

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Eldwick & Gilstead Gala News & Dates

Gala Day Saturday 30th June 2018

Eldwick Recreation Ground

Theme "Up, Up & Away"

We are looking forward to a wonderful sunny day !

STOP PRESS

We have just heard that we have been allocated a flypast by the BBMF Dakota.

The Dakota, ZA947, built at Long Beach, California in March 1942 and is based at Conningsby in Lincolnshire as part of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Entertainment for the day includes:

- spectacular parade
- wonderful New Orleans Jazz Band
- infamous Bingley Harriers Fell Race
- talents from Mr Dan & his Circus Skills Workshop
- baffling science and chemistry from The Professor
- dazzling entertainment from local dance and drama schools
- delicious burnt bangers from the Newsletter team
- scrumptious cakes from the Eldwick Church
- numerous stalls and displays from local organisation and charities
- all mixed in with enthusiastic support from the community near and far.

There are lots of ways YOU can be involved in the gala

- Why not get together with the folks in your road and decorate a vehicle/float for the parade. Theme "Up, Up & Away"
- Plan a stall or game to run on the Gala Field and raise some funds for your local organisation / charity
- Advertise your business or organisation in the Gala Programme

- Volunteer to help prepare for the event on the day, before, during and/or after the event
 - Being involved in the planning
- We meet monthly in the Birches on Mondays at 8pm, dates 14th May, 4th June

Feel free to come along / get in touch and be involved in the build up to a fantastic local community event.

The first Gala was held in 1941 for the local children during the war and it's been going ever since. Recently over £3000 has been distributed annually to local village organisations. Gala Day & Gala events are organised by a dedicated group of local volunteers. **Be part of your community and join us.**

email gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk
facebook Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Association

DIDDY DISCO

Friday 22nd June

6.00pm - 6.45pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £2.00 3 - 7 year olds
(parents to accompany younger children)

GALA DISCO

Friday 22nd June

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry £2.00 7 - 11 year olds

PET SHOW

Monday 25th June

6.15pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entries from 5.45pm
Dogs and Small Pets
50p a class



Congratulations to the 2018 Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Queen and her attendants
Isla, Sofia, Laura (Gala Queen), Ava, Eloise

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 29th June start 7pm Eldwick Memorial Hall
entry forms before the day £3 from the Post Office, School, Scout Hut.

Entries on the night £4. 1.5 mile start 7pm/ 3 mile run approx 7.30pm.

Start from the Memorial Hall Car Park, route Otley Road, Warren Lane, Stone Hill, Moorcroft, Southway, Sheriff Lane, Glen Road, Saltaire Road, Otley Road.

PET SHOW CLASSES

DOG SECTION

- 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
 - 8 Dog the Judge would most like to take home
 - 9 Basic Dog Handling all age
- Trophy** (to be held for 1 year) - Best prize 1st prize winner from classes 1-7 inc.

SMALL PET SECTION

- 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
 - 9 Pet the Judge would like to take home.
- Trophy** (to be held for 1 year) - Best prize 1st prize winner from classes 1-8 inc.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Recently the media has reported many incidences of Charities not playing by the rules or hitting the headlines by misappropriation of monies. One charity that never appears in this way is "The National Garden Scheme." (Also known as "The Yellow Book.")

At the March meeting of the Horti club we were treated to a first class introduction to their work and contribution to the many worthwhile charities they support.



Mrs Pat Hutchinson, who opens her garden at Dacre Banks to the public each year

Pat Hutchinson owner of "Yorke House" in Nidderdale who has been opening her garden for nineteen years, introduced us to the Yellow Book for Yorkshire which includes over a hundred gardens. Nationally there are thousands. She brought to life the success of the scheme and how much pleasure it gives to vast swathes of garden lovers. I have enjoyed visiting many such gardens over the years but had little

idea of how or why the charity came into being. In 1926 The Queens Institute of District Nursing were running out of money. One of the trustees, Elsie Wagg, had the inspirational idea to persuade 609 wealthy garden owners to open their extensive gardens to the public for a small amount of money to raise funds. From such small beginnings, over the years, this has grown to thousands of gardens large and small, opening their gardens. This has benefited various nursing charities. Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie amongst them. To date over £50 million has been raised. An average of £3 million a year. The scheme is one of the major donors to Macmillan. To achieve this, thousands of garden owners and their many friends and the volunteers who organise the openings work tirelessly towards this goal. What is equally important is that there are minimal paid staff employed by the charity. Her presentation of some of the Yorkshire gardens open this year surely whetted any gardener's appetite to see more. If you have never been to an open garden I urge you to get hold of a copy of "The yellow book" and work out a plan to visit as many gardens as you can to get inspiration and to boost the monies raised for the many worthwhile nursing charities. **Norma Bartle**

The President and members of BINGLEY INNER WHEEL wish to thank everyone who generously supported our Coffee Morning on 24th March at Eldwick Memorial Hall. We raised a princely sum of over £500 which will be donated to Silverline and other Inner Wheel Charities.

BINGLEY JANUS

A CLUB FOR RETIRED MEN IN BINGLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS,
MEETING AT ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL ON THURSDAYS
FROM 10a.m. to 12p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

President : Mike Isaac Secretary : Graham Anderson tel. 01274 563843

- 12 April :** Robert Fort, "Shackleton and the Antarctic"
- 19 April :** Hilary Davies, "Fair Trade to Palestine : Olive Oil"
- 26 April :** Noel Moroney, "Past Times of West Yorkshire"
- 3 May** no meeting due to local elections
- 10 May :** Alastair Bishop, "Massage : what it can do for you"
- 17 May :** Alan Sinfield, (subject to be announced later)
- 24 May :** John Clay, "The Story of Mohair"
- 31 May :** Maria Glott, "The Making of Saltaire World Heritage Centre"
- 14 June :** Jim Saville, "Humourous Poetry"
- 12 July :** Patti Gold, "The Tracks of My Years"
- 9 August :** Philip Davies M.P., "Westminster Up-Date"

BINGLEY COUNCIL NEWS

Plans for Christmas lights and tree

The Town Council agreed to investigate putting further resources into the Christmas lights in Bingley as part of its ongoing programme to enhance the town's festive displays. This would include making good and adding to the roped lights around lampposts.

Primary Schools Christmas Lights Competition

The Town Council is planning a competition for children to design a new Christmas light to join the new features added last year. This will be aimed at pupils in years 4 and 5 in local primary schools.

Town Square Christmas tree.

Due to Bradford's budget cuts, the town council will have to pay for this year's Christmas tree. BTC agreed to set aside £1,100 for the cost of the tree in the Town Square. Bradford Council will supply the tree, and lights, but no longer free of charge as in previous years.

New car parking charges

A letter received from Bradford Council early in March revealed that a decision had been made to introduce a £1 parking charge in car parks in central Bingley on evenings from 6pm Mondays to Saturdays and all day Sunday. BTC have recorded their dissatisfaction with this proposal, but no doubt our objections will fall on stony ground.

New Councillor for Gilstead

The result of the by-election in Gilstead Ward on 15th March was as follows: Helen Owen (Independent) – 342 votes Stephen Williams (Conservative) – 149 votes Paula Parkinson (Labour) – 74 votes Turnout was 25.3%. Helen Owen was duly elected as Councillor for Gilstead Ward alongside Geoff Winnard.

Town Council by-election Crow Nest Ward

An election has been requested in Crow Nest Ward following the resignation of Councillor Michelle Chapman. The deadline for receipt of nominations of candidates is 4pm on Friday 6th April, and the election will be held on Thursday 3rd May.

Bingley Public Toilets

As from the 1st April, the Public toilets in Bingley will close. The town council have been looking at retaining this facility. Plans to acquire the toilets are in hand but the proposed timetable has been delayed due to a lobbying group who want BTC to include a "Changing Places Facility" requiring the Council to review the scheme to evaluate if this requirement can be included in this facility or investigate if this facility can be located elsewhere. **Regards Mark**



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The meeting on Tuesday 13th February was our Annual Spring Party. This was attended by about 43 people. Many thanks to our caterers, the meal was very nice. The entertainment was very good. It was The Bingley Amateur Operatic Society. They sang various types of music from shows over the years, also encouraging our members to sing along.

The next meeting on 8th May will be our Annual General Meeting. Our speaker will be Lucy Marshall who will be giving a talk on Reflexology.

More details to follow on our Trip to York in August.

All new members are welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077

ELDWICK GREEN AND CLEAN

Do you know the 'Old School Field' accessed by Story Stones on Lyndale behind the original Eldwick School in Otley Road? A wonderful green space with lovely views over the moor, it is maintained by Bradford Council, or at least by cutting the grass. The perimeter, once planted with tree seedlings is now overgrown and in need of a community 'green clean'. Can the example of Friends of Prince of Wales Park be followed with voluntary working parties engaged on a worthy project? Contact Eldwick Village Society for more details.

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 21st April 4.00 – 5.45 pm

Saturday 19th May 4.00 – 5.45 pm

Messy Church is a worshipping community of all ages, it is for all the family. It will be held in the church hall and the church. There will be craft activities as you arrive in the church hall, stories from the Bible, songs and prayers in the church – rounding off with sharing a simple meal together in the church hall. This is an event for all the family – whatever your age, why not come and join in the fun!

PAUSE TO PRAY

Wednesday 4th April 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 18th April 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 2nd May 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday 16th May 2.00 – 3.00 pm

THE ELDWICK CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 19th April Shipley Glen

Tramway.

Thursday 17th May Tricia Atkinson

“Schooldays”

SERVICES

22nd April

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Roger Fox.

29th April

10.30 am Morning Worship Mission and
Outreach service
Plan International

6th May

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Barbara Fairburn

10.30 am Family Service led by
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13th May

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

20th May

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mrs Patricia Keene.

27th May

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Jennifer Lunn.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers
(1st and 3rd) / Probus (4th)

13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group

Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15

Monday - Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps.

3rd Thursday in the month The Eldwick

Fellowship.

Mid Saturday Messy Church.

Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

Contact Ann Shoebridge 564690

Following on from last year's
successful toy trail, the Eldwick Church
is organising another one for this year,
using pictures of animals this time.

I am looking for people to volunteer to
have a picture installed in their front
garden for the duration of the summer
holidays. If you live in the area
between Eldwick Church and Eldwick
School and would like to participate
then please can you telephone Anne
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A HOUSE THROUGH TIME

Moor Edge – Moorlands – 1870

continued

When Moorlands, half of the semi-detached villa at the top of Park Road, was to let in 1892, the details could be had from Matthew Platts of Fairmount, Charles Street. Matthew, of the wealthy mill owners of Wingfield married one of Ralph Fawcett's daughters, hence the possible link with the villa. William Daniel Fleming, woollen stuff merchant became the occupier with a very large family recorded in the 1901 census of ten children. In 1881 he had been living at the Woodbank historic mansion in Harden but was subject to a bankruptcy hearing in 1888. His company had debts of £13,000 but both he and his business partner had dividends on their estates, so had certificates of discharge suspended for three years. Perhaps Moorlands was only rented but by 1891 Fleming was in leafy Thornhill Drive in Calverley, finally returning to Bingley on Sleningford Terrace. In the 1911 census there he is still a manufacturer of dress goods and the record shows the family would have had 12 children, 2 sadly not surviving.

At Moor Edge, Frank and Adelaide Marlor were resident in 1891. Frank was another manufacturer, mainly of cotton goods but became involved in local affairs, elected to the Bingley School Board in 1893. From a family of grocers in Rochdale he went from mill worker to business man. After living in North Park Avenue, Heaton he moved to Settle at Close House, a director of Leigh Mills cotton manufacturers, the ten roomed house having three servants. Just as Frank had been involved in education in Bingley, he then was a governor at Giggleswick School, as well as Sedburgh and Clitheroe Grammar School. A confirmed teetotaler, Frank only agreed to become president of the North Ribblesdale Show in 1908 as long as there would be a Temperance Refreshment Tent!

Back at Moorlands, recorded with 11 rooms in 1911, there was an interlude from manufacturers when Charles Blakey the bank manager from Colne arrived. From an early start at 21 he had been a clerk in the Craven Bank Ltd and his father, despite being a shoe dealer was the High Bailiff in the County Court. Each of the Moor Edge/Moorlands properties have lodges and for Mr Blakey it was his coachman who lived adjacently. Behind that lodge were the stables. The next family at Moor Edge really were Eldwick natives – the one and only Longbottoms. Ancestor Richard had built Eldwick Hall in the 17th century and generations developed over the years in various branches of genealogy. Thomas Longbottom who came to Moor Edge at the beginning of the 20th century was the son of Robert the famous Bingley blacksmith. His mother was from the farming Wild family at Greenhill Farm in Micklethwaite. Starting off in the wool trade as a wool stapler warehouseman living in Wilsden, then a stuff warehouseman of Charles Street, Bingley, by 1901 he was a woollen merchant. It is the 1911 Census which has the added details, including the fact that Moor Edge was the smaller half of the villa, with only 8 main rooms but more land.

Another link with the Platts family came when John Hirst, solicitor, married Mary Ethel in 1900. Initially living at 41 Park Road, then the larger Ivy Dene, no 59, with 10 rooms, John was in partnership at Bedford and Hirst, solicitors. It had cost him nearly £2000 to join the company but did not suffer when his partner Bedford was bankrupt in 1904. So it was in the 1920's that he and Ethel were at Moorlands when, surprise, surprise, Matthew William Platts was at Moor Edge. Both Matthew and his sister were to do very well when Mr Platts senior, owner of Albert Mills in Bingley passed away. With his estates in Derbyshire he left £36,000, which included bequests of £7000 for Matthew and £1000 for Mary Ethel. Charles Platts inherited Wingfield, where Matthew had lived with his widowed mother. He had lived at Fairmount as a child but, aged 10, was at The Croft, Spondon House in Derbyshire, the boarding school. His father could obviously afford this, despite being a mill owner with 200 employees to pay. Matthew had married at 49 to Annie, 36, the daughter of a cabinet maker in 1920 and they lived at Moor Edge

for over 20 years.

The last families to occupy the villas were that of Skirrow Leach at Moorlands, and of course, Harold and Dorothy Boyd at Moor Edge. Skirrow Leach, manufacturers in the textile trade locally, were ancestors of Councillor Skirrow Leach on the local Council. He was often involved with the Shipley Division of the Education Executive of the W.R.C.C. in 1951 raising a contentious issue. He argued that families and their children were far better off than ever before so why was £60,000 subsidising school meals? One response was that, before school meal provision, children were one and a half stones lighter as well as three inches shorter, so it was a proven fact how children had benefitted. As has recently become known, Dorothy Boyd, like her husband Harold had both worked for ICI and were involved in Eldwick activities. When the whole mansion became too expensive to maintain, the end was nigh in 1984. The subsequent developments of The Orchard, the Coach House and Parklands, together with the original lodges, fill the site today. One mystery remains. From whom, and for what reason did the Stag's Head stone crest, now preserved, once adorn the building?



Eldwick and Gilstead

Horticultural Society

Spring Fair

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Saturday 21st April

10 am - 12pm

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