

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Dog fouling, what is the answer?

There appears to be more and more dog mess left around the village. Sheriff Lane which was a pretty country lane below Woodlands has now become no more than a dog toilet. There are some pavements where dog mess is often left awaiting a push chair, a toddler or a mobility scooter. Areas used by children, such as the entrance to the rec are often fouled. We would like to have your opinions on this matter and suggestions how some people could be shamed into not behaving in such a selfish and antisocial manner.

Clearing up after a dog is as important as feeding it.

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The Eldwick Post Office is now open 9-5.30 Monday to Friday and 9 to 12.30 Saturday.

The shop hours will remain the same.

CHANGES AT THE ACORN

The Acorn changes hands on Friday 1st Feb. The pub is being "spruced up" by Enterprise Inns. The new manager Luke Whitaker says that the Acorn is part of a portfolio of pubs run by Neil Pickles who has just taken on the Glen as well, adding to the Red Lion at Burley and the White Bear at Crosshills.

The Acorn opening times will be Monday to Sunday 11-11. Food, Wed to Sat 12-2.30 and 5-9, Sunday 12-8.

There will be a pensioners' lunch available Wed - Sat which is £6.50 for two courses.

GALA QUEEN SELECTION DISCO

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PLEASE SUPPORT SAM

Sam Hall is running for Comic Relief on the 16th March, starting from his house on Warren Lane, running down to the canal then on to Leeds.

Should anyone wish to sponsor Sam, they can access the Website : www.rednoseday.com then click on sponsor someone, then type in Sam Hall.



Prince of Wales Park update:

Many thanks to those who have come forward to help form a Friends Group; Bingley Civic Trust have also offered their support. We plan to launch the group formally on the anniversary date of 12th March, so please see the Eldwick Village Society website for details nearer the time. Please contact me on 07983397999 if you wish to be involved.

Ruth Leman

BINGLEY JANUS CLUB

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President Graham B Anderson Tel: 01274 563843
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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL, COMMENCING AT 10.00am

<u>Date 2013</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
February 7th	Stella Carpenter	Historic Kings Lynn
February 14th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
February 21st	Maurice Craven	Yorkshire Transport in the Past
February 28th	Graham Hall	Lund Humphries & All That
March 7th	John Bussey	King Alfreds Way
March 14th	Alan Stuttard	Did I See Marilyn
March 21st	Barry Wilkinson	Antiques Road Show
March 28th	Jackie Depelle	The Tutors Story
April 4th	Mike Bamford	Rome & Sorrento
April 11th	Geoff Boswell	Gritstone Through the Ages
April 18th (Ladies Day)	Pat Osborne	The Secret Life of Charles Dickens
April 25th	Peter Watson	Haunted Roads & Fairy Paths

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On 15th January, over 50 'gardeners' ventured to the Memorial Hall to hear Terry Marshall (a Bingley man) tell us about tomatoes. I have concluded that what he doesn't know about tomatoes, you probably don't need to know and it would have taken many visits to exhaust his wealth of knowledge. Terry said he had been growing tomatoes since he was five years old, ie for 60 years and had been a member of the Henry Doubleday Assoc. for 40 years.

Terry stated there was a type of tomato to suit everyone, for a hot or cold greenhouse, porch, conservatory, inside or out, *but they won't stand frost*. His advice was "don't try to do what they won't do by nature". They originated in South America and do best between 60 and 70 degrees: "we can't change our weather, but can give the plant the best conditions possible". Later we saw a slide of the wild *Lycopersicon* – a sprawling vine with small fruits.

Using an allotment at Cottingley Bridge plus his garden, etc, Terry grows a great range of varieties from cherries to beefsteak, round to oval and yellow to black. Comparing a few varieties, he said 'Shirley' was an 'easy' variety, ie it will produce under a wider range of conditions, but it was not the best flavour! The large 'Burpees Delicious' lives up to its name, if it gets lots of sunshine and it only takes 1 slice per sandwich. 'Black Krim' which he had grown for many years is still one of his favourites. SLIDES showed many other

varieties and techniques. To propagate, sow seeds (well-spaced), 1/4" deep – in the airing cupboard (where he already had some!) or a propagator and transplantation can be after 5 days. At 8 days the seedlings may be 2 1/2" when there's a risk of breaking the root and checking growth. Move on after seed leaves + 2 true leaves – into 5" pots. Young plant leaves should be dark green and hairy and the plant wider than tall. Protect them from cold, with polystyrene, bubblewrap, fleece, etc. In the greenhouse beware of variations in temperature, eg if 90 degrees for 4 hours, the pollen (normally viable for 3 days) will dry and germination will not happen; 68-70 degrees is the optimum. Older leaves do not photosynthesize well and may curl. They can be taken off, up to the ripening truss. Optimum pH level is 6.5-7. Liquid seaweed spray or Epsom Salts keep leaves green.

Terry feeds his tomatoes with liquid Comfrey, and his family with the tomatoes in various recipes, shared with us. There is only the space here to *share* a little of what we were told about growing tomatoes, but he has written a book called "The Inside Story". He also said he would be at The West Yorkshire Organic Show, in Exhibition Building, Saltaire (Sept.) – where *everything is judged on taste*. It was an excellent, informative talk and slideshow!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM, ENTITLED: "A Walk In The Woods" by Andrew Clark & Steve Warrolow. **Please Join Us!**

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PRINCE OF WALES PARK

In reply to the article on the back page and the letter by Ruth Leman, – the upper part of the Park is very important for wildlife and there are several species of Butterfly, Bees, and Moths many Bumble-bees can be seen on the bilberry flowers in Spring (and bees need protecting).

Over the years, I have recorded GREEN HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY (which also uses the bilberry) PURPLE HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY which uses the OAKS and SPECKLED WOOD BUTTERFLY (which needs the grasses around the oaks for breeding purposes). We have kept some of the bracken back from covering the bilberries (for the GREEN HAIRSTREAK and you can still pick the fruit in a good year). So this area is getting TLC! (this type of habitat is so important for wildlife).

Regarding a Friends Association for the park we would be happy to support, as long as there is no intention to make it too "Neat and Tidy". However any potential Friends Group should be aware that Prince of Wales Park is already designated a "Bradford Wild Life Area" in the Council's "Nature Conservation Strategy Documents". (Over 100 species of plants, trees and flowers have been recorded). We recognise that a more "Formal" management further down the Park is acceptable. Please get in touch if any meetings are proposed. We want to be involved.

Susan Stead, Bradford Urban Wildlife Group (01274 774912)
Mobile: 07789 660574.

ELDWICK TENNIS CLUB

Eldwick Lawn Tennis Club will be holding its A.G.M. at 8pm March 21st at the Acorn. The club urgently seeks new committee members. If you are interested in helping the club by joining the committee please come along. For more information about the club please contact johnlbriggs@blueyonder.co.uk

Letter to the Editor

SUNNYMEAD, OTLEY ROAD, ELDWICK

Sir,

It comes as a great surprise to learn that the founding fathers of Bingley built a Lane between two bogs for migrating toads, not least because the road in question does not link the bogs, but forms an impediment to the migrating toads; and runs perpendicular to the toads' desired route. Fortunately today the Midland Railway Company would have had to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment for altering the route. I cannot help but wonder whether, as in other places the words are a mistranscription of the original name, possibly T'Owd Lane?

Yours faithfully, Godfrey Lomas.

P.S. could the toads have used the canal instead?

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**ELDWICK & DISTRICT
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ASSOCIATION**

The meeting on Tuesday 8th January was a Beetle Drive. Before dice were thrown, our Chairman asked members if they would like to attend the Diamond Jubilee tree planting in the Memorial Hall garden. This has now been done, as many of you will have seen the photograph in the January Eldwick Newsletter. Our thanks go to Tony Clegg for his help in planting the Himalayan Birch and for the photography.

Members were asked to put their names down for the Spring Fling Party on the 12th March. There will be a two course meal, wine/soft drink, tea/coffee, entertainment, quiz and a free raffle. The cost is £12. As it is the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association's 30th Anniversary (Pearl) this year, members were asked to wear hats, jewellery etc; with a pearl theme if they so desired.

If any member who could not attend the January meeting and wishes to go; please contact Pauline Bowen (Treasurer). Alternatively payment of £12 per member can be sent directly to the Treasurer.

The Beetle Drive then commenced. Although the number of members attending was down, (due to several members being ill, we wish them all well); fun and games were had by all.

The winner was Linda Wardle and last but not least was Thelma Carter.

The next meeting will be the Spring Fling Party on Tuesday 12th March @ 6.30p.m. for 7.00p.m., in the Memorial Hall.

† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

PAUSE TO PRAY IN CHURCH

Wednesday 27th February
from Noon till 7.15 pm.
Wednesday 27th March
from Noon till 7.15 pm

Everybody is welcome to pop in anytime for as long as you like for prayer or quiet contemplation. Rev Helen Hodgson will be there if you require her.

Something new starting this month:-
Happy Hour Fun Size Church – for young families – All welcome

Wednesday 27th February
from 09.30 am to 10.30 am.
Wednesday 27th March
from 09.30 am to 10.30 am.

**Sunday Club Events over Lent and
Easter period:-**

Tuesday 12th February Pan Cake Party
4.0 pm till 5.30 pm.
24th March Palm Sunday Picnic
12.30 pm till 2.30 pm.
30th March Easter Saturday
10.00 am till 12.00 pm

SERVICES:

10th February

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson

17th February

09.15 am Holy Communion
Rev Rosemary Nash
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Rev Helen Hodgson
6.30 pm Evensong led by
Rev Andrew Clark

24th February

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Barbara Walls

3rd March

08.00 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson
10.30 am All Sorts Praise led by
Helen & Team

10th March

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson & Wendy Thornton

17th March

09.15 am Holy Communion
Rev Dr Neville Richardson
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mrs Patricia Henny

24th March Palm Sunday

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Barbara Walls

31st March Easter Sunday

7.00am Holy Communion on Baildon
Moor led by Rev Helen Hodgson
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown & Helen Hodgson

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.00 – 11.30 Livewires,
Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers /
Probus,
14.00 – 16.00 Craft Group
18.00 – 20.00 Weight Watchers
Thursday -15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes
Friday - 19.00 – 21.00 Elstead Ladies Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Sunday in the month Youth Club 7.00 –
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1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps
3rd Saturday in the month Saturday
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3rd Thursday in the month Ladies
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THE ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD CONNECTION

At the beginning of February a new link was formed between the two communities when an established management group took over the running of The Acorn Inn and The Glen Hotel. The managing director of PBM is a local man who has declared the pubs will offer quality products at reasonable prices whilst listening to customers to help create a desirable atmosphere and environment. Both pubs are being re-launched in line with customer expectations. Staff are well trained, some having been involved with the group's other pubs, The Old Bear in Crosshills and The Red Lion in Burley in Wharfedale.

Eldwick and Gilstead began in ancient times as Helguic, later Helwicke, and Gylsted, later Gildedsted, both with links to monastic landholdings, probably used for sheep-rearing for the lucrative wool trade. Eldwick had its Manorial Hall in the 16th century at the same time as the original Milnerfield which was occupied by Anthony Fell, clothier, in 1561. Whilst Gilstead has always maintained a tight hub, Eldwick had the two centres of High Eldwick and Eldwick Beck. Early 18th century maps only show Eldwick Hall with a linear settlement to the north on the Keighley to Otley highroad. In 1758 an indictment was served on the inhabitants of Gilstead since 'they have allowed the King's Highway between Halifax and Ilkley to become ruinous, miry, deep and broken. From a certain Gate to the southwest of Gilstead, called Town Gate, to the Turnpike at Cottingley Bridge, the inhabitants ought to repair as necessary'. The following year, the Constables levied a £40 fine, to be paid between locals or to become 'statute labourers' to repair the road.

There were tracks criss-crossing the vast area of Gilstead Moor, like High Runagate and Low Runagate and it was not until the late 18th century that a proper roadway was built to connect Eldwick Beck to the settlement along the high road. At that time the licence was transferred from the ancient Rattlebank Hall across the road to the farm that was to become 'The Fleece', later 'Dick Hudson's'.

In the early 19th century Francis Sharp Powell of the Horton Sharp family had extensive estates in Gilstead, tenanted farms at Gilstead Hall, Low Fold and Spring Farm with Eldwick largely belonging to the Rhodes, Ferrands and Busfelds who had numerous farms. Eldwick retained all its farms but Gilstead lost some with the building of modern housing estates.

Quarrying on an extensive scale was common to both communities along Gilstead Moor Edge, in part of what was to become Gilstead Lane, off Tewitt Lane and at High Eldwick. In Gilstead Quarry off Fernbank in 1900, the Foulds Brothers' workmen found a large upper molar tooth, later identified as being from a woolly mammoth! Gilstead had its exemplary 17th century row of clothiers cottages with a shop attached at one end and a 'taking-in door' above – all still visible today.

Eldwick entered the industrial age with its mill at Beck

Bottom at the beginning of the 19th century and Gilstead had a mill on the canal bank. The Enclosure of Gilstead Moor in 1861 brought a new settlement pattern with new villas being built along 'occupation roads'. In the 1871 census these were difficult to identify as their only address was 'Gilstead Moor' but now they can be recognized as being on Saltaire Road, Glen Road, Prospect Road, Sheriff Lane, Warren Lane, Primrose Lane and Gilstead Lane. Ben Preston, former wool sorter and dialect poet, having married into the Hammonds Brewery family, retired to Gilstead Moor on a two and a half acre plot where, in 1865, he built his beerhouse and market garden. It was said, 'As this spot is within 10 minutes of the famed Shipley Glen, numerous friends and acquaintances found their way to the new abode and, at their suggestion, Ben took out a beerhouse licence and he could cast his eyes towards Old Bradford, the smouldering Sodom from which he had escaped.'

In 1890 J.R. Holmes had bought the old Gilstead mill and converted it into the Bingley Brewery, having worked at Whitakers Brewery in Halifax. It was a 25 quarter brewery with two 25 quarter maltings. After Ben left his beerhouse for a more substantial property beside Eldwick Beck, which he called 'Hammondale', his successor applied for a full licence. It was reported in the press that, 'John Booth, licensee at The Glen, is refused a full licence, despite there being a beerhouse with good reputation for many years.' The nearest full licence was at The Acorn which too had been set up as a beerhouse at the beginning of the century. Reason for refusal was, 'due to a moorland situation, remote, thinly populated and not under proper police supervision'.

In 1919 the J.R. Holmes business was acquired by Hammonds which involved thirty six fully licensed houses and fifteen beerhouses, including The Acorn and The Glen. What a coincidence that the new manager of The Acorn is one Mr. Luke Whitaker! There were Refreshment Rooms adjacent to The Acorn, and Gilstead had Broadstones House, first a beerhouse, then a Temperance Hotel and finally Refreshment Rooms. Following the first electric tram to Saltaire in 1902, huge numbers of visitors frequented the Eldwick and Gilstead establishments via Shipley Glen, as they still do today.

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been submitted to the Council

12/05142/CLP Single storey side extension at 14 Otley Rd.

13/00015/HOU Construction of single storey rear extension at 144 Otley Rd

13/00216/FUL Renewal of planning application

10/01422/FUL for a detached bungalow and garage at 27 Glen Rd

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society Meetings

You are welcome to our Meetings
Tuesday 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Feb 19 – A Walk in the Woods
Mar 19 – Gardeners' Question Time
April 16 – York Gate Garden
May 21 – Behind the Scenes at Chelsea

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