

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BONFIRE

The weather on Saturday 2nd November did not bode well for a successful Bonfire Night, however we were pleasantly surprised how many people did turn up in the evening and many thanks to them.

The evening proved a great success with some saying that it was the best firework display ever. The bangers were cremated beautifully and, with Mr. Dan entertaining there was something for everybody.

The event takes a great deal of organising to make it as safe as possible and we are pleased to say that the Bradford Council Emergency Planning Team gave us a five out of five star rating for our planning!

Thanks are due to The Bingley Sea Scouts, Bingley Airedale Rotary and all

our sponsors especially Janus Interiors and Manningham Concrete. The event is run entirely by volunteers, most of whom are definitely showing their age! We will certainly be looking for younger volunteers next year.

This event is very expensive to put on with around three thousand pounds being spent on fireworks. Fortunately, due to the good turnout, we were able to make a profit. This means that from all the Village Society fundraising events this year i.e. Banger Burning at the Gala, Beer and Banger Festival etc we are now able to make a donation to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance of Six Thousand Pounds and there are also donations to other local charities.

## THE ELDWICK CHURCH NEWS

There is lots to look forward to as Christmas approaches.

December 1st is the first Sunday in Advent. Our young people will be taking the 10.30am service which is all about dressing the Christmas Tree! Eldwick Primary School choir will be assisting and singing for us.

Early in December the knitted angels will be making a return, hidden around Eldwick Village. If you do find one of the angels, please take it home. It is a gift from the Eldwick Church to wish you and your family Merry Christmas!

Later in December there are a number of special events going on at Church.

Christmas by Candlelight is on Thursday 19th December at 7.00 pm: carols to listen to and to sing; festive readings; mince pies & mulled wine.

Messy Christingle is on Saturday 21st December at 3.30pm: make your own Christingle orange then join in with crafts & games, some songs and a story. Finish with a meal together.

Family Nativity is at 10.30 am on Sunday 22nd December with the option of coming dressed as your favourite character from the Christmas story.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve involves mulled wine, juice, biscuits and mince pies as you arrive. Come at 4.15pm. Later that evening is Midnight Communion at 11.30 pm.

The (short) Christmas Day service begins at 10.00 am. Bring a present to open. This is followed by an optional Communion at 10.45am.

**Eldwick Village Society AGM**  
**Monday 16th December at 7pm**  
**in Birches**

### COFFEE CAKE CHAT

takes place in the Church Link Cafe every Tuesday & Thursday  
10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tuesday  
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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Firstly, it is with great sadness that I am the author of this piece. Our publicity officer and long time stalwart of the Society, Mike Hitchen passed away in October. My favourite memory is a discussion we had at the annual show where Mike always entered bread. I was encouraged enough to start baking my own again and think of him as I knead.

Our October meeting was a complete contrast when we heard Peter Walker of Wack's Wicked Carnivorous Plants speak. He entertained us with how he became hooked, started small and grew to his current location within Scampston Walled Garden at Helmsley. Quite a number of the audience admitted to not being into that sort of plant but Peter was so enthusiastic and personable that everyone enjoyed the evening. A few were converted and venus fly traps, Nepenthes and Sarracenia were taken home to catch flies in the greenhouse.

November is our AGM and faith supper before we break for Christmas. Our first meeting on Tuesday 21st January is Ben Preston, head gardener at York Gate, Adel.

## Letters to the Editor

Sir,

I feel I must write in response to the letter published in the October issue from Gillian Anderson concerning the use of litter bins for the disposing of dog poo bags. I, too, was so concerned about the health hazard and unpleasantness when they were overflowing onto the pavements that I rang Bradford Council on two separate occasions and complained that the collections had been missed for at least a week. I was advised that the collections sequence and route had been changed and they were experiencing a few teething problems. An ad-hoc collection was promised, and was indeed done the next day. Collections appear to have settled down now, and the bins in Warren Lane are now collected every Tuesday.

Most of the litter bins in Eldwick are of the round variety, and actually have signs indicating that it is in order for securely tied bags of dog poo to be deposited in these bins, along with any other rubbish. Perhaps there is a need for more bins or more frequent collections. Maybe Bingley Town Council could kindly lobby Bradford Council to improve the number of bins and/or collection facilities, as we all pay a very handsome sum in the way of Council Tax every year, and perhaps sometimes feel that, as a district on the outskirts of Bradford, the services and benefits we enjoy are somewhat diminished by distance.

As a resident of Eldwick for some 33 years, I have enjoyed walking my dogs around the village for 26 of those years. Needless to say, in that time, there have been plenty of moans and groans concerning the amount of mess left on our

pavements by irresponsible dog owners. I am pleased to report that I very rarely come across such mess nowadays, it seems that the vast majority of dog owners are clearing up after their pets,

Well done to all those responsible dog owners, and keep on using the bins - that is what they are there for!!

Michael Brook, Timble Drive

Sir,

As we approach the Festive Season I have a suggestion for showing Goodwill to all people.

I live near the mini roundabout at the junction of Otley Road and Warren Lane. Perhaps drivers using the roundabout could do helpful things for me and other road users such as signalling before entering the roundabout or when leaving. As a wheelchair user, I find it demeaning, when I get this wrong and have to stop to thank a driver for not killing me.

I also ask drivers to recognise that the white spot along with the appropriate signs represents a roundabout of the same status as the one near the start of Frank Hoyle Way. It was not merely a madcap scheme to waste paint. Any reader who knows me will realise that I do not come from Eldwick but arrived in West Yorkshire for work nearly 35 years ago. The first scheme which I handled involved mini-roundabouts near Wakefield, so I have to assume that people have known about these things for over thirty years so they should know what they are even if a driver has only recently passed his/her test. The roundabouts for all its faults detracts from my weekly trip into the Village centre.

Seasons Greetings to all readers,

Godfrey Lomas

## MRS. WINIFRED KITCHEN

We are sad to hear of the passing away of Mrs. Winifred Kitchen on November 3rd.

Mrs. Kitchen was well known in the village for the last sixty years, especially to those children who attended Eldwick First School during the seventies and eighties where she was a dinner lady.

Our sympathy goes to all her family.

The funeral is at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 21st November at Nab Wood Crematorium.

## COUNCIL NEWS

Ros Dawson, has resigned from her position as Chair of Bingley Town Council, She will however remain as a Town Councillor.

Following the October full Council meeting Helen Owen, Deputy Chair, elected to the roll of Chair and Richard Holmes elected as Deputy Chair, we wish them well in their respective roles.

The tenders for the development of the toilet block to offices came in over budget. We have therefore revised the layout and specification for the contractors to revise their tenders, to bring them more in line with our budget for the project.

In the New Year we will be placing an order with Bradford's approved Painting Contractor to Paint the Street Furniture in Bingley, changing the colour from Blue to Black which is the common colour for all street furniture within BDMC.

In the next few weeks, weather permitting, BDMC will be installing a Puffin Crossing outside the Library in Bingley. This will improve the safety for users crossing the road to access the car park and Aldi.

As previously mentioned the monthly Saturday Markets will continue throughout 2020 with the exception of January, your continued support for the market is appreciated.

Do not forget the Christmas Fayre **Saturday 30th November**. Christmas Light Switch to be switched on by Stuart McCall at 4.30pm. Please come along, join in and enjoy the festivities.

**Dates for your diaries:-**

**26th November** Full Council Meeting, Eldwick Church commencing at 6.30pm.

**7th December** Monthly Market, all welcome.

**7th December** Community Litter Pick, venue to be confirmed.

**10th December** Planning Committee Meeting Cardigan House, starts at 6.30pm.

**11th December** Finance and General Purposes Committee Cottingley Community Centre, starting at 6.30pm

**17th December** Full Council Meeting, Bingley Baptist Church, Clyde Street, Bingley commencing at 6.30 pm.

All meetings are open to the public.

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

It was our Yearly Bingo and Quiz on Tuesday 8th October. Everyone who attended enjoyed the evening.

The entertainment for our next meeting on 10th December will be a Men's Barber Shop Choir. Our final figure for our Macmillan Coffee Morning is £299.30. Thank you to all who came. Our Christmas Carol Service in York is on Friday December 6th.

New members are always welcome. Please telephone Bev on 01274-565077

**THE THORNTON SINGERS**, formerly Thornton Vocal Union, will be holding a Christmas Concert of seasonal music at the Eldwick Church, Otley Rd, Eldwick on Saturday 7th December 2019 starting at 7pm. Tickets are £7, and include light refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from the Eldwick Post Office; Choir members; by calling Carole on 01274 560539; from The Stationery Cupboard on Chapel Lane Bingley, at Eldwick Church Tuesday Cafe or on the door on the night. Any proceeds from the concert will go to The Thornton Singers and The Eldwick Golden Oldies group.

### SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019

Come along and create your own luxury Christmas wreath to adorn your front door this Christmas. Full of gorgeous seasonal foliage and decorated with cones, berries, dried fruits and ribbon.

All materials and refreshments are included. Cost £45.00.

9.30am - 12.30pm OR 1.30 - 4.30pm  
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# † THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### 17 November

09.15am Holy Communion  
led by Rev Barbara Fairburn  
10.30am Morning Worship led by  
Mrs Philippa Normanton

#### 24 November

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Barbara Walls

#### 1 December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
a Methodist Minister  
10.30 am Family Worship & Christmas Tree  
dressing led by the young people of our Church.

#### 8 December

10.30 am Family Communion led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

#### 15 December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith  
10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
a Methodist Local Preacher

#### Thursday 19 December

7.00 pm Christmas by Candlelight with music  
& humourous, thoughtful and traditional  
readings. Mulled wine & mince pies.

### 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 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm. Next dates 16th November & 21st December, when we will be celebrating Messy Christingle.

### PAUSE TO PRAY

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

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 20th  
November and 4th & 18th December in  
Church

**The Eldwick Church Fellowship** meets on  
21st November for a talk by Mike the Baker  
at 7.30 pm and on the 12th December at 7.00  
pm for a Christmas Party. All very welcome.

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### OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **Tuesdays** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon & **Thursdays** 10.00 am – 1.30 pm, with light lunches served on **Thursdays** from 11.30 am

**Wednesdays** 10.00 am -12.00 noon  
Embroiderers Guild, Airedale Branch.

**4th Wednesday** 10.30 am Probus (a group of friendly retired **Professional Businesswomen**, 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.

The Villages Pre-School: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Monday – Friday & Stay & Play Mondays  
9.30am - 11.00 am.

Contact: [villagespreschool@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

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# A STORY FROM THE CHAIR

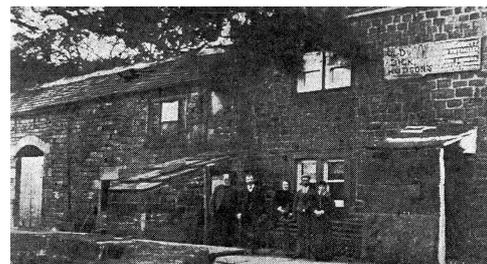
This is not a message from the Chair of an organisation but one from a chair itself, one which would have a great deal to tell from its own memories – if only? The content of such articles as this has often emanated from contact with the editor of the Newsletter from an online reader. Hence, in the past, Tracey Preston Cook in South Africa, a distant relative of the originator of The Glen pub – Ben Preston, added information. The first ever good pictures of Warren House Farm materialised with information of occupants in the 19th century.



So, what of the chair as pictured? Rob Gill of Cheltenham made an enquiry relating to his family history. His father had been born in Stanley Street, Bingley, but earlier generations of various Andersons, Rob's ancestors, were Eldwick farmers. High Eldwick, the original linear settlement that preceded Eldwick Beck Bottom village, included many farms, accessed by the High Road packhorse and cart track. One of those was High Gate Farm which was situated at the junction of the late 18th century 'road' leading up from Eldwick Hall to the High Road. The road had been sanctioned by the Crompton Stansfield family of Esholt Hall, whose land was crossed. At the time High Gate Farm was tenanted by John Anderson and, possibly with

the new junction site, it was decided in 1787 to transfer the licence from the adjacent old Rattlebank Hall, to High Gate. Thus John, and his son Tommy, until the arrival of the first of the Hudson family – Thomas in 1809, were the landlords of what became known as The Fleece Inn, later Dick Hudson's. Rob had often wondered about the provenance of the pair of beautifully crafted yew fireside chairs which, according to a few generations of his family, had been 'fixtures' in John's pub. It was Rob's father who told him that his mother Hilda, who in turn was the daughter of Annie Anderson, who claimed the chairs were 'from a pub we used to own'. Obviously Rob's research has been successful but the contact with the Newsletter produced yet more information for him.

The aforementioned Crompton Stansfields, like the Ferrands and George Lane Fox, all held extensive lands around Bingley, leasing farms and quarries. All such landowners employed agents to collect rents and ensure properties were well-maintained and well managed. Thomas Crompton had 'a great book' in which all details of all his income, tenancies, rents and payments, as well as investments, were recorded. As subsidiaries, more local records were kept and, for HELWICK, a hand bound, handwritten record exists, dating from 1776. The first pages are the index, showing names in alphabetical order and page references. Thus, first in the list are the Andersons. John Anderson's farm had One Messuage, One Barn, One Stable and One Garden. The land was made up of Six Closes, all individually named, e.g. The Well Close, Great Intack. All this was at a yearly rent of Thirteen Guineas to be paid half yearly at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. John had to



Old Dick Hudson's, formerly Highgate Farm, as it was in the last century.

undertake labour for which he was paid by Samuel Crompton, also yearly. At Whitsuntide in 1779 the book includes 'paid to John Anderson Two Guineas for One Years Sallary for taking care of the Road which goes through Helwick which belongs to Samuel Crompton to mend. By 1782 the payment refers to the late Samuel Crompton, deceased and on 4th July 1810 rent paid for this 'and his other farm' is the last, as the last line on the page records 'John Anderson is dead'. The opposite page then declares, 'These farms now let to Thomas Anderson for a half yearly rental of £29.16.6. in 1812. In 1815 payments were being made by the Widow Mary Anderson in January but by July, made by the Trustees of the late widow. Other family members continued farming at Cropper Fold in Glovershaw Lane and Low House next to Eldwick Hall. The earlier reference to two farms has been interpreted as High Gate and Cragg Side which was further along the road past the 1815 Chapel. The agent acting for the landholder was John Lobley. He is personified on some maps with Lobley Gate which is a landmark where Glovershaw Lane meets the road to Shipley Glen. The Helwick book has two pages listing what John was due for having paid the likes of Anderson for making roods of Road, drains, loading lime, stone, slate and wood, as well as walling. For the two year period from 1776 to 1778 John was repaid £171/15/4d.

During the next century from 1815, the Andersons continued farming in Eldwick until more transactions from the Crompton Stansfields took place. There were valuations of their Eldwick estate in 1929 which showed the true extent. Included were the Eldwick Hall and farm, two other farms of the Andersons, the Eldwick Corn Mill and its ten cottages of New Row, land at Dowley Gap including houses near the canal – all valued at £12,918 by non-other than Mr Charles W.Dacre. In 1930 a conveyance between Mary Evelyn Maud Crompton Stansfield, then of Ringwood in Hampshire, and the Shipley UDC for £3000 to establish water catchment and supply, included Crag Farm of Denby Anderson, Also included was J.Tetley & Sons Ltd of The Fleece Inn – still part of the estate. Lots more correspondence came in the 1920's as Shipley UDC wanted to buy more land at The Riggs and the farms of Denby and Frances Anderson.

*To be continued.*

## BINGLEY ARTS CENTRE – Dates for your diary

- 30 Nov - Bingley Chamber of Trade - Christmas Fair & Bingley Lights Switch-on from 10:00am
- 30 Nov - Ceilidh - dancing to Northern Comfort Band with a Pie & Pea Supper at 7:30pm
- 3 Dec - Community Cinema showing "Still Alice" at 2:30pm
- 4 Dec - Salfaire Arts Society monthly lecture – "Merrily on High" at 2pm
- 7 & 8 Dec - Bingley Little Theatre presents "Under Milk Wood" in the Studio at 7:30pm
- 9 - 14 Dec - Bingley Little Theatre presents "Absurd Person Singular" a dark Christmas comedy
- 18 Dec - Community Cinema showing "Evita" at 2:30pm & 7:30pm
- 21 Dec - Badapple Theatre presents "The Snow Dancer" at 2pm & 6pm
- 22 Dec - "Starmakers" a Christmas concert by the All Together Now Choir at 3pm & 7:30pm

## BINGLEY JANUS

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- Oct. 31st. Geoff Roberts : The History and Future of The River Aire
- Nov. 7th. Graham Anderson : A Criminal Past
- Nov. 14th. Geoff Twentymen : The Historical Society
- Nov. 21st. David Davies : The Austerity Years 1945-1951
- Nov. 28th. Tish Lawson : The History of Theatre and Panto in Bradford
- Dec. 5th. Paul Kenny : On Location One ... T.V. and Film
- Dec. 12th. Neil Ramshaw : Great lesser-known Sporting Heroes

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