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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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# GALA DAY

## Saturday 30th June

### FUN RUN

Eldwick Scout & Guide Fun Run on Friday 29th June, Start 7pm for the 1.5 mile run, approx 7.45 for the 3 mile run, from the Memorial Hall, entry forms are available from local shops, school and the Scout Hut.

### ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA

Theme - Legends  
Saturday 30th June  
Sponsor Redrow Homes

A feast of entertainment for all the family, support your local gala raising funds for local organisations, bringing the community together for a traditional day out.

The Parade assembles in Gilstead from 12.15 to depart at 12.45 led by the Phoenix New Orleans Jazz Band, arriving at the gala field for 1.30pm. (Route Warren Lane & Otley Road).

The pavements will be lined with spectators, we hope they enjoy watching and show their appreciation for all the hard work that is put in to building the floats and making all the decorations and costumes.

If you are driving along the route around that time please be patient. Thank you.

Once on the field the prizes for the best decorated floats will be awarded and the fancy dress judging will take place.

The Gala Queen Miss Laura Stewart will be crowned and will declare the Gala open.

On the Gala Field we will enjoy a display by the Starlight Majorettes and the DM Academy Dance Group, and listen to the wonderful Samba Band from Bingley Grammar School and Soul'd Out a soul band also from Bingley Grammar School will be appearing during the afternoon.

The Eldwick Fell Race will take runners on the 3 mile route up to the trig point on Hope Hill, a climb of 550ft. The current record made in 1981 - 16.01mins. Runners come from all over the country as well as international entries.

Children's races will also take place on the field during the afternoon.

The Mellin Family will be entertaining us with a display of sheepdogs rounding both ducks and sheep around obstacles in the arena, and Mr Mellin will be demonstrating shearing a sheep by hand.

Simply Circus - Tom - will be on the field with his juggling equipment, ready to teach you all some new tricks.

Looby Loo will be visiting us again to mingle and entertain the crowd.



There will be lots to eat and lots to do with Burnt Bangers, Afternoon Tea, Thai Smile, Ice Cream, Candy floss, and much more, with stalls and games from local organisations and individuals.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight have granted us an Air Display by a BBMF Spitfire, J A Ward & Son have kindly sponsored the Spitfire Display.

These aircraft have limited flying hours each year to ensure their survival. The aircraft will fly from its base in Conningsby in Lincolnshire, make it self known to the control tower at Leeds Bradford Airport and then come across to perform a display for us, it then flies on to Teesside Airport before returning to Conningsby. The BBMF have 5 spitfires in service, including the oldest airworthy spitfire in the world built in 1940 (just a year before the 1st Eldwick Gala) this aircraft took part in the Battle of Britain. 4 of the 5 were in service during the war the fifth going into service a few weeks after the end of the war. If you can spot its markings you can find all the details about the Aircraft on [www.bbmf.co.uk](http://www.bbmf.co.uk).

In anticipation of a great day and some good weather!! The Gala Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the success of the day.

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# Bob's Snippet

Top of the Pops this July.  
"I'm smoking in the rain".

## YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

On April 8th 43 members attended the A.G.M.

The chairman Maureen Beckwith gave her report, membership now stands at 82 members. It has been a successful year thanks to a hard working committee and excellent visiting speakers.

Norma Barker a founder member of the Y.C.A. was made an Honorary President of the Eldwick branch. Norma for many years served as the treasurer of the Founders Group and a stalwart member of the Eldwick branch.

A thanks was given to Maureen Beckwith for her sterling work as chairman for the past three years. Sylvia Slater will take on the role as chairman for the following year.

Our speaker was Stephen Pugh, Physical Activity Development Officer, employed by Bradford District Council who spoke about the benefits of physical activity. Stephen who specialises in exercise for older people gave advice on the importance of 30 minutes exercise 5 times weekly. Health benefits for the heart, stronger bones and reducing blood pressure are a few.

On 11th June at 11am a 'Young at Heart over 50's Health Walk' led through Myrtle Park for men and women, meeting at Bingley Pool. A free swim afterwards is optional. Stephen gave us information on physical activities and how we can join others at local sport and leisure centres.

The meeting on June 12th will have a speaker on birds in the wildlife.

New members always welcome.

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## PLANT A TREE IN 73 - GET WOODLAND HEAVEN IN 2007

Readers will be interested to learn that the International Tree Foundation has a northern branch and that its chairman is Adrian Helm (not Elm!). Adrian was the speaker at our May meeting and made it clear that he'd heard all the jokes about being "just a twig" etc, many times over. He went on to explain that the ITF was set up in Kenya back in 1922 when environmentalists became concerned about the advance of the desert in parts of Africa where timber felling had gone on unchecked.

The organisation is now worldwide and is strong in the Yorkshire region. Adrian showed slides of some local plantings involving schools, amenity groups and even monks who wanted to preserve the traditional woodland around their retreat. Like any other charities the ITF relies on donations, one of its problems being that protecting a new planting can cost far more than the saplings being planted. He gave an instance of a 60p young tree being surrounded by posts and anti-deer wire that cost more £20 to buy and erect.

We also learned that hawthorn will grow almost anywhere and that as well as retaining David Hockney, Bridlington still retains some fine native elms that escaped the Dutch elm disease plague. You can see some of the ITF's plantings at Kettlewell (800 trees), the Yorkshire Sculpture Park (800 trees and hedging) and Baildon Green (120 trees).

In the world of tree planting you have to take a long-term view. When Capability Brown and the other great gardeners of the past designed country estates for their wealthy patrons more



*A tranquil scene at Biddulph Grange garden*

than 200 years ago, they knew they would never see their trees in all their glorious maturity. Because we can enjoy the results of their labours today, we in turn should be planting for our children and great-grandchildren.

### A BIDDULPH WHAT YOU FANCY . . .

On 8 June nearly 50 members and guests went by coach to Biddulph Grange Garden, a National Trust Property in Staffordshire. James Bateman and his wife Maria were two ardent plant collectors who, with their friend Edward Cooke, had the money and imagination 150 years ago to create a spectacular series of gardens within a garden. Hedges, rockeries and walling frame separate areas (Chinese, Scottish Glen, Parterre, Egypt, Pinetum, Stumpery and more) which delighted and amazed us all.

It was a hot day and we were all pleased to move on a few miles down the road to visit Stapeley Water Gardens, where dragonflies shimmered in the heat over islands of vividly-coloured water lilies. A beautiful sight. Thanks to Stanley and Sheila Varo for getting all the logistics just right so that everyone had a wonderful outing.

**Dates for your diary:** Tuesday 3 July: evening outing to Carleton Grange, Skipton (a private garden), in members' cars. Details from Stan on 569156. Our 90th Autumn Show, Saturday 25 August.

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## ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

June 28 2007 at 7pm in the Eldwick Primary School not as originally advised the Memorial Hall. Council engineers will be available to answer questions on the white lining.

## ELDWICK JUNIORS FC

Is your child is interested in playing football and joining a local team, if so, we require players for the following age groups U6's, U9's & U11s

Interested players/parents please contact the Club Secretary Lynda Laybourne on **01274 510718**.

### Dear Sir

Many thanks for the copy of the Eldwick Village Society Newsletter, it is now winging its way to Australia, along with the Telegraph & Argus you so kindly enclosed.

I forwarded both of your books to Bernadette Prescott (Norman Wainwright's g.daughter) in Toowoomba for his extended family to read, and in turn, Bernadette sent one to her sister Elaine who is Chair of Theology at Auckland University, and one to Pastor Ian and Pastor Marie Postle, two more of the family out there, so your word is well spread.

There was another brother in Eldwick called Harold Wainwright who lived at Rylands Grove, I believe his son Kenneth was killed in a road accident. Also Harold had sisters called Ethel, Kitty and Minnie, all lived in Eldwick but we can find no trace of them on any records. I hope I am not asking too much, but would there be any records in Eldwick village regarding these people?

Yours sincerely  
Patricia Chester

## PLANNING

07/03882/FUL Joint application by adjoining properties to replace hipped roofs with gables and install dormer windows on newly formed rear roof areas at 5-7 Lyndale Road.

07/040117/FUL Side lean to store for cycles and garden tools at 2 Eldwick Hall Farm, Otley Road.

07/04069/FUL Construction of side two storey extension and perimeter garden walling at 39 Southway.

# † THE ELDWICK VILLAGE CHURCHES †

## ST. LAWRENCE'S NEWS

Services for June and July

### JUNE

17th 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
24th 10.30am Holy Communion

### JULY

1st 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Praise  
6.30pm GALA THANKS-GIVING SERVICE  
8th 10.30am Holy Communion  
15th 8.00am Morning Worship  
22nd 10.30am Holy Communion  
30th 10.30am Morning Worship

**Eldwick Gala Day** We are joining with Eldwick Methodists to sponsor Puppets from Pudsey who will be giving two shows for children (and adults) on the Gala field. There will also be two performances by the Methodist Hand Bell Group. The Church will be open for those who wish to look at the flower arrangements, and on Sunday evening the Gala Thanksgiving service will be held. All are welcome.

**Christian Aid Lunch** The magnificent total of £425.64 was raised at this well-attended event which was a joint effort by St. Lawrences and Eldwick Methodists.

**Ladies Fellowship** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm in the church hall. 19th July - Stanley King on "Past Lord Mayor of Bradford".

Walking Group's next outings will leave the church car park at 9.00am on Wednesdays 19th July and 15th August. further details will be posted in church a week prior to each walk.

**Prayer Group** meets in church at 8.00pm on Sundays, 17th June, 1st July and 15th July. The aim is to pray for St. Lawrence's parish, community and those who have requested prayer. Details from and prayer requests to Yvonne on 562304.

**St. Lawrence's Church Hall** is available for hire for community events (£9.00 per hour) and for children's parties (one payment of £30.00). To make enquiries, contact our booking secretary, Mrs. A. Shoebridge on 564690.

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

### JUNE

17th 9.15 am Communion  
Rev George Brigham  
10.30 am Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith  
24th 10.30 am Mr Donald Craig

### JULY

1st 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls  
8th 10.30 am Rev George Brigham  
15th 9.15 am Communion  
Rev Brian Brown  
10.30 am Mr Mike Bromley  
22nd 10.30 am Rev Brian Brown  
29th 10.30 am Mrs Lynne Keating

## REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

**2nd Fri** Friday Walk 9am  
**3rd Sun** 9.15am Holy Communion  
**4th Sun** 9.30am  
BIG BREAKFAST  
Bible Study Wednesday Evenings  
**Monthly**

**Hand Bell Group** - Alternate Tues

## CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

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

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# ELDWICK'S 'MILL LANE' RE-OPENS FOR WALKERS

Regular readers may recall two previous Newsletter articles relating to this ancient track which were published in 2004 and in 2005, recounting how this beautiful green lane was closed, pending diversion, from May 2003. Commencing near a farm gate high on Otley Road near the bus terminus this sunken lane leads down to The Green, well above 'The Acorn'.

It is now known, (January 2007 Newsletter article), that the original Eldwick Corn Mill on the beck was constructed by Richard Longbottom of Eldwick Hall, circa 1696. So this Mill Lane leading down from Eldwick Hall and its farm, could well have been in use for three centuries. All the more reason then for us to have raised objections, as we did, to the protracted six month closures of the lane, which ran successively from May 2003, so that our lovely heritage track could be preserved.

Following correspondence, meetings, and various compromise solutions between parties involved over the years, the matter went all the way to the Secretary of State for the Department for Farming and Rural Affairs. Consequently an inspector was appointed by the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol who visited Eldwick in December last year. The said Inspector duly published her decision in which she "acknowledged the importance to those expressing their views of the sense of history over the loss of a path, or part of a path, which may be considered to form part of the fabric of the area". Further, she "considered the proposed diversion would have a detrimental effect on the public's enjoyment of the path as a whole". In conclusion it was stated, "it is not expedient that the Order be confirmed".

The Order referred to was Bradford Council's proposal to extinguish part of the route, closing access to the old stone bridge, and diverting the Public Bridleway away from Beck Cottage.

Happily all is now resolved with a compromise solution being agreed upon so that on 7th May 2007, the latest temporary closure notice was replaced by an Order which allows pedestrians



free access to the whole of the original route. From Otley Road a new gate has been installed from which one enters the head of the lane. This installation, together with the cutting back of four years' vegetation growth in the lane, and the removal of fallen wall stones from underfoot, is the splendid work of Danny Jackson and his Rights of Way Team from Bradford Council. We have thanked him for his work as well as thanking Philip Davies M.P. for his kind help in supporting our cause.

Even though the route is still signposted from Otley Road as a Public Bridleway, the latest Order stipulates that equestrians and cyclists may not yet use the route as the old bridge is still closed to them. They must wait for the dedicated diversion to be constructed which will include a new bridge across the beck, away from the immediate vicinity of Beck Cottage.

Pedestrians may use the old route, crossing the ancient stone-slab bridge and traversing the garden of Beck

Cottage, as we have done for decades, to emerge on the tarmac road from The Green, near the foot of Tewitt Lane.

Walk this lane in rural Eldwick, especially in high summer when wild flowers are in profusion, and you will agree it was worth the four-year protracted debated objections to have had it protected.

In due course, the short section of the former Public Bridleway from the stone bridge through the garden of Beck Cottage is to be redesignated as a Public Footpath whereas a new section of bridleway will be the alternative for all, once constructed.

## NEWSLETTER ON LINE

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