

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Some dates for
your Gala Diary !!

GALA DAY
Saturday 29th June

BBMF SPITFIRE CONFIRMED
Gala day Theme for the parade
"A GOOD READ"

2013 Gala events all based in
Eldwick Memorial Hall

JUNIOR DISCO

Fri 21st June 6pm - 6.45pm

For 4 - 7 year olds, entry £2

DISCO Fri June 21st 7 - 8.30pm

For 7 - 11 year olds, entry £2

PET SHOW

Monday 24th June 6 - 8pm

Classes will be listed in next months
newsletter

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Fri 28th June start 7pm 1.5 mile run,
approx 7.35pm 3 mile run

GALA DAY 29th June

All the annual events - Fellrace,
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Mia Holt, Olivia Horsefield and Harry
Rhodes enjoying a snowdrift at Dick
Hudson's. *Photo Bob Holt*

**ARMED FORCES SUPPORT
GROUP COFFEE MORNING**

Armed Forces Support Group
Coffee Morning will take place on
Saturday 20th April between
10.30am and 1.30pm at The Arts
Centre, Bingley. Book stall,
Tombola, Hand made cards, Cake
stall, Refreshments and more.
Please do come along and help us
raise funds to send morale
boosting parcels to the British
Troops in Afganistan.

BEETLE DRIVE

The Eldwick Church are hosting a
second Grand Beetle Drive, by
public demand.

This will take place in The Church
Hall (behind Eldwick Church) on
Saturday 27th April @ 18:00.

Admission is £3 per player,
which includes a pie and pea
supper, hot drink, and chance to
win prizes donated by Yorkshire
Building Society and Cardamon
Restaurant. Free transport to/from
the event is available for Eldwick/
Gilstead residents. Tickets
available from Eldwick Post Office,
or call Chris on 01274 560539.



Sherriff Lane

Will this make traffic faster than it was?
I hope not. GRB

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

OUR GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME IS STRICTLY HOMEGROWN

The first BBC Gardeners' Question Time programme was broadcast from the "Singing Room" at the Broadoak Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne on 9 April 1947. Originally named How Does Your Garden Grow? it was inspired by the wartime Dig For Victory campaign. Among early panellists were Bill Sowerbutts, Fred Loads and Alan Gemmell. This combination of traditional head gardener, commercial grower and professor proved very successful, with their contrasting styles and humour adding an entertainment element to the down-to-earth information they provided. The programme typically comes from a village hall or other public venue somewhere in Britain, or occasionally further afield, such as in the Republic of Ireland or northern France. The present team has never been invited to perform here, so Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society put on their own show last month.

In the Memorial Hall we had an audience of over forty people - a good turnout on such a dark, cold evening and a worthwhile effort for the keen gardener. Our team of Martin Walker from Yorkgate Garden, David Allison of the National Vegetable Society and Barry Jennings from Shipley College tackled questions relating to everything from shallots to monkey puzzle trees with great knowledge and enthusiasm. Among other things, we learned that frogs and newts CAN co-exist in garden ponds, that monkey puzzle trees are wonderful to see . . . especially in someone else's garden, and if you prune out about a third of your tree peony each year and feed it with chicken manure, it will reward you by more prolific flowering.

We were warned against chucking

any cooked food on to our compost heaps (it encourages rats), making sure they are properly aerated, and ensuring that we keep them in equilibrium. A simple rule of thumb is to use one-third nitrogen and two-thirds carbon materials so that decomposition can occur. Don't add too many grass clippings - they go soggy and slow down the whole process. Straw is an excellent addition to the compost and very effective at promoting aeration - just make sure it's seed free. If your neighbours complain about the smell of your compost, adding lime or calcium will neutralise odours.

Lawn care was another topic covered by the panel. If you find white patches in your lawn this year, it's likely to be fusarium or "snow mould," so called because it thrives in the wet grass beneath the snow. This fungus can be stopped in its tracks with a fungicide treatment and aeration, which allows the soil to breathe again. For grass to survive and stay healthy, air needs to keep blowing across its surface.

Our audience also wanted to know more about peat and we learned from Barry Jennings that peat used in horticulture represents only one per cent of all harvested peat and that 95 per cent of peat bogs are man-made. Russia has massive peatlands and it seems that most of the world's production goes to supply the needs of power stations. We should really stop mining this valuable resource and start farming it.

Finally, a topical tip - late April is just the time of year to prune your hydrangeas, which flower from mid to late summer on the previous year's growth. Cut back to the first strong, healthy pair of buds down each stem and remove one or two of the oldest stems at the base to encourage the production of new, replacement growth that will be more floriferous. (A good Scrabble word if you can manage it).

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 21 at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, when Nigel Harrison will reveal what really happens Behind the Scenes at Chelsea.
Mike Hitchen

DOG FOULING

Dear Editor

Whilst discussing the problem of dog dirt with a number of friends, I mentioned that a number of years ago I had written a poem on this subject and it was published in the newsletter.

My friends suggested I send it to be republished.

We at Gilstead are having the same problems with these disgusting heaps left on our pavements.

M. BEAUMONT

DOG DIRT

Yuk! I've put my foot in it,
It's all around my shoe.
My mother will be blazing mad,
Whatever shall I do?

I've rubbed my shoe upon the grass,
Scraped it on the kerb.
I've tried to clean it from the treads,
It really is absurd.

Oh what a smell! It makes me puke.
How I hate this mess.
Sorry folk I have to say
I'm suffering now from stress.

Dog dirt here, dog dirt there,
It's not a pretty sight.
I know that dogs alone themselves
Cannot avoid this plight.

For if they are let out to roam,
Deface the paths they will.
The consequence we have to face,
It really makes me ill.

It's unhealthy, so disgusting,
I'm ashamed to see it there.
Do owners of these blessed dogs
Really think it's fair?

It's time these dogs were taken
To the compound when they stray.
If dogs foul on the footpaths
Then their owners made to pay.

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**ELDWICK & DISTRICT
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ASSOCIATION**

The meeting on Tuesday 12th March was our annual party night. Before we dined members were reminded of the following:

Wednesday 26th June – Service at York Minster for the 30th Anniversary of the YCA @ 11a.m. This will be our annual outing. After the service there will be time for luncheon and shopping before we take a cruise on the river. (This will be a motor boat, not a Viking Longship, therefore there will be no rowing involved). We will be dining on our homeward journey. We hope to arrive back in Eldwick for 9ish. The cost will be £26.

We then commenced with our meal, which was plentiful and after we were replete, Rod & Pam Dimpleby entertained us. Rod told some amusing stories and Pam sang for us. Our Chairman thanked them both.

The quiz answers were read out and then the raffle was drawn.



Last but not least, a thank you was given to Sylvia Slater for the beautiful 30th Anniversary cake she had made for us. Members were invited to take a slice or two home, to be enjoyed with a 'cuppa'.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th May @ 7.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall. This is will be our A.G.M. followed by Patricia Atkinson, whose talk will be on School Days.

† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

PAUSE TO PRAY IN CHURCH

Wed. 24th April from Noon till 7.15 pm
Wed. 22nd May 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.

Happy Hour Fun Size Church – for young families – All welcome

Wednesday 24th April from 09.15 am to 10.15 am.
Wednesday 22nd May from 09.15 am to 10.15 am.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

18th April 7.30 pm Rev Helen Hodgson will be the speaker
16th May 7.30 pm Children's Society Coffee Evening

GRAND BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 27th April 6.00 pm cost £3 includes pie and peas supper some tickets are at the post office.

SERVICES:

14th April
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

21st April
09.15 am Holy Communion
Rev Rosemary Nash
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Miss Kathryn Whitaker
6.30 pm Evensong led by Rev Andrew Clark

28th April
09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

5th May
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown
10.30 am All Sorts Praise led by The Lees Team

12th May
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

19th May

09.15 am Holy Communion
Rev Dr Neville Richardson
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr David Miller

26th May

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.30 – 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 – 9.00 pm
1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps
3rd Saturday in the month Saturday Strollers
3rd Thursday in the month Ladies Fellowship
4th Wednesday in the month Happy Hour
4th Wednesday in the month Pause to Pray

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FROM PARCHMENT TO MANUSCRIPT – NEWSPRINT TO AIRWAVES

BBC Radio Leeds broadcasts a programme every morning which highlights a particular locality. At 9am someone in the studio, with eyes closed, pinpoints a place on a map of West Yorkshire which will be the focus of the programme starting at 10am for one hour. It came as a surprise to your correspondent, whilst in London one Tuesday, to receive a call from Radio Leeds. Could one be available to speak on the radio about Eldwick on Wednesday as the village will be featured? It was explained that, whilst requests for texts and emails from the chosen locality were made, responses were not guaranteed so someone had to be lined up to speak, as a precaution. So, on the day, the programme was curtailed by news of railway problems between London and Leeds, giving little opportunity for Eldwickians to go on air. Only two texts were read out, one saying the Memorial Hall was still the centre for village activities, having been built by volunteers from the 'bricks' of Eldwick Mill. The other was recalling many hours of miss-spent youth at the village pub – The Acorn. Speaking live was brief, meaning notes prepared beforehand went unheard. Being asked what was the most important fact about Eldwick, the response was, being in the Domesday Book. There even had to be an explanation to the presenter what the book was and when it was written!

So it was that our village appeared in print for the first time as Helguic in 1086. In subsequent centuries much of the surrounding countryside was held by a variety of monastic orders to whom land had been granted by locals. Documents exist from both Drax and Rievaulx showing how much was collected in annual tithes from Faweather east of Eldwick, between 1221 and 1223 from harvests. The grange established there had locals as lay brothers to manage the herds of sheep and to work metal from lodestones in the becks. Farms like Golcar and Birch Close were similarly recorded in 13th century monastic landholdings. As can be seen on Eldwick's Millennium Stone, the village was represented by various spellings in manorial and tax records. Will de Helewike in 1273, Stephen de Ellewick in 1383 and, in 1379, Johanna de Helwyke paid four pence Poll Tax.

Once King Henry dissolved all the monasteries all local lands were sold off and Helwick Spring Farm has deeds from 1588, Lane End from 1598 and Glovershaw from 1610. Eldwick Hall itself dates from a similar time and the aforesaid Johanna was 'living under the Cross' in 1379 perhaps in a previous Eldwick Hall owned by the Knights of Saint John. Bingley Parish Church records and Manor Court records list Eldwick names and give clues to them being adopted for local roadways like Tunstall Lane at High Eldwick and Rawson Dyke under Sheriff Lane. In later years the local aristocracy, such as the Ferrands, Busfeilds and Crompton Stansfields held tenanted farms all around Eldwick and vast collections of manuscripts from their archives provide valuable information. However, not all such families were local. A beautiful map was found at Eldwick Hall in 1742 showing Richard Fenton of Barnsley owned an estate from High Eldwick down to Low House Farm and Eldwick Hall with Moorland Grange Farm adjacent. The Crompton family was based at Esholt Hall and the rent book for Eldwick farms they owned dates from 1776. It even includes a mortgage they

gained by loaning £14,000 to Walter Fawkes in 1818. It was Joshua Crompton who, in 1786, allowed a proper roadway to be built on his land from Eldwick Beck Bottom up to the then larger settlement of High Eldwick. John Loblely was a land agent for the Cromptons and his name lives on as today's Loblely Gate on Baildon Moor.

Eldwick in print in the Bradford Observer at the beginning of the 19th century, charts the existence and fluctuating financial health of Elwick Beck Mill. An advert, the first of several in a few years, in 1835 was for the sale of the mill by auction at The King's Head in Bingley. It had only been built in 1800 but had a 14hp engine, water wheel, seven spinning frames of 84 spindles, drawing and roving frames. Included in the sale was a substantial dwelling house, five commodious cottages, garden, stable and cart shed, all 'situated on a never failing stream of water called Elwick Beck, with an excellent reservoir'.

Books in the 20th century by Speight, Horsfall Turner and Dodd detail Eldwick history and in more recent times the village was twice on national radio. A script writer spent several days in Eldwick, talking to locals and visiting farms to gather information for the famous personality of Wilfrid Pickles to be broadcast on 'Children's Hour'. From the studio he said he knew the area well, knew where Dick Hudson's was, and had 'been on Ilkla Moor baht 'at and wi' me 'at on.'

In 1975 BBC Gardeners' Question Time was broadcast live from Eldwick Memorial Hall with Michael Barratt, Fred Loads, Prof Alan Gemmell and Bill Sowerbutts, all famous at the time.

So, all this could have been broadcast in 2013 if time had been allowed, and it was saved for you readers instead.

New Sweet Melodies musical opportunities

A new Sweet Melodies music class for babies under one year old begins this April at Oak Glen Surgery on Swan Avenue. The half hour classes, great value at £4 per week, will start at 9.30 on Friday mornings from April 19th for 12 weeks until July 27th. Complimentary coffee and tea are served after the class enabling parents or carers to chat and socialise.

It's five years ago now, just after her daughter Melody was born, that Stephanie Crabtree, a talented flautist and musician, started Sweet Melodies. The Eldwick-based business offers a range of music classes - especially developed for babies, toddlers and their carers. Stephanie also runs recorder classes, called Red Hot Recorders, for school children aged 7 and above. Since 2008, many youngsters and their mums, dads, grandparents and carers from Eldwick, Gilstead, Bingley and even further afield, have attended Stephanie's Sweet Melodies music classes and, thanks to Red Hot Recorders, a number of children have progressed from complete beginners to proficient musicians able to play confidently and read music.

After Easter, Stephanie is inviting new students to join Red Hot Recorders. Tuition is one-to-one or in small groups and takes place straight after school at Stephanie's home on Timble Drive.

If you, your children, family or friends are interested in any of these musical opportunities contact Stephanie on 01274 567071 or visit www.stephcrabtree.wordpress.com for more details.

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