

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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The Eldwick Gala

Many thanks again for an excellent Gala. The Eldwick Gala is an ever popular event and the envy of many other villages. The event is not just to entertain children as it was originally intended just after the war, it also makes money for local organisations and charities. Special thanks to those who stayed behind to clear the site and the Memorial Hall.

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We met many friends old and new at the Gala and were pleased to sell lots of plants and flowers. Winner of our spectacular raffle prize was Mrs Wendy Murphy, of upper Otley Road, pictured. Thanks to all our helpers who made the event a success.



Improvements at Eldwick Memorial Hall

The Hall has just had an IT upgrade. We are now able to offer hirers the use of a digital projector which is fixed to the ceiling and "wired in" making it very easy to use. The old screen has been replaced with a remotely controlled electric one. There is also a very professional mixing desk and PA system. The Hall has many varied uses including fitness classes, Bridge Club, Bingley Janus, West Riding Wood Turners, YCA, Art Class, Horticulture and many more. The Hall is also used for social purposes, christenings, weddings, parties and even the odd funeral. The bar next door may also be booked with access through the adjoining door. If you are interested in booking the Hall please ring Sylvia Slater on 01274 563081.

The Eldwick Beer and Banger Festival 16 / 17th August

10th Eldwick Beer & Banger Festival 2019

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This is the tenth Beer and Banger Festival, This has proved to be a very popular event. We will be offering the usual range of beers sourced locally and all on handpump. The award winning sausage, again, locally sourced will be cremated over charcoal and flavoured with Bramley apples. The event will be well covered by canvas, with three large tents on the car park.

This is a truly village and family event and is run by Eldwick Village Society. We are working in conjunction with Black Sheep Brewery. Last year we were able to donate six thousand pounds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. YAA will be landing an air ambulance at about 4pm on Saturday on the Rec, its attendance is obviously dictated by operational activities.

There will be live music on both nights. On Friday night HALE will be raising money for their charity and we are pleased to say that The Bumbles Rugby Team will be returning on the Saturday afternoon running their raffle.

We open at 5pm on the Friday night and 2pm on Saturday. Tickets are £5 which includes beer vouchers, a glass and tasting notes. Our major sponsor is Janus Interiors.

We are always looking for volunteers for this event, so if you fancy bar work, clearing up or being a general dogsbody please contact us through the Newsletter news@eldwickvillage.co.uk

More Gala Photos courtesy of Bill Faulding



The Eldwick Church Craft Group

will be holding a

COFFEE MORNING

on August 10th from 10am - 12
in the Link Cafe Area.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

For our June meeting we had Michele Smithson from Eldwick Post Office who did two flower arrangements. One was very traditional but the other was very modern. Michele brought two already made up and all four were given for prizes in our raffle. All the members were delighted and hopefully remember the ideas that she gave them.

YCA has donated £100 to Yorkshire Cancer Research. There is no Meeting in August as it is our Annual Trip. This year to Beverley on Wed 21st August.

The speaker for 10th September is Hazel Martel who is a writer. Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 27th September. 10am to 12 o'clock. Tickets £3. We are holding a Raffle and Cake Stall.

New Members are always welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077

AN APOLOGY

Apologies to the people of Eldwick for delaying the start of your Gala Parade on Saturday.

I had a medical incident that required an ambulance to attend when the roads should have been closed.

My thanks go to all the villagers and visitors who offered assistance and kind thoughts.

I particularly wish to thank the lady who gave my daughter her phone to call an ambulance.

The Gala, as usual, was well run and I hope you all had a great day.

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CHURCH SERVICES:

21 July

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

28 July

- 10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls

4 August

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Crompton
10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

11 August

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

18 August

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mrs Patricia Henny

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a different & informal way of being church for all ages. It is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 4.00pm until 5.45 pm. It's taking a break for the Summer but will be back on 21st September.

PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time for reflection and prayer.

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Meets on Friday 19th July for a lunch outing, then takes a break in August. Back on 19th September with a talk by Joyce Drake entitled, "A taste of Honey." 7.30 pm, Church Hall.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **Tuesdays** 09.30 am - 12.00 noon & **Thursdays** 09.30 am - 1.00 pm, with light lunches served on Thursdays from 11.30 am

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Embroiderers Guild, Airedale Branch.

4th Wednesday 10.30 am Probus (a group of friendly retired **Professional Businesswomen**, who meet for coffee, chat and then a speaker. New members and visitors welcome. Details of speakers at <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/probus/>
Wednesdays weekly 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, **Craft Group** meet. Folks either bring their own knitting / sewing / craft to enjoy or we sometimes work together on crafts for Church displays or for charity. Refreshments. Just drop in.

Pre School Group – 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Monday - Friday.

Contact: villagespreschool@gmail.com

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Last Tuesday in the month, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm **Goldies** (Golden Oldies). For older people, Goldies features sing-along songs from the 50's & 60's, followed by afternoon tea. Dementia friendly, free to all residents of Bingley, transport available. For more info or to book a place 01274 560539

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps, our walking group. Details from <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/friday-footsteps/>

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AN INSPECTOR CALLS

Following the 1870 Education Act which introduced compulsory education for 5-13 year olds the Bingley School Board was formed and had offices in the upper floor of the Mornington Road Board School. Eldwick's Board School opened in 1877 on March 26th after the Bingley Board's own census of 1875 had recorded 129 Eldwick children between the ages of 3 and 13. Built to accommodate 150 children in just two rooms (!), the cost was £1099. The school's log book of the period shows that one Mary Ann Stubbs admitted just 51 children, many part-time, in three classes.

Children over ten years old attended schools for only two hours a day after passing Standard IV, or not at all after Standard V when they would be in employment. Achievement of standards was a critical factor in how a school was funded since grants were awarded when an inspector had visited the school and given a report. Obviously the Standards for 'the three R's' were of paramount importance. In Reading for Standard I a short passage, not just one syllable had to be read. For Standard V reading was required from either a standard author or from the History of England.

In Writing the earliest Standard I was to copy in manuscript style a line with a capital letter. Progressing through, reading six lines from a reading book, to "writing from memory the substance of a short story and reading it out twice for Standard V. In Arithmetic lists, a knowledge of up to 6x tables was for Standard I. Notation and the four simple rules at Standard V involved ability to practise bills of parcels, addition and subtraction of fractions. Children moved up from class to class only if they had made the Standard required.

In January 1879 the Eldwick school logbook gives the figures from within the inspector's report. Average attendance by the 56 children @ 6 shillings per child yielded £16/6/0. That for 9 infants @ 10 shillings each brought £4/10/0. One hundred passes in exams @ 3 shillings realised £15. As an assistant master the salary was £60 per annum and the head master would receive £250, often plus the School House. The only good thing about a positive report by the inspector, as far as some were concerned, was that all children and staff were given an afternoon off as a reward, for their achievements in the year. The schools knew when the inspector was to call so a remarkable story emerged involving Mary Stubbs the head mistress of Eldwick School in 1879, only two years after the school had opened.

Mary was from Farnworth in Lancashire and was married to Caleb Stubbs who was from Kidsgrove in Staffordshire. He had

worked in the Potteries as an engineman so may have come to Eldwick to work at the Heights Lane Bingley Brick & Tile Company. In Eldwick he was a Sunday school teacher and Methodist Lay Preacher.

On April 23rd in 1879 it was reported that 'A Novel Case Affecting A School Mistress was held in Keighley County Court.' Before Mr D.K. Daniel the judge, was William Morley Preston, a mason of Brick Kiln Cottages in Eldwick, and Mary Ann Stubbs, a mistress under the Bingley School Board. William was to sue Mary for 16 shillings damages, alleged to have been occasioned by her refusal to allow his son Benjamin Washington Lincoln Preston, aged 10, to attend school. Mr. A. Neill, solicitor, appeared for the defendant. Plaintiff stated the defendant was the headmistress of Eldwick Board School. She prevented his son attending school on 2nd December 1879 and again on the 4th December when His Majesty's Inspector was in attendance to examine the children. His son was thus debarred from passing the exam, entitling him to a labour certificate and he lost the amount of wages which the lad must have earned otherwise. For this loss he claimed. His Honour reminded the plaintiff that his son was not his property and he was not in Zululand. How did he know his son would have passed the exam? Mr Neill, in defence, said that, previous to the last examination, his client had kept the children under her care, including the plaintiff's boy, a little later than the normal school hours, in order that they may pass a more creditable exam. The plaintiff on one occasion went into the school half an hour after the regular closing time and, in a very wild manner, ordered his son to go out of the school. As his action affected the question of discipline in the school, the mistress thought it would be her duty not to receive his child until he made an apology. This he refused to do. The matter had been before the Education Department and the School Board who just defended her action. His Honour said, in answer by some remarks by the plaintiff, said he was sitting in a court which was regulated by law and not by caprice and he could not see any grounds of right to sue on the part of the plaintiff or of liability on the part of the defendant. A non-suit was entered, with costs.

Mary and Caleb were listed as living in the School House, Otley Road in the 1881 census but then the story ends sadly. On 5th September of that year the school log reports the head mistress was absent through illness. Mary died nine days later, aged only 31.

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