

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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GALA DAY Saturday 27th JUNE

GALA VIP GUEST !!

Charlotte Leeming will be attending the Gala on Saturday 27th June.

Parade assembles from 12.15 by the Primary School and sets off at 12.45pm

Opening Ceremony at 1.30pm

FUN RUN Friday 26th Start 7pm from Eldwick Memorial Hall,

Entry forms available from Schools and Eldwick Post Office. Collect your number from the Memorial Hall from 6pm

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Route - Otley Road, Warren Lane, Stone Hill, Moorcroft, Southway, Sheriff Lane, Glen Road, Saltaire Road, Otley Road.



150th Jubilee - Prince of Wales Park



The Eldwick Village Society Burnt Banger Team representing the working classes of Bingley (see back page) at the 150th Jubilee on 6th June in Prince of Wales Park. Thanks Allan!

Photographs by Graham Brewster



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BASKETFUL OF GARDENING ADVICE

After a day spent judging the Plant of the Year at the Chelsea Show last month, our latest speaker didn't get back to his home in Burley-in-Wharfedale until midnight, but he turned up on time the following evening to talk about and demonstrate his skills with hanging baskets. David Allison is no stranger to Eldwick: he regularly judges the vegetable classes at our Autumn Show and has chaired two Gardeners' Question Time evenings at the Memorial Hall. The good news is that he'll be chairing another in September.

Starting with choice of composts, he explained that peat-free is not always the best medium for hanging baskets. He favours one of the peat-reduced products that are widely available and for best results he recommends mixing in some fertiliser before you start. As a past president of the National Vegetable Society (and currently its deputy treasurer) David has access to some of the latest developments in fertiliser, such as Charge, a highly nutritious form of recycled beetle-poo. (I think I'll stick to

Growmore!).

Other more conventional favourite additives are chicken manure pellets and calcified seaweed. Roots need to breathe and to help them achieve this David adds silver sand and Perlite (or Vermiculite) to his hanging baskets. This must be a successful recipe because every year David is invited to prepare over 30 hanging baskets to brighten up Burley Main Street for the summer.

At last it was time to start filling the demo basket. A moisture-retaining "saucer" of plastic sheet in the base was covered with a layer of moss, then followed 37(!!!) young plants including catmint, trailing lobelia, helichrysum, creeping Jenny, convolvulus, fuchsia and busy Lizzie. The result was stunning. There was barely any space left for compost after David had forced the plants through the wireframe working from inside to outside. (I've been doing that the wrong way round, too).

A second basket demo involved purple-veined petunia surfinia, viola and lobelia. By now it was nearly time for tea and biscuits but David squeezed in a third demo. This time it



Picture shows: David Allison in action

was a new strawberry from Holland with pretty pink flowers, fragoo rosa – a delightful edible hanging basket. Our speaker donated all three baskets as raffle prizes and everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable and informative evening.

If you enjoy our meetings, come and join us at the Gala on Saturday 27 June, where you'll find our plant stall, your opportunity to stock up on late bedding and border fillers.

Mike Hitchen

ARMED FORCES SUPPORT GROUP

The Armed Forces Support Group based in Bingley, formed initially to provide welfare parcels and support for our service personnel in Afganistan, officially disbanded on 23rd May 2015.

All members of the Group wish to express their sincere thanks for the fantastic and generous support by the people of Bingley and surrounding areas.



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Eldwick Beer and Banger Festival 21st/22nd August

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For further details please email
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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 12 May 2015. It was agreed to keep the Membership Fee at £12, the same as last year. Our speaker was Pam Vinnicombe who gave a very interesting talk on The Titanic, recounting the story from the liner's construction, to it's sad end.

There are some places left for our coach trip, on 12 August 2015 to Hawes Creamery and Millstones. If anyone is interested in going please contact Mrs Maureen Beckwith. Tel. 01274 591055.

Next Meeting 14 July. Our speaker is Ms Lanson Moore who will be informing us about "Trading Standards – Fraud and Scams."

New Members are always welcome.

Yorkshire Day Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall, Eldwick. On Saturday 1st August.

10am - 12 noon. Entrance £2.50

Proceeds are going to help people with Alzheimers.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Ladies and Gentlemen –
are you 60 or over?

Come and join us and make new friends

We have meetings every Thursday in Eldwick Memorial Hall at 2.30pm. We have a variety of entertainments, speakers, slide shows, choirs and vocalists. We have trips out and we always end with tea and biscuits and time for a friendly chat.

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 20th June 4.00 – 5.30 pm.

Saturday 18th July 4.00 – 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. 17th June from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

Wed. 15th July from 09.15 – 10.15 am.

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wednesday 3rd June 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm.

Wednesday 10th June 7.00 – 7.30 pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

18th June 7.30 pm Coffee Evening in aid of
"The Children's Society"

16th July Supper Outing.

YOUTH CLUB:-

Sunday 7th June 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Sunday 5th July 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

SERVICES:

7th June

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by
Rev Helen Hodgson.

14th June

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Helen Hodgson.

21st June

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Rev. Alan Raine.

6.30 pm Evensong.

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28th June

09.15 am Big Breakfast

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Hodgson.

5th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Barbara Walls.

10.30 am All Sorts Family Praise led by
Mr John Hattan.

12th July

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

19th July

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr Maurice Baren.

26th July

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Gordon Day.

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

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-

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THE PRINCE OF WALES PARK 6TH JUNE 1865 – 2015

On both auspicious occasions the park was filled with many hundreds of people who were delighted to join in the celebrations.

The Friends of Prince of Wales Park had spent weeks carefully planning the 150 Jubilee, inviting many local organisations and entertainers to provide a colourful spectacle, especially with many people in period costume. The Burnt Bangers Team represented the working class of Bingley in flat caps and neckerchiefs whilst the gentry strolled round in flamboyant costumes. Who would have thought that, in 2015, with no answer to 'where will we park?' the former quarry area, renamed the Arena would be packed full in rather blustery but sunny weather. The band played on, the children sang, Lady Victoria towered above the crowds on her stilts and Katie Rushworth planted the English walnut tree to mark the occasion. Four other trees were planted in the Park by members of the Friends.

In 1865, 'a high day, a day of public rejoicing and feasting in Bingley – a day which had long looked forward to with a hope that both young and old would see a People's Park opened in Bingley, a place where all might resort to spend a few hours whenever an opportunity presented itself; and it is only just to the working classes of Bingley to say that we believe that, if they had not exerted themselves in such a noble manner, there would not have been opened a People's Park in Bingley last Tuesday' – *Keighley News Saturday June 10, 1865.*

The report continued in praising all the work that the people had undertaken since Mr Ferrand cut the first sod on 10 March 1863 – the very same blade of which was there for all to see at the Jubilee on 6th March 2015. In 1865 a vast procession began from Ashfield House along the Main

Street and Park Road up the steep climb to the path. 'When the cortege reached the Park, it moved up the Old Roman Road, along the North West Road, then along the North East Promenade, down the South Road and entered the Grand Arena at the south entrance.' All this took just an hour, led by the Rifle Band of the 39th W.Y.R. Volunteers and the Bingley Brass Band. In 2015 the procession chose a simpler downhill route, down the public footpath, which actually predates the park, into the Arena to be met by the vast crowd.

W. Ferrand Esq. had sent his apologies for not being able to perform the opening ceremony, having been laid up for a week with a severe attack of gout. So it was T.B. Laycock Esq who had the honour of addressing the crowd. He recounted how all the work in laying out and marking roads and the planting of trees had been done by the voluntary labour of the working classes of Bingley. He said how different this park was, 'not in a hole or on a flat but in an elevated position and, it is a right place to come to get an appetite for your breakfast or your dinner (hear, hear), and without further trespassing upon your time, I now declare that the Park is open (cheers), and call upon the members of the 39th West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers to fire a volley (cheers)'.

In 2015 the guest of honour, Katie Rushworth also paid tribute to the work of the volunteers – Friends of Prince of Wales Park and recalled the birth of the Park, before cutting the ribbon round the site of where she was to plant the English walnut tree.

150 years ago the Bladderhead Society, known for tomfoolery, appeared in procession, also headed by a band. Their procession included 31 members mounted on horses, donkeys, etc. and a representation of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in an open carriage.

'Soon after this, the gala commenced with all kinds of games for the young folks, and those who were more advanced in years, retired to the front of the Park, which commands an extensive view of the valley of the Aire, and the many windings of the beautiful river and the long chain of hills in the distance'.

The 150 Jubilee similarly had the games, the races, the Punch and Judy and the Eldwick School with their singing and a drama about the beginning of the Park. For which the crowds gave their appreciation.

The Friends would like to acknowledge and give a huge vote of thanks to all of you who attended, to all the organisations who participated, to the sponsors, the entertainers and the Haworth Brass Band. Also to Eldwick Gala Committee, Eldwick Memorial Hall and Priestthorpe Primary School for providing equipment and staging.



1865 receipts on the gate and for tea and buns were £81.16s and 5 pence ha'penny. 'We have no doubt the sum would have been larger if there had been no public footpath through the Park, which admitted hundreds without paying a penny'.

The Friends gave nearly everything for free, as an enormous thank you to the whole local community and what a success it proved to be!



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