

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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GALA DAY – SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2019

Eldwick Recreation Ground Theme: "The Movies"

2019 Gala Sponsors Bingley CO-OP

Floats assemble at 12.15pm and set off at 12.45pm. The Gala opens at 1.30pm. Programmes on sale at all events before the Gala and from Eldwick & Gilstead Post Offices. Entry to the Gala by programme £1 for adults children Free

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Don't forget all the events before the Gala - something for everyone.

DIDDY DISCO

Friday 21st June 6.00pm - 6.45pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00
3-7 years (parents to accompany younger children)

GALA DISCO

Friday 21st June 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00 7-11 years

PET SHOW

Monday 24th June 6.15pm

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

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 28th 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.

Sponsorship for Eldwick Beer and Banger Festival

This ever popular village event will be held again on Friday 16th and Sat 17th August. We will be supporting the Yorkshire Air Ambulance again and it will be landing on the Recreation Ground at about 4pm on Saturday.

As usual this will be a celebration of locally sourced, award winning, sausage slowly cremated over charcoal and served with a range of jus especially the apple from locally sourced Bramley apples infused with Weston's cider. This will be served in a locally baked chubbie.

There will be a range of locally sourced beers which will all be on handpumps. There will also be a selection of carefully chosen ciders.

If you wish to sponsor a barrel for this event, please contact Tony Clegg through the Newsletter news@eldwickvillage.co.uk. The cost is £100 (tax deductible for business as we are a registered charity) and includes entry tickets, glasses and beer tokens.

We were able to donate £6000 to YAA last year thanks to your generosity.

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Do you fancy running an event on Thursday evenings in this excellent venue?

If so please contact Sylvia Slater 01274 563081

A BIG THANK YOU

The Eldwick Church wish to express their grateful thanks and appreciation to the Village Society for the gift of a photo montage of old images of Eldwick (courtesy of Allan Mirfield) surrounding one of our new building. It is mounted in the Link Cafe area.

NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH

Whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we do something a little different at The Eldwick Church...

We invite a speaker from a charity to talk about their work, then take a retiring collection which we give to support them. Recently we've had talks from 3 charities based in Bradford: Transforming Lives for Good (who work with children at risk of school exclusion); the Immanuel Project (who work with homeless & vulnerable people) and Christians Against Poverty (a nationwide debt counselling charity which started in Bradford). Over the months we've also heard from traditional charities who are tackling current issues: Two speakers from the Salvation Army spoke compellingly about their part in rescuing women from modern-day slavery, and a couple spoke about their work with boys at Wetherby Young Offenders Prison.

On 30 June, during our 10.30 am service, we welcome Rev. Chris Swift, an Executive Director of MHA, a Methodist-founded charity providing care, accommodation and support services for over 18,000 older people throughout the UK. This will be another interesting talk and you are most welcome to join us.

Our Church services generally follow a familiar pattern:

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month we have a short 9.15am Holy Communion for the early risers, then a Family Worship service at 10.30 am. On the 2nd & 4th Sundays we have a 10.30 am Holy Communion service.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PLANTS

Last month a well-attended meeting greeted Andrew Chapman, who described a year on his organic small holding and plant nursery above Steeton on the back of Rombalds Moor, parts of which don't see any sun for most of the winter.



Plant lover Andrew Chapman

Andrew was a senior horticulturalist and team leader at RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate and is plant adviser to the experts, having previously been an expert advisor at Chelsea Flower Show, Tatton Park Flower Show, Harrogate Flower Shows and alongside BBC radio 4's Gardener's Question Time panel.

His wife Pippa honed her skills as head gardener for a large private estate. She trained at RHS Garden Harlow Carr and makes use of her fine arts degree and extensive plant knowledge to design and create dream gardens for her clients.

When the Chapmans took over their land they started with very poor soil and, not wishing to import any, they hit upon cold composting as the best way to improve their small holding. This is perhaps the simplest method of composting, but it takes a considerable amount of time and may not kill weed seeds. Using the cold composting method, the gardener simply continues to add layers to the top of the compost pile without turning it. Andrew believes that this produces a richer product than hot composting, where the heat generated can destroy some of the nutrients created by the process.

In the early days at Steeton Andrew dug in his compost – grass, nettles, weeds and other green stuff - and then placed acres of cardboard packaging over it to prevent weed invasion, while the good work continued under the surface. He has modified this system to produce flowers, vegetables and root crops in small spaces, often "going vertical" to make maximum use of small areas. Pest control includes milk bottle beer traps for slugs, which climb in, get drunk and die happy.

The results of all this hard work are spectacular: the nursery is full of beautiful hardy plants and flowers, with potatoes, tomatoes and other vegetables in season. Customers are welcome to have a look and benefit from Andrew's extensive plant

knowledge in selecting the right plants for your garden. He and Pippa have something for every situation and every season. All their plants are grown outdoors in disease-free conditions and so are strong and healthy - this means customers can be sure they will be happy planted straight into the garden. Andrew is committed to caring for the environment. He uses peat free compost and if you return the plastic pots, they can be reused, which is one step better than being recycled.

Our next meeting will be something really special: down-to-earth BBC TV gardening expert Christine Walkden will be in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17 September to tell us about The Life and Times of a Gardener, admission by £10 ticket only. There a still a few left for this event – call Sally Robinson on 01274 596 869.

Mike Hitchen

GARDEN TIPS FOR JUNE

In hot weather water containers and baskets well and give them a balanced liquid fertiliser every 2- 4 weeks.

To conserve water, water the soil rather than just the plant and make 'ponds' around individual plants to enable the water to soak in effectively to a level of about 10"/25 cms. This can support plants for up to 2 weeks whereas merely wetting the surface will encourage weeds and cause surface rooting which makes plants weaker.

If you have a proper pond, remove blanket weed so that plants and fish can breathe more easily.

If you discover white, powdery mildew on plants then remove the affected parts and spray with a fungicide, or crush a couple of Rennies and mix in half a gallon of water and apply to leaves.

If you discover aphids on the underside of leaves then remove them by hand and either spray with an insecticide or use a natural pest control such as Lacewing larvae.

On lilies, remove and crush any scarlet lily beetles whilst on the underside of the leaves check for sticky brown larvae.

Check potted plants for vine weevils by tipping the plants out of their pots and looking for 'c' shaped creamy maggots amongst the roots. If any are present then treat with nematodes.

Use a slug repellent to protect new plants.

Evergreen hedges such as privet, box and yew should be clipped while still in growth.

Lawns: water during hot weather, particularly if the lawn is newly seeded/turfed. Apply lawn weed killer to counter the rapid weed growth in hot weather. A special lawn fertiliser will encourage healthy growth.

ELDWICK GOLDIES

The first **Eldwick Goldies** (Golden Oldies) met on the last Tuesday in April. Over 30 people attended for what proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon of singing, bingo and afternoon tea. Some folk came along on their own, others brought family members or carers.

Singing popular music can take people back to happy times, encourages good breathing and gives participants a chance to meet other people. This sing-along featured popular songs from the 50's and 60's. A common comment afterwards was, "When can I come back? I really enjoyed that."

Meetings are held at The Eldwick Church on the last Tuesday of each month from 2.00-4.00 pm. Goldies is a dementia friendly group; sessions are free to Bingley residents and new faces are very welcome.

For further information contact Carole O'Neill on 01274 560539 or Sue Bailey on 01274 567720

Goldies is run with support from Bingley Town Council & Shipley Area Committee

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES with BRADFORD ACCORDION BAND (BAB)

I read with keen interest that the theme for this year's Gala is "The Movies" and this is why...

I am Musical Director of Bradford Accordion Band (you probably haven't heard of us) who are 24 accordionists, 2 keyboard players, a violinist, a small woodwind section and a drummer. We were established in 1997 and perform at numerous venues across Yorkshire.

Since 2016 we have staged an annual Charity Variety Show to a sell-out audience at **Bingley Arts Centre**. We work alongside other talented local artists and our audiences always report that our shows are fun, fast-paced and unforgettable! I am proud to say BAB has raised thousands of pounds for local charities and this year we are hoping to raise some much-needed funds for Bradford Hospitals' Charity. You can look forward to a night of famous movie numbers performed through live music, song, dance, drama and a couple of surprises!

So, if you fancy a memorable, unique night -out with a difference – I promise we will NOT be what you are expecting – then tickets (£12.50) are selling fast on www.ticketsource.co.uk/bingleyartscentre or via the theatre Box Office: 01274 567983

If you still don't believe me...please check out our website:

www.bradfordaccordionband.org.uk and Facebook Page where you can glean a flavour of what we are about. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 5th October @ 7.30pm. Don't miss it!

Anita Baši
Musical Director, BAB



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Tuesday 14th May 2019 was our AGM. 32 People attended. Subscriptions are now due. £17 no increase. All Committee Members were re-elected.

Our Speaker was Mr Keith Barber who spoke about the 50's 60's 70's. It was a trip down Memory Lane. Most members could remember things he talked about. The old sayings, old fashioned games children played and some of the sweets we had.

Our Trip to Beverley on Wednesday 21st August is £25. This includes the coach and dinner at the Wetherby Whaler.

Our Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is Friday 27th September. More details to follow.

Speaker next month 9th July is Mr Christopher Binns. (People I have met).

New Members are always welcome. Please contact Bev on 565077.

KEN HOOPER

We are very sorry to hear of the recent death of Ken Hooper. Ken was not only a very successful businessman he was the first editor of the Eldwick Newsletter, forty years ago. Ken was partly responsible for founding the Village Society. He moved from Eldwick some twenty years ago to live in Ilkley. He will be remembered for an excellent sense of humour and great generosity. He will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy and best wishes go to his wife Joyce, his sons Graham and Mike and their families.

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES:

23 June

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Susan Greenhart

30 June

10.30 am Mission & Outreach Service with Rev Dr Chris Swift from MHA, an award winning charity providing care, accommodation and support services for over 18,000 older people in the UK. All are welcome to come and hear about the work of MHA.

7 July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Fairburn

10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

14 July

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith

21 July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

28 July

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a different & informal way of being church for all ages. It is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 4.00pm until 5.45 pm. It's taking a break for the Summer but will be back on 21st September.

PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time for reflection and prayer.

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 3rd & 17th July in Church

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Meets on the 20th June at 7.30 pm for a Coffee Evening in aid of the Children's Society & on Friday 19th July for a lunch outing.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **Tuesdays** 09.30 am - 12.00 noon & **Thursdays** 09.30 am – 1.00 pm, with light lunches served on Thursdays from 11.30 am

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10.00 am -12.00 noon Embroiderers Guild, Airedale Branch.

4th Wednesday 10.30 am Probus (a group of friendly retired Professional Business-women, who meet for coffee, chat and then a speaker. New members and visitors welcome. Details of speakers at <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/probus/> **Wednesdays weekly** 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Craft Group meet. Folks either bring their own knitting / sewing /craft to enjoy or we sometimes work together on crafts for Church displays or for charity. Refreshments. Just drop in.

Pre School Group – 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Monday - Friday. Contact:

villagespreschool@gmail.com

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Last Tuesday in the month, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Goldies (Golden Oldies). For older people, Goldies features sing-along songs from the 50's & 60's, followed by afternoon tea. Dementia friendly, free to all residents of Bingley, transport available. For more info or to book a place 01274 560539

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps, our walking group. Details from <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/friday-footsteps/>

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

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WHAT WOULD MR DENBY THINK NOW?

PART TWO

Around Eldwick and Gilstead over the years, employment was at one time in the Eldwick Beck spinning mill which replaced handloom weavers and spinners. Quarrying in various sites carried on for years and there were many farms surrounding the two villages.

A remarkable example of farming on land above 1000 feet was provided by Edward Holden, son of wool manufacturer Isaac Holden and brother of the mayor of Bradford. He bought property at Drake Hill called Prospect House, (purchased from Henry Fairbank who had owned Warren Park farm and the stone flag mines opposite Warren House) and set up his farm. Holden farmed almost as a hobby but introduced Heath Robinson type techniques. Cattle were well tended in an open ended barn which had ventilation and even 'warming apparatus'. Manure was collected and liquidised and pumped by means of a wind vane through processes 'so that it fell like rain onto the land'. Over the years the landscape of open land had changed, with new 'occupation roads' like Glen Road and Prospect Road, with high stone walls. More might have followed the example of Gath and Holden in planting trees both for protection and beautifying the look of the land. Quarrying was extensive but mineral rights were held by the major landowners like Ferrand and George Lane Fox of Bramham. Such was the extent of the latter's holdings that the 1848 Tythe Map for Bingley, showing acreages, rents and occupiers is still held in the Leeds offices of what used to be called the West Yorkshire Archives.

The two villages of the moor continued to grow steadily with churches, chapels incorporating schools and ultimately the Eldwick village's Board School between 1832 and 1893, (pictured). Into the 20th century came what was meant to be Eldwick's 'garden city', homes with proper gardens. It was called the Manor Estate. Behind Warren House Farm, in 1907 was built the stone



detached Manor House on what was to become Grange Road. Beside it came two semi-detached cottages and, across the road, a terrace of four cottages. (pictured)

No further progress was made as the site was deemed to be 'far too exposed'. Major housing and shops (pictured) developed



along Otley and off Otley Road, similarly with Ferncliffe and Ferndene, all built by local builders like the Wildman family.

Even before the Second World War only linear housing on main roads was developed but after that came housing estates taking former farmland in both Eldwick and Gilstead. Even though the 'garden development' had not succeeded, much of the preparatory work with services and drains would lead to the 'Heaton estate'. This was enclosed within the boundaries of Clarendon Road, Warren Lane as far as Cavendish Road backing onto the former Gilstead Moor quarries. Many in Eldwick in the 1950's did not regard this as Eldwick, instead considering the junctions of Park Road, Heights Lane, Otley Road and Warren Lane as the boundary. Warren House was to disappear as the houses in Warren Lane extended above Clarendon. A popular view of Eldwick's southern boundary was the Gilstead Filter Beds site of 1885, Rylands Avenue and Gilstead Lane. Controversy arose in 1986 when Wimpey built the estate to connect to Southway and called it Gilstead Meadows even though it was well above the accepted boundary. Consequently the Gilstead prefix was dropped. Some say that it was the construction of the Gilstead Middle School site that led to the arrival of the phases of the Swan Avenue development. Local people buying properties on that estate were dismayed to be given a Gilstead address thanks to roads starting in Gilstead, moving round the back of the school to end in what was considered to be Eldwick. All is not doom and gloom since, as yet, the fields once cultivated from the wastes of Gilstead Moor still exist beyond Sheriff Lane. The original Enclosure allotments of Warren Lane (2 acres) and Prince of Wales Park (18 acres) are of course remnants of the 1861 jurisdiction. Beyond that, Eldwick and Gilstead still have many acres of green and pleasant land to view and enjoy. So even though the uninterrupted panoramic views customarily savoured by Denby are not as they were, there is still much in the locality to be treasured, and hopefully maintained, as he would have wished.

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