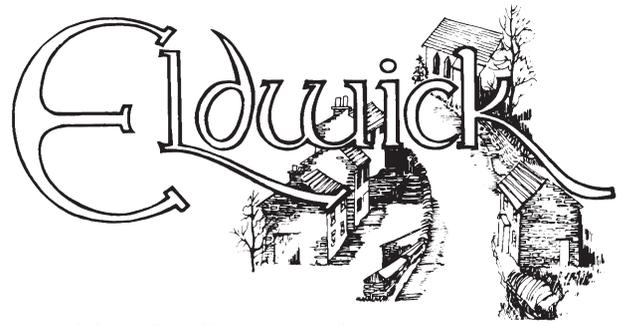


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EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2013

JUNE 28th

Eldwick Scout and Guide Fun Run with Burnt Bangers

JUNE 29th GALA

AUGUST 16th-17th Eldwick Beer and Banger Festival (if you wish to sponsor a barrel please contact us at the Newsletter)

AUGUST 31st Annual Horticultural Show

The Art Show will be held in Sept/Oct date to be announced

NOVEMBER 2nd Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Happy New Year!

DIAMOND JUBILEE TREE PLANTING



The Eldwick YCA have planted a Himalayan Birch to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The photograph shows the tree being planted in the garden outside the Memorial Hall/Birches by Chairman Mrs. Maureen Beckwith ably assisted by Treasurer Pauline Bowen and Secretary Mrs. Sylvia Slater.

FACEBOOK PAGE – CLICK 'LIKE'

Eldwick Village Society have a new Facebook page which is going from strength to strength and is becoming very popular with local residents for keeping up to date with local events and happenings. We would like to see more of you 'like' our page. We feel that this is a fantastic facility to have and we have a close relationship to many local groups. We would like to see the page develop in order to keep the community informed and up to date with events and various newsfeeds. Please search for our page and remember to click 'like'.

NEW LOGO

Eldwick Village Society is currently undergoing a re-branding scheme and we soon will be revealing our new logo and newsletter header. We felt that it was time to update and freshen up our image and so we have been making a few amendments across the board. The logo will be similar to the old traditional style to keep our identity but will appear slightly different. We are also incorporating this on a new uniform for our events team and you will see a change of style to the header of the newsletter. We will then start to re develop the website where by the newsletter can be still downloaded. Due to technical issues this has not been the case since September last year for which we apologise for any inconvenience. We hope that all of the above will be rectified, completed and ready for March.

A riddle for 2013 - a special anniversary year.

I am registered by English Heritage as being of "special historic interest".

I started out in life on 10th March one hundred and fifty years ago this year.

On this day there was a general holiday in Bingley and a procession to view my beginning. Afterwards there was a public tea at local schools.

Local people helped to contribute to the costs of making me and also volunteered their labour.

It took two years to finish making me and I had 50 presents from Sandringham to show visitors on my opening day.

I have been described as having an "admirable design".

What am I?

(Please see inside for the answer)

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO SPRING INTO SINGING

Opus 44, the Bingley-based award-winning female voice choir, has been fortunate enough to engage Robert Latham to lead an exciting choral workshop which is open to all female singers who want to improve their ability to sing, widen their repertoire and to have fun. Robert is a nationally recognised authority on upper-voice choral technique. The workshop is on Saturday March 16th 2013 from 10am to 4pm at Bingley Little Theatre Studio, Bingley, BD16 2LZ. The cost, including music hire and light refreshments, is £10 (£5 for students).

For further details and an application form, or for choir membership details please ring, email or visit the choir's website:

Anthea: Tel: 01535 274230

Email: Antheajatkinson@aol.com

Opus 44 website: www.opus44.org.uk

Editor's Note: *Opus 44 is a female voice choir, which rehearses in Bingley but take its members from a wide area including Craven, Bradford, Leeds and Pendle. It is over 25 years old.*

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A CULTURE CHANGE IN NEPAL.

Mike Bamford and three members of the Rotary Club of Bingley Airedale are about to leave for Nepal. Mike has a long association with the country and many groups in the village will have heard his presentation on various treks to the Himalayas. This time though it a trip to fit out a school with IT facilities and connect the village to the World Wide Web.

It is part of a wider scheme involving 5 schools in the Himalayan foothills where the communities are so remote modern communications have yet to impact their daily life. The project involves providing a network of laptops to schools and training teaching staff in Microsoft office technology. The computers will be linked via hill top relay towers to a regional centre thereby providing a regular means of contacting the outside world. Having trained the teachers regular assessments will be made by local Rotarians to ensure maximum impact of the considerable investment. The Bingley Airedale team leaves for the small Gurung village called Daraun in mid February.

The whole project is costing in excess of £30,000. The money has been raised by Rotary clubs using part of the proceeds from various fundraising events. It has been considerably supplemented by a grant from Rotary's central fund. John Hagerty – this year's Rotary President comments that "We are an international organisation and keen to support people abroad as well as local charities".

The next event is a concert by Black Dyke Band on the 9 March 13 in Bradford Grammar School. It is an annual event and tickets will be on sale shortly email barcbdb@gmail.com. for information.

It will be followed by the Choral Scholars from Kings College, Cambridge at St Peters Church, Moorhead Lane, Shipley on Monday, 22 July 2013 information from the same source.

WHAT AM I?

Yes you've guessed correctly!
I am the Prince of Wales Park.

I would just like to share some personal thoughts on its past and future.

When I walk around the Prince of Wales Park now, it is with a strange mixture of feelings. Growing up in Eldwick in the 1960s, the park quite simply symbolises a childhood paradise, and part of me is swept back into years of idyllic memories: tree climbing, bilberry picking, improvised cricket and tennis games, sliding and sledging. We knew every tree, bush and rock, and spent countless hours playing hide and seek or on all fours 'tracking' unsuspecting adults like our parents out for an evening stroll to admire the sunset over the valley or the gorgeous sight and scents of the azaleas in bloom. Some of us had a taste for danger, and liked to dare each other to take short cuts through the rhododendron bushes without attracting the notice of the eagle-eyed park keepers.

It was indeed a park quite unique in the area, admirably designed for all age-groups and tastes, with its wonderful combination of wildness and landscaped beauty, woodland, open heath and criss-crossing pathways. This original design was further enhanced in the 1960s by the head park-keeper Mr. Wilson, who showed such exceptional skill in exploiting some of the more difficult natural features to create the lovely glades, waterfalls and rockeries.

So I feel quite sad to walk round Prince of Wales Park now and survey the impact that years of minimal attention by overstretched council parks staff is having:

the broad sandy paths now turned into muddy tracks; the saplings left to sprout unchecked across the heath; the complete disappearance of the hard sandy arena by the old quarry, which was so ideal for ball games, together with the shelters and the public conveniences. Although still having some of the charm of natural beauty, it certainly no longer has the feel of a well managed and well used leisure amenity that it once was.

Across the country there have been many public parks that had degenerated through neglect and changing leisure patterns but have now managed to re-emerge imaginatively restored and modernised for the 21st century. The forthcoming special anniversary year of the park's creation is the ideal opportunity for us to make this happen for the Prince of Wales Park. Could we form a "Friends of" group, maybe even attract the interest of our present Prince of Wales?? (Sorry, now my imagination is starting to run out of control, and I am envisaging a grand community event on 6th June 2015 – the 150th anniversary of the park's original opening day - with HRH himself snipping the ribbon on a park beautifully recreated for all the community to enjoy.)

Well, back to earth again. Who would be interested in getting together to discuss this? Perhaps we could hold a meeting in January/Feb leading to an action plan that could be launched to coincide with the special date in March when that first spadeful of earth was turned and work on the Prince of Wales Park begun.

Please get in touch (via the newsletter).

Ruth Leman (formerly Mason in my tree climbing years!)

THE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

regret to announce that our Chairman Derek Smith has recently passed away.

We send our condolences to his wife Anne and family.

Derek has been a valued Vice Chairman and Chairman of the club for some time.

The meetings continue and by the time this reaches publication members and potential members will be welcome on Thursday January 3rd 2013.

Retired persons from either Eldwick or Gilstead should note that we meet in the Eldwick Memorial Hall at 2.30pm. on most Thursdays.

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The meeting on Tuesday 11th December was our pre-Christmas evening. Before our entertainment was introduced, our Chairman mentioned that it is the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association's 30th Anniversary (Pearl) in 2013. There will be a service in York Minster in June next year. Members were also reminded that the meeting in January will be a Beetle Drive.

Our entertainer for the evening was John Wallis, 'Top of the bill'. He played several stringed instruments and sang some very well known songs; members were encouraged to join in if they so wished. He told many anecdotes and funny stories about the entertainers from the Variety Show era (i.e. Norman Evans, Sandy Powell, Albert Modley etc.).

The Christmas quiz was the usual 'stinker' provided by Sylvia Slater. Nobody managed to answer all of the 25 questions. I think the cold must have 'addled' our brains! Wine, Mince pies and tea were served. Thank you to Pam Vinnicombe and June Rylatt for their sterling work with serving the tea and then washing all the cups and wine glasses, of which there were far more than normal.

It was good to see so many members on such an extremely cold night but everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12th @ 7.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Paddy Breeze; the topic 'Walking in Nepal'.

THANK YOU

The Shipley Salvation Army Corps has expressed thanks to Allan and June for inviting their Ensemble to play at the Eldwick Christmas Eve Singalong. Thanks are also given to the 'good folk of Eldwick' for donating £250 in the collection, and to the Eldwick Memorial Hall Trust and Eldwick Village Society who each donated £50.

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PRAYER DAYS IN CHURCH

Wednesday 16th January 2013, from 9.30am to 7.00pm.

Wednesday 27th February 2013, from 9.30 am to 7.00 pm.

Everybody is welcome to pop in anytime for as long as you like for pray or quiet contemplation Rev Helen Hodgson will be there if you require her.

CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE:

20th January 6.30 pm Churches together service at Bingley URC church.

SERVICES:

13th January

10.30 am Covenant Service led by Rev Helen Hodgson / Rosemary Nash

20th January

09.15 am Holy Communion Rev Helen Hodgson

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr David Miller

27th January

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown

3rd February

08.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson

10.30 am All Sorts Praise led The Lees

10th February

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Beverly Mason

17th February

09.15 am Holy Communion Rev Rosemary Nash

17th February

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Hodgson

6.30 pm Evensong led by Rev Andrew Clark

24th February

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.00 – 11.30 Livewires,

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers / Probus

14.00 – 16.00 Craft Group

18.00 – 20.00 Weight Watchers

Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes

Friday - 19.00 – 21.00 Elstead Ladies Choir

Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Sunday in the month Youth Club 7.00 – 9.00 pm

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps

3rd Saturday in the month Saturday Strollers

3rd Thursday in the month Ladies Fellowship

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THE PEOPLE'S PARK IN NEED OF T.L.C. ?

Eldwick has always had plenty of countryside to enjoy for recreation but 150 years ago a start was made to create a more formal area for local people to enjoy. The Enclosure Commissioners had in 1861 allotted two acres of land in the former Brown Hill quarry for public recreation and ten acres to the overseers and churchwardens for allotment amongst the labouring poor, beside the Gilstead and Morton Road. In September 1862 a public meeting in Bingley resolved that, if legal difficulties were not insuperable, the ten acres should be converted into a park. Adjoining, on the Eldwick side, were another eight acres of the Misses Tolson who were currently advertising the land for sale. Could this be purchased and incorporated in to the proposed People's Park? A resolution was passed to defray necessary expenses by subscription or otherwise with a committee being appointed to negotiate the purchase.

By February 1863 the Enclosure Commission had acceded to the petition, reversing the award so an 18 acre park could be created and two acres be for allotments. It was said that £1000 would be needed and, "if the 1,113 persons who had signed the petition to the commissioners could each donate three quarters of a penny for six days in one week, then £1085/3s/6d would be raised. It was said that even the workers, who were in the factory and the mills from six in the morning to six in the afternoon required some amusement and they had a capacity for enjoying beautiful scenery. So local mill owners would be asked to put out collecting pots for workers to contribute. The proposed site had fine views over the Aire valley from the summit and there were several springs of clear water which could create fountains.

The project succeeded and it was decided by the trustees that the Prince of Wales' Wedding Day on March 10th 1863 would have an added celebration in Bingley. Not only would there be the usual rejoicing on a general holiday, but Mr. William Ferrand M.P. would turn the first sod for the People's Park, to be thereafter The Prince of Wales Park. On the day a huge procession assembled at 1.30pm at Ashfield House near Poplar House with military, clergy, gentry, organizations, mounted officers and three bands, in total numbering 3000 people. All along the route were various arches and decorations including evergreens, the Danish flag for the bride, and portraits of the Prince. All in the procession, if not in uniform, wore wedding favours. Mr Ferrand had donated and had seen planted on both sides of Bingley Main Street a row of fir trees. It had been planned for the children of the local Sunday Schools to join the parade but the day was not kind with continued showers of rain and sleet. So it was decided that the children could fall out and return to their various establishments "where they were regaled with tea and buns". The weather then worsened as the procession climbed the newly renamed Park Road when a heavy snow began to fall, making the scene quite picturesque. Previously the road from Bingley up to Eldwick had been called Toad Lane, used by toads migrating between the two Bingley Bogs. The procession toiled up the slope and when the last stragglers had arrived, a square was formed, in the centre of which was a flagstaff, marking the spot where the ceremony



of turning the first sod was to be performed. Amongst the gentlemen at the ceremony with Mr. Ferrand were Mr. Harris and Mr. Sharp who both became major benefactors to other notable projects in later years like Mornington Road Church, the Bingley Mechanics Institute and Public Library and the Bingley Technical School. Such was the generosity of the local mill owners and gentry in those days.

The implements for the ceremony were brought forward, an oak wheelbarrow made in Bingley was painted red and blue and ornamented with the Prince's plumes in the latter colours. The oak handled spade with blade from Sheffield was inscribed, "This spade and wheelbarrow were presented by the inhabitants of Bingley to William Ferrand J.P., M.P. for Devonport on the occasion of his turning the first sod of the Prince of Wales Park, Bingley, the 10th March 1863. Mr Harris then presented the implements and Mr. Ferrand accepting them, cut a sod and wheeled it away, the Rifle Corps firing a volley and the Bingley Brass Band playing 'Hail the Conquering Hero Comes'. Mr Ferrand said he would hand down as his posterity the implements as Bingley heirlooms.

So that was the grand birth of the park and it would be 1865 by the time it was completed and opened. In time trustees handed over to Bingley U.D.C who appointed staff and a resident park keeper. This changed with Bradford M.D.C when all staff were 'ganged' to Myrtle Park. Many say that heralded the decline of the parks beauty and maintenance. Is it time for a 'Friends of Prince of Wales Park' group to be formed as successors of the inhabitants who

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been submitted to the Council

- 09/05934 Non material amendment to support planning approval 09/05934/FUL (erection of a first floor extension, division of existing house into two, demolition of existing and construction of new house) to change the layout and elevation of new house. At 2 Timble Drive
- 12/04903/HOU Pitched roof over existing flat roof at Low Fold Farm Spring Lane
- 12/04963/FUL Change of use of existing barn into dwelling linked through existing cottage including proposed greenhouse, garage, single storey rear extension loggia and agricultural store at Ash House Farm Sconce Lane
- 12/04789/HOU Detached garage at 1 Timble Drive
- 12/05044/HOU Single storey rear extension, garage conversion and car port at 32 Otley Road.

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