

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD GALA DAY

Saturday 30th June 2018

BRITAIN'S SET A NEW RECORD IN 2017, BY PURCHASING 47 MILLION BOTTLES OF GIN.

The Eldwick Village Gin Festival doesn't expect to get through quite that many, but we do expect it to be a cracking get together for the village locals. With a wide variety of locally sourced Gins, accompanied with refreshing ice cold Fever Tree tonic, live music and freshly wood fired pizzas, makes this an unmissable event in the village diary.

Local gins are a big part of Yorkshire and we are delighted to have Fourfolk Gin, Haworth Gin and Bronte Gin setting up stalls and promoting their gins at the festival.

The event is not for profit and any money left over will be donated to charity. The local lads behind the first Eldwick Gin Festival said they just wanted it to be a fun get together for the locals, 'we need more events like this, the beer and banger, the gala, the bonfire are all special occasions and bring the local community together to have some fun and raise some important money for charity'.



Eldwick residents and gin enthusiasts, David Moulding, Tom Swallow, Daniel Holt & Craig Wintersgill decided the village needed another

excuse to get together for a few drinks and a good time, 'the Gin revolution and the relaxed atmosphere of other gin festivals convinced us that something like this would be perfect for Eldwick'.

The Eldwick Village Society and The Birches were consulted in summer 2017, and immediately welcomed the idea. A few essential planning beers later and things started to come together.

The initial online ticket allocation sold out much quicker than we expected, so it's with great pleasure that the team can announce we have expanded the event. As well as the memorial hall we have also added a marquee out in the car park, meaning that further tickets will be available to purchase through the ★Eldwick Post Office from March 5th onwards★.

The event is ticket only, so unless you have pre-purchased a ticket in advance unfortunately you will not be able to attend.

The event has received overwhelming support, with a number of local businesses offering sponsorship. 'We're thrilled with the positive interest in the first village gin fest and we're excited to welcome ticket holders and sponsors for what we're sure will be a thoroughly enjoyable evening with a plethora of Gins to sample and enjoy.'

**The Eldwick Village Gin Festival
Saturday 28th April 2018
6:30pm - 11:00pm**

Eldwick Memorial Hall, Otley Road

Advanced ticket purchase only, available from Eldwick Village Post Office from 5th March 2018.

Eldwick Green and Clean

Last year Bingley Town Council did a magnificent job of embellishing Bingley with all manner of floral displays. This year they wish to expand the scheme to outlying villages. A meeting has taken place between the Town Council and Eldwick Village Society with a view to providing hanging baskets and planters within the village. Sadly, only metal lampposts can be used as the concrete ones are of a certain age and not considered viable. A number of sites have been identified and obviously there are budget constraints. The Millennium Stone may be replanted with funding from EVS. The "Eldwick" trough, above Spring Lane, is planted and tended by volunteers to whom we are eternally grateful. One of the main issues of planting, is maintenance which will be contracted out, again EVS are helping finance this.

On the subject of volunteers, if there are any people who wish to help or have an idea for a scheme to help enhance the appearance of the village, please contact the Newsletter news@eldwickvillage.co.uk

Congratulations to the owners of this cottage in Beck Bottom for their work in enhancing the appearance of the village.



And now, sadly, to those who are not enhancing the appearance of the Village.

Dog mess is still a huge issue, see the letter in last month's issue. Most areas of the Village are affected from Grange Rd through to Sheriff Lane. You have only got to see a mobility scooter or a mum with a buggy in Sheriff Lane, trying to avoid dog mess, to realise how selfish and antisocial this is. As a dog owner I can say that the majority of good pet owners do clear up after their dogs, however there is still a minority group who are persistent offenders who do not. How can we address this issue? Posters do not seem to work. However, we sometimes know who these persistent offenders are. Could we name and shame them in the Newsletter? All ideas are welcome to the Newsletter.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Unfortunately the January meeting coincided with the icy and snowy evening when transport was badly disrupted. The speaker was unable to get to Eldwick and therefore the meeting had to be cancelled.

The next meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall on 20th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m. when Mr. John Smiles will talk on "A Year in Vegetables". Non members will be made most welcome.

The Society was very sad to learn that their stalwart Honorary Life Member Mrs. Dorothy Boyd passed away on 14th January 2018. Dorothy was a member for over 50 years, having been a keen Committee Member and having held the offices of Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Show Secretary, Show Secretary and Minutes Secretary over the years. Dorothy was President of the Society in 1986/87.

Dorothy was a keen helper at the Annual Show and also at the Spring Fair where her knowledge of plants was invaluable.



Mrs Dorothy Boyd

Dorothy was the Guest of Honour at the Society's 100th Show last August.

The Society has lost one of its most notable and hard working members and our thoughts and condolences go out to her family at this unhappy time.

John Churchman
Hon General Secretary

Eldwick Juniors FC – At The Heart of the Community! Supporting the Eldwick School Association (ESA)

Eldwick Juniors football club presented a cheque for £300 to Eldwick primary school ESA this week. It's our donation to help purchase a defibrillator to be located at Eldwick School. The defibrillator will be located at the school and will be available for the whole community to use if needed in an emergency cardiac arrest.

As EJFC use the school pitches all year round, it's very reassuring to know this facility will be on site. There is already a defibrillator in situ outside of The Eldwick Memorial Hall, so it's doubly comforting to know both our main pitch venues will be covered.

The defibrillator at Eldwick School is not yet a done deal, so if you wish to make your own donation, then Google 'Just Giving' and search 'Eldwick School Association' to add to the 'Fight for Every

Heart Beat' fund. We need to raise £1500 to purchase the defibrillator and cannot do this without the help of the local community.

Below is a photo of Helen Willan receiving our cheque on behalf of the ESA from Under 10 Eagles, Ben Pickles and Theo Leach.



PETER ILLINGWORTH

It is with great sadness that we hear of the recent death of Peter. Peter was well known in the village having lived in Eldwick for many years. He was involved in a number of organisations including Janus; he was a keen runner and JP. As a keen gardener, Peter tended the Memorial Hall gardens for a number of years. Our deepest sympathy goes to Peter's family.

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Unfortunately one of the town councillors Rachel Varley representing Gilstead has resigned, she will be missed for the work she has done on Finance and General purposes committee and arranging and managing events. Bradford Council have been informed, they will put in place the process for the election of a replacement councillor.

Bradford Council have advised that they have received expressions for Priestthorpe Annex; we hope to see the building sold and put to good use.

The Clean and Green Forum on 13th January was well attended, a representative from the Village Society participated in the event. Discussions have taken place with BTC to look at ways of having floral displays in Eldwick this Spring/Summer.

The public consultation held regarding the Toilet/Office facility, of the 484 responses received 418 were from Bingley residents of whom 324 were in favour of increasing the precept, 59 against

Development of the Toilet/Office facility as proposed agreed by full council however due to a representation from a group representing Changing Places has necessitated a further look at the project. Further meetings to take place with the BMDC and Architects to discuss the implication of these potential additional requirements

Town Council Budget for Bingley (2018/2019) is £140,918. This is a band D equivalent of £16.31p per household.

A central reservation on Park Road between Lady Lane and Villa Road is to be installed. The proposal was to include speed bumps, thankfully these have been omitted from the project in favour of red painted squares and adequate signage. At last, common sense prevails.

The Chamber of Trade will be holding an Easter Food Extravaganza in the Arts Centre along with a covered market on the 30th, 31st March between 10 am and 4 pm. It will be a great family event, all welcome.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our First Meeting in 2018 was on 9th January. It was our annual Beetle Drive which was enjoyed by about 38 Members. Our next meeting on 13th March is our Spring Fling, with a quiz. Payment is now due and is for Members only. There will be entertainment.

Forthcoming events - Our A.G.M 8th May. Also our Annual trip in August. More details to follow.

All new members welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 - 565077

LOCAL BUTTER

Butter made in Eldwick, using cream straight from Primrose Dairy at Milnerfield Farm in Gilstead and from the Haige brothers' Dairy at Higher Naylor Hill Farm, Oxenhope.

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Butter is available in Eldwick and Gilstead Post Offices as well as other local shops in Harden, Baildon, Saltaire and Menston.

For more information, visit www.overlathcreamery.co.uk or you can check out the Facebook page.

About Me

I moved from Canada to Eldwick 14 years ago to come and live with my husband. We have 4 children and live on his family farm, Cropper Fold Farm, where my husband's granddad used to have a small dairy. We have a small herd of Pedigree Hereford cattle and some sheep. I have a keen interest in dry stone walling and am an instructor for The Yorkshire Dry Stone Walling Guild.

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th March 4.00 – 5.45 pm
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PAUSE TO PRAY

Wed. 21st February 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wed. 7th March 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wed. 21st March 2.00 – 3.00 pm

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
Thurs. 15th March Rev Peter Mayo-Smith
"An Episcopal Journey in Confederate Country"

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY

Wednesday 14th March 9.30 – 10.30 am

SERVICES

25th February
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Malcolm Sharrock.

4th March
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton
Family Service led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

18th March
09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
Morning Worship led by
Maurice Baren.

25th March
10.30 am **Palm Sunday**
Holy Communion led by
Rev. Barabara Walls.

29th March
7.00 pm

30th March
10.00 am

10.45 am
2.00 – 3.00 pm

Maundy Thursday
Informal Communion
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
Good Friday.
Prayers led by
Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith.
Walk of Witness
Church open for
reflection.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers
(1st and 3rd) / Probus (4th)
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
Friday - 19.15 – 21.15 Elstead Ladies Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Monday -
Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps.
2nd Wednesday Baby and Toddler Play
3rd Thursday in the month The Eldwick
Fellowship.
Mid Saturday Mussy Church.
Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-
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THREE POETS IN AN AGE AT MOST

So said Jonathan Swift in the 18th century, the author of 'Gulliver's Travels' in 1726, which is pertinent here for two reasons. First, the village of Eldwick in the 19th century boasted three well published poets, and, secondly, one of them experienced remarkable travels for the age. For the purpose of this story it is the 'traveller' who is featured because January 1st 2018 was the 130th anniversary of his death – Abraham Holroyd.

All three poets came from humble beginnings. John Nicholson was born in 1790 to a father who was a wool sorter, as John was before writing poetry in lengthy prose. This was often related to the locality in which he lived, at some time in Eldwick and Wilsden, thus he became known as the Airedale poet.

Ben Preston, the dialect poet, was born in 1819 in Bradford, worked as a woolsorter for six years but moved to Gilstead in 1865 after a friend allowed him to buy an allotted piece of land of 2 acres after the Enclosure. On it he built what is now The Glen pub, then merely a beer house and, thanks to an inheritance from his wife's family, was able to build Hammondale at the bottom of Saltaire Road in Eldwick. He sent proofs of poetry to local newspapers and some were read and caught the attention of Abraham Holroyd who by that time had become a publisher as well as a poet.

Abraham was born in 1815 at Storrs near Clayton Heights and was quoted as saying that, as soon as his legs were long enough to reach the treadles, he was set to work as a handloom weaver for his father and family. Thanks to his grandfather paying three pence a week for him to have some education he enjoyed writing at home and by the age of 17 he was writing his first poems and had some published in 1834. Wages for the weaving were poor and, having lived off six pence per week for six weeks, he decided to join the army. In Leeds in 1836 he signed on with the 32nd Regiment of Foot which at that time were stationed in Montreal, Canada, and would soon be involved fighting there for his country during the rebellion against the Crown.

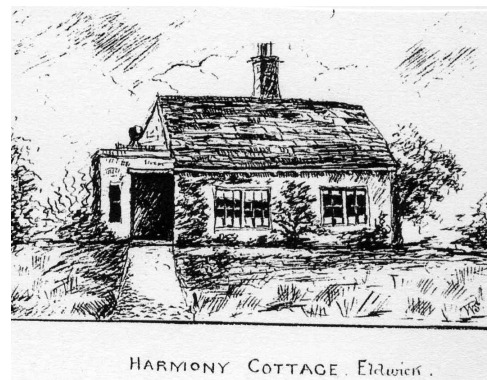
Abraham's travels began on a steam packet from Hull to London, and on to Plymouth to the military depot. The major journey then took place from June 1837 when he departed in the barque 'Rajah' for Quebec, taking with him Burns Poems, Pilgrims Progress and Homer's Iliad! The ship arrived at the mouth of the St Lawrence on 2nd July 1837 and he learned of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Abraham was very good at recording all his



exploits in Canada, including viewing many rebels lined up at the gallows following capture in the battles. When normality resumed he bought himself out of the army and made remarkable travels on foot through Michigan, Chicago – then a one street town, and through the swamps of Mississippi where he contracted fever. From St Louis he took an eight day steamer trip to New Orleans where he was later to open a bookshop in the Annunciation Market. He also met and married Amelia in 1846, who had originally come from Cornwall and, as Abraham's health began to fail again, he was advised to return to England. In London they visited the Great Exhibition and in Bradford Abraham was able to open a bookshop in Westgate 'merely four yards square'. The family, with three daughters and a son were living in Manningham. He was selling stationery, periodicals and books. Being later recorded in the Census as bookseller and newsagent. Between 1853 and 1854 he produced a book on Saltaire. As was the custom in those days, the planned content of a book was advertised with a view to attracting enough subscribers in advance which would enable publication to proceed. Sadly by the time the book was finished some subscribers were no longer interested, or alive (!) so would Abraham's book appear? He wrote to Titus Salt who promptly advanced the required money with praise for the work. It was also in 1854 that Abraham wrote the twenty page long 'Eldwick Glen' poem as a tribute to the many hours he had spent enjoying the scenery and location. "Workers in mill, mine and in the soil, then seek repose from long laborious toil, and in these woods so familiar grown, forget awhile the busy town".

Abraham became acquainted with various writers and poets and began as a publisher to promote their work – including several collections of Ben Preston's poems. Titus

Salt continued to befriend Abraham, renting him a bookshop in 1868 on the corner of Caroline Street and Victoria Road and later providing a legacy for a pension. The book 'Saltire and its Founder' by Abraham sold 3,500 copies in 4 editions. In 1874 he and Amelia retired to Harmony Cottage in Rustic Road, off Glen Road but eventually, 'since the summit of Gilstead Moor was too cold for the lady from Cornwall' they moved finally moved to Shipley in 1881. Abraham was buried at St John's Church in Clayton. Tributes were paid, amongst others by Mr Scruton and Mr Cudworth, both local historians and writers, and a floral decoration was sent by Mr Edward Salt.



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