

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK ART SHOW

The Eldwick Art Show was well supported as usual. There were many types of media ranging from highly professional photographs to an interesting "installation".

The installation was entitled "The Life of Pie" and featured 100 stacked tinned pies.

Rob Slator the artist said about the piece "The pies are arranged in tiers to represent the different levels of access to food in society. The overlapping pies represent our need for mutual support. The pies that have fallen off remind us of those who slip out of social safety nets."

Rob is largely a "self taught" conceptual artist who is influenced by Tracey Emin and Damien Hurst.

Stan Varo won the prize for the most favourite piece in the show, a watercolour of a winter scene.



Christmas Eve Carols

Once again the Memorial Hall will resound with the sounds of Christmas. Come and join us for an hour of traditional songs and carols.

Eldwick Memorial Hall
6pm-7pm
December 24th 2015.

Christmas Coffee Morning

With Bring and Buy Stall, Christmas Stall, Cake Stall, Tombola and Raffle.

In aid of Action for Children
In The Eldwick Church Hall on
Saturday 12th December
10am - 12noon

Admission by donation
All proceeds for Action for Children

ELDWICK ANGELS

You are invited to come and see The Eldwick Angels, involving the The Eldwick Church and the local community.

The angels will be made by each of the groups that use the Eldwick Church, or Church Hall during the year.

The Angels will be on display on Saturday 19th December from 10 am to 4pm and on Sunday 20th December from 1pm to 4pm in The Eldwick Church.

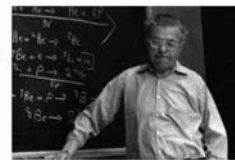
Refreshments will be available through-out the event.
Hope to see you there.

Eldwick Village Society AGM
Monday 7th Dec at 7pm in Birches.

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

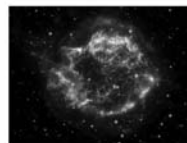
SIR FRED HOYLE
CENTENARY LECTURE
Bingley Grammar School
Thursday 19th November 7-9pm

Come and join us to celebrate the life and work of world-renowned scientist and cosmologist, Sir Fred Hoyle, former pupil of Bingley Grammar School, who was born one hundred years ago this year.



Guest speakers:

- Fred's granddaughter, Cambridge mathematician Nicola Hoyle
- Fred's research partner, Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe
- Dr John Baruch, Bradford University robotic telescope director
- Professor David Jenkins, head of the Nuclear Astrophysics group at York University



"Hoyle's enduring insights into stars, nucleosynthesis, and the large-scale universe rank among the greatest achievements of 20th-century astrophysics." Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal.

Tickets are free - please ring the Bingley Grammar School Finance Office on 01274 807703 to book your place. There will be refreshments, an exhibition from Cambridge University on Fred's life and work, and time for our speakers to answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Event organised by Bingley Grammar School and the Bingley Fred Hoyle Centenary Project

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Many thanks to everybody who attended a coffee morning on October 16th in aid of Arthritis Research. We raised £730!!

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SOME NEW ANGLES ON SUCCESSFUL GARDENING

Terry Marshall is no stranger to the Memorial Hall. He has previously shared his successful tomato growing techniques with us, appeared as an expert on our Gardeners Question Time panel and opened our Autumn Show. Last month he was back to show us how science can help us in the greenhouse. Much of his talk centred on the laws of light reflection. Quite simply, the angle of your greenhouse roof and walls will influence how much light your greenhouse gets, what you can grow year-round and how early you can harvest your crops. When a ray of light hits a surface head-on, almost 100% is transmitted through the material. But if it hits the surface at an angle, some of the light is reflected off the surface with resultant losses and growing time is affected.

The trick is to get all your angles right and so 18 years ago Terry designed and built his own greenhouse at Cottingley to maximise the effect of sunlight, then insulated it to keep the warmth inside, and provided ventilation and irrigation. Looking at his slides, we marvelled at his ingenuity and envied his tomato crop which varied in colour from pale yellow to purple-black. He is also able to harvest his "earlies" while many of us are still pricking out our seedlings. Now in his ninth decade, Terry remembers the time before the Aire Valley went smokeless and in those days of sooty deposits it could be darker inside the greenhouse than outside it. So he regularly cleans all the exterior glass surfaces with a weak Stardrops solution which gives better results than strong detergent.

Before his audience could get too caught up in science and physics, Terry switched to his second theme of Easier Gardening for The Elderly. Lots of common sense was apparent here, like the importance of planning ahead. This could mean putting in raised beds while you're in your sixties, because when you're eighty it will probably be too late! If you can't stoop low to pull the weeds up, save your lawn mowings and smother the weeds between your potato rows. And always remember that gardening involves physical exercise – so do a little warm-up before you venture outside and your whole body will feel better for it. Finally, Terry advises a routine which my wife and I have practised for many years: whether we're hoeing, mowing, pruning or mulching, we stop and enjoy a cup of tea every so often. It works for the expert and it works for us.

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NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME

Norma Bartle, our hard-working speaker finder has put together another interesting series of meetings for 2016. On Tuesday 19 January, Pam Lakin presents The St Ives Story; Tuesday 16 February: Katie Burnett will tell us Why Plants Live, Why Plants Die and share Some Plants I Couldn't Live Without; Tuesday 15 March: Trevor Moody from the National Trust will give us a potted history of East Riddlesden Hall; Tuesday 19 April: Anne Simpson of Bingley Flower Club shares her approach to Flower Arranging; Saturday 30 April: Our Spring Fair, Featuring children's exhibits plus plants, books and produce. Tuesday 17 May: Gardeners Question Time with David Allison, Martin Walker and Terry Marshall; Saturday 25 June: See our stand at Eldwick Gala; Saturday 27 August: Our 99TH ANNUAL AUTUMN SHOW of Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Preserves and Home Baking; Tuesday 20 September: Teresa Clements will tell us things we didn't know about English Tulips; Tuesday 18 October: A Volunteer from Horticap Harrogate explains how Horticap is Helping People to Grow; Tuesday 15 November: The AGM AND FAITH SUPPER (Bring a plate of something sweet or tasty to share).

Our Travel Secretary Steve Wilkinson has also planned some interesting trips for members and friends: On Wednesday 11 May there will be a day coach excursion to the house and gardens at Kiplin Hall with coffee (or tea) and scones, then on to Northallerton and Crook Hall, Durham. 22-24 July will see us visit the Gardens of the Midshires Two nights away at the 4* Kettering Parkway Hotel. On Friday we visit Burghley House Gardens, with time to look at the house. Saturday will see us at Leicester University Botanical Gardens (coffee and scones again) with a guide to show us round then we move on to Coton Manor Gardens. We start Sunday with a cruise on Rutland Water followed by coffee and scones, of course. Finally we visit the late Geoff Hamilton's gardens at Barnsdale.

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To find out more please contact Sharon Link on: **01274 337036** or email sharon.link@mariecurie.org.uk

MARIE CURIE provides free of charge care for people with terminal illness and volunteers are needed to join a new Bingley & District Fundraising Group to raise those all important funds. If you would like more details please contact **Sharon Link 01274 337036** or sharon.link@mariecurie.org.uk

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Christmas Fair

**Saturday 28th
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Manorlands Hospice

10.00am - 2.00pm

Hosted by Eldwick & Gilstead Support Group

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At the October meeting 28 people attended the Bingo and Quiz Evening. Everyone enjoyed it and we hope this will be held next year. Thanks go to Pauline Clayton and Linda Wardle for all their hard work in preparing it all.

There are still some places left for our York trip. Friday 4th December. Please contact Maureen Beckwith. 01274 591055.

Our next Meeting is on 8th December, we will be having a competition – Hand Made Christmas Card (not computer generated). We will also be entertained by The Brotherhood Male Voice Choir. (Mr H. Mallinson).

New Members always welcome.

Yorkshire Cancer Research Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th November

10.30 - 12.00

At the home of Marjorie Hodgson
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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 14th November 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Saturday 12th December 4.00 – 5.30 pm
(Christingle)

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. 18th November from 09.15 – 10.15

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-
19th November 7.30 pm Claire Gill “My call to the Deacory Ministry”
3rd December 7.30 pm Christmas Party.

ANGELS VISIT ELDWICK:-
Eldwick Angels 19th and 20th December.
See more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

SERVICES:

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 Rev. Alan Brown.
15th November
09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Crompton.
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.

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6th December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.
10.30 am All Age Worship.

13th December

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Malcolm Sharrock.

20th December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Morning Worship Nativity by Sunday Club.
6.30 pm Christmas Music and readings led by Rev Alan Brown

24th December

4.00pm Nativity with Ben the donkey.
11.30 pm Midnight Service led by Rev Alan Brown.

25th December

10.00 am Christmas Day Service led by Rev. Alan Brown.

27th December

09.15 am Big Breakfast.
10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Barbara Walls.

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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NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Each year on Remembrance Sunday the procession makes its way from church down to Beck Bottom to pay tribute to those men from Eldwick who gave their lives for their country

One name recorded on Eldwick's War Memorial is that of Lance-Corporal Arthur Bruce Stead whose parents only received official confirmation of his death over 12 years after Arthur was reported missing. Mr and Mrs G Stead of Lily Cottage in Eldwick had been proud of their son joining the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment and had given up all hope of ever seeing him again. However they were still staggered on receiving the communication from the Imperial War Graves Commission.

In the course of the work of removing the bodies of soldiers who had been buried in isolated or scattered graves, to cemeteries where graves can be cared for and maintained, the body of an unknown British soldier was found in the vicinity of Longueval and the remains were carefully and reverently reburied in Serre Road Cemetery, Beaumont Hamet.

When the removal was carried out, a piece of waterproof sheet was found, bearing Lance-Corporal Stead's regimental particulars, thus proving without doubt that the body is his. The Commission will in due course erect a permanent memorial on the grave, bearing his name and regimental particulars.

Mrs Stead said that it was in August 1916 that one of Arthur's chums in France wrote that Arthur had been posted missing. He was acting as a guide for a party of stretcher bearers carrying wounded soldiers from the front line to the dressing station. Two members of the party were taken to hospital and, as nothing was heard of the others, it was presumed they had been killed by a shell. The chum's letter further stated that there might still be hope for Stead, though his battalion had been holding a very hot part of the line and the enemy had shelled the British trenches and communications incessantly.

"The whole place is a charnel house", it continued," German and British dead but no-one can bury them yet, until things quieten down, owing to the intense enemy fire. The lads in the company are very sorry indeed and express their sympathy to you sincerely. He was a very good soldier, quiet, but very determined and devoted to duty."

Shortly afterwards Mr Stead was sent a letter from the Record Office in York, stating that his son had been severely wounded but that no further information had come to hand. There being some uncertainty as to what had happened.

Lance Corporal Stead was 26 and had joined the Army just after the outbreak of the war. He had been employed as a traveller by Messrs Slater, Paley and Nixon, wholesale milliners, Bradford. Mr and Mrs Stead naturally assumed that their son had been killed but this was the first intimation of the actual fact, and they are, of course, relieved to know that he had been given a proper burial.

Forty years ago, George Nixon of 'Spring View', The Green in Eldwick, wrote of the Eldwick Home Guard.

'When this country was threatened with invasion by the Germans in 1940, the call went out for men to join the Local Volunteers - later to be called the Home Guard. The photograph is of more than fifty men of the village who attended the first parade in July 1940. Regretfully, many are no longer with us but many are and this could be of interest to readers. The framed picture



had been hanging on the wall of No 9 The Green, which was The Orderly Room, Ammunition Store and general assembly point for the activities of the Home Guard of which I was Officer in charge.

Although most of the men were in mufti, we developed into an active and fully equipped force, (not the TV Dad's Army!), as many of us had served in the 1914/18 war. The village was a very close knit community with all organisations, ARP, Red Cross, Fire Watchers, etc., in which the women of the village played an important part and the village was definitely fully alerted for any eventuality.

After 40 years this may appear strange but at that time Eldwick was a village in the true sense and the threat of danger served to unite us all still more. The social evenings, Whist drives etc., in the blacked out church hut relieved the tension and has left many of us with happy memories. When hostilities ceased and we were disbanded, any monies held by different organisations were given to the fund for building the present Memorial Hall'.

As well as operating from No 9 The Green, with various posts such as the Corn Mill and the old Eldwick Beck Spinning Mill, for exercises, outlying posts such as Spy Hill above Dick Hudson's was manned. Action did occur on two occasions when the group had to extinguish flares dropped by disorientated German bombers heading for coastal docklands.

On Sunday 14th August 1938 Lord Harewood came to the Eldwick Cricket Field, then below Woodlands Road, to present a standard to the newly formed branch of the Eldwick and Gilstead British Legion.



Shortly after the 2nd World War an additional plaque was unveiled on the Eldwick War Memorial which carried the names of those who never returned from the battles.



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