

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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THE ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL CHANGES

We are pleased to report that the Memorial is undergoing a substantial upgrade. The roof has been fully repaired, new storage area built, new windows fitted, the toilets are to be refurbished, new tables have been purchased and new chairs are ordered. This busy little Hall caters for many different organisations ranging from Martial Arts to the Bridge Club. It is also a meeting room for many other groups and clubs. It is used for social functions i.e. weddings, birthday parties and even funerals. The cost of the refurbishment has been met by the Hall which is financed by lettings and rental from Birches Freehouse. The Memorial Hall Trust Ltd now owns the Birches building providing a sustainable income for the future. The Directors of the Eldwick Memorial Hall Trust Ltd are very keen to hear from Hall users, as to their needs as the refurbishment continues.



New booking system. – If you wish to use The Memorial Hall for a social function and to use the lounge bar of Birches, this may now be done as one booking. Ring Sylvia Slater for booking details 01274 563081.

1940's fun by Lucy Porter



Recently Y5 pupils at Eldwick Primary School sped back in time to discover what it was like during WW2. Four classrooms got transformed into WW2 classrooms. Computers were put away, school uniform was taken off and costumes were put on. It was truly amazing.

On the Friday there was a museum that the children had set up. They made signs for their chosen table and decorated it specially. After that Y5 prepared it in their groups. It was fantastic!

On the Monday, Y5 had a WW2 style lunch. 'It was delicious', said a thoughtful Holly aged 10. They had fish and chips wrapped in newspaper and jam sponge with custard for pudding. They also had tasters. 'The tripe was disgusting, the sugarless truffles were horrible but the spam was very nice', explained a delighted and disgusted Emma aged 10. They had a fabulous time and I'd say this is a very great experience.

Friends of Prince of Wales Park volunteers working every Wednesday and Saturday from 9am. We'd love you to join in!

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AN EVENING ON THE RESERVATION

July is a non-speaker meeting month so, fingers crossed for some dry weather (weren't we lucky!) the society arranged a visit to the seven-acre Denso Marston Nature Reserve situated off Otley Road, Baildon, between the River Aire and the Denso Marston factory. Created in 1990 on wash land for the benefit of wildlife, community enjoyment and education, it is an urban haven of woodland, meadows and pools with a very varied year-round population of flora and fauna.

Warden Steve Warrilow welcomed our party of sixteen and guided us on a circular tour which took in grassland, meadows and a considerable stretch of riverbank. On some summer evenings roe deer can be seen having a drink on the opposite bank, but we were unlucky. The total of sightings I recorded were two wood pigeons, two blackbirds, a damselfly (they used to be called 'horse-stingers' or 'devil's darning needles' by our superstitious ancestors), five mallard ducks, a jay and a dead shrew.

We also saw myriad wild flowers and many species of tree. The "Denso" part of Denso Marston is Japanese and so the company has planted many cherry trees, as these play an important role in Japan's culture. This is not to say that our visit was a disappointment. Far from it. Steve is a mine of information on anything to do with natural history and entertained us with interesting facts and anecdotes throughout our walk. He also has an infectious sense of humour and writes a monthly "Ramblings" column for the Reserve's website and newsletter. Thanks to Steve for a fascinating evening and to Norma Bartle who organised it for us.

Meanwhile, the horticultural year moves on and our 96th Annual Show takes place on Saturday 31st August in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at



The lily pond at Denso

2.45pm and the show starts at 3.00pm when Mrs June Driver will declare the show open. An Eldwick resident, June has taught so many of us and our children, while still finding time to take to the stage in many productions at Bingley Little Theatre. So don't miss her latest appearance at our show - and if your veg, flowers, home-baking or photographs deserve a wider audience, you can pick up an entry form at Eldwick or Gilstead Post Office and Bingley Library. Admission to the Show is £1 for adults, children free. There will be the usual refreshments available next door in the schoolroom and a sale of show produce after June has presented the prizes. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, Naylor Wintersgill, and all our patrons for their invaluable support.

Then it will soon be time for our September meeting on Tuesday the 17th, when one of our favourite guest speakers Jacqui Iddon Dagnall will make a return visit to demonstrate flower arranging skills and talk about Shades of Autumn.

Mike Hitchen



Steve Warrilow had a rapt audience

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ELDWICK & DISTRICT YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of Eldwick Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association was held on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall, Eldwick. Annual subscription £12, monthly entrance fee £1.50 including tea and biscuits. Please note there is no meeting in August. NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME.

We were all extremely saddened to learn of the death on Friday 5th July of Mrs Audrey Totty MBE, President of our Association and one of our Founder Members. At the age of 90 Audrey had been unwell for some time, but she always had time for her beloved YCA and will be sadly missed by us all. A minute's silence was held.

The speaker at the next meeting on Sept 10th is Denise Griffiths who will talk about 'First Impressions'. The competition this month is for the most colourful Scarf.

MORE DIARY DATES 2013:

On **Friday, 27th September** we are holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.00 - 12.30 in the Memorial Hall. Members, friends, EVERYONE, do please come and support this most worthy cause.

Forthcoming Meetings/Events:

October 8th - 'All Buttoned Up' - Michelle Horton

October 18th - Founders' Group Lunch at Oakwood Hall, 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. Don't forget to book your place, £17 for 3 course meal and after dinner coffee.

November 12th - 'We Apologise for the Delay' - Geoff Queen

December 6th - Carol Service at York. Don't forget to book your seat on the coach, £10 return. A great day out.

December 10th - 'Entertainment Character Talks, Hans Christian Anderson' - Jim Baxter

The speaker this evening was Mike Armstrong, award winning Master Baker. What a dedicated and skilled baker he is, and he kept us very entertained. Mike told us that at the age of 5 he was fascinated by a Wheat sheaf complete with little mouse at his school Harvest Festival, and from that day he never wavered in his childhood ambition to become a baker. After leaving school he served an 11 year apprenticeship before opening his own business in Addingham, but unfortunately as we all know, Supermarket pressure made things very difficult for Mike, and after 3 years he was forced to close his business. 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em' - he thought, and so Mike worked with Morrisons for 17 years and is now employed by Sainsbury's. Mike came up with the idea of incorporating beer and three cheeses into a loaf of bread and went on to win the Sainsbury's in-house bake-off

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competition with his delicious bread. After six months of strong competition from thousands of other bakers Mike was put through into the final by no other than Jamie Oliver. He and six other finalists then had to bake in the live final in front of a huge audience. Mike is justly proud of his most prestigious award, especially as his bread was then developed from his original recipe to a loaf which is now sold commercially.

With all the present Press coverage following Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood's great programme 'Best of British Baking', and the massive renewed interest in baking, Mike has conquered his bashfulness and now gives talks and encouragement to many would-be bakers as well as teaching at the Dean Clough Cooking School in Halifax. Mike gave us so many useful tips as he kneaded away in the heat of the hall in the middle of an unexpected heatwave, chattering away as he did so. 'You must use good strong bread flour and don't add all the water at once' he told us. 'And you must use fresh yeast'. Apparently because yeast is a living organism it's not allowed to be advertised for sale, but Mike explained it could be bought at the bakery counter in Sainsbury's on request. He told us we didn't need to 'knock back' after the first proving, the shaping was sufficient. 'Our Maureen' said she'd been knocking it back for years, which we thought was rather brave of her to admit! We couldn't believe that Mike could possibly bake bread in such a short time, but he was undaunted by neither the heat nor the time restriction, and went on to produce the most amazing breads. Aply assisted by Maureen, he made delicious Lemon & Rosemary Focaccia, telling us to add lots of liquid and olive oil - 'the wetter the better'; decadent Chocolate Orange Sticky Buns, and from Maureen's batch of dough an intricate plaited crusty loaf and a cheese and black pepper 'London Bloomer'. We were all tantalised by the smell as the breads cooked and were treated to a sample of each once they were baked. There were lots of 'ooohs' and 'mmmms' and promises to try baking them ourselves - when the weather's a bit cooler. Mike even gave us all a sample of fresh yeast to encourage us to 'have a go', and we all went home with good intentions and well tempted palates.

Mike told us that he is now embarking on another challenge - he will be writing a cookery column in the Telegraph and Argus and other local papers, and sharing his recipes. And we all eagerly await his cookery book, which he promises to write. Another great evening - why don't you come along and join us?

† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 14th September 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

Wednesday 25th September from 09.15 am - 10.15 am

PAUSE TO PRAY will be different this month!

Wednesday 25th September

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 4.45pm 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 - or walk and pray.

5-6pm 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:-

19th September Chris Shedd "The Sheep".

SERVICES:

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.

1st September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

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

8th September

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

15th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Rosemary Nash.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Deacon Clare Gill.

22nd September

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls.

29th September

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

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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THE FIRST GALA ... in 1866 ?

If The Prince of Wales Park, at least the top part, could be considered to be in Eldwick, then Gala could be traced back a long way. In modern times the Eldwick Gala began in 1941 when the Home Guard Knitting Circle, part of the Home Comforts Fund, was raising money to support the war effort. Gala Day was an all day event from 2.15pm to 11.45pm., with activities on the Rec, a Whist Drive in the marquee, a concert by locals, dancing on the lawn at Meadowcott, later in the Schoolroom.

The Eldwick Comforts Fund was wound up in February 1946 after six years of wonderful work. A total of £403 had been distributed in gifts to Eldwick men and women serving in the armed forces, together with a large quantity of knitted goods.

Eldwick is linked to the Park, which opened at Whitsuntide in 1865, and the committee involved soon decided a Gala should be held at least once a year. So, in 1866, an opportunity arrived, thanks to the members of the Bingley Total Abstinence Society who had erected a Drinking Fountain, fed by a natural spring. A procession from Myrtle Place, with the Bingley Brass Band, made its way to the Park and a line was formed up 'the Roman Road' in front of the fountain so the presentation could be made to the trustees. The proceedings concluded with a Gala.

Eldwick's 'Airedale Poet', John Nicholson, was also honoured in the Park in 1870. Brought up in Eldwick and educated locally, John often returned to visit friends and relations in Eldwick and, in doing so, met his 'melancholy death', aged only fifty three in 1843. He had fallen into the River Aire near Dixons Mill

whilst trying to cross the stepping stones late at night. His collected works were published by friends for the benefit of his widow and nine children and in later years he would be remembered in the Park. A Grand Demonstration was planned for Saturday 2nd July in 1870 for 'the Uncovering of the Bust of the late John Nicholson, the renowned Airedale Poet'. Sadly, it does not survive today, but the plinth on which it was mounted still stands near the Drinking Fountain.

A large procession was formed on July 2nd at Myrtle Place, with the Mayor of Bradford, members of various lodges, Park Trustees, the Friendly Society of Operative Masons, and brass bands. It set off at 4pm up to the Park, forming a square with bands in the centre. After the unveiling ceremony the 'Grand Gala' was held in the Area and high part of the Park. There was dancing, foot races, wheelbarrow races, climbing the pole, balloons, and other amusements, with refreshments being available from the Tea Shelter. Admission for Ladies and Gentlemen was sixpence, for Working Classes three pence, for children up to 12 years old, two pence. It was stated that no change would be given at the gates! Arrangements were made to carry passengers from Bradford, Shipley and Keighley by train to Bingley at only a single fare. The attendance must have been significant because the funds raised at the Park's gates were £52, 'for the laying out of the Park'. So it is apparent that, even though the Park was begun in 1862, opened in 1865, work continued for several more years to create what can be seen today. All the more reason to go and enjoy it.

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