

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## Eldwick Bonfire and Firework Display

This popular family event will be held on Saturday 7th November. The gates will be open at 6.30pm. The fire will be lit just after 7 and the fireworks at 7.30pm approximately. As usual it will be held on Eldwick Recreation Ground. Please remember that this is a football field, so please do not bring your own fireworks especially sparklers. There will be a children's entertainer throughout the event who will be also entertaining the children in the Memorial Hall after the fireworks. There will be the usual "burnt bangers" on sale and refreshments will be available in Birches.

The programme/tickets are £4 for adults and £1 for accompanied children. Programmes/tickets will be on sale, before the event at Eldwick Post Office and Birches.

### BINGLEY JANUS CLUB

Meetings held at Eldwick Memorial Hall at 10.00am.

Forthcoming meetings and speakers

- 15 Oct. Geoffrey Forster, "Fraudulent Regency Attorneys"
- 22 Oct. Christopher Birch, "Life in the Theatre"
- 29 Oct. Derek Barker, "Bradford Brick Industry"
- 5 Nov. David Turner, "Island Hopping in the Azores"
- 12 Nov. Geoffrey Queen, "Canal and Canyon"
- 19 Nov. Rebecca Morley, "Collective Legal Solutions"
- 26 Nov. Martin Cocker, "The Battle of Britain"
- 3 Dec. John Beamont, "Murder Most Foul"
- 10 Dec. Roger and Barbara Davey, "From Ilkley to Minack".

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN CONTACTS FOR NEWSLETTER BELOW

PLEASE NOTE.  
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## GALA

### WINTER DISCO

Eldwick Memorial Hall  
Friday 27th November  
7 - 8.30pm  
entry £2  
for 7 - 11 year olds

## 2016 GALA

### Saturday 25th June

To get involved in the planning please email [gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk) for details of meeting dates,

7 Mondays a year at 8pm in the Birches. Have you seen the Gala Facebook page - 'LIKE' to get the regular updates on activities and events.

[www.facebook.com/EldwickandGilsteadGalaAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/EldwickandGilsteadGalaAssociation)

### ELDWICK CHURCH COMMUNITY SURVEY

As you will know, the congregation of the Eldwick Church has been looking at improving facilities for worship and community use. We have shelved our original church expansion plans and now wish to consider what members of the local community think about the church and what it might offer to the community. Your responses will help us in our thinking about how the church can move forward and so we invite you to complete the enclosed paper survey and return it to Eldwick Post Office by 7th November. Alternatively, complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FKRTQ5>

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## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 15th September we resumed our meetings after a break for the summer. We had a well attended meeting and enjoyed a "Gardeners Question Time". In the chair was RHS Chelsea judge David Allison who was joined on the panel by Terry Marshall, an expert in tomatoes and organic gardening, and Martin Walker who, until April, was Head gardener at Yorkgate gardens and is an experienced exhibitor at shows such as Chelsea and Harrogate.

Between them they answered questions on a wide range of subjects from how to create a new garden (Martin knew all about this as he is in the process of moving to a small house with a big garden, so he can fulfil a long held ambition to create a garden from scratch). Terry showed us a wide variety of tomatoes, we didn't realise they came in such a variety of colours (white to black) or shapes, some looked like they could be entered in a funny vegetable competition! David told us how plants such as strawberries and vegetables are now being grown and delivered in special plugs to ensure more successful growing when they reach our gardens.

We learned that Peonies won't flower in a tub so should be put in the garden. If you have a lavender hedge it is best to prune it down to green shoots rather than brown wood.

It seems that there is a nasty infection of spuds called potato scab. The only chemical that will get rid of it is so poisonous it is illegal for gardeners and can only be used by commercial growers. Martin advised that black fly on broad beans can be eradicated with some soft soap spray. This will also ensure clean plants!

It seems some nurseries are grafting tomatoes so half the plant has black ones and half white ones. I don't think it was April 1st but David told us there was a variety being developed which had a potato root and a tomato on top. At this rate we will be getting our 5 a day from one plant!

There were lots of interesting questions and the panel showed examples of plants with various diseases that had been brought and explained how to deal with them.

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This was a really good evening and everyone enjoyed themselves. If you would like to join us meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Membership is £8.00 pa and then £1.50 to attend each meeting. If you would like to go, but not join, it is £3.00 per meeting

Our next meeting is on October 20th and Terry Marshall will be talking about Greenhouses and Gardening for the Elderly. I am sure there will be tips for all age groups. The November meeting, on the 17th is our AGM followed by a faith supper.

Each year we have trips and in 2016 we will be having a day at Kiplin Hall, near Northallerton and Crook Hall in Durham on Wednesday 11th May. On the 22nd- 24th July we will be visiting various gardens in the English Midlands and staying at the 4\* Kettering Parkway hotel. If you are interested please contact me on 01274 567642 to find out more.

Stephen Wilkinson

Sue Ryder

Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th  
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Eldwick Memorial Hall

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## Newsletter deliverer needed

We would like to thank Wendy Gomersall for delivering the newsletters, she has now retired and we wish her well. We now have a vacancy for a deliverer. The round is Mansfield, some of Southway, Prospect and some of Sheriff Lane. If you are interested in this exciting prospect please ring Tony Clegg 01274 562643 for details.

## WARNING

### SINGING CAN SERIOUSLY ENHANCE YOUR HEALTH

Bingley Gilbert and Sullivan Society's 2016 production of The Pirates of Penzance is set in Cornwall, in the 2nd half of the 20th century.

The story begins with a local group of 'Bikers' (the 'Pirates') trying to persuade one of their Gang not to leave. Although they operate on dry land, they are no less a threat to the local community than their sea-going counterparts, of earlier times, but one of them has decided to 'turn respectable'!

The story revolves around their dealings with a local member of the aristocracy, his numerous daughters and the police, who are brought in to protect them from the outrageous behaviour of the Pirates.

Fans of traditional G&S will not be disappointed. Apart from the more 'modern' costumes, the words and music are the same.

We are excited to debut our new production team, including, Danny Gambol as Music Director, Sarah Earl as Producer and Jo Hudson as Choreographer.

If you are a singer/ actor /dancer and would like to join us, it is not too late, so don't hesitate to call Kate on

07872 971570 or email

[katehustler@googlemail.com](mailto:katehustler@googlemail.com).

Rehearsals begin 7th January 2016, Monday and Thursday evenings at Lady Lane Park School, Bingley.

The performance will be held at Bingley Arts Centre from 20th April – April 23rd inc. with the children's matinee performance at 3pm on 23rd.

BGGS

[www.bingleygilbertandsullivan.org.uk](http://www.bingleygilbertandsullivan.org.uk)

## Attack

We are sorry that the article about the "attack" in Sheriff Lane actually took place on Saturday 22nd August, the day of the Beer and Banger festival, not as printed, "last Saturday". Various youths were seen during the day going down Sheriff Lane carrying sleeping bags etc. If you have any news about this attack, please forward it to the Newsletter

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our September meeting the speaker was Mr Howard Toll "Howards Bird of Prey". He gave a very interesting talk and Film Show about Owls and their habits. His hobby is looking after injured Birds of Prey but was pleased to say that he did not have one at the moment.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 10th November. Mrs Patricia Clough will be entertaining us, her theme is "A few more laughs".

Future event. A coach has been booked for the York Carol Service on Friday 4th December. As the service is to be held at St Michael le Belfry which is opposite the Minster, tickets will need to be ordered as numbers are limited. Please ring Maureen Beckwith if you would like to reserve a ticket. (01275 591055) by 20th October.

Our MACMILLAN Coffee Morning raised £382.35p. Thanks to all who attended and also for all the cakes which were sold.

New Members Welcome.

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# † THE ELDWICK CHURCH †

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 17th October 4.00 – 5.30 pm**  
**Saturday 14th November 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. 21st October from 09.15 – 10.15**  
**Wed. 18th November from 09.15 – 10.15**

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-**  
**15th October 7.30 pm AGM**  
**19th November 7.30 pm Claire Gill "My call to the Deacory Ministry"**

## SERVICES:

**4th October**  
09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Barbara Walls.

10.30 am All Age Worship.  
**11th October**  
10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Marcus Pattern.

**18th October**  
09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
Mrs Patricia Keene.

**25th October**  
09.15 am Big Breakfast.  
10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Alan Brown.

**1st November**  
09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Rosemary Nash.

10.30 am All Age Worship.  
**8th November Remembrance Sunday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
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**15th November**  
09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
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10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
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## 22nd November

09.15 am Big Breakfast.  
10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Alan Brown.

## 29th November

10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
Mission and Outreach Group.  
John Froud / Jenny Cousens  
from The Zephaniah Trust.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café  
Wednesday - 09.30-12 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  
3rd Wednesday in the month Happy Hour  
Mid Saturday Messy Church

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## FANCY A WALK OR A RIDE?

### DESTINATION DICK HUDSON'S

Some time ago there appeared on this page a piece entitled World Wide Links. This referred to the numerous enquiries and snippets of useful information from families or individuals with some links to Eldwick, who were now in far distant countries.

The latest request forwarded comes from a lady in Venice, not in Italy, but in California. She remembered a member of her family being involved in the Dick Hudson's Whit Walk which of course was linked to Eldwick.

The Yorkshire Walking Club – as it was initially known – was formed at a meeting at the former Osborne Hotel in New Kirkgate, Bradford, in June 1912.

In the 1960's the organisation became the Yorkshire Race Walking Club and in 2012 held a celebratory dinner at the Old Tramshed in Saltaire, almost 100 years to the day since that inaugural meeting.

Even before the creation of the club Bradford had become a stronghold for race walking. The Bradford Walk, a long established amateur race walking event was first held in 1903, usually held as a popular Whitsuntide attraction. It was a 39 mile walk from the George Hotel in Market Street, Bradford, to York! It attracted 92 competitors and hundreds of people were spectators, to see a Baildon man, Len Atkinson as the eventual winner.

Originally only locals were eligible to enter but in 1906 the event was opened to amateur walkers from all over the country.

The course was changed to a 41 mile circular and in 1915 shortened to a mere 32 miles, taking in Shipley, Menston, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, Otley and Yeadon Moor, finishing at Peel Park.

Notable performances over the decades registered times like 4hrs, 25mins and 53secs in 1984 but the biggest field was in 1941 with 372 walkers.

In more recent years the walk was held over a tough 35km course around Baildon but as far as Whitsuntide was concerned the YRWC not only organised a 20km walk at 'Bradford by the Sea' – Morecambe, but the famous walk all the way from Bradford to Dick Hudsons.

In 1935, the 25th Annual Whit Walk to Eldwick's best known pub from Bradford, was won by W.T.Cowling of Baildon in 1hr, 15mins, and 12secs on a shorter route

The walk was revised after the war and, in 1945 and took place in late September. That race began in Drake Street Bradford, was just over 8 miles. It was still organised by the Yorkshire Walking Club and was won by J.Wilson of Sheffield United Harriers, timed at 1hr 14mins and 42 seconds. There were only 37 entries yet the club was proud to have held the Whit Walks during the two world wars.

Within sight of Eldwick, on a rocky crag, is a plaque which is a memorial to Mr Dawson Jowett, for many years the Master of the Airedale Beagles. The location is a reminder of many hunts and events which featured Dick Hudson's. Eldwickian Jack White was huntsman for 28 seasons before retiring in 1983. Every year the annual meeting was held at Dick's preceded by a good hunt around the surrounding



countryside and, after the meeting, a most enjoyable 'smoker' wound up wonderful day. Saturday meets were for 12.30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am scheduled for places like Leathley, Eldwick Beck Kennels, Scargill, Clifton in Otley, Ben Rhydding, Cracoe, Beckwithshaw, the Goose and Gate in Hawksworth, Farnley School, Denton and of course Dick Hudsons.



Joint masters Joe Paisley (left) and Mark Davison flank Jack White

Every year there was the Airedale Beagles' Puppy Walk at Dick Hudson's when Cups were presented to the best turned out dog, bitch and couples. Even the licence at the pub was extended between 4pm and 6pm for the walk to take place!

There was conflict in 1929 when Bradford Corporation, who had acquired Baildon Moor from Colonel Maud, as Lord of the Manor, refused permission for the Airedale Beagles to hunt on the moor. The Corporation at the time, had a Labour majority and said, "Beagling was a travesty of a sport in which 26 well-fed animals hunt a dumb little hare." The Airedale Beagles said they had applied for permission for the last 20 years, as a matter of courtesy and they intended to carry on the sport, even if this permission was refused.

In 1915 The Shipley Times And Express featured an article entitled, 'Tally Ho! Tally Ho! The Joy of Hunting. A Run with the Airedale Beagles' a classic description of the hunting era.

"We have breakfasted well, as good hunting men should always do, ...the blue smoke from our old briars curl up into the crisp and pure winter air. ..As we reach the old world tavern which is our Mecca we find hounds already there". There are those in full orthodox rig, in full hunting costume, the veterans of the hunt, the ladies in short skirts, tweed suits and workmanlike boots and finally the villagers. All members of 'the caste'.

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