

Bob's Snippet

Fell-runners should be in the Olympics but they cannot find a Beijing moor.

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The meeting on the 8th of July was attended by 56 members.

Yorkshire Countrywomen's brooches are now available, contact Sylvia Slater.

On Friday the 26th of September the Macmillan Coffee morning will be held at Eldwick Memorial Hall. The Eldwick and District Branch raise funds to donate to Macmillan Cancer Support. Margaret Newman is organising the event and needs help from members to make the fund raiser a success.

Friday the 3rd of October is the Founder's Lunch, this year to be held at Oakwood Hall. All members are welcome and if you wish to attend contact Sylvia Slater.

The Associations A.G.M. is to be held at Askham Bryan on the 15th of October, there are two places available.

Mike Bamford gave a very interesting talk on his visit to China in 2005. China is the world's most populous country, with a continuous culture stretching back nearly 4,000 years. After stagnating under the rigid rule of Chairman Mao, China now has the worlds fasting growing economy and is undergoing a second industrial revolution.

He began his tour in Beijing, the Capital of China where he explored Tianamen Square, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace. He travelled to the Great Wall but rain and mist dimmed the panoramic view. Then visited Xian and visited the Terracotta Museum. Travelling to Nanjing over the Yangtze River, visiting the Xiaoling Tomb of the Ming Dynasty. Finishing his tour at Shanghai where he experienced the pace of life in a city, which has redefined the word modern. His photographs showed many aspects of life in China today. A very interesting talk and informative on the cultural aspects and how it affects the population.

The next meeting will be held on September 9th the speaker Thora Gray, the subject Pressed Flowers.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

Standing in the shadow of the 19ft 2in carrot

Last year a British gardener called Joe Atherton dug his way into the record books with a carrot measuring 19ft 2in long. (That's 5.84 m for our younger readers).

Extreme vegetables are not a feature of the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's annual show and entrants have never needed a forklift truck to bring in their exhibits (like Piet de Goede from the Netherlands, whose heaviest beetroot weighed in at 156 lb 10 oz (71.050 kg) in 2005).

Our 91st Annual Autumn Show on Saturday 30th August is simply an opportunity for members and non-members alike to demonstrate what can be done to produce vegetables, fruit and flowers of both utility and beauty and, in addition, food made from plants (in the form of bread, cakes) not forgetting flower arrangements. This is all done in a spirit of achievement and friendly rivalry without descending to

open warfare with pruning knives.

Everyone is welcome to see the results of this silent battle at the Eldwick Memorial Hall after 3 pm when the judges have determined the winners. Refreshments will be available in the church hall for those overcome by the battle and the produce will be auctioned at 4.15 after the prize giving.

Looking ahead, the first of our Autumn meetings is on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30 pm when Dr Steve Furness will be speaking on the subject of "Going to Seed". This is a matter with which many of us can sympathise (from personal experience!). It is a perfect opportunity for anyone - members or not - to attend and bring their children if they should be interested. We would like to see some younger members at our society meetings and share the joys of gardening with them. The cost of entry is £1 for members, non-members £2 and all young people of school age, free. Do come and join us. More information from John Pullin 01274 551 451.

ELDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Warburtons are holding a competition to find the loveliest Lollipop Lady. 3R and 3J wrote class poems for their entry and Betty our crossing patrol on Warren Lane won the Bradford area. She now goes on to the Yorkshire area. She was presented in assembly with her prize.

P. Johnson - Class teacher



Betty, the loveliest lollipop lady!

Always smiling, never stops,
Even in the pouring raindrops,
Jolly, chatty always smiles,
Crossing the road with lots of style,
She's so nice, and very pretty,
The best lollipop lady in the city!

By 3J

All my class have entered our lollipop lady Betty, in a lollipop lady competition you had to write a poem about her and to draw a picture of her. A lot of people entered but we had some brilliant ones! She had won.



By Jessi-Jackie

Betty by 3R

Betty is the best, better than the rest,
Helps us cross the busy street,
She deserves the biggest treat,
She has the biggest smile,
Even when the weather's vile,
Betty... Our jolly, lolly pop lady!

When we entered Betty in the Warburtons Bread Competition we were all very excited. We wrote a poem, I took a morning for them to decide which lolly pop person would win. One day Mrs Keshav came in to our class room to tell us that Betty had won the first prize of the competition! So in afternoon assembly one week later, she said Betty out at the front. When Mrs Keshav said what had happened everyone clapped for a long time. Mrs Keshav read out 3R's and 3J's poem Betty said that they were brilliant. She won a basket full of lovely things.

By Sophie Thelby
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THE SHOW GOES ON

Last autumn I came back to Eldwick and bought a house built in 1960. I was only seven then, but can just remember these houses being built.

Something else I remember from that year was winning first prize at Eldwick Show. The class, "a vase of wild flowers", has, of course, disappeared. Things have changed. Children are no longer encouraged to pick wild flowers and, it must be said, there are far fewer fields and hedgerows in and around the village in which to gather them now. Different times, different customs.

Happily, the Show goes on. But could I still win one of those coveted prizes?

The only possibility from my new garden as yet would be in the "comical vegetable or fruit" class. My onions and radishes are laughable! Baking looks like my best chance. So, will it be scones, chocolate cake, or apple pie? I haven't decided yet, but I am determined to enter something in the 91st Show.

Win or lose, it would be good to support a village tradition that my late grandfather, one of the founding members of the Eldwick and Gilstead Horticultural Society, helped create all those years ago I'll let you know how I get on.

In the meantime good luck to all my fellow competitors.

Kath Robinson

Bridlington
East Yorkshire

Dear Sirs,

I am not an anonymous correspondent (re your July issue) but a satisfied reader who looks forward to your always informative publication, especially Allan Mirfield's contributions.

I enjoyed living in Eldwick for 15 years from 1974 to 1989 when we chose to retire to the more level coastal area of Bridlington. Since then through the immensely kind thoughtfulness of Michael Ryan and his family of Glen Road, who have sent me without fail the Newsletter for the last 18 years, and which I then send on to our daughter Barbara in North Carolina.

I feel your newsletter must be one of the best, if not the best local village publication.

Your boring correspondent should remember the Newsletter is all produced and delivered free due to the unstinted time also given freely by some Eldwick residents and the costs borne from the advertising revenue, I believe.

More power to your elbow, thank you to the Newsletter team and the very kind Ryan family.

Best wishes to everyone for the future.

Connie Hird

'ELSTEAD' LADIES CHOIR

the Autumn Session commences on
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th at 7.15pm
in St. Lawrence's Church Hall, Eldwick.
New members are always welcome.

**For further information,
please contact the Conductor,
Mr Keith Newell on 563324**

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been made to Bradford Council

08/04513/FUL Demolition of existing farmhouse and barn and construction of replacement house and garage. Meadowsweet Farm, Spring Lane.

08/04688/FUL Dormer bungalow and garage at 23 Lyndale Road

† THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES †

ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

AUGUST

24th 10.30am Holy Communion

31st 10.30am Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER

7th 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship

14th 10.30am Holy Communion with Methodists at St. Lawrence's followed by Faith Lunch

20th 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong

28th 10.30am Holy Communion

CHRISTIAN AID TEA TIME on 19th September from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the church hall. Make a donation and sample Fair Trade teas. Also bring and buy.

SUNDAY CLUB for children and young people meets 10.30-11.30am in the church hall. Contact Jackie on 569203 for details.

LIVEWIRES TODDLES GROUP meets 10.00-11.30am in the church hall on Mondays. Contact Ruth on 560081 for details.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP meets in the church hall at 7.45pm. 18th September – talk to be announced. 16th October – AGM.

WALKING GROUP'S next outings leave the church car park at 9.00am on 20th September and 18th October. Details posted in church a week prior to each walk.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH HALL is available for hire for community events and childrens parties. Main Hall – £10.00 per hour. Registered charity – 50% of standard hire charge. Committee room only – £14.00 for half day and £27.00 for full day. To make enquiries, contact our bookings secretary, Ann Shoebridge on 564690.

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10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry

24th August

10.30 am Mr. Mike Bromley

31st August

10.30 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry

7th September

10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry

14th September

10.30 am Joint service with St Lawrences at St Lawrences followed by faith lunch.

21st September

9.15 am Communion Rev Geff Reid

10.30 am Rev Geff Reid

28th September

9.15am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry Harvest / Welcome back to Church

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am

3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion

4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST

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ELDWICK MAN FLEES TO EXILE IN S. AMERICA . . . in 1866!

Of all the post 1861 properties built after the Enclosure of Gilstead Moor it is probably Warren Park House in Warren Lane, next to Eldwick Primary School, which boasts the most interesting background story.

Plot 101 on the Enclosure Award, some 24 acres, was originally allotted to the Trustees of Walker Ferrand but in 1862 it was the property of William Gath, stuff merchant of Bradford who built the house that carries that date, together with his initials. William's father was a Bradford commission agent and, when only 32, young William had his own business in the wool trade. By 1861 he was a widower with three children, living at Claremont in Little Horton, employing two servants.

Perhaps William felt he needed a fresh start by moving to his newly built home on a small estate, marked by avenues of trees stretching across to Sheriff Lane. Either his personal misfortune, or business difficulties created quite a scandal in 1866 when, on 3rd January, he took flight with his family by sailing off to Argentina. He had deserted his partners in the firm of William Gath & Co., who immediately began proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court which resulted in William being declared bankrupt on 23rd January 1866.

Somehow his destination, Buenos Aires in Argentina, had been discovered by 1868 and Mr Tomkinson, one of William's former partners, arrived with a letter of attorney empowering him to sue William for £7000, an amount alleged to have been fraudulently taken from the business by him for his life in South America. Armed with legal powers from England, Mr Tomkinson found that William had indeed deposited the money in a bank so applied to the Buenos Aires Courts for an embargo on William's person, his goods and effects. The Court agreed to this but when the embargo was put into execution, it was found that all the money had previously been withdrawn.

William decided to fight the case and engaged Dr Josef Lopez who appealed to

Argentina's Supreme Court. It was argued that, when William was declared bankrupt he had seven days to answer his case "during which time it was notorious that he was crossing the Atlantic on his way to the River Plate". Further, Dr Lopez argued, "the validity of English legal decisions in this country amount to nothing in Buenos Aires". The Court agreed they had established a precedent hostile to international law, cleared William and told the plaintiffs they had to prove William to have been fraudulent if they wished to proceed further.

Argentina in the mid 19th century had business links with English companies which may be why William made this seemingly adventurous new life there. It was the British, as in many other parts of the world, who had come to Argentina to trade and to build a communication network based on a railway system. So it is not surprising that records of the expatriate community, mostly courtesy of St John's Cathedral in Buenos Aires, can be researched.

Soon after his arrival, William lived in Montevideo and married Mary Hargreaves, a Liverpoolian from Buenos Aires, on 26th July 1866 at a service conducted by the British Chaplain, on board HMS Spiteful, Inner roads, Montevideo. Children of the couple were born, some of whom died in infancy from scarletina and children of John William, who had come to South America with the family, are also recorded. John was a clerk and his father was always listed as a merchant. It appears in later life that there were name changes to fit the adopted country as, at his death on 4th December 1887, "from a cerebral haemorrhage, aged 68", William has taken the name of Guillermo and was a *comerciante* of Piedad 581. Originally the British Cemetery was the Victoria but graves were moved to Chacarita, Buenos Aires between 1894 and 1927 and included a stone for William Gath who was born in 1876 to William and Maria.

There were even Kelly Directories, very



common for England, published in Buenos Aires, and a 1903 edition lists Gath & Chaves, importers, so the family business acumen must have continued.

This company could not have included John William because he was back in England, still a clerk, for the 1881 Census, with his wife and family. Of the four children, Ida, 7, and Louise, 5, had been born in South America so it is plainly the same family descended from William Gath of Warren Park. Nothing is recorded of John William's younger brother, Alfred Henry who was 9 in 1861, or of sister Mary Frances who was aged 3, so it is not known whether they were in South America.

At Warren Park in 1881 was James Fairbank, farming 170 acres with the 'Home Farm' adjacent to the house in today's Slate Quarry Lane. So maybe the whole of the two Swan Avenue estates now occupy his farm and should have had streets with names related to Warren Park.

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MISSION PRIEST TO THE ELDWICK, GILSTEAD, BINGLEY AREA.

My name is Chris Low and I have newly arrived in Eldwick with my husband John and family pets Sheba the dog and Cleo the cat. We are living at Winston Grange, just beside St Lawrence's church.

I have been appointed by the Anglican church to support the local churches in their outreach work in this area. I shall be working ecumenically wherever possible as we explore ways of serving the local communities.

I was previously priest-in-charge of two small rural parishes at Thornton-in-Lonsdale and Burton-in-Lonsdale near the Cumbrian border, giving two thirds of my time to them and the remaining third to being Networker for ministry to children and young people within the Ewecross deanery. John and I have a son and a daughter and a grandson and grand-daughter.

For most of my working life I have been a teacher, working in both primary and secondary education. In my spare time I have been a Guider, youth leader and also enjoyed taking part in our local amateur theatre and musical comedy groups.

John and I are also members of The Order of St Luke the Physician, an international and ecumenical healing order that promotes and supports the Christian healing ministry.

I'd be glad to hear from anyone who has suggestions as to how the churches might widen their support of the communities they serve. This could be anything from social activities for different age groups to meditation sessions and spiritual development.

I can be contacted on 01274 564694 or by email at Chris.Low@talktalk.net

Greetings from Canada

Hi to all our old friends from Okotoks, Canada.

As most people remember I left with Nathan and Tom mid February and were joined by Mandie mid March. I commenced training at the Police Academy, Calgary on 10th March. Unfortunately the same day our house sale fell through again for the second time, both to local people. (Not that we are bitter you understand!). Both Nathan and Tom have adapted to life here admirably and doing well at school and both working. They are both also hoping to be driving by the end of



September. A frightening thought believe me. Mandie has also got a job at the school for on line learning and is hoping for promotion shortly. I have finished at the Police Academy and now patrol with a pistol, tazer, baton, pepper spray and a shotgun. And Calgary is one of the safest places in the world to live and work, the difference being that the police have the total of all in authority and respect of all the community. I haven't been involved in one disorder incident yet! The lifestyle we now lead has to be sampled to be enjoyed. Where else in the world can you come across cowboys/cowgirls (including horses!) on the main street, look out of your window and see the Rockies, see eagles on a daily basis flying free and have deer just walking down the street and people slowing down just so they don't frighten them. Not that they would be frightened by the noise the Canadian Pacific railway makes every night. The boys tube down the river every day they can, we now have two cars, a seven seater people carrier and a Ford F150. We still read the on line newsletter and were dismayed to read the hairdressers is going to be demolished to make way for yet another roundabout!

If anyone who knows us fancies a trip then Banff is one and a half hours away, Montana (USA) four/five so look us up and we shall offer free lifts from the airport and even a free nights accommodation with Kokanee Gold (the local brew!)

Warmest wishes to all our old friends in Eldwick where we spent 14 happy years.

Pete, Mandie, Nat, Tom and Bobbie the Dog!

91st ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SHOW

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