

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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THANKS FOR THE GALA!

The weather did help a great deal to make the Eldwick Gala a great success, what a day! A fantastic turnout of really nice folk, who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Many thanks to the small band of organisers who make this event happen. They have been planning this for the last twelve months. Although, we at the Newsletter, only have a very limited view of the event through smoke created by cremated sausage, it sounded good, especially the Spitfire.

On Friday night it was the Scout and Guides Fun Run. A record entry for this event, with over three hundred running. Again, thanks to the organisers of this event, making this a truly family weekend.



Gala photos courtesy of Bill Faulding

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ELDWICK & DISTRICT YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of Eldwick Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association was held on Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30 – 9.00p.m. at the Memorial Hall, Eldwick. Annual subscription £12, monthly entrance fee £1.50 including tea and biscuits. The speaker at the next meeting on July 9th is Mike Armstrong, an Award Winning Master Baker, and on September 10th we welcome speaker Denise Griffiths who will talk about 'First Impressions'. New members are most welcome.

Diary Dates for members:

There is no meeting in August.

10th September – Stall. Competition – most colourful Scarf.

The speaker this evening was Patrick Clark, who intrigued us all with his talk about unusual sites in Yorkshire. As Yorkshire women we were surprised there was such a lot we didn't know, but Patrick certainly whetted our appetites with his really interesting talk, and the slides he showed us proved that we really did have a lot to learn, although I do have to say that I was very impressed with some of our members who managed to answer a lot of Patrick's questions and seem to know 'their Yorkshire'. His talk was so varied that it would be impossible to describe it in a few short paragraphs, and I have had to 'cherry-pick' some of the things that interested me most. For example, did you know that Hawes is the highest market town in Yorkshire, or that Tan Hill is the highest pub in Great Britain? We were amused to learn that Dent Station (the highest mainline station in England) is situated 4 miles out of the Village itself. Just a few of many interesting facts.

Patrick told us about the farming in

Yorkshire, mainly sheep and cows, and warned us that in theory if we are out walking, a farmer is quite within his rights to let a bull graze in a field with a public right of way – depending on the bull's breed and age he may or may not chase us! We have been warned.

He showed us various slides of the grouse shooting hides (a shoot can cost about £1,000 per day) and explained how the controlled moorland fires are lit using a rotation system which helps to keep the heather in good condition for the birds. The grouse need to be kept healthy but are prone to various ailments, so a rather clever system of introducing grit (which they need) together with medication is used which the gamekeeper controls. A simple but effective device which involves flipping a lid each day so that too much medication isn't given – who thinks of these things?

We learned about various rock formations, saw large boulders dumped by the Ice Age, and discovered that Brimham Rocks are all completely natural, and not attributed to the Druids as some people think. We saw a lovely slide of Hardraw Force near Hawes in Upper Wensleydale, which can only be reached by going through the grounds of the Green Dragon pub; no doubt this will appeal to many thirsty visitors.

The village of West End was flooded in the 1960's to make Thruscross Reservoir. In very dry periods the remains of the village can still be seen. The graves in Holy Trinity Church were exhumed and re-interred (complete with headstones) in a patch of farmland to the north of the reservoir.

If anybody fancies a spot of caving, Gaping Gill, one of Britain's longest and most complex cave systems is fitted with a winch above the shaft in August each year – and brave visitors can go down into the cave. I understand from Patrick that this is free – but you do have to pay to get back up again – so no doubt the caving Club who provide the service will not go empty handed!

Another interesting part of Yorkshire

history is the Buckden Pike memorial cross. During the Second World War a Polish crew of an RAF plane crashed, and of the crew of six only one survived. 'Joe' managed to get to safety in atrocious conditions by following the footprints of a fox in the snow. After the war he returned to the spot, and with help from various authorities organised the memorial which incorporates pieces of the plane, and also a bronze fox head as a mark of respect to the animal to which Joe owes his life.

The 800 year old Laund oak tree near Bolton Abbey is a most impressive tree, and its acorns are reputed to be 'the best'. The foresters gather the acorns from the woodland floor and sent them to a nursery to be grown on and returned as saplings to be planted into Strid Wood and in other woodlands in the area.

The George Pub at Hubberholme has an interesting history. The local vicar used to place a lit candle in the window when he was available to meet with his parishioners, and the pub still boasts this tradition today, lighting the candle when the bar is open. The 'Hubberholme Parliament' also uses the candle method in the annual letting of 16 acres of Church land – the acreage goes to the highest bidder when the candle goes out.

Something I for one am intrigued to visit is the Coldstones Cut at Nidderdale on the southern edge of the Dales. Perched on Greenhow Hill above Pateley Bridge, this wonderful work of art is by Andrew Sabin. From the various platforms that wind round and round the structure can be seen the panoramic landscape of Nidderdale reaching as far as York Minster. Well worth a visit.

Signing off, this is one Yorkshire lass who had a really enjoyable and informative evening.

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Eldwick and Gilstead Thursday Afternoon Club

celebrated the 90th birthday of Mrs Irene Howe (left) by sharing a cake and refreshments the other week at a club meeting.



More recently a party of members went into Lancashire, by coach, to the Garstang area and boarded a canal boat for a cruise on the Lancaster Canal.

After a pleasant journey through countryside we rejoined our coach and set off for an inn near Clitheroe where we enjoyed generous portions of the main course and a lavish selection of sweets before returning to Eldwick.

This club welcomes retired residents of the two villages named in the title; the varied programme on Thursdays includes speakers, slide shows, music by choirs and other offerings.

"No poo, not on my shoe"

Year 3 pupils at Eldwick Primary School have produced a range of anti-dog fouling posters. They have sent these to the Newsletter. We are laminating them and making them available from Eldwick Post Office for those who wish to display them in their local area.

Thanks Year 3.



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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 13th July 4.00 pm – 5.30pm.

Saturday 14th Sept. 4.00 pm – 5.30pm

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!

HAPPY HOUR FUN SIZE CHURCH – for young families – All welcome

Wed. 17th July from 09.15 am - 10.15 am

PAUSE TO PRAY IN CHURCH

July 17th: Pause to pray will be different this month!

To incorporate a prayer walk around the village (hoping we will have some sunshine) 12-12.30pm Time to gather in Church to pray.

Between 12.45pm and 5.45pm Rev Helen Hodgson will be walking around the village praying for the community - stopping on the hour at different people's homes (for 15 minutes) to gather with others to pray (a list of venues will be up in church). Please feel free to come to one or more of these homes to gather and pray for the community – list of venues in church.

6-7pm Time to gather in Church to pray.

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

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

18th July Supper Outing.

FORTHCOMING EVENT:-

Car Boot Sale Saturday 27th July

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14th July

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

21st July

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

28th July

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Morning Worship with baptism
led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

4th August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson

10.30 am All Sorts Praise led by
Rev Helen Hodgson and Team

11th August

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson

18th August

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Dr Neville Richardson

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr David Miller

25th August

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Dr Neville Richardson.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.30 – 11.15 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- 9pm

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

Mid Saturday Messy Church

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

Contact Ann Shoebridge 564690

Please note:- Livewires Toddler Group

The Eldwick Church runs a Mother (or Daddy or Granny or Carer!) and Toddler Group from 9.30 to 11.15 on Monday mornings during term time. In recent years we have had a long waiting list but from September there will be a number of spaces available. Anyone with a baby or toddler up to the age of 2 who would like to join us for a morning of play, singing and refreshments should contact Sharron Arnold on 01535 272894. Cost per session is £1.50 for one child or £2.50 for two.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MEMBERS INVADE COTTINGLEY

Taking time out from booking speakers for 2014, our energetic speaker finder Norma Bartle organised two very interesting summer events for members. The first was a Cottingley Canter, a visit to seven gardens on the other side of the valley, where Norma lives.

Around 20 people joined the tour at random from 6.00pm, spending different amounts of time at each venue, so it never appeared to be crowded at any one location.

The garden owners were all very proud of what they had created. Much of Cottingley was originally a rocky terrain and the design and plantings illustrated the diversity and creativity of the individuals concerned and how they had interpreted their space.

We could not have wished for a better evening, it was what should be regarded as typical summers evening warm, dry and bathed in sunlight, which made it a pleasure to walk round.

Members viewed a fascinating mixture of well-stocked gardens with fruit, vegetables,



Pots and shrubs in perfect harmony



Terry's toms set out for tasting

Words and pictures Mike Sutcliffe

flowers and pot plants growing in harmony. One boasted mysterious little corners with a quiet hideaway at the top end. We also took in a variety of garden ornaments and some impressive sculptures and a garden where the front of the house gave no indication of the size of the garden at the rear. We loved the busy areas, the quiet corners for meditation and the summer house in which to sit and appreciate the warm evenings we rarely experience this year.

Terry Marshall, who spoke at our meeting earlier this year, lives in Cottingley and his garden deserves a mention. It is tomato heaven, and members dallied in his big greenhouse to pick his brains and sample some early examples of this year's crop.

It was a super evening out and our thanks go to all the owners who let us invade their property so willingly.

Don't miss our next event - on Tuesday 16 July we are to have a guided walk round the seven-acre Denso Marston Nature Reserve, off Otley Road, Baildon. Assemble at 6.00pm at the entrance, car parking in the lay-by past the church, or in the pub car park - but inform the bar staff.



Summerhouse in a quiet corner

ELDWICK TENNIS CLUB



Summer Tennis Camp for New Junior Members

Has your son, daughter or grand-child been inspired by Wimbledon? Have they ever fancied taking up tennis...then Eldwick Tennis Club could be a great way to learn or improve their game whether they're just a beginner or want something different to do in the school holidays. From late July we will be running a number of classes for new junior members with our resident coach.

The classes will run on:

Tuesday 30th July 10am-11.30am
Thursday 1st August 10am-11.30am
Tuesday 6th August 10am-11.30 am

Prices will be £15 and will include free membership for the remainder of the 2013 season. If you think your child would like to be the next Laura Robson or Andy Murray then come down to your local village tennis club.

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