

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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DEFIB READY TO GO



Thanks to collaboration between Bingley Airedale Rotary Club and The Eldwick Village Society, a life-saving Defibrillator Unit has been sited outside Birches Freehouse and The Memorial Hall for public use.

Managed and maintained by the Ambulance Service, the unit is accessed by use of a code provided when dialling 999 and contains full instructions for use.

President of the Rotary Club Mr. Gareth Ashton is delighted to have had the opportunity to work with the Village Society on this project and looks forward to working with them again in the future. We would also like to thank Nigel Horsfall at the Post Office for offering to house the unit there. It was finally decided that it would be better placed outside the Memorial Hall/Birches as it is lit at night and covered by CCTV. The unit has been funded jointly.

For more information about Rotary International contact Paul Simpson on 07967 645969.

The picture shows Gareth Ashton and John Hegarty of Bingley Airedale Rotary with Richard Fearnside, John Edwards, Mark Ricketts and Tony Clegg of Eldwick Village Society.

Please see page 3 for further details.

Gala Queen Selection Disco

with Andy of Partymania

Friday 20th March 7-8.30pm

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Entry £2

Gala Queen Entry Form

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD GALA

Saturday 27th June 2015

I would like to be considered for Gala Queen / Attendant for the 2015 Gala. The Gala Queen will be chosen at the 'Gala Queen Selection Night Disco' on Friday 20th March, 7pm till 8.30pm in Eldwick Memorial Hall (Disco entry £2). The Gala Queen should be in year 6 or over and the attendants between the ages of 7 and 10 (girls or boys). The Gala Queen's name and all Attendants' names will be drawn out of a hat by the 2014 Gala Queen.

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I agree to my child's picture appearing in the Eldwick Newsletter and local press

I do live in Eldwick or Gilstead.

Signed _____ parent

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DATES FOR 2015

The Fun Run 26th June

Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Saturday 27th June

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our January meeting more than 60 members came to listen to Allan Mirfield who addressed us on the pleasures of the Isle of Sark gained from the visits he and his family have experienced over the last forty years of holidays there.

In the course of his talk we heard how the island has been uninhabited until Queen Elizabeth the First, had awarded to each of forty families the right of tenure to land on the upland, each allotment with its own coastal stretch. Nowadays, the island has become a natural retirement home for academics in the natural sciences of geology, meteorology, archaeology, etc. The cottages originally roofed with corrugated iron - known as "Sark thatch" - are now being renovated with proper thatch including upper floors to add to the bed & breakfast holiday capacity.

He saw some parallels between the island and Eldwick and Gilstead in that both are close communities with an interest in horticulture and a lively range of social activities. The major difference, of course, is that the sea surrounds Sark and the villagers have to make a descent of more than 300 feet to the jetties, usually by tractor-pulled "toast rack" passenger trailers.

Pastimes for visitors include walking and cycling along the many footpaths, including walking up and down the ravines that lead to the sea, some parties taking a day per ravine. On his recent visit, Allan thought this to be making a meal of the exercise and decided he could visit all of them in one day. This he first did in 10 hours and eventually reduced the time to five and a half hours. His months of exercise in The Prince of Wales Park have obviously paid off.

His range of photographs - taken over the many years of visits and always in August when he was relaxing from the pressures of E&G Primary School headship - were beautiful flowers and vegetation in field and garden showing what an island climate can produce. He challenged us to name the blooms and whilst some members managed to name them, this scribe was enjoying a "senior" evening and could not rise to the occasion.

Accommodation on the island is provided by two major hotels and many b&b facilities but four hotels have now been taken over by the Barclay brothers, closed, boarded up, and are no longer available as such. They bought the entire island a few years ago and appear to have

a feudal approach to property rights. They took over the hotel gardens and planted them with vines to establish wine production - yet to appear on the market. The brothers have resolved their own accommodation requirements by building a pretentious castellated home of their own the island of Brecqhou and equipping it with a heli-pad. The islanders and visitors only have the option of ferries to and from the mainland or from Guernsey where they may arrive by air but still have to make the last leg to Sark by sea. Sark has retained its independence from the combustion engine which also excludes access by aircraft.

Allan was duly thanked for his talk and our members lingered on to enjoy chat, coffee, tea, and biscuits. The next meeting's talk on February 17th will be on Hydroponics - growing plants in nutrient solutions - if you get this in time. March 17th's talk will be on Growing Alpines in Containers and on April 21st we shall be hearing about the Gardens of the National Trust. Four days later, on Saturday 25th April, will be the Spring Fair at which members are invited to offer their own spare but healthy plants for sale. The advantage of members plants is that they have the experience of living on this upland plateau. It is at this meeting that the E&G Primary School children will be showing us the results of their annual competition, funded by the "Horti", to show their skills in poetry, prose and the creation of miniature gardens.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm.

Contact John Pullin at 01274 551451

ELDWICK - A NEW ERA by Allan Mirfield

Over fifty of the original first print run have been sold. Copies are still available at Eldwick Post Office. A second print run of one hundred is under way so orders can be placed should stock run out.

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Eldwick & Gilstead Neighbourhood Forum

Thursday 24th February at 7pm
St. Wilfrid's Church, Gilstead

ELDWICK LADIES PROBUS CLUB

PRO (fessional) BUS(iness) is a worldwide organisation.

Local Probus meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, from 10.30am in Eldwick Church Hall.

We are a group of friendly, retired women who meet together in a social environment to enjoy a chat, a coffee and a Speaker.

New members and visitors are made very welcome and we invite anyone who is interested to come along and join us.

Contact Mrs Nettleton 01274 581342

Mrs Hartley 01274 565555

PROGRAMME 2015

Feb 25 Mobilising the midwives in Uganda - Emily Hill
March 25 A trip down Memory Lane - Keith Barber
April 29 An amusing look back at my life in show business - Patti Gould
May 27 History of Bradford Cinderella Club - James Saville
June 24 The Murgatroyds of East Riddlesden Hall - Patricia Atkinson
July 29 My Life in Music - Stuart Atkins
August No Meeting
Sept 30 Friends of the Prince of Wales Park - Allan Mirfield
Oct 28 Yorkshire A-Z - Dorothy Burrows
Nov 25 Teaching - An Interruption to my holidays - Alun Pugh
Dec 9 Christmas Luncheon

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our meeting on Tuesday 13th January was a Beetle Drive. Twenty-nine hardy souls turned out on a cold miserable night.

Before battle commenced, Members were asked to put their names down for the Spring Fling Party on Tuesday 10th March, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The cost is to be £12.00; same as in previous years. Any Member who wishes to go and cannot make the February meeting please contact Maureen Beckwith on 01274 591055.

It was mooted that the Summer Outing could be by train to Carlisle, (and back of course). More details later.

The bell was then rung and there followed a good deal of hilarity and organised chaos.

The winner was Linda Wardle who was rewarded with a box of chocolates.

When tea and biscuits were being served it was announced that it had started snowing, therefore Members started to make their way home sooner rather than later.

Entertainment for the March Party will be The Ritardandos.

Defibrillator (continued)

Should you need the defib, simply dial 999 and the operator will give you the location and the code for the defib box. Inside the box you will find the a case containing the machine. Take this to the patient and follow the very simple instructions given to you by the machine. It tells you exactly what to do. It will not allow you to "shock" the patient if there is a heartbeat.

Although the defib machine is designed to be "foolproof", we will be arranging an awareness session in the Memorial Hall in the near future. This will be advertised in the Newsletter, it will be free, and run by the West Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Fearnside of Everlec Compliance Services and Jeff Mawson for installing the defib box.

COFFEE CAKE CHAT

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 21st February 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm.
Saturday 28th March 4.00 pm – 5.30 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!

HAPPY HOUR FUN SIZE CHURCH – for young families – All welcome

Wed. 25th February from 09.15 – 10.15 am.
Wed. 25th March from 09.15 am – 10.15 am.

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wed. 11th February 12.00 noon – 4.00pm.
Thursday 26th February 7.00 – 7.30 pm.
Wed. 18th March 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm.
Wednesday 25th March 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

19th February 7.30 pm Patricia Henny "A day at Buckingham Palace".
19th March 7.30 pm Rev Ruth Crompton.

YOUTH CLUB:-

Sunday 8th February 7.00 – 9.00 pm.
Sunday 1st March 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

SERVICES:

1st February

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Nash.
10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

8th February

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

15th February

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr. Neville Richardson.

22nd February

09.15 am Big Breakfast
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

1st March

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

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8th March

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Dr. Neville Richardson.

15th March Mother's Day

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Barbara Walls.

22nd March

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

29th March Palm Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Hodgson.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday - 09.30 – 11.15 Livewires,
Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café
Wednesday- 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers /
Probus,
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
18.00 – 20.00 Weight Watchers
Thursday - 15.30 – 19.15 Dance Classes
Friday - 19.15 – 21.15 Elstead Ladies
Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps
3rd Saturday in the month Saturday Strollers
3rd Thursday in the month Ladies Fellowship
4th Wednesday in the month Happy Hour
Mid Saturday Messy Church

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MORE THAN 2,000 SIGN PETITION FOR A NEW BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

More than 2,000 residents in the Bingley area of West Yorkshire have signed a petition calling for the creation of a new Bingley Town Council. The signatures have been gathered in just three months, believed to be the fastest ever achieved for this type of petition.



The proposed area to be covered by Bingley Town Council and the other 18 local councils which already exist within Bradford District

The petition, organised by Bingley Community Council Group, will now be lodged with Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Ros Dawson, chair of Bingley Community Council Group, said: "This is a tremendous result achieved thanks to strong backing for the proposal from all parts of the community. Traders have hosted petition sheets in shops, cafes and pubs. Churches and voluntary groups have also lent their support and many individuals have distributed leaflets and gathered signatures from family, friends and neighbours. The contribution from so many people and the way everyone has pulled together shows the breadth of support and enthusiasm for a new Town Council."

The Community Council Group also

held a stall on Bingley market on Saturdays in the run-up to Christmas when volunteers braved freezing temperatures to gather hundreds of signatures, raise awareness of the campaign and support Bingley Market.

Once the petition is lodged with Bradford Council, the signatures will be checked and a consultation will be triggered which Bradford will carry out with residents in the proposed area to be covered by the new Town Council. This includes Bingley, Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick, Gilstead and Micklethwaite. Bradford has up to 12 months to complete the consultation. It decides if a new Bingley Town Council is created, or not.

The petition for a Town Council was launched in October 2014 at public meetings in Bingley, Cottingley, Crossflatts, Gilstead and Eldwick. The petition had to be signed by at least 1843 residents - 10% of the 18,427 electorate in the area to be covered by the new council. In total, so far more than 2,100 signatures from those eligible to sign have been collected.

The campaign by Bingley Community Council Group is supported by a £10,000 grant from the New Councils' Programme run by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and delivered locally by the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

Cllr Ken Browse, NALC Chairman, said: "Huge congratulations to the Bingley area on this stunning achievement in so short a time. It's one of the quickest times I can recall such a large amount of signatures for a local council being collated



Bingley Community Council Group members and supporters who are campaigning for a new Bingley Town Council

nationally."

Cllr Derek Liddell, YLCA Chairman, said "The Yorkshire Local Councils Associations are excited to hear of the progress made so quickly by the Bingley Campaign Group and we will continue to work with them during the community governance review period. Bradford Council has a good track record of strengthening grassroots democracy through creating new parish and town councils and we looking forward to the creation of a new local council to serve the people of Bingley."

Across England and Wales, there are around 9,000 local councils representing millions of people. In the City of Bradford Metropolitan District there are 18 town or parish councils. Bingley and the five adjoining communities of Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick, Gilstead and Micklethwaite are among the few areas in the district that do not have their own local council.

BINGLEY JANUS CLUB

(FOR RETIRED MEN RESIDENT IN BINGLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS)

Secretary Graham Anderson Tel: 01274 563843

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL,
COMMENCING AT 10.00am

- 19 Feb. Rod Dimbleby : "Telling Yorkshire Tales"
- 26 Feb. Keith Bottom : "The Insatiable Lola Montez"
- 5 Mar. Tim Bastow : "Thomas Alfred Edge ... His First Voyage"
- 12 Mar. Maggie Poppa : "A Year in Italy"
- 19 Mar. David Sibbald : "Entertainment in the 1950's."
- 26 Mar. John Clay : "History of the Black Dyke Band"
- 2 Apr. Christabelle Davey : "From Quill to Biro"
- 9 Apr. ----- a talk about "The Elizabeth Svendsen Trust for Donkeys for Disabled Children"
- 16 Apr. Judy Blezzard : "Music's Untrodden Path"

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