

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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**Beer and Banger Festival raises £5000 for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. See insert".**

## VINTAGE YEAR FOR HORTICULTURAL SHOW

A sunny day and the opportunity to view locally grown vegetables, fruit and flowers in peak condition (not to mention jams, chutneys, cakes and bread) helped bring in the crowds to the Memorial Hall last month where organic tomato guru Terry Marshall opened our 98th Autumn Show.

Overall, we had the most entries for seven years. Entries overall were up by 30 percent on 2014, fruit was up from 42 to 72 entries (the highest for at least 25 years), baking from 88 to 106. the highest ever. The Great British Bake-Off has obviously not bypassed this part of West Yorkshire.

President Mrs Jane Hitchen thanked all the teams who set up the Hall and the St Lawrence schoolroom, with a special mention for the ladies manning (?) the tea room. The afternoon drew to a lively close when Alan Wilson auctioned all the unclaimed exhibits assisted by various small grandchildren.

This year's trophy winners are as follows:

John Wild Trophy (most points veg) - Roger Golton  
Robert Smith Trophy (outstanding veg) - Roger Golton - Onions  
George Todd Trophy (onions) - Roger Golton  
Jack Bentley Trophy (veg tray) - Geoff Hargrave  
HM Dawson Trophy (fruit) - Roger Golton  
Brinley Jagger Trophy (tomatoes) - Roger Golton  
Thomas Henry Shaw Trophy (best roses) - Carol Robinson  
Eric Cockroft Trophy (best rose) - John Churchman  
Charles Whiteoak (sweet peas) - Roger Golton  
Frank Whitaker Trophy (best dahlia) - Edwin Paipala  
Leslie Lund Trophy (most points flowers) - John Churchman  
Arthur Harrison Trophy (most points veg and flowers) - Roger Golton  
Ernest Edwards Trophy (runner up) - Alan Wilson  
Derek Lofthouse Trophy (best flower exhibit) - Roger Golton (sweet peas)  
Banksian Medal - Alan Wilson  
H Whitehead Trophy (open) - Roger Golton  
Yorkshire Bank Trophy (best home produce) - Heather Murgatroyd (Swiss Roll)  
Sydney Owthwaite Trophy (home produce) - Heather Murgatroyd  
Franz Trophy (Photographic) - Alan Wilson

Heather Murgatroyd won the baking trophy by just one point, which was a very good achievement in such a competitive area. Vegetable judge David Allison told David Bell, our Show Secretary, that most of the shows he has visited this year have had high entries, so the weather this year must have been good for gardening at least, despite our complaints back in the damp Spring.

The names of many of our trophies commemorate local dignitaries and celebrities of their day. Next year we shall be looking for excellence in the art of carrot growing no less when we inaugurate the Airtown Cup, donated by judge Trevor Nicholson who is of the opinion that not enough attention is given to the importance of this popular vegetable.

Finally, it was our intention to mark Mrs Dorothy Boyd's involvement with the Society for more than 50 years. Unfortunately she was unable to join us on the day and so our Secretary John Churchman presented Dorothy with a floral plant arrangement at her home.



All set up and waiting for the crowds . . .



. . . And they've arrived!



Youngest entrant Olivia Smithson (right) presented a bouquet to Mrs Jennifer Marshall (centre) watched by Mrs Jane Hitchen (left).

**Diary note:** our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday when Terry Marshall will tear himself away from his greenhouse in Cottingley to tell us all about "Greenhouses and Gardening for the Elderly".  
**Mike Hitchen**

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# Letter to the Editor

## Attack

A good friend of mine was attacked near Sheriff Lane in broad daylight last Saturday at around 7pm.

He is 48 years old and was riding his bike. He had his phone and bike stolen (the bike was later recovered)

Worse he had to have plastic surgery to his face and narrowly escaped worse injury when he had a glass smashed over his bike helmet.

There were 4 attackers aged about 16. I would like to use the Eldwick newsletter to ask for information. Somebody has to know who did this.

The 4 youths had been loitering on the corner for some time and were heard talking about a party.

My contact number is 07866 458434  
Chris Hallam

## GALA NEWS .....

Have you seen the Gala Facebook page - 'LIKE' to get the regular updates on activities and events.

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**GALA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday 12th October 8pm**  
**in the Birches**

Come along and join us if you would like to be involved in the planning for next years events. Discos (Nov / March & June), Pet Show, and of course Gala Day. Perhaps you have some new ideas.

We meet on Monday Evenings at 8pm, around 7 times during the year (Oct, Nov, Feb, March, April, May & June) plus the Gala Events of course.

**2016 GALA Saturday 25th June**  
Suggestions for a theme welcome!  
[gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk)

### GALA FUNDS

Good News the Gala has yet again raised around £2500 to give away to local community children's organisations.

If you would like to apply for a donation for a local group you are involved with please get in touch by email to [gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk) by 10th October. Applications will be considered by the Gala Committee at our meeting after the AGM on Monday 12th October.

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# The Eldwick Art Show

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**This popular event will be held on the 23rd/24th/25th October**  
**Eldwick Memorial Hall**

We would like as many people as possible to enter, particularly the younger end. There is no selection process, but each entrant is limited to three pieces which may be in any medium from sculpture to photographs. There will be a preview at 7.30 on Friday 23rd to which all entrants will be invited which will include a glass of wine and nibbles.

The West Yorkshire Woodturners will be demonstrating and selling their wares. We also hope to have a potter.

Packs may be collected from Eldwick Post Office containing entry form, instructions labels etc.

The cost is three pounds for up to three entries and this includes a glass of wine at the preview.

## Memorial Hall Notice Board

A notice board has now been erected outside the Memorial Hall.

If you are a village organisation and wish to use this facility, please drop your notice in Birches. Please try to make your notice no larger than A5.

This notice board was jointly funded by Bradford Council and Eldwick Village Society.

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## BINGLEY G&S SOCIETY

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### NO AUDITIONS

*Autumn Session begins on*

**Friday 11 September 2015 at 7-15 pm**  
**in The Eldwick Church Hall, Eldwick**

*(building behind Eldwick Church, Otley Road, Eldwick)*

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

No Meeting in August, as we had a really interesting trip to Hawes. Thanks go to Maureen Beckwith for all the arrangements.

The next Meeting is on 13th October 2015, 7.30pm. It is a Quiz and Bingo.

Our Coffee Morning for "Alzheimer" raised £278. Thank you to all those who attended.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 25th September, Time 10.30am – 12 noon. Entrance £2.50p.

Future events – Founders Lunch. Our annual Carol Service to York is on Friday 4th December. We need to know how many people want to go by October. More details to follow.

All new members welcome.

## Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in Eldwick Memorial Hall on Friday October 16th to support National Arthritis Week. Cakes and crafts will be on sale and there will be a tombola and raffle.

A consultant who runs a local health and wellness business will be available to discuss products and a reflexology and holistic health practitioner will provide short demonstrations to willing volunteers!

9.30am – 12.00 All welcome

## Thank You

Eldwick & District Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association would like to thank all who supported the Coffee Morning held on Yorkshire Day in aid of Alzheimer's Research. The sum of £278.06 was raised.

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## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 19th September** 4.00 – 5.30 pm

**Saturday 17th October** 4.00 – 5.30 pm

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. 16th Sept.** from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

**Wed. 21st October** from 09.15 – 10.15

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

**17th September** 7.30 pm Mike Armstrong "Saintsbury's Baker".

**15th October** 7.30 pm AGM

### SERVICES:

#### 6th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

#### 13th September

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Terence Porter.

#### 20th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Maurice Baren.

6.30 pm Evensong led by Rev Andrew Clark.

#### 27th September

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

#### 4th October

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Barbara Walls.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

#### 11th October

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Marcus Pattern.

#### 18th October

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

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10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Neville Richardson.

#### 25th October

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

### REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

Wednesday - 09.30-12 Embroiderers/Probus  
13.30 - 15.30 Craft Group

18.00 - 20.00 Weight Watchers

Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes

Friday - 19.15 – 21.15 Elstead Ladies Choir

Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps

3rd Saturday in the month Saturday Strollers

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3rd Wednesday in the month Happy Hour

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# THE ONGOING SAGA OF ROUTE 74 1974 -2015

Following correspondence in the last edition of the Eldwick Newsletter it is pertinent to revisit this subject once more, despite at least two earlier stories referring to its history published here some years ago.

Eldwick has some scenic byways, none more interesting than a former pack horse trail. In post medieval times the 'Broggers' carried a variety of goods from markets into countryside villages. Locally they would buy small parcels of yarn and woven cloth from out farms and cottages to carry them to markets in Otley, Bradford and Leeds. This encouraged local communities to continue the spinning and weaving occupations in their homes.

In the 1841 and 1851 Census returns for Eldwick Beck listed the majority of householders as either wool combers or worsted weavers, including nearly everyone living in New Row (later Long Row).

Coming into the Eldwick Beck hamlet, from the valley or along Rivock Edge, via Morton, it is off Heights Lane to Tewitt, the former trail is instantly recognisable with its single line of paving stones. It arrives at Eldwick Beck, close to the 17th century corn/scribbling mill and the site of the former New Row cottages eventually occupied by mill workers. The Eldwick Mill had been opened as a Corn Mill by Richard Longbottom of Eldwick Hall but after the industrial revolution it became a scribbling mill – machines powered by a water wheel fed by the long snaking dam which had a sluice from Eldwick Beck, began to process raw wool.

When the row was demolished, a single building was built which diminished the width of the bridleway, leading to the historic Clapper Bridge over the Beck. From there the route climbed up Mill Lane to Lane Head in Otley Road, across along Birch Close Lane, through Faweather to Intake Gate and eventually towards Otley.

For years there were various

obstructions on Bridleway 74 from the junction with Tewitt Lane to Lane Head which had to be cleared. In May 2003 that section was closed, mainly because the bridge was deemed unsafe and a diversion was being considered. The owner of the 'new' building, then called 'Brooklands', (now 'Beck Cottage') had objected to the old route through the garden of the property, passing in front of the bungalow.

Over the years, negotiations and objections continued as six monthly renewals were imposed on the closure notice. In February 2005 a Diversion Order was published to take the Bridleway 74 away from the garden and building, off The Green, around the boundary of the property. A variety of objectors stated they would accept the diversion as a bridleway but insisted pedestrian rights were retained on the original route due to its historic heritage. This was because the bridleway was dual purpose – for equestrians and pedestrians.

In December 2006 an Inspector, appointed by the Office of The Secretary of State came to call. All evidence was considered and the ensuing five page report concluded that the Diversion Order could not be confirmed because, as the objectors had made clear, the diversion would take the footpath with it. The Inspector added that it was not her responsibility to make an amendment but accepted that changes would be beneficial for equestrians, to avoid the old bridge. Further she stipulated that it was the responsibility of the Council to issue further Orders to address the situation to retain the route through the garden.

So the whole route was reopened in 2007 and celebrated with an announcement in the Eldwick Newsletter and the magazine of the Ramblers Association.

It took until September 2010 for Bradford Council to issue the



necessary orders, by which time the plan for the diverted route had been agreed by themselves, the owner of Brooklands and the owners of the farmland onto which the bridleway would overlap.

The first of the new Orders was the Public Diversion Order which confirmed that the alternative bridleway could be created, subject to objections. There were none, because the second Order was published simultaneously. This was worded, Public Bridleway No 74 (Bingley) (Part) Eldwick Beck Bingley (Public Footpath) (Creation) Order 2010.

All went ahead, with the newly diverted bridleway having its route constructed, linking the old pack horse route – down from Tewitt into the Green with Mill Lane to Lane Head.

Most importantly, from that time, the Footpath 74, through the garden in front of Beck Cottage and over the old Clapper Bridge, had been recreated, retained and remains, to this day a Public Right of Way for everyone to enjoy. At the moment there appears to no longer be a yellow waymark indicating this route but doubtless this can be remedied by the local Rights of Way Officers who have always worked hard to maintain the rest of the route.

**ALLAN MIRFIELD**

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