

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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PAVEMENT PARKING a Pedestrian Predicament

Why do some selfish car owners park their vehicles obstructing the pavement? Watching mums with push chairs struggling to get past a vehicle or wheelchair users having to go into the road is not a good sight.

People have often complained at the speed of cars going through the village and there has been talk of speed bumps (horror of horrors). One of the most effective ways of slowing vehicles is creating a chicane and what better than parked cars. A good example of this is the parking spot opposite The Post Office. Often people parking here put their vehicle on the pavement, usually blocking it. Why not



park it legally and slow down the traffic?

Guide Dogs are running a campaign "Pavements are for people" and are working with the Government to try and make pavements safe, especially from parked cars.

For details
guidedogs.org.uk/pavement_parking.

OPEN GARDENS

We are sorry to announce that the planned Eldwick Open Gardens in June will be postponed until next year. Many thanks to all the people who offered to open their gardens.

ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

The Eldwick Memorial Hall is available for bookings for all sorts of events from christenings to funerals. The Birches bar may also be booked.

Please check the website for availability
www.eldwickmemorialhall.co.uk and ring
Sylvia Slater 01274 563081

Can you Help?

I am writing this article requesting help from you, the people of Eldwick. Could you please get your thinking caps on to help me design a badge that depicts Eldwick.

I am the Cub Scout Leader of 9th Bingley Cub pack which meets every Thursday in the Scout & Guide HQ in the village. We have a Necker/scarf that is half yellow and half black; you may have seen us walking the village at times.

The help required is to design a unique badge to wear on the back triangle of the Necker to show pictorially that we are based in Eldwick village. The design will hopefully depict local history from the Eldwick area. Have we any history that can be depicted in this manner? The badge will be either in an oblong or a circular shape.

Has a Lord lived locally who had a coat of arms, is there a local named area such as the Throstle's Nest in Bingley. I have thought of using the Prince of Wales feather plumes depicting the park but then I am stuck!!!

I would really appreciate any design suggestions.

My contact details are email: helenalderman8@gmail.com or Mobile 07966 550196

Inner Wheel Club of Bingley
invites you to their
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Saturday 8th April 2017

10am to 12 noon

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ALAN'S ACCEPTABLE ALLSORTS

Last month society member and past president Alan Wilson dragged his slides and projector over the hill from Otley to Eldwick and reminisced for over an hour about everything from growing liquorice root in Pontefract to Mr Jones' (who he?) glorious prize-winning floribunda. The aforementioned blooms, Alan told us, snatched away his only chance of winning a "first" with his own roses at a show many years ago.

So he moved on . . . to growing dahlias, clematis, tomatoes, succulents . . . and many other species. In a short aside, Alan related his experiences with pesticides. According to the label, he said, these chemicals "control" white fly, black fly and green fly: but in his experience "control" means that only 10 per cent of pests are slaughtered, while the remaining 90 per cent live to fight another day.

News had got round that this talk entitled "Liquorice Allsorts" would be both amusing and educational (and so it proved) which meant we had another full house in the

Memorial Hall. In the space of a few minutes our speaker took us to the Chelsea Flower Show, where Alan was on several occasions involved as a visitor, volunteer and contributor to a Silver Gilt award-winning exhibit. Every topic was illustrated with a remarkable selection of colour slides and the audience learned that Alan is a skilled photographer with an eye for the offbeat and unusual, plus a love of the sweeping landscapes he captured for us in Spain, France and Switzerland.

On a smaller scale he demonstrated with pictures how he reshaped his own garden on the challenging lower slopes of the mighty Chevin!

The evening began when a mystery bag from our Secretary John Churchman was presented to our speaker. It contained . . . liquorice allsorts. Before his talk got underway, the theme continued with Alan passing sweets around the audience. They were (of course) . . . liquorice allsorts. Definitely an evening for the sweet-toothed amongst us.

Next month Tuesday April 18th will see



Alan with friend Bertie Bassett

return of the always-popular Jacqueline Iddon Dagnall, who will "Spring into Action" with a demonstration of her flower-arranging expertise accompanied by some reflections.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE??

Please come and join me on Wednesday 29th March, 7.30-9.30 in Eldwick Memorial Hall for an informative insight on how to trace your family tree. If this is something you are interested in or possibly doing your own research and could do with some help, let me, with 15 years of trials and errors but achieving that sometime elusive path, help you.

History is so fascinating, particularly when it is your own family.

I have experience of tracing 52 family trees for clients, with some shocks and surprises along the way.

We'll talk about where and how to search. Costs involved and how to minimise these. How to understand census from 1841-1911 and lots of other interesting information.

There will be plenty of question and answer sessions, so bring your queries, pen and paper and I am sure you will enjoy yourselves and will leave with renewed enthusiasm.

The cost is £6.00 and, depending on interest, further sessions could be arranged.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our YCA Meeting on Tuesday 14 February 2017 the speaker was Mr Andrew McLaughlan. He is a Magistrate. He goes out into the Community and gives talks. He visits schools in the area and takes school parties into court so they understand how the system works. It was very interesting and humorous.

Our speaker for 11 April will be Rose Mitchell who will be giving us a demonstration on Wet Felting.

9 May 2017 will be our AGM. We hope all Members will attend.

Forthcoming Events. 16 August 2017 our Annual Trip. This year to Chester. More details later.

New members are always welcome. Contact Bev on 01274 565077

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

I have a problem that I hope one of your readers might be able to help with.

A very long time ago now I was a pupil of the old Eldwick Primary School which now I see has been turned into some lovely looking houses. I am trying to find out what happened to the old school block at the rear of the school just before you got to the playing fields. When I was a pupil there we all had an input to a sealed TIME CAPSULE that was buried into the foundations of the building, and as this no longer seems to be there I was wondering if anyone knew what happened to it? Was it ever recovered? Was it lost in the knocking down of the building? Did the builders not know it was there? I would be extremely grateful if you could put a comment of this in your newsletter with the hope someone can help me.

I have already e-mailed the new Primary school but unfortunately with no reply to my search. This information will form part of my family history which I have been tracing for the last few years so I am looking for all the help I can get.

I look forward to your reply

Gary Barker..(woof)

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 18th March 4.00 – 5.45 pm

Saturday 22nd April 4.00 - 5.45 pm

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 March 9.30 – 10.30 am

Wednesday 12th April 9.30 – 10.30 am

PAUSE TO PRAY

Wednesday 1st March 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 15th March 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 5th April 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 19th April 2.00 – 3.00 pm

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 16th March

Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday

SERVICES

5th March

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

12th March

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Alan Brown.

19th March

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

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr. Dewar Wishart.

26th March Mothering Sunday

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Family Communion led by
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2nd April

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
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10.30 am Family Worship led by
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9th April Palm Sunday

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

13th April

7.30 pm Maundy Thursday

14th April Good Friday

10.00 am Prayers led by
Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith.

10.45 am Walk of Witness

2.00 – 3.00 pm Church open for reflection.

16th April Easter Day

07.00 am Holy Communion on Baildon Moor
led by Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith.

08.00 am Breakfast.

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

23rd April

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Marcus Pattern.

30th April

10.30 am Mission and Outreach Service
about the Alzheimer's Society

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.

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GREEN SPACES FOR OPEN SPACES

With the industrial revolution and the growth of towns as a rural population moved into work practices in mills in towns, rather than in fields around villages. Eldwick's census returns show just that, many locals being employed in the textile industry in the 19th century.

Nationally, as working hours were reduced by various parliamentary acts, there was concern that the newly introduced leisure hours would not be sensibly used. In other words, the ale houses, gambling dens and even worse places for 'immoral activities' would be much busier than before. So it was that a parliamentary report recommended that land should be used to provide acceptable opportunities for leisure. At that time there were no public parks, only royal parks and estate lands of the gentry, like those of Mr Ferrand and Mr Busfield locally. The humble poor may well have seen such open spaces but only in servitude.

It was not just local authorities who decided to create what became known as 'People's Parks' but parliamentary enclosure commissioners who decided that some land should specifically be set aside for 'Recreation for The Labouring Poor'. So it was then that both the Prince of Wales Park and the Warren Lane Allotments were created, at least on paper by 1861. Much has already been written about the park but not so about the two acres, then in no man's land, which is now over 150 years old. It has always been a puzzle as to why those two acres were nowhere near numbers of houses, since Eldwick was very much in't Beck Bottom and Gilstead village was around the Hall and Milnerfield. Only Warren Farm on the west side of the then Bingley – Morton Road, and Mr Gath's 1862 estate opposite. The latter had the house with its 1862 date stone (next to today's Eldwick Primary School) and the buildings down Slate Quarry Lane. The reversal of the original stipulation of Allotment and Recreation, swapping the two sites, still meant both the park and the allotment were distant from large numbers of local people. Nevertheless the people at the time were happy to labour in creating the Prince of Wales Park, and also to labour to produce their own food. Both sites had been moorland but the challenge was met with success. Clay smoking pipes which have been found in the soil of the allotment show that some leisure time was even enjoyed there.

In 1928, the whole St Ives Ferrand estate was purchased by the Bingley Urban District Council. In 1908, much to the discontent of the out districts, like Eldwick, the Local Government Board borrowed £7,550 to open Bingley's second public park, Myrtle Park.

Researching Bradford Park Archives reveals the establishment of other recreational facilities for the general public. In the 1936 Bingley Guardian Directory and Year Book there is a host of information relating to committees of the Bingley Urban District Council, including that of the Parks and Allotments Committee. As well as the 18 acre Prince of Wales Park there is the 27 acres of Myrtle Park. Whilst the former only had a temporary bandstand, presumably because the Market Hall at that date was still in position, Myrtle Park gained a 'proper bandstand' in 1913 for £270. Additional facilities followed, with bowling greens, hard tennis courts, pavilion and conveniences and many Council offices were transferred to the Myrtle Grove mansion.

The Prince of Wales Park did have conveniences, the Ladies was beside the lodge – the building is still there and was later a tool store. The Gents was where the small pond is, adjacent to the Lady Lane entrance. In that park, brass bands, like the famous Black Dyke Mills musicians were regular visitors and one report stated that, during the season, some 3000 people had attended



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Of Days Gone By!*



the concerts.

In the same book, all the allotments and recreation grounds are listed, some seven allotments. Not surprisingly, the Warren Lane allotment is not listed, because of its special status. When the new Bingley Council was constituted last year a list of allotments to be managed by councillors was published. Warren Lane site in the list had an asterisk – 'being under self-management of the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society'. So, in many ways the site is still special. Recreation included ten sites, including Eldwick 2.31 acres purchased in 1927 for £300 and Gilstead 4.3 acres, also 1927 but 480. Park records show applications from the Gala Committee to use the Rec at Eldwick and the Eldwick & Gilstead A.F.C to use that at Gilstead. Tennis Courts were created on Eldwick Memorial Hall land and cricket was played on various fields – behind the old cottages on Grange Road, below Woodlands Road and on Tetley's land at Dick Hudsons. Princess Hall and Swimming Baths opened in 1927 – a good year for the public!

The decline in maintenance of parks and such facilities began when Parks lost their sole role, being amalgamated into Sport and Leisure, as today. So money was diverted to sports centres and the like. Hence the need for the many Friends groups. Not only have the Friends of Prince of Wales Park taken on maintenance and improvements, they have also run community events. The next one is on Sunday 21st May – A Right Royal Do – A Garden Party with a difference, so be there, dressed for the occasion, to watch Morris Dancers, African Drummers, Punch and Judy and to

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