

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER

### GALA DAY SATURDAY 25th JUNE

This years theme "CARNIVAL IN RIO"

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

all in Eldwick Memorial Hall

#### GALA QUEEN SELECTION DISCO

Friday 18th March 7pm - 8.30pm for 7 - 11 year olds

#### SUMMER DISCO Friday 17th June

Junior Disco 6 - 6.45pm for 3 - 7 year olds

Gala Disco 7 - 8.30pm for 7 - 11 year olds

**PET SHOW** Monday 20th June with classes for Dogs and Small Pets from 6pm

**FUN RUN** Friday 24th June Scout & Guide Fun Run  
1.5 miles 7pm & 3 Mile Run 7.30pm

*Watch this space for more details.*

To volunteer to help on the day or at events

To place and advert in the Programme

To book a stall on the Field or in the Memorial Hall

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#### BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

The election of councillors for the Town Council will take place in May alongside the local elections. The Village Society are looking forward to working with the elected Eldwick councillor or councillors.

#### VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

If you wish to advertise your group or societies' activities on the notice board outside the Memorial Hall please leave the information in Birches. This service is free.

### ELDWICK LADIES PROBUS CLUB

We are a friendly group of retired professional/business ladies, who meet on the LAST WEDNESDAY of every month, in Eldwick Church Hall at 10.30am. We share a coffee and a chat, continuing our meeting with a speaker.

New members, or visitors to any of our meetings will be most welcome.

#### 2016 PROGRAMME

Feb. 24th Kirsty Christmas – Donkey Sanctuary

March 30th TBA

April 27th David Sweltnan – Update on Tax, Care & Toyboys

## Gala Queen Selection Disco

with Andy of Partymania

Friday 18th March 7-8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

for 7-11 year olds

Entry £2

#### Gala Queen Entry Form

**ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD GALA**

**Saturday 25th June 2016**

I would like to be considered for Gala Queen / Attendant for the 2016 Gala. The Gala Queen will be chosen at the 'Gala Queen Selection Night Disco' on Friday 18th March, 7pm till 8.30pm in Eldwick Memorial Hall (Disco entry £2). The Gala Queen should be in year 6 or over and attending the selection evening 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 2015 Gala Queen.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

I do live in Eldwick or Gilstead.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent

**Please return this slip to Eldwick Post Office before 17th March.**

May 25th

June 29th

July 27th

August

Sept. 28th

Oct. 26th

Nov. 30th

Dec. 7th

or 14th

Joyce Rossington – Left Overs

David Davies – New Beginnings

Duncan Verity – Music, Comedy & Dance

No meeting

John Wallace – Northern Relish

Tony Birkett – RBS – The Credit Crunch and me

Pam Vinnicombe – Speed Bonnie Boat

Christmas Luncheon

**Any enquiries:** Chairman Mrs M. Nettleton 01274 581342

Treasurer: Mrs M. Hartley 01274 565555

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## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We enjoyed an interesting and unexpected talk on 19 January. Whilst we knew it was to be about St. Ives estate we expected Pam Larkin to talk to us about the plants and gardens. Pam, however, was not well so her colleague Susan Hart, from the Friends of St. Ives, stepped in with a fascinating talk on the history of St. Ives.

Although we knew St. Ives was near to the Druids AltAr stones we did not realise that archaeologists from BBC's Time Team had surveyed the area and found not only stone age tools but an area where they had been manufactured. In war time, during the Dig for Victory effort, various Bronze Artefacts were found. Digs were undertaken in 1958 and 1963 and a Bronze Age cremation urn was discovered which can now be seen at Cliffe Castle museum in Keighley. On the moor near the golf course a complete stone circle can be seen.

## Airedale & Wharfedale Childrens Centre Cluster

Covering the Bingley and Bingley Rural areas, eight Children's centres have clustered together to offer families with children under 5 years old some exciting groups and events to attend as well as offering support to families who want it.

You are welcome to attend groups at any of the 8 centres - please see our latest timetable to see what groups these are. Your local centre is Trinity 5-Rise Children's Centre which runs the following groups:

**Monday:** Thulamama, 10.45-11.45 (suitable for pre-crawlers - you must book your place)

**Tuesday:** Fisical, 9.30-10.15 (suitable for toddlers - 5 years, younger siblings welcome)

**Wednesday:** Music Bugs, 10.15-11am and 11.15am-12pm (suitable for 0 - 5

Crossing the estate are 2 Roman roads. One going from Manchester to Ilkley and one from what is now Tong Street in Bradford, heading towards Elsack. Whilst now they are little more than tracks they can still be seen.

In the 1100's the land was gifted to Riveaulx Abbey in the hope that those giving it would be prayed for by the brothers. At that time iron was found around the area now occupied by the Malt Shovel and was smelted near St. Ives. It was then a monastic grange farmed by the lay brothers. Charcoal was made from the forest wood and used to smelt the iron with sand found in what is now called Sandybanks near the garden centre.

There are special Crosses still seen on some of the buildings which show they are free from taxes. If only we could put some of them on our houses today!!

In more modern times Robert Ferrand established a non-conformist chapel which can still be seen near the café and equestrian centre. There is still a bell house at one end.

years. You must book your place on this group - please ring 01535 605272 to book.)

**Thursday:** Baby Club, 9.30-10.45am and 11am-12.15pm (suitable up to 18 months old) Please note: this group will be changing to one group, 10-11.30am after February half term

• Baby Yoga, 1-2pm (please note you must book a place on this course)

**Friday:** Play & Learn, 9.30-11am (suitable for 0-5 years.)

Exciting and varied activities and very friendly staff...please come and join us for some fun :)

For any more information on groups please like our Trinity 5-rise Children's Centre Facebook page and the Strong Close Nursery School and Children's Centre website. Or call us at Strong Close on 01535 605272 for more information and to book a place on groups and courses.

As a community engagement worker I do all the welcome to the children's

Walter Ferrand (1780-1835) married Catherine Twist who lived at Myrtle Grove in Bingley, which is now the Town Hall in Myrtle Park. Her father was General Twist who built the Martello Towers along the south coast. He was a large man and when he was elderly he was carried from Bingley to St. Ives in a sedan chair. Walter built the boat house and developed Coppice Pond and some water gardens. Lady Blantyre was W. B. Ferrand's mother-in-law and was involved in laying out the gardens. One morning W. B. Ferrand was on a walk round Coppice Pond and saw some youths swimming. He shouted at them and then sent an elderly retainer out in a boat to make them come ashore. They tipped over the boat first, which amused W. B. Ferrand, who not only retuned their clothes but gave them each a shilling!!

Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Tuesday 16 February and the speaker is Katie Burnett. Her talk is on "why plants live, why plants die and some plants I couldn't live without".

centre visits for babies born in the area once they get to 3-4 months old. On these visits we come to your home to register you with the children's centre and to go through our timetable and support we can offer you and your family. We also give out fantastic goody bags. I also attend baby clinics within the area regularly to tell people about our services and I can do home safety check home visits for anybody who would like one of these. I do also support some parent and toddler groups in the area. If you run one of these groups, please get in touch to enquire.

My email address is:

alex.dobson@strongclose.co.uk

For regular updates and more information, please see the children's centre section of the following website: <http://www.strongclosenscc.co.uk/>

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our Meeting on Tuesday 8th December our members were entertained by 10 men who call themselves "The Brotherhood Male Voice Choir". They performed a lot of songs which everyone knew. For example, When the Saints go Marching in, Climb Every Mountain, You'll Never Walk Alone and many others. The choir's compere told a little story after each song. This was very amusing. There were a couple of soloists. Even our members were encouraged to join in with The Grand Old Duke of York, and Pedro the Fisherman. Afterwards we all had tea and mince pies.

The next Meeting is on Tuesday 9th February 2016. Speaker is David Pearson. His talk will be about "Work of West Yorks Lieutenancy and its people".

**A date for your diary. 8th March. This will be our Party Night.**

New Members are always welcome.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir

### Pavement Parking

Can anyone recall the law being changed that allows people to park their vehicles on the pavements? Am I correct in thinking this is an illegal act and carries a hefty fine if caught by the police?

This practice causes obstructions to services, i.e. Ambulances, Fire Service, but more importantly to pedestrians, especially mothers with prams and pushchairs and the less mobile elderly who more often than not, have to go on the road to get round them, which is dangerous. Also, the weight of cars etc. parked on the pavement causes the flags to crack and sink making the surfaces dangerous to walk on and puddles when it rains.

I agree wholeheartedly with a previous letter about it being antisocial behaviour, etc, and hope the authorities do something about this issue.

**PAVEMENTS WERE MADE FOR PEDESTRIANS NOT MOTOR VEHICLES.**

*Name and address supplied.*

Dear Sir

### Dog Fouling

It's that time of year again, i.e. dark nights and mornings where some sneaky dog owners take advantage and think they are smart because no-one sees them letting their dog foul the pavement and cannot be bothered cleaning it up. Well, I hope one of these nights or mornings when you are walking your dog, you step into some that some other dog owner has left.

The mentality of some of these so called dog owners is unbelievable – do they not realise that besides being a filthy habit, it is a very serious HEALTH hazard and especially for children.

The area concerned is in the Heaton estate, i.e. Heaton Drive, Cavendish and Clarendon Road and this has been reported again to the Dog Wardens department.

If caught and reported, there is a £1,000 FINE coming through your letter box and hopefully you will be named and shamed.

*Name and address supplied.*

# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 20th February** 4.00 – 5.30 pm

**Saturday 19th March** 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!

## PAUSE TO PRAY:-

**Wednesday 17th February** 7.00 – 8.00 pm

**Wednesday 2nd March** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 16th March** 7.00 – 8.00 pm

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

**18th February** 7.30pm Charley Bolt – "Medals"

**17th March** 7.30 pm Moira Wragg "Riding for the Disabled"

## SERVICES:

**7th February**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

**10th February Ash Wednesday**

7.00pm Led by Rev Neville Richardson.

**14th February**

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Alan Brown.

**21st February**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mrs Patricia Henny.

**28th February**

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Terence W Porter.

**6th March**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

**13th March**

10.30 am Holy Communion

**20th March Palm Sunday**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Crompton.

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**24th March Maundy Thursday**

7.00 pm Holy Communion led by Rev. Alan Brown

**25th March Good Friday**

10.00 – 10.15 am Prayers led by Rev Neville Richardson

11.00 am Walk of Witness

2.00 – 3.00 pm

Church open for reflection.

**27th March Easter Sunday**

07.00 am Holy Communion on Baildon Moor with Rev Barbara Walls.

08.15 am Easter Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Barbara Walls.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00

Embroiderers / Probus,

13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group

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 Thursday in the month Ladies

Fellowship

Mid Saturday Messy Church

Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday

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## THE ELDWICK SANATORIUM – POSTSCRIPT

Following a recent request to give a talk on the subject of the Sanatorium, the opportunity arose to further research the involvement of the two principal characters in the development of the institution and their subsequent lives – Dr Hector Munro and Dr Margaret Sharp.

Hector Munro was born in Glengarry in Scotland in 1870, where his father was a civil servant and he went on to qualify as a doctor following university at Aberdeen, graduating as M.B., C.M. He was attributed with being The Flying Ambulance Founder, having served in the RAMC and the Royal Flying Corps. He founded the Munro Motor Ambulance Company which was attached to the Belgian Army. The 'Flying Ambulance', as it was known succeeded in getting to The Front in 1914 and, as a result of admirable and heroic work Dr Munro was awarded the Belgian Order of Leopold and three other war medals. When he died in London in December 1949 at the age of 80, he was described as an eminent London specialist in psychotherapy and a member of the British Psychological Society.

So, who would have thought that the 30 year old young doctor would have first made the headlines in Eldwick in 1900? Dr Munro caused resentment in Eldwick when he founded a sanatorium by buying Hillside in Glen Road. There had been uproar in the village thirty years earlier when it was suggested that the derelict Eldwick Beck Mill could be used as an isolation hospital for smallpox patients. Hillside, like many other Glen Road properties, was built after the 1861 Enclosure of Gilstead Moor and became a market gardener's residence.

Young Dr Munro continued the business to give his TB patients, women and children, the environment he thought suitable. Further purchases were to come, Ivy Cottage, Springfield and Heath Cottage, when the Eldwick Sanatorium Company was founded in 1906. With Dr Munro, other shareholders included Mrs Powell of Horton Hall, Mrs Ferrand of Daisy Bank in Gilstead Lane and Lady Elizabeth Roberts of Milnerfield. The three acre site was not in isolation, the villagers argued, but in the middle of a residential area. "The institution of a consumptive sanatorium in their midst will jeopardise the health of the community", the local newspaper quoted. Dr Margaret Sharp of London was appointed the medical superintendant. She lived in Walmer Villas in Manningham and Dr Munro was living in Undercliffe Street, both acting almost as consultants. It was Dr Sharp who, in 1914, when Dr Munro was becoming involved in

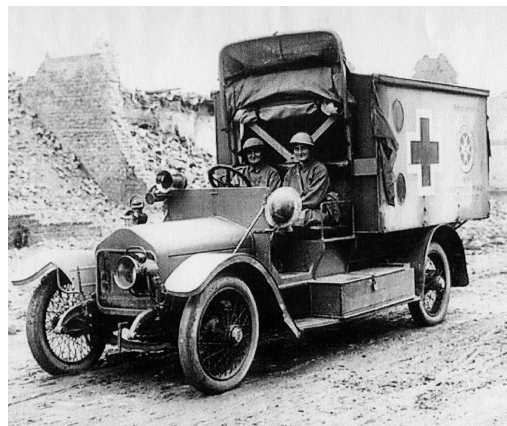
wartime service, successfully applied to the West Riding County Council, to convert the company into one for children only and established the Eldwick Sanatorium School. In 1919 the WRCC paid the company £3256 to take over the establishment, and the company was eventually wound up in 1919. The Sanatorium School closed in 1939 and it was not until 1946 the buildings were sold for £3060 to be converted back to housing.

Dr Munro seemed to be a figure in society whilst living in Marylebone before the first world war and, amongst the ladies he was to recruit for his 'Flying Ambulance' was an heiress who he first spotted riding a motorbike around central London. Several other such ladies, one became known as Di the Dauntless, were avid motorcyclists, and were helpful to Dr Munro, raising funds. First they were despatch riders, like Lady Dorothy Feilding, Di, but on the Belgian front they became 'larky girls', in breeches, leather boots and overcoats, the only women to live and work in any of the theatres of that global war. By contrast Mr Ramsay MacDonald M.P. joined Dr Munro's motor ambulance and field kitchen, ten years later, in 1924, to become Prime Minister.

This was just one part of Dr Munro's career, who was once described as a socialist, vegetarian, suffragette and nudist. Perhaps the latter is why the children at the Sanatorium practised 'Heliotherapy' out in the wilds of Eldwick!

Dr Margaret Sharp 1871-1963 appears in the Women of the Century Database Display. She was educated at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and the Royal Free Medical Home in London. Like Dr Munro, it is not known why she came to Bradford but, when she was refused admission to the local medical society, she took the opportunity to see the value of sanatorium treatment and joined Dr Munro in launching the Eldwick Sanatorium Company.

In 1941 she liked to promote the emancipation of women and had helped many women at Eldwick when she worked at the sanatorium until her retirement from



The larky girls driving into the war zone

practice. Her profile was described several times in local newspapers, first when she retired completely at the age of 85, and, later, on her death at the age of 92 in 1963.

She was Bradford's first woman general practitioner, the first Womens Voluntary Service organiser from 1938 to 1956, vice-president of the National Council of Women and a member of the Old People's Welfare Committee which governed Highfield House and the Norman Rae Scholarship Fund.

When Dr Sharp came to Bradford, a time when the medical profession included few women, she soon made an impression and the time came when she was elected chairman of the Bradford branch of the BMA. In her 34 years of practice she founded the city's first baby clinic, following on from her work with children in Eldwick. Her services were recognised in 1943 when she was awarded the MBE and, in 1946, her portrait was hung in the Bradford Town Hall.

In typical fashion Dr Sharp requested no funeral flowers but, instead, donations to Bradford Old People's Homes, like today's Flower Fund Homes.

Not quite from humble beginnings for either of these two distinguished personalities, but certainly they each made a major impact from their meeting and working in Eldwick so many years ago.

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