

Bob's Snippet

With Quizzes at the Birches and the Acorn it is difficult to live in Eldwick without knowing how long the Hundred Years Wars lasted.

Traffic Calming, Otley Road

Following the presentation of a 500 named petition concerning the recent traffic calming in Otley Road, the Shipley Area Committee were told:

"Following the 6 months of consultation, there had been no further representation or any show of dissatisfaction on Otley Road. Further to this the Principal Engineer for Shipley has made several site visits and spoke to residents/business owners and the general feeling is one of great improvement at Otley Road".

We wonder who they talked to.

Your responses will be most welcome!

THE "BOYZ" DONE US PROUD!

Just to let everyone know, there are success stories out there, and pinnacles for our kids to aspire to. Our son, Steve Oakden, local born and bred, attended Eldwick Junior School / Gilstead Middle / Bingley Grammar, in adulthood began working on cars, married another local, Nicola Stowe and has a daughter, Ellen, who also attends Eldwick School. From 16 years old Steve has gained knowledge and expertise from Peugeot/Citroen training, also achieving the distinction of being in the top ten technicians for Peugeot Master Technician of the Year in England, and, has now, at the age of 31 taken that enormous step of being his own boss. He is a fully qualified mobile master diagnostic specialist, who will travel to your work/business/home to diagnose and remedy faults on all makes and ages of cars. Under warranty cars can also be included in this service as validation can be upheld (see full advert in Nigel's display window at Eldwick Post Office).

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Ann & Dennis Oakden.

Contact Steve on 07939 059321, company name MASTATEX.

P.S. We haven't forgotten that our daughter Nichola has also achieved goals in her life by being a fully qualified Travel Agent, specialising in Cruises, but she will probably kill me for mentioning her!! But we are extremely proud of both our children.

PLANNING

08/04883/FUL Provision of new plant to treat raw water at Graincliffe Water treatment works, Otley Road.

08/05148/FUL Raising of existing ridgeline with the addition of 3 dormers. Construction of single storey extension to rear and double garage, Spring View, 11 The Green.

08/05210/FUL Single storey extension to dwelling Cragg Wood Barn, Otley Road.

Dear Sir/Madam

THE ROYSTONS OF ELDWICK

Apologies for the approach but I wonder if you can help me?

I have very recently started to map the Royston family tree and so far have got back eight generations to a John Royston from around the 1730's. The Roystons lived and farmed at Eldwick Spring / Crag / Beck from at least this time for over 160 years.

My Great Great Grandfather William Royston attended Bingley Grammar School in the 1840's and I have two original letters written by him aged ten in 1845 to his parents Garnett and Mary at Eldwick Beck. I believe my ancestors may have lived at Spring Farm and Royston Fold farm or even Crag farm, not sure. I believe they may have also owned / worked a quarry locally.

Some other facts I have established:

- We are related by marriage to Timothy Taylor, the Brewer/Maltster.
- Joseph Royston of 1755 voted in the 1807 General Election at York which returned William Wilberforce as MP, although Joseph voted for Lord Milton!
- Samuel Royston of 1813 is buried in Bingley, I have pictures of his rather grand gravestone.
- Wilfred Royston of 1887 was trampled by Horses in WWI, but survived.

I wondered if you have any information on the Roystons of Eldwick you would be prepared to share with me. This is a genuine enquiry, I live with my family in Baildon and work locally as a Chartered Accountant for Accent Group.

I notice from your March 2007 Issue (no 340) a letter published from Maureen Green (nee Royston). I would be grateful if you were able to pass a copy of this letter on to her as any information she could offer, either directly to me or through your society would be helpful. Oh, and please could I have joining details for your society?

I would be happy to share my findings to date with you, even if you have little "history" to offer me in return. Please feel free to write, call or e-mail with anything, however trivial, you feel you can offer me. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Yours faithfully
David Royston

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KINDERMUSIK

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Kindermusik programs provide early childhood learning opportunities through innovative music and movement curricula and involve families in the joy of their child's development.

The classes will take place on Weds and Saturday mornings at St Lawrence's Church, starting the first week in October.

There will be two Open mornings on Weds Sept 17th and Sat Sept 20th to help people have a taste of Kindermusik and to enrol on the classes.

PHILIP DAVIES MP

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YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

No meeting was held in August.

On the 6th of August members boarded a coach for a visit to Liverpool. Our destination was the Albert Dock, showcasing the best of the city in a World Heritage setting. With a unique mix of attractions there is plenty to see and do in a dockland setting. We then boarded the ferry across the Mersey to Seacombe where the coach was waiting to take us on a tour of the Wirral countryside. We stopped at the Brimstage Hall Courtyard which is described as modern shopping in an old fashioned way, crafts and gifts in the heart of the rural countryside. To finalise an enjoyable day we dined very well before heading for home. Thank you to Maureen Beckwith for organising a superb outing.

On Friday, 26th of September the Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held at the Eldwick Memorial Hall from 10am to 12noon. All are invited to come for a coffee and help to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support which helps to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families.

Our next meeting will be on October 14th. Nora Whitham will speak about growing up in S. Africa.

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SEPTEMBER

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 10.30am Morning Worship
 6.30pm Evensong
 28th 10.30am Morning Worship

OCTOBER

5th 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Sunday Praise
 12th 10.30am Holy Communion (Harvest Festival)
 19th 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Morning Worship
 26th 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.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH HALL is available for hire for community events and children's parties. Main hall - £10.00 per hour. Registered charities - 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.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER

14th 10.30am Rev Stella Hayton
 21st 9.15am Communion
 Rev Geoff Reid
 10.30am Rev Geoff Reid
 28th 9.15am Big Breakfast
 10.30am Rev Ruth Parry
 Harvest/Welcome back to Church

OCTOBER

5th 10.30am Miss Lorna Whiteley
 12th 10.30am Rev Ruth Parry
 19th 9.15am Communion
 Rev Ruth Parry
 10.30am Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith
 26th 9.15am Big Breakfast
 10.30am Mr Mike Bromley

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri 9am Friday Walk
3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion
4th Sun 9.30am BIG BREAKFAST
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CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

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ELDWICK'S GARDEN HERITAGE.

Whilst the Eldwick and Gilstead Horticultural Society recently celebrated its 91st Annual Show, the allotmenters on the site of the Nursery for The Labouring Poor in Warren Lane are enjoying the 147th harvest from the land. Thus it was only fitting that Roger Galton from the said allotments won the Robert Smith Trophy for most points in the Vegetable Sections at the recent show.

Set aside for the locals as part of the 1861 Enclosure of Gilstead Moor, the Warren Lane allotments have been in continuous use for almost 150 years and still show their age as smokers' clay pipe bowls and stem fragments are occasionally dug up, together with green glass stoppers from beer bottles of yesteryear.

Of all the mistaken facts about Eldwick in the past, two are consistently denied. One is that Brick Kiln Row, aka Park Top Cottages, were the homes of workers from the Brickworks in Heights Lane, the other is that the allotments belonged to Bingley Grammar School. In both cases the evidence against such commonly held beliefs is quite clear. No-one living at Brick Kiln Row, according to Census Records, ever worked at the local brickworks.

Similarly it has been legally proven that Bingley Grammar School's extensive portfolio of local landholdings, never did include the allotments. In 1986 an early edition of the Eldwick Newsletter carried the story of how 'a ghostly visitor' appeared during the Christmas period to padlock the gate to the allotments, throwing the allotmenters into concern and confusion.

A long legal battle ensued, aided by our benevolent local solicitor, himself an avid gardener and this year's major trophy winner at the local Society's show, before the allotments were reopened for business as usual.

When the land for the Labouring Poor was set aside, a rent charge of £3/12/- was imposed on the 2 acre site to subsidise the proposed Gilstead School on Gilstead Moor, on another reserved plot in the Enclosure Award, between Fernbank Drive and Moor Bottom Lane. The Gilstead Education Foundation was set up on 3rd March 1873 to administer this.



This school was never built because thirteen years after the Award, the Bingley School Board was formed and built schools in Mornington Road and at Eldwick to cater for the Elementary Education. So, in 1906 the Rent Charge, which had been originally paid to Bingley's Overseers of the Poor, was incorporated into the various other local endowments of Bingley Grammar School. This annual £3/12/- was supposed to give financial support to children from Eldwick and Gilstead attending Bingley Grammar, in the form of a scholarship, exempting a young scholar from paying for school fees and books.

It took a Counsel's Opinion from a London law firm to unravel the complexities of the case and to verify that Bingley Grammar had no claim to ownership of the allotments.

Rather, it was ascertained, that any responsibility for the land would have passed first from the Parish Overseers, "to their successors", i.e. to Bingley Urban District Council when in control of local government, and subsequently to Bradford M.D.C., after reorganization in the 1970's. The land had always been registered with the Charity Commission to be held in trust by such successive bodies.

In 1987 Bradford Council asked the Eldwick and Gilstead Horticultural Society, a registered charity, to assume a managerial role and an agreement was signed with the Council.

The legal case rested on the fact that a rent charge was very different to rent paid under a lease in that the rent charge does not entitle the recipient to the reversion to

the land. In other words the money paid to Bingley Grammar School in no way was an acknowledgement of ownership.

Thankfully, many people in Eldwick rallied round at the time of the dispute and have preserved a piece of heritage that is now much sought after nationwide. Today every part of the 2 acre site is being worked and is extremely productive, with a mixture of very experienced retired gardeners and several relatively new young and ambitious people eager to grow their own.

Times have changed in gardening methods, with raised beds, green manure and even poly tunnels being utilized to ensure a successful year round supply of fruit and veg.

In 1986 the Legal Opinion even mentioned the fact that this green site was also valuable as a natural boundary between the communities of Eldwick and Gilstead, something the newly formed Eldwick Village Society was keen to promote and maintain. Since then of course the field behind the allotments has been developed for housing so the natural break does not continue to the edge of Gilstead Moor.

Similarly, on the opposite side of Warren Lane, only Eldwick Primary School and its grounds now form a boundary between Eldwick and Gilstead, despite what the sales team of Oak Glen think – telling new residents north of the school that they all live in Gilstead!

Long may the allotments prosper and may the waiting list always be as healthy as it is today to ensure such longevity is maintained.

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www.thebirchesclub.co.uk



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ELDWICK SHOW IS ANOTHER BLOOMING SUCCESS

More than 120 people marvelled at the exhibits at the Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's 91st annual show on the last Saturday in August. Entries for all classes were up on last year's figures, with vegetables and flowers from as far away as Wyke, Eccleshill and Haworth competing with local produce for the prizes.

The show was opened by Steve Thorpe, who works with schools, businesses and community groups to promote gardening, healthy diets and self-sufficiency. He brought along a group of his pupils and they were rewarded with prizes in some of the open classes.

There isn't sufficient space to list every class winner here, but these are the entrants who took home trophies from the 2008 show: *John Wild Trophy* (most points veg) - Roger Golton; *Robert Smith Trophy* (outstanding veg) - *George Drake Trophy* (for shallots); *George Todd Trophy* (onions) - John Churchman; *Jack Bentley Trophy* (veg tray) - Geoff Hargrave; *HM Dawson Trophy* (fruit) - Alan Wilson; *Brinley Jagger Trophy* (tomatoes) - Alan Wilson; (best roses) - John Churchman; *Eric Cockroft Trophy* (best rose) - Thelma Carter; *Charles Whiteoak Trophy* (sweet peas) - John Churchman; *Frank Whitaker Trophy* (best dahlia) - John Churchman; *Leslie Lund Trophy* (most points flowers) - John Churchman; *Arthur Harrison Trophy* (most points veg and flowers) - John Churchman; *Ernest Edwards Trophy* (runner up) - Lesley Wilson; *Banksian Medal* - Lesley Wilson; *H Whitehead Trophy* (open) - Geoff Hargrave; *Yorkshire Bank Trophy* (flower arranging) - Lesley Wilson; *Sydney Owithwaite Trophy* (home produce) - Margaret Tetley; *Franz Trophy* (photography) - Stanley Varo.

Horticultural society president John Pullin is delighted at the success of the show, particularly as this year it coincided with a similar event over the hill in Baildon. "It was very encouraging to see so many new faces at this event from our village and beyond," he said. John then paid a tribute to a most successful past member, Joe Chadwick, who recently passed away. He announced that a new cup, the Joe Chadwick Trophy, will be awarded next year to commemorate Joe's life and association with the Society.

Sarah Hopps is the speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 21 October. Her subject is "Plant Shopping and Garden Hopping". Do come and join us.



Visitors view the tomatoes



His cups runneth over! John Churchman finds it difficult to carry off all this year's booty.



The tea room is always a popular part of the show



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