marie Curie Hospice in Bradford.

The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie's biggest annual fundraising campaign, which takes place through-out March, but the charity needs people to sign up to volunteer now. The Charity is looking for volunteers to collect in Bingley and Saltaire on 25 March. Sharon Link, Community Fundraising Manager, Marie Curie said: "We are calling on the people of Eldwick and surrounding areas



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to help us make every daffodil count this year. All you have to do is encourage people to give a donation and wear a daffodil pin, it's that simple. So round up your friends, family and colleagues and together we can help Marie Curie Nurses provide vital hands on care and emotional support to people living with a terminal illness, and their loved ones."

Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal has been raising awareness and funds since 1986. In Yorkshire last year we raised over £250,000 and in 2017 we are hoping to raise over £300,000 from a range of different fundraising activities across the area, including over 330 daffodil collections happening at a variety of venues between now and the end of March.

Make Every Daffodil Count and volunteer to support now: [mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil) or call 0800 304 7025.

For more information on how to get involved in the Great Daffodil Appeal, please contact Sharon Link on 01274 386197/ 07850 299998 or email [sharon.link@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:sharon.link@mariecurie.org.uk) or go on the Marie Curie website to sign up to a collection at [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil)

## We're raising money for Marie Curie

### Great Daffodil Walk 2017

Sunday 19th March 2017 starts 09.30hrs  
Scenic 6 mile circular sponsored walk from Tarquin's Tearoom, Myrtle Park, Bingley and around the St Ives Estate.  
Registration preferably on-line at:  
[bdfundraisinggroup.mariecurie@yahoo.com](mailto:bdfundraisinggroup.mariecurie@yahoo.com)

or phone Dave on 07849 101293



[mariecurie.org.uk/groups](http://mariecurie.org.uk/groups)

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

On Tuesday 10th January 2017 we had our usual Beetle Drive. This was a very enjoyable evening. 14th March is our Party. Payment is due. If any member has not put their name down and would like to go, please ring Maureen Beckwith. Our entertainment is by John Wallis (Musical Entertainment). New Members are always welcome

## COUNCIL NEWS

The Keighley Incinerator was a major topic of concern given the council planning committee approved the planning application. Members of the public expressed concerns about the emissions from the site which would cause health problems in the Aire Valley. The full Council rescinded the original planning decision and informed Bradford Planning accordingly. No doubt you have read or heard on the news the Project has been given the go-ahead by Bradford Planning.

Derelict buildings is still high on the councils agenda, every avenue is being explored to get Bradford Council to act to resolve the situation regarding these buildings.

The old Bradford and Bingley site has now been sold by Sainsburys to Lidl. The council are in dialogue with Lidl on their intentions for development of the site, it is obviously early days but we will keep you informed of developments

A meeting is scheduled with BDMC to discuss the proposed services they are looking to stop due to budgetary restrictions among them is the Market which we are looking to re-establish.

The Precept for next year will be £15.96 for band D properties.

We are still looking for offices - two options one in Bingley, the other in Cottingley, this all depends on availability and rental charges

The Election of a new councillor for the Lady Lane and Oakwood Park ward takes place on Thursday 23 February.

The Council Newsletter is available and can be collected from the Birches and Eldwick Post Office.

Bingley Council are looking to develop a Neighbourhood Plan this will involve all of the community and the council will be consulting with everyone for their input in developing the plan, more information will be available in subsequent editions of the Newsletter.

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# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 18th February** 4.00 – 5.45 pm

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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

For under 3's and their carers: play, craft activity, a chat and a drink.

**Wednesday 8th February** 9.30 – 10.30 am

**Wednesday 8th March** 9.30 – 10.30 am

## PAUSE TO PRAY:-

**Wednesday 1st February** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 15th February** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 1st March** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 15th March** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

## THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP:-

**Thursday 16th February** Val Pearson  
"Theatrical Wigs"

**Thursday 16th March**

Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

## SERVICES:

**5th February**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Rosemary Nash

10.30 am Family Worship led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

**12th February**

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith

**19th February**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
Mr Micheal Webster.

**26th February**

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Barbara Walls.

**5th March**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

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Mr. Dewar Wishart.

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10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Terence Porter.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

Wed. - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers / Probus,  
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group

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.

2nd Wednesday in the month Toddler Play

3rd Thursday in the month The Eldwick  
Fellowship.

Mid Saturday Messy Church.

Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

## CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

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## MAN OF MYSTERY REVEALED - ALMOST!

This is a very exciting and interesting time in the annals of The Eldwick Church with the arrival of Peter Mayo Smith and his wife to join the Eldwick community and lead the church forward. This is just as fundraising is being sought to enable the building development plan to head to fruition with an addition to the original structure. Eldwick in the late 19th century still retained the original layout of the 1861 Enclosure. So it was that, from within the plot 77 of 4 acres, known as the School Field because it was opposite the 1877 Eldwick Board School, a small portion, of only about half an acre, was the subject of a Conveyance on the 31st of December in 1890. In this, a Richard Balderston Cragg, sold to the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of Bingley, for the sum of £60, the half-acre, as a 'site for a place of public worship'. This marked the beginning of what was to become in 1893, St. Lawrence's Church, named after the patron saint of wool combers.

So who was this Richard Cragg? His life story can be told but the vital link with Eldwick and its village church has yet to be discovered. He was born in Kirkby Lonsdale in 1850 and his father in the 1841 Census was a 'commercial traveller in lemonade and soda water'. From that position George Henry Cragg moved on, by 1861, to be a managing clerk to a solicitor in Skipton and that was a foretaste of Richard's career, since he had become an attorney's articled clerk by 1871 in Kirkby Lonsdale. He lived there as a lodger until he married Annie in Keighley in 1878 and they were living in Skipton three years later by which time Richard was a solicitor with his own offices in the High Street.

Moving up in the world, his story gives a first clue to his involvement with a local church. In 1887, living in Ingleton, he was to see the rebuilding and refurbishment of St Mary's Church, which cost £3,500 and he made an additional personal contribution. This was to fund the installation of a carved oak reredos in the church - an ornamental feature behind the altar. It seems he commuted from Langbar End in Ingleton, later from Hollin Tree, which was the family home for Annie and three children, to his offices in Sheep Street, Skipton. This was still the case in 1901, with property in Carlton Street, (described as his apartments), and in Addingham.

It seemed that, in later years, he found his professional work dwindling 'as a result of the severe competition, so he turned his mind to 'the more genial life of literature'. He had always had an interest in local antiquarian research and made contributions to the



columns of Skipton's weekly newspaper, the Craven Herald. It was said no-one could fail to notice his style of writing, 'one peculiar to himself', as he wrote on a variety of subjects and in doing so gained a wide circle of readers in all parts of the world! This was the beginning of the 20th century and yet the Craven Herald reported, "Many former residents of Craven, 'ploughing his lonely furrow', in some far off country, must have often felt his burden lighter after perusing Mr Cragg's literary tit-bits of old Craven families and their vicissitudes." (Changes and alterations in their daily lives.)

Just as his father had been described as 'a townsman', so too did Richard become involved in the civic affairs of Skipton. There was a contentious issue which actually led him to become the leader of the opposition to the town's large waterworks scheme at the foot of Embsay Moor. Like many towns faced with rapid expansion and the provision of a good water supply, there was a need in Skipton to plan for the future. The strange thing was that, having spent time and effort, although not being in the best of health, Richard, from arguing the planned scheme was too lavish a scheme funded by ratepayers' money, came to realise that a safe and reliable water supply was essential.

In the 1911 census Richard did not appear and Annie classed herself as a widow - a note in brackets, 5 years. The parish records of St. Peter's in Rylstone show Richard's death was officially recorded in Skipton in April of 1906. Returning to the 1911 Census records, Annie was living with one of her sons, Richard, who was an electrical engineer, in Watford, living in a house with six rooms. The record also shows Annie had been married for 33 years (from 1878) so did she still regard herself as married although a widow? Also she and Richard senior had had four children but one of the daughters, Alice

Catherine died in January 1905, aged 20. Wilfrid Balderston Cragg, the youngest of the children, who in 1906 would have been only 20, was, at the time of his father's death, in South America.

Richard died after several months of illness, aged only 55 perhaps saddened by the family tragedy. The funeral took place at Ingleton, the remains being conveyed from Skipton by train. One wonders, did he ever see the church built on the land he sold for its creation

## ELDWICK LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Come and join us for a coffee, a chat and then listen to a Speaker. Everyone very welcome. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in the Eldwick Church Hall. Chairman: 01274 581342 Treasurer: 01274 565555

### PROGRAMME 2017

Jan. 25th	Annual General Meeting
Feb. 22nd	Rev. Priestley-Brook What the Vicar never told me
March 29th	Andrew Quarrie Life on passenger ships in the 1960s
April 26th	Mick Couzens My 10 years in Saudia Arabia
May 31st	Robert Wood Gemstone and Diamond Road Show
June 28th	Rodney Hallam My memories of childhood through the eyes of a child in poetry and prose
July 26th	Duncan Verity Songs and laughter
August	No Meeting
Sept. 27th	Patricia Atkinson Florence Nightingale
Oct. 25th	Maurice E. Baren Victorian Shopping
Nov. 29th	Judith Kay Origin of Sayings
Dec. 6th or 13th or 20th	Christmas Lunch

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