

ELDWICK PRE-SCHOOL (formerly Eldwick Playgroup)

Still operating within the Methodist Church Hall within the village, from September 2009, Eldwick Playgroup is extending the number of sessions being delivered each week, to children aged from 2.5 years.

We are offering flexibility to parents and carers, enabling them to select from the following sessions to suit individual needs:

Monday morning

Tuesday morning and afternoon

Wednesday morning and afternoon

Thursday morning and afternoon

Friday morning

A lunch club is available every day and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, this can be used to link morning and afternoon sessions, providing high quality childcare from 9.20 until 2.50.

Following the Early Years Foundation Stage, we provide education in a fun and imaginative way. Working with children's interests, we make available varied activities designed to extend their learning, increase their confidence and enable them to grow and develop at their own pace.

Working closely with parents and carers is very important to us and we believe that together, we can help each child reach their full potential, whilst ensuring they have lots of fun!

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPEAKER FINDER FINALLY FINDS HIMSELF

It will always be a matter of regret to our President John S Pullin, that his initials were so cruelly transposed on the logo which graced the side of Ayrton Senna's fastest-ever John Player Special Formula One Lotus. This was the car which clocked 215.228 mph (346.3 kph) on lap 53 of the Mexican GP in 1986. (If only the sponsors had been called Jolly Super Peppermints!)

History records that after that race the black and gold car required a new chassis, engine and gearbox. Fortunately our president has not yet required any such rebuilding and was in fine form, if a little apologetic, at May's meeting, when he spoke about Rhodos, Cycles and TIDK. Apologetic because, as our speaker finder, he had not found a speaker for the evening and so had to put himself forward.

No stranger to the public prints, (who will ever forget the Newsletter's scoop in publishing his treatise on how it IS possible to negotiate the chicane section of Otley Road at less than 85 mph) John also recently delivered the Owd Bob Memorial Paper on canine fouling on Sheriff Lane. How Eldwick Dog-Lovers could bring the Black Death to West Yorkshire was an original and inspiring work requiring much in-depth research on one of our less salubrious local byways.

Meanwhile, back at the lecture, I was trying to take notes so that I could write this piece for our readers. The evening featured the public debut of the society's new piece of technology. This enables a speaker to put together a graphical presentation at home on a computer and then project it on to the screen at the Memorial Hall. It performed brilliantly for John, but gave insufficient light for me to see what I was writing. My first scribbled note reads: buttercup mutation, five petals to six, followed by fruit and nuts to Rowntrees at York.

So I shall move on to John's title: Rhodos, Cycles and TIDK. This, we were told, referred to Rhododendrons, Cycles and Things I Don't Know. The Rhodos were photographed in all their beauty and variety at Colin Wood's collection and totally wowed the audience.

Then came the cycles, which were not two-wheelers, but the epochs during which the earth's flora and fauna - especially the flora - have evolved through the millennia during which the planet has existed, say about 47 million years. Our earth sustains 200,000 different plants ranging in height from an

eightth of an inch to 250 feet, 25,000 different mosses and lichens and at least 50,000 fungi. Man has recorded these in greater and greater detail from pre-Grecian times through mediaeval herbalists to present-day geneticists like Steve Jones. I particularly like Dr Jones' take on the dinosaurs: "They didn't all die out," he claims. "They evolved. There's probably one eating a worm in your back garden right now." Think about it.

As for "Things I Don't Know" . . . well, not even John can speak about those, can he?
MIKE HITCHEN

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE - 25 SCHEME

FACT - More than half a million vehicles are stolen each year in this Country

FACT - 90% of vehicle theft is committed by persons under 25 years of age

FACT - 70% of victims of vehicle theft are person over 25 years of age
The 25 Scheme helps the Police to identify young offenders and is designed to reduce theft of vehicles.

Q Who can join?

A Anyone - but if you are under 25 or look under 25, you are likely to be stopped by the Police

Q How does it work?

A If your vehicle is not normally driven by anyone under the age of 25, you simply place the stickers in your front and rear windscreens (the stickers have a special adhesive surface which makes them difficult to remove). If your vehicle is seen by the Police, being driven by someone who appears to be under the age of 25, they could be challenged.

Q Does this mean that no-one under 25 can use my vehicle?

A No, but they could be challenged by the Police and therefore should carry suitable means of identification.

Q Will it cost me anything?

A No, the scheme is free

Q So, how do I join the 25 Scheme?

A Acquire some stickers from your NHW Co-ordinator, or local Police Station, and protect yourself today!

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YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. was held on the 12th of May 2009.

The Chairman gave her report on the past year and spoke of some of the successful events that had taken place. Membership at the Eldwick Branch stands at 86 in May 09. She thanked the committee for their hard work. Norma Feather and Rita Green will be stepping down from the committee and were presented with flowers by the Chairman who spoke of the valuable contribution they had made to the Y.C.A. Sylvia Slater was proposed as Chairman for a further year.

Members were reminded the Annual Subscription is now £10 and payment for the coming annual period can be made to the treasurer.

Our Summer trip on the 12th of August. Travelling by coach to Castle Howard and entrance fee to the House is all included for £20. For details please contact Maureen Beckwith.

The Founders' Lunch will take place at Oakwood Hall on the 2nd of November at 12.30, if you wish to attend contact Sylvia Slater.

The next meeting will be on the 4th of July. Programme of forthcoming events will be distributed at the next meeting.

† THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES †

ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

JUNE

21st 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
28th 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Sung Evensong

JULY

5th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Big Family Praise Joint Service with the Methodists.
12th 10.30am Holy Communion
19th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
26th 10.30am Holy Communion

Bishop's Weekend The Bishop of Bradford spent the whole weekend with members of both the St Lawrence's Church and Eldwick Methodist Church.

There was a lively discussion with the Men's Group in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening.

Saturday was an action packed day including the Christian Aid lunch, which raised nearly £400.

In the evening the Ceilidh at Bingley Methodist Church was enjoyed by eighty people.

A packed church on Sunday morning found 'Liquid Church' most stimulating. This type of service provides time for a range of activities such as bible study, meditation, drama and craft work as part of the service.

The climax on Sunday evening was a Confirmation Service at which over fifty per cent of the congregation were young people, who were present to support fellow Christians on the next stage of their journey; a really uplifting experience.

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Monday am Livewires in the hall.

Every Thursday Homegroup for fellowship & Bible Study 8.00pm.

3rd Thursday evening Ladies fellowship in the hall

3rd Saturday Walking Group meets in the car park 9.00am.

Every Sunday SEL – a group for young people exploring The Christian faith meets at Winston Grange.

Years 7 to 9 6.00 to 7.15. Years 10 upwards 7.00-9.00

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ELDWICK BECK'S 19TH CENTURY SPORTS ARENA.

Much interest has been raised by the building project at Eldwick Beck, adjacent to the listed former almshouses. The project is to reconstruct the former pig cote of long ago into a tasteful stone construction of a garage and garden house, using original materials. The first discovery during deep excavations was a coal seam of rich coal which, at that level, would equate with other workings in Eldwick and deep mining on Baildon Moor. The second discovery, deep in an internal wall, was of a 19th century wooden ice skate, pictured with this article. The body of the skate was of wood with a metal blade, both of which have survived the passage of time but, of course, the fastenings have perished.



To assess the significance of this find means going back some considerable time. In 1720 Richard Longbottom of Eldwick Hall constructed a Corn Mill, using the water flow from Eldwick Beck for power. Due to the uncertainty of regular water flow, a small dam was constructed upstream. This was vital when the mill became a scribbling mill in the textile trade before reverting to its original function in 1845. Lower downstream the Eldwick Beck Mill was constructed in 1800 with a huge dam to power its water wheel and initially to run many spinning frames on its four floors. Even when the mill was converted to run on steam power from 1830, the dam was still essential, using a sluice from a weir behind the Acorn Inn which took water under the road and buildings to feed the dam, away from Eldwick Beck.

Eldwick Beck hamlet at that time was the village and the dam in winter was the skating arena, lit in darkness by gaslights in the mill, and in summer it became the swimming pool. The dam was also the site of an attempted "self-destruction", in 1857 when Triphena Waddington, a woman in low spirits, threw herself in. She was rescued by Edward Stead and



taken to the Bingley Workhouse. The area now occupied by a large lawn and gardens was the site of the dam and the Beck runs its natural course under the cottages.

In 1870 Shipley District Council, through a third party, bought Eldwick Beck Mill, to gain control of water rights linked to their reservoir upstream. The mill was let and ran until 1881, to be used for other purposes until eventually becoming derelict. In 1897 the whole area was declared unsanitary as the dam had become a stagnant pond and the cottages had no proper drainage. Whilst the cottages were given improvements to their closets, the nuisance of pollution from the dam was still the subject of argument between Bingley and Shipley in 1910.

However, when the dam was finally drained, it became another sports venue for all kinds of ball games in the shadow of the mill. With the boundary wall intact and a relatively level former bed of the dam, it was the ideal spot for cricket, football, rounders, and all sorts of games for the children. Presumably this was the case before Eldwick Rec was created in 1927 and maybe even afterwards, until the mill was demolished in 1954 and the cottages refurbished.

PLANNING

The following applications have been put to Bradford Council

09/02137/HOU Construction of a two storey extension with attached garage and porch at 13 Glen View Rd.

09/02077/HOU Construction of extension to form granny flat and double garage with drive at 5 Sheriff Lane.

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Email: Eldwicknews@aol.com



Eldwick & Gilstead Gala – Saturday 27th June

PARADE – theme ‘Pantomimes’ assembles 12.15pm !!! NEW STARTING POINT !!! in BARNABY ROAD

(Eldwick Primary entrance road - pedestrian access only on Gala Day)
Judging at 12.30 – Parade departs for Eldwick 12.45pm

ENTERTAINMENT FROM

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Bucking Bronco • Cresta Run • Bouncing Castles
ELDWICK FELL RACE • Children’s Races • Burnt Bangers
Ice Cream • Tea & Cake

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

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| 1st | Terrain Bike | by <i>HB Clarke (Birches)</i> |
| 2nd | 2 x £10 Meal | at <i>Foundry Hill</i> |
| 3rd | Lunch for Two | at <i>the Acorn</i> |
| 4th | 20 min Massage | by <i>Touched Therapies</i> |
| 5th | Luxury Rug | donated by <i>Melrose Textiles</i> |
| 6th | Special Prize | from <i>Eldwick Post Office</i> |

A Great day out for folks from Near and Far raising funds for local charities and organisations. Over £2000 was distributed from the proceeds of 2008 Gala Day

Entry by GALA PROGRAMME, available from local shops and on the gate (adults £1 children free !)

COUNTDOWN TO GALA DAY in ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

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For 7—12 year olds

GALA PET SHOW

Monday 22nd June
Entries from 5.45pm 50p per class
Judging starts 6.15pm, small Pets and Dogs

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 26th June start 7pm Run 1
Route :- Otley Road, Warren Lane, Moorcroft, Southway,
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