

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The April meeting was very well attended, 54 members and 4 guests.

Dabble Day at Askham Bryan on 21st of May. Members can try different crafting techniques.

On August 12th our summer trip will take place. This year the destination is Castle Howard, the coach and entrance fare will be £20, if interested contact Maureen Beckwith.

Our speaker was Tony Clegg, local artist. He spoke of his love of watercolours and influences that had inspired him. He is a frequent visitor to the East Coast and the architecture and coastline have inspired many paintings. One of John Cotman's paintings 'The Drop Gate' was an early influence and Cotman's style of painting, the control of edges and the effective placement of light and dark forms in a composition.

Tony likes to use watercolour as it is versatile and the different techniques enable him to have control of visual texture within the overall pattern. He sketches and also uses digital photography to capture the scene he wishes to paint. He then may use artistic licence to form a composition. He showed examples of how he builds up his canvas and adds dimension. A very interesting talk. Members will surely be encouraged to take a sketchpad and pencil and try to capture a scene they wish to remember.

Next meeting on June 9th. Our speaker will be Patrick Clarke, the subject Old Market Towns.

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING FAIR SHOWCASES CHILDREN'S TALENTS

Pictures Removed

President John Pullin presents prizes to Hannah Marshall, Callum Pinder & Tegan Horsfall

There was strong support and a fine day for Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society's spring fair and children's competition on the last Saturday in April. This year the stalls overflowed from the Memorial Hall into Birches next door. Local children had worked long and hard to create edible necklaces, to fashion vegetables into creatures weird and strange, to design miniature gardens, to write poems about their gardens and drawings too.

Prizewinners included:

Open Class 1: Edible necklaces

(age 5 - 8 years):

1st - Sophie Preston;

2nd - Tegan Horsfall.

Class 3: Miniature gardens

(age 5 - 8 years) :

1st - Hannah Marshall;

2nd - Callum Pinder;

3rd - Tegan Horsfall.

Class 4: Miniature gardens

(age 9 - 13years):

1st - Harry Preston;

2nd - Hannah Churchman;

Class 5: Edible animals

(age 5 - 8 years):

1st - Hannah Marshall;

2nd - Sam Hall;

3rd - Tegan Horsfall.

In the classes restricted to Eldwick School pupils, Year 5 poetry winners were: 1st - Jade Sandground; 2nd - William Jowett; 3rd - Pippa Booth. Year 3 winners were Class 1a (poetry) Tegan Horsfall; Class 2a (drawing) Tegan Horsfall.

Visitors could buy both bedding and perennial plants, plus cakes and other delicious home baking, books and useful items for the garden such as tools and specialized re-usable planting containers for potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and herbs. The society's catering crew were kept busy serving tea and coffee, fruit juice and biscuits. When the raffle was drawn it appeared that some committee members had been very fortunate indeed in their choice of ticket numbers. Before cries of "fixed!" rang out (and to prevent an ensuing riot) some prizes were declined and tickets redrawn to give everybody else a chance.

APRIL MEETING: FROM HOG WEED TO HERB ROBERT

Last month Chris Abbott returned to talk to another full house about her passion for wild flowers. With the aid of some spectacular slides she took us from ladies bedstraw through speedwell, bush vetch and scabious to stitchwort and thrift (very appropriate in these hard times), knapweed, yarrow and woad.

On the way we learned how mimulus spread along the newly constructed canals in the 1800s and how ointment made from teasel roots cures warts. Lots more to tell but, alas, too little space in this issue.

Mike Hitchen.

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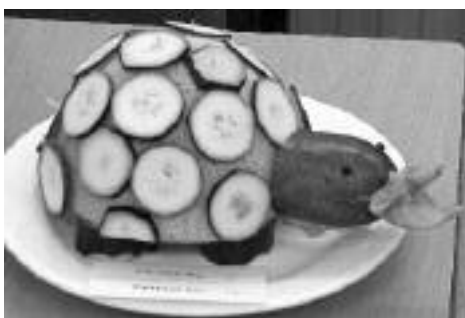
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This edible tortoise won a prize for Tegan Horsfall

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AN INVITATION TO ENTER THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2009

Are 'Eldwickians' up for such a challenge from 'Gilsteadians'?

At the recent Gilstead & Eldwick Neighbourhood Forum held for the first time in Gilstead on April 29th, 2009, Eldwick residents were challenged to enter the Fun Competition being organised by Gilstead Village Society.

Last year the competition which was open to Gilstead residents only, was won by the 'Chapman sisters' whose entry reached 12ft 4 inches.

'It is most unlikely that a plant grown in Eldwick will reach such a height!'

The rules are simple, the plants must be grown from Sutton's Giant Sunflower seeds. Seedlings will be on sale from the GVS stall at the 'Spring Fun Day' which is being held on Gilstead Recreation Ground on May 16th. Entry forms must be completed to enter the competition and there will be a 50p entry fee. There will be adult and junior sections, prizes will be given to the tallest three entries in each section. Plants to be grown within the Eldwick / Gilstead boundaries.

Dave Horsman of Shipley Co-ordinator's Office has volunteered to be 'The Judge'.

Judging will take place during late September the date to be finalised.

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ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

MAY

17th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship (with Eldwick Methodist)
 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Confirmation Service

24th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

31st 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

JUNE

7th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Big Family Praise

14th 10.30 a.m. Joint Service (at Eldwick Methodist Church)

Bishop's Weekend We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop David to St. Lawrence's from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May. He will be out and about in Eldwick and Bingley - visiting the prayer tent in Bingley market-place on Saturday morning, attending the Christian Aid lunch on Saturday afternoon, officiating at Morning Worship and the evening Holy Communion and Confirmation Service, and going to the teddy bear's picnic in the church grounds on Sunday afternoon from 3.00 p.m. onwards. He is going to have a very busy weekend, and we hope that he will be able to meet as many people as possible while he is with us.

Christian Aid Lunch will be held in the church hall on Saturday 16th May from 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. Delicious soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee will be available. Pay at the door. All welcome.

Children's Society St. George's Day Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £250. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Homegroup meets every Thursday at 8.00 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study. Details from Monique on 565482.

SEL is a group for young people wanting to explore the Christian faith and meets fortnightly at Winston Grange, Otley Road, Eldwick for discussions, Bible study, videos, teaching and games. 6.00 to 7.15 p.m. for Years 7 to 9 and 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. for Year 10 onwards - on Sunday. Details from Chris on 564694.

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St. Lawrence's Church Hall is available for hire for children's parties (one payment of £35) and community events (main hall £10 per hour; committee room £14 for half day and £27 for full day; registered charities 50% of standard hire charge). To make enquiries, contact our booking secretary, Ann Shoebridge on 564690.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

24th May

9.15 am Big Breakfast
 10.30 am Mr David Varley

31st May

10.30 am Miss Diane Greenwood

7th June

10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls

14th June

10.30 am Mr. Roy Lorrain-Smith
 Joint Service with St Lawrence's.

21st June

9.15 am Communion Rev Ruth Parry
 10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry

28th June

9.15 am Big Breakfast
 10.30 am Dr. Mike Bromley

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am
3rd Sun 9.15am Holy Communion
Hand Bell Group - Alternate Tues

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

Eldwick Methodist Church Hall is available to the community for events and children's parties, our newly refurbished kitchen is ideal for catering.

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DOWN THE DRAIN OR INTO THE BECK ?

The number of times the 1861 Enclosure of Gilstead Moor has been mentioned in these 'dispatches', bears testament to the fact that this Act was of paramount importance to the post mid 19th century development and growth of Eldwick.

Although the Act was passed in 1861, it was some years before significant building took place, when original large plots of tens of acres of land were sub-divided and sold off. The Act created several 'occupation roads' to give plot holders access but, for one 24 acre piece of land, stretching from Sheriff Lane to Saltaire Road, there was no such highway.

In 1864 an indenture gave a clue to how the 24 acre plot allotted to Mr. Ferrand of St.Ives was broken up. George Patchett, stonemason, of Gilstead, bought part of the land and the sale stipulated a two yard wide strip on his southern boundary was reserved as half the width of an intended public road – the birth of Glen Road. In consequence, by 1873, the land having been opened up, several more plots were taken with frontage to the new road.

In 1909 a Local Government Board Enquiry gave insight into how both Glen Road and Prospect Road had been developed, albeit with inadequate sewerage and drainage. As recently as fifty years ago, unmade and unadopted roads locally were being brought up to standard by local Councils, with costs being apportioned to residents on those roads.

At the 1909 Enquiry, an inspector sat to debate 'The Eldwick Sewerage Appeal' in which property owners from Glen Road and Prospect Road were protesting about the apportionment of costs on them by Bingley Council for sewerage the two roads.

Evidence was taken from William Gudgeon, market gardener, of Ellar Cottage, who maintained a stone sewer ran under Glen Road into Eldwick Beck. Joseph Wallbank, retired boot maker, of Glen

View agreed with this but Rudolph Eichel, orchid grower and nurseryman, of The Poplars, (pictured), was uncertain. He had owned two and three quarters of an acre of land in Glen Road for ten years, with a sump in the gardens and an overflow into Miss



Preston's land in Saltaire Road. He admitted he did not know what happened to the sewage from that point.

Evidence from Prospect Road residents, on what had once been a single nine acre plot, included William Leeming, market gardener of Ivy Cottage, Arthur Nutter, weaving overlooker, of Rose Cottage, and Myers Raistrick, nurseryman with four and three quarter acres around Mansfield House. They all maintained that a stone walled sewer ran the length of their road.

The Clerk to the Council said that, ten years ago, a major sewerage scheme had provided trunk sewers for Sheriff Lane and Gilstead Lane, connecting to the works at Dowley Gap, but no costs had been levied on property owners. These sewers were not in the same category as those proposed for the two Eldwick roads so it was outrageous to suggest residents there should not pay costs.

The residents, in response, did not want proper sewerage on these roads because they wanted sewage for their gardens, from existing cess pits or sumps. The Council Surveyor reported he had seen pools of sewage lying on the lands, perforating through boundary walls onto Glen Road itself. In Prospect Road too, cess pools often overflowed and flooded the land.

Dr. Angus, Council Medical Officer of Health, knew the area well and had inspected both the roads and the cellars of houses involved in 1903, following complaints from the public. Not only did he find no evidence of sewers but also a serious danger of pollution to water supplies from private wells at the properties, thus the state of affairs was both insanitary and dangerous.

The Inspector maintained that, since the property owners had neglected their opportunities at the time of the Local Government Board Enquiry into the General Sewage Scheme years ago, it was not time to raise objections at this time.

Following further visits to the two roads by the Enquiry Panel, as well as further investigations, the Inspector made his ruling four months later. He decided the outcome was that the £303 costs of sewerage Glen Road would be borne by the Council but the £72 costs for Prospect Road must come from the residents.

It was not until 1937 that a further distinction was made between the two roads. The Council decided that Glen Road was not 'levelled, metalled, kerbed or channelled' so gave notice to residents, with specifications, that the work should be done by them, otherwise the Council would do the work and apportion costs. Documents exist to show the Council did upgrade the road and, for Avenue House for example, one frontage cost six pounds and sixpence. The road was never kerbed and some say there always was an intention to take strips of land from property on the north side to provide a pavement, or even to widen the road but it never happened.

Prospect Road was left unmade until very recently when the last of the former market garden sites were redeveloped.

PLANNING

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| 09/01556/CLP | Removal of existing extension and construction single storey kitchen extension with pitched roof at 21 Otley Road. |
| 09/01557/FUL | Demolition of garage and replacement with garage with first floor extension above and construction of conservatory at rear at 3 Landsmoor Grove. |
| 09/015353/FUL | Construction of two storey extension to rear and conversion of garage to office and utility room at 12 Barden Drive. |
| 09/01285/FUL | Construction of two storey side extension at 73 Warren Lane. |

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GALA DAY Saturday 27th June guaranteed

STARTS WITH PARADE - MUSIC + DECORATED FLOATS + DANCING + CARS
THEME: PANTOMIME

Parade assembles at Gilstead 12.15 judging 12.30pm - departs 12.45pm

CEREMONY Crowning of this years Gala Queen
Miss Jemima Hammond

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE AIR Air Display by
RAF BBMF Spitfire

ON THE GROUND Display of Lumber jacking
and chainsaw wood carving. • Stilt Walkers •
Performance by DM Academy

Starlight Marjorettes

MUSIC – Phoenix New Orlean Jazz Band •
Barrel Organ

SPORT – The Eldwick Fell Race drawing an
international field aiming to break the 16 min
1 sec male record set in 1981 !!!, and the
1985 female record of 17min 45 secs set in
1985 !!! for the 3 mile run with an 800ft climb up
Hope Hill with an uphill finish.
Childrens Races from under 5 to 9 years old

FOOD – Burnt Bangers with the Newsletter team
• Tea Tent with Eldwick Juniors Football Club •
Ice Creams

ELDWICK SCOUT AND GUIDE FUN RUN

7pm Friday 26th June entry forms from the Post Office,
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5 - 6pm

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- 1 Prettiest Eyes
- 2 Waggiest Tail
- 3 Prettiest Bitch
- 4 Handsome Dog
- 5 Best Six Legs
- 6 Best Pup under 12 months
- 7 Best veteran over 9 years
Trophy (to be held for 1 year)
- Best prize 1st prize winner
from classes 1-7 inc.
- 9 Dog the Judge would most
like to take home
- 10 Basic Dog Handling – all
age

SMALL PET SECTION

In the Memorial Hall or in St
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raining

- 1 Best Gerbil or Mouse
- 2 Best Hamster
- 3 Best baby Rabbit under 5
months
- 4 Best Guinea Pig, smooth
coated
- 5 Best Guinea Pig, long
coated
- 6 Best Buck Rabbit
- 7 Best Doe Rabbit
- 8 Any other Pet
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