

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

A man who knows his onions

On Tuesday 16 February David Allison, the new editor of Simply Vegetables, the National Vegetable Society's quarterly magazine, came to speak to us about . . . you've guessed it: Vegetables in the Garden.

David lives just over the hill in Burley and, being a judge at some of our shows, knows Eldwick well. Originally a farmer's son from Wetsleydale, aged 16 he was told by his Dad that the farm couldn't support both him and his brother. As David was allegedly (his words) the "bright" one, he went off to seek his fortune.

A recruitment ad in the Yorkshire Post led him to Barclays Bank where he stayed for a few years, before being offered the position of finance director of a nursing home. This firm eventually sold out, the directors made a lot of brass, David wasn't one, so he "copped nowt".

Onward and upward as they say on Gardeners' Question Time: his next job was a rescue mission at a large garden centre just outside Leeds that had been placed into receivership. David ran it for three months and found himself back in banking, but this time with the Yorkshire Bank.

Banking can be tedious for someone born on a farm and, having always retained an interest in growing things, some 12 years ago David became a self-employed jobbing gardener from March to October every year.

Having done the autobiography in some detail, David remarked how gratifying it was to address a full house on such a cold night, and this topic led naturally on to how the flavour of

vegetables such as parsnips, sprouts and winter cabbage is enhanced by exposure to frost. Throughout the evening he periodically raided one of the many produce boxes he had brought and nonchalantly displayed a four foot parsnip, a beetroot bigger than your head or mine, or a couple of leeks with telegraph-pole proportions.

His slide show was similarly full of examples of the best, rather than the biggest. David likes to grow vegetables to eat and enjoy, with mere size being a secondary consideration. As each slide came onto the screen, David dropped in little gems of wisdom culled from years in the growing and judging business.

I had time to jot down that calabrese is high in iron . . . leave legume roots in the ground (they provide nitrogen for your next crop) . . . brassicas like lime . . . give your root crops a high potash feed and they will prosper . . . frost will not harm your garlic . . . and above all, make sure you understand your garden soil . . . It was a rewarding talk, we are all better informed thanks to David and now wait impatiently for some decent gardening weather!

All are welcome at our next meeting on Tuesday 20 April at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall when Bernard Whitehead will take Gardens Large and Small as his subject.

Don't miss the Spring Fair and Children's Show plus book, plant, produce sale and refreshments on Saturday 24 April from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

MIKE HITCHEN

DOB IN A DUMPER

The thorny issue of dog owners who do not clear up after their pets continues to dog us. This is totally antisocial, particularly as a great deal of dog mess is left around the entrance to the rec and actually on the rec which of course is great for kids, and Sheriff Lane.

The dog warden service say that they will act if *you* can supply them with the following

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Where it took place

A description of the person with the dog i.e. male/female, approximate height, age, hair colour, clothes etc.

A description of the dog

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Your name and address

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ELDWICK 'PACT' AND MULTI AGENCY DAY OF ACTION - 12TH FEBRUARY 2010

Bradford Council and Bingley Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) held their first Eldwick PACT (Partners and Community Together) meeting today. Over 90 residents attended the Memorial Hall, Eldwick to meet the team and receive a presentation from Sergeant Diane Collins on crime figures and local priorities. Dave Horsman from the Shipley Area Co-ordinators Office was also present to take away any issues that needed council intervention. The Council also provided free carbon monoxide detectors and other safety equipment to attendees. Also linked in with the PACT meeting was a multi agency day of action for the village. 20 vehicles were caught exceeding the 30 mph speed limit and numerous vehicles were stopped checked and road traffic offences discovered. All Eldwick Gullies were inspected and cleaned as needed and pavement and road sweeping was undertaken primarily between Barnaby Road along Otley Road and to Spring Lane. The Council's clean Team undertook litter picking



Photograph shows from right to left Sgt Di Collins and Inspector Andrew Croasdale of the Neighbourhood Police Team, Rob Harrison community crime fighter, Philip Davies MP, Dave Horsman of the Bingley and Rural Ward Team of the Shipley Area Coordinators' Office and Councillor John Pennington

and weeding out activity along paths and roadsides in the village and Council Park Rangers and your Neighbourhood Wardens patrolled the recreation ground and talked to dog walkers. The Shipley Area Co-Ordinator's Office and the NPT would like to thank Eldwick Memorial Hall and the Eldwick Village Society for their support and use of the venue and are confident that the day of action had a positive impact on residents and contributed to making Eldwick a cleaner, greener and safer place to live and work.

Dave Horsman

Bingley and Bingley Rural Ward Team
Shipley Area Co-Ordinator's Office
01274 437146

DAY OF ACTION STATISTICS

Mechanical sweepers cleared 2 loads of detritus weighing 1.5 tons. This was mostly salt. The ward transit team collected about 4 bags of litter on the day. Comments were that Eldwick is usually clean whenever they go.

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YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The meeting held on February the 9th was well attended.

On April 21st the Y.C.A. is holding a Clothing Party at Eldwick Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £1.50, which can be obtained from Sylvia Slater. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross to be used in their Haiti Fund.

Reminder to members that the A.G.M. will take place on May 11th.

For the first two weeks in June York Minster will hold a flower festival with flowers arranged by the Y.C.A.

Doreen Wadsworth came to the meeting to speak on the history and development of Harlow Carr Gardens. The Northern Horticultural Society was founded in 1946 to promote and develop the science, art and practice of horticulture with reference to conditions pertaining to the North of England. The Society leased 23 acres at Harlow Carr from Harrogate Corporation. The gardens stand on what was part of the Forest of Knaresborough. Springs of sulphur had been found on the land and in 1840, the owner developed the site as a spa, the baths are now capped.

In 2001 a merger with the R.H.S. showed the way forward for developments at the garden, the creation of the Rose Revolution Borders, Gardens through Time and the Winter Walk. The woodland has been regenerated and a new Alpine House opened. A new learning centre is undergoing development, designed to be one of the greenest buildings in the country. The garden is a venue for several interest groups that hold meetings and organise events throughout the year. Doreen gave an interesting talk and most members will revisit or make Harlow Carr a place to visit.

The next meeting will be held on April 13th when the subject will be the Golden Age of Radio.

LADIES AND GENTS CLOTHING SALE IN AID OF HAITI RELIEF FUND - RED CROSS

On Wednesday, 21st. April, 2010 at the Memorial Hall Eldwick, there will be a sale of High Street Shop Clothing from stores such as Next, Marks and Spencer, and Top Shop.

We at the Y.C.A. are hoping to raise money from this sale to help to supply essential needs to the stricken people of Haiti.

The clothes range in size from 10 - 24 and the prices range from £2 - £12.

Entrance fee will be £1.50 to include tea and biscuits.

Tickets available from members of the Y.C.A. Sylvia Slater 01274 563081, (Eldwick) Maureen Beckwith 01274 591055 (Baildon) and Sarah at Head Shed the hairdressers on Park Road.

Please come along and enjoy and enjoy an evening of fashion and fun and at the same time support a worthwhile cause.

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MARCH

21st 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at
Eldwick Methodist
6.30 p.m. Evensong
28th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
(Psalm Sunday)

April

1st 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Service (with Methodists)
4th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Easter Day)
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11th 10.30 a.m. Big Family Praise
18th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with
Baptism

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% off standard charge). Contact our Bookings Secretary, Ann Shoebridge on 564690.

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14th 10.30am Mrs Ann Mott
21st 9.15am Communion
Revd Ruth Parry
10.30am Revd Alan Raine united
with St. Lawrence's at
Eldwick Methodists
28th 9.15am Big Breakfast
10.30am Revd Ruth Parry – All
Age worship

APRIL

4th 7.00am Baildon Moor – Holy
Communion
10.30am Revd Ruth Parry –
Bingley Methodists –
Holy Communion
11th 10.30am Songs of Praise – Don
Hassal – Worship Group
18th 10.30am David Varley
25th 9.15am Big Breakfast
10.30am Revd Terence Porter
3.00pm Easter Offering Service –
Bingley Methodists

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Fri Friday Walk 9am
3rd Sun 9.15 am Holy Communion
4th Sun 9.15 am Big Breakfast

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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NEWS FROM ELDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Footballing at Marley Stadium

On Monday February 7th I went to Marley Football Stadium. It was the finals and we had to play Sandal, Hoyle Court and Shipley. We beat Shipley 1-0, after I set up Rory Hallinan to score. Then we played Hoyle Court and we were losing 1-0, but then I got my first goal from about 15 yards away. It got to penalties and we had 3 penalty takers, Rory Hallinan, Adam Butt and me, Joe Foster. We all scored and Hoyle Court missed so we got to the grand final. Here we lost 2-0 against Sandal in extra time, so Eldwick came second.

Joe Foster - aged 8
4J Eldwick Primary School

On Monday 7th February 2010 I went to Marley to play football for Eldwick Primary School. We played very well and lost a few games, but still had our heads up and got to the semi-final. It was 0-0 at the final whistle so it went to extra time. There were still no goals scored so it went to a penalty shoot-out. I scored the first goal to make it 1-0. Then it was 1-1, 2-1, 2-2, until 3-2 and it was down to the last shot of the game ... and ... we WON! Our goal keeper, George Wraith, saved the ball from going into the net, so that meant we went into the grand final. Unfortunately we lost 2-0 in extra time. At the end of the game we got a medal.

Rory Hallinan aged 9
Eldwick Primary School

Hey-Ho Cheerleaders, Let's Go!!!!

On Wednesday, February 10th a few girls from year 6 went on an exciting trip to St. George's Hall, to perform their Cheer Routine in front of other Primary and Grammar schools, not forgetting the parents and the judges too!

We won 3rd place in the Primary category. In the Grammar category Beckfoot came first so they get to go to the grand final. We got medals and a certificate. Most of us want to carry on doing Cheerleading.

Sophie Smith and Sophie Melhuish
Aged 10 - 6PA - Eldwick Primary School

Cross Country Event

On Wednesday February 10th. There was a cross country race at Bradford Grammar School. There were about 68 runners. A few people fell over at the beginning, including me! There were a few schools that hadn't run before, like Leeds Grammar school, Eldwick Primary School won about 3 medals. It was so close that between 20th and 44th place (me), there was only 20 seconds difference. The event was a rush as we only had 55 minutes to get changed, travel to Bradford Grammar School and register, all before 4.10 p.m. It was such a hurry that a Year 4 girl had to run in the Year 5/6 race!

Simon Bullock
4J Eldwick Primary School

Are you doing your bit to combat crime?

Sneak-In Burglary can only occur when a property has been left insecure. Usually the burglar enters through an unlocked door or window.

Sneak-In burglaries account for almost 1 in 4 of all burglaries in West Yorkshire.

All of these can be prevented at no cost to the resident, other than taking an extra minute to secure doors and windows.

Burglary of garden sheds and theft of garden equipment is one of the fastest growing crimes in the Country. Garden tools are valuable commodities and often forgotten about when thinking 'Crime Prevention'.

Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their house and the property within it whilst at the same time leaving valuable property in a shed which is either unlocked or so old and run down as to prove no obstacle whatsoever to the thief.

TOP TIPS

Keep all doors and windows locked. Keep valuable items, such as car keys, credit cards, wallets, handbags, jewellery etc. out of sight.

If you leave items such as pedal cycles in your garage or shed, ensure that they are postcoded and chain them to the superstructure of the building.

Never leave items unattended, especially valuable ones, even if you are just popping into the house – remember you may be gone for a minute, but they may be gone forever!

Report any suspicious activity to the Police.

Please pass all information through to the Police using either 999 (if the crime is in progress and/or we have a good chance of catching someone), 0845 6060606, 0800 555111 (Crimestoppers to pass information anonymously) or contact your NPT Team either by telephone or e-mail.

Eldwick Lawn Tennis Club

The Tennis Club's enrolment morning will take place in the pavilion (behind the Memorial Hall) on Sunday, April 11th between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a discount on subscriptions paid on or before this date. New members of all ages are welcome.

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Birches Memorial Hall Success

Birches club was opened as private members' club in 1985. Last March it ceased to be a private members' club and became a free house, essentially a pub open to all. At the meeting of March 2009 a small steering committee was empowered to wind up the business of Birches club and dispose of any assets in line with its constitution. We are glad to report that this has now been done and the Memorial Hall Trust have now succeeded in buying the Birches building which adjoins the Hall.

The purchase was facilitated by a low interest loan and a grant from the charity bank Keyfund Yorkshire, who support local communities.

Birches comes with the sitting tenant who owns the business, Birches Freehouse. This has now enhanced an excellent community facility that is the envy of many other villages. It is now truly owned by the village.

Birches and the Memorial Hall have proved very popular venues for parties, weddings, meetings and even funerals. They can be booked by ringing either Sylvia Slater 01274 563081 or Mike Harrison 01274 561265.



Congratulations

to the 2010 GALA QUEEN,
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Friday 5th March

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Front: Nathaniel Booth,
Matthew Sutcliffe

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