

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK BEER AND BANGER FESTIVAL

The recent Beer and Banger Festival was a great success despite the weather.

Two large marquees ensured that the revellers stayed dry despite the relentless rain.

Many barrels of beer and a large quantity of cremated sausage was consumed. The organisers try to use as many local suppliers as possible ie Eldwick Post Office, R&M Meats of Bingley and most of the beers are sourced locally.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance were involved as usual and the helicopter arrived on the rec' an hour late as it had been on a call out. Fortunately the patient had been transferred to hospital before they arrived in Eldwick! A substantial donation will go to YAA, and this amount will be announced shortly.

The event is run by a small team of volunteers and very little of the event is actually outsourced. They worked tirelessly over the whole week. Especially thanks to all who helped with the huge clean up operation on Sunday in order to leave the Hall in good order for the Bridge players on the Monday morning. We would like to thank them for their patience on the Monday morning as we got the final load of equipment into the brewery van.

The same team of Village Society volunteers are now preparing for the Eldwick Art Show on 28th October and the Bonfire on 5th November.

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Bingley Town Council are now in a position to offer grants of up to £2000 to organisations/projects within the area. The final date for this first tranche of grants is 30th Sept. For details contact townclerk@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Eldwick Art Show

Will be held in Eldwick Memorial Hall on Fri. 28th, Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th October.

There will be a display of work from pupils at Eldwick Primary School and a wide range of other works including photography, watercolour and even some conceptual pieces. The West Riding Woodturners will also be there.

Details for entry, including entry form, labels etc can be obtained from Eldwick Post Office from early October. Three entries per person at a cost of three pounds which includes entry to the preview at 7pm on Friday night. There will be also a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles.

BONFIRE NIGHT

This ever popular event will be held on Eldwick Rec on Sat 5th November. The event will be run by The Eldwick Village Society and Eldwick Memorial Hall assisted by Bingley Airedale Rotary.

The usual spectacular fireworks, a children's entertainer and cremated sausage of course!

ELDWICK LADIES PROBUS CLUB

begins its meetings again in the Church Hall on the last Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am.

Visitors very welcome.

Sept. 28 John Wallace - Northern Relish

Oct. 26 Tony Birkett - RBS The Credit Crunch and me

Nov. 30 Pam Vinnicombe - Speed Bonnie Boat

Dec. 14 Christmas Lunch - No meeting 2017

Jan. 25 A.G.M.



BINGLEY CANAL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2016
10:00AM - 3:30PM

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Police are urging computer users to be on their guard against a nationwide scam in which fraudsters are spamming fake British Gas bills.

The fraudsters are sending the fake emails out that look like a genuine gas bill. There is a link on it which, if clicked on, installs ransomware on to the computer.

The ransomware then locks the computer and the fraudsters then demand money to unlock it.

Detective Inspector Benn Kemp of West Yorkshire Police's Cyber Crime Team, said: "This is a nationwide fraud that we are aware of and I would urge people to be on their guard. I would ask people to never open an email unless they are certain of the credentials of the sender and to share our message with other people."

"British Gas for example always send personal emails and will usually quote the customer's account number. Their links are always <http://www.britishgas.co.uk/>

"You should also regularly update your anti virus and browsers, avoid public wifi connections when doing things like internet banking and back up all your files."

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANOTHER VINTAGE HORTI SHOW

Next year the society celebrates its 100th show, but 99 isn't a bad number to be going on with. The society itself was founded more than a century ago, but two world wars caused breaks in the sequence of our show numbers. Back to the present, and the last Saturday in August saw enthusiastic support from our regular exhibitors plus an encouraging number of new entrants, with many younger bakers entering the cakes and pastry classes. I think it's called the "Mary Berry/Paul Hollywood effect". Their entries stretched for the length of the Memorial Hall and they all looked very scrumptious.

No gladioli in the flowers classes this year, but what a profusion of dahlias to gladden the eye, while the fruit and vegetable sections have such support that the society will have to create some new display space if the trend continues. Over 400 entries in all classes made this year a vintage one and brought in the crowds.

After the judges had finished their deliberations the doors were thrown open and at three o'clock our president Jane Hitchen introduced the official opener, Mrs Patricia Clough, a BLT stalwart and life member who admitted to knowing nothing about horticulture, but loved plants and flowers. "One is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth," she

quoted and then went on to tell us about the woman who couldn't stop singing The Green, Green grass of Home. Her doctor diagnosed Tom Jones Syndrome. When she asked him if it was common, he said It's not unusual . . .

Returning to the real business of the day, here are the 2016 trophy winners:

John Wild (most points veg) - **Alan Wilson**; Robert Smith (outstanding veg) - **Alan Wilson**; George Todd (onions) - **Alan Wilson**; Jack Bentley (veg tray) - **Brian Murgatroyd**; HM Dawson (fruit) - **Alan Wilson**; Brinley Jagger (tomatoes) - **Geoff Hargrave**; Thomas Henry Shaw (best roses) - **Lynn Sugden**; Eric Cockroft (best rose) - **Jack Shoebridge**; Charles Whiteoak (sweet peas) - **Roger Golton**; Frank Whitaker (best dahlia) - **Edwin Paipala**; Leslie Lund (most points flowers) - **Alan Wilson**; Arthur Harrison (most points veg and flowers) - **Alan Wilson**; Ernest Edwards (runner up) - **Roger Golton**; Derek Lofthouse (best flower exhibit) - **Lynn Sugden**; Banksian Medal - **Roger Golton**; H Whitehead (open) - **John Churchman**; Yorkshire Bank (best entry home produce) - **Lesley Wilson**; Sydney Owthwaite (home produce) - **Margaret Tetley**; Franz Trophy (Photographic) - **Rosie Brooks**.

Don't miss our next meeting on Tuesday 20 September at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall when Teresa Clements will be telling us about English Tulips.



A display of fruit in the Show's busy café area.



Show secretary David Bell reads out the prizewinners' names while Mrs Patricia Clough presents Geoff Hargrave with the Brinley Jagger trophy for his tomatoes.

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 30th August

The meeting was held in St Wilfrid's Church Hall

The Chairman gave a resume of the things that had happened since the last meeting, the litter pick in Myrtle park was a success with 30 bags of litter collected along with two bags of recycling items being deposited in the Ferncliffe recycling bins. Bingley Town Council are compiling a mailing list (e-mail) following the various public events, a copy of the Local Development Plan has been circulated.

We have now appointed our permanent town clerk Ruth Batterley who will be a great asset given she has held similar roles for other Town/Parish Councils

Issues surrounding the Derelict Building, Station Masters House & the Annex on Mornington Rd, is making progress albeit slowly. We have been in dialogue with Sainsbury's who inform us that they are in discussions to sell the old Bradford & Bingley site, they would not give any detail on the potential sale for obvious reasons, they will continue to update us as they work to bring the site back into use.

Our office at Cardigan House is now up and running, Bank facilities are now in place

and Bradford Council have deposited the Precept of £135,000.

A grant scheme has been put in place by the Finance and General Purposes committee, to support local organisations, amounts up to £2000 can be applied for and application form/s can be obtained from our office in Cardigan House.

The allotments are in the throes of being handed over to Bingley Town Council, surveys of each site have been undertaken and a solicitor has been appointed to sort out the legal aspects of the transfer. The current signage at each site will be changed to reflect the new owners and the relevant details.

Progress is being made on the development of our web site which we hope to have up and running in the next few months. We have a temporary website at this address <http://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/wordpress> although sometimes it can also be accessed through www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Policing is a big issue for all districts of Bingley, we have been in contact with Inspector Julie Deacon she is responsible for the policing in our area. Julie holds meetings with Ward Councillors on a 6 monthly basis, our local contact is PC Luxton, he is to arrange 6 monthly meetings with Parish Councils. Once we have held our meetings we will be able to give a clearer update on policing in our area

Should anyone wish to contact me please

feel free to e-mail me

mark.truelove@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 07809690398

BINGLEY JANUS

A Club for retired men in Bingley and surrounding areas. Meeting at Eldwick Memorial Hall on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm. New members always welcome Secretary: Graham Anderson 01274 563843

- 15 Sept. Arthur Cross – The Snows of Kilimanjaro
- 22 Sept. Geoffrey Barker – Aeromants and Balloonotics (air-warfare 1914-18)
- 29 Sept. Iain Bonner – Keighley Bus Museum
- 6 Oct. Robert Priestley-Brook – "The Rev." – stories the vicar never told you.
- 13 Oct. Nigel McKnight – The World Water Speed Record
- 20 Oct. Kevin Robinson – Safety on the Internet
- 27 Oct. Duncan Verity – The Vulcan Bombing Raid on The Falkland Islands
- 3 Nov. Neil Ramshaw – The Rise and Fall of a Very British Institution
- 10 Nov. David Calverley – Crumbling Castles
- 17 Nov. Alan Pugh – Dei Goes To War
- 24 Nov. Martin Cocker – Leeds Own Air V.C.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

We had no Meeting in August as it was our trip to Port Sunlight. This was enjoyed by all who went. Thanks to Maureen Beckwith for arranging everything.

We will not have a Speaker for the October Meeting. It is a Bingo and Quiz Evening.

Future Events.

Friday 30th September. Macmillan Coffee Morning. 10 – 12. Entrance £2.50p. We are having a Cake Stall, Books and Raffle.

We made £207 at the Yorkshire Day Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who came.

There are still subscriptions to be paid.

New Members Welcome

Macmillan Coffee Morning

At Eldwick Memorial Hall

Friday 30th September 2016.

10am – 12 noon.

Entrance £2.50, Cake, Raffle and Book stall.

A GRAND MUSICAL EVENING

The Eldwick Church are holding a fund raising event in the Church on Otley Rd, Eldwick at 7.30pm on Saturday 22nd October.

There will be a "Grand Musical Evening" featuring "The Saltaire Strummers", a local ukulele band of talented musicians, and "Three Gentlemen & a Piano", who will perform songs, sketches and tell tales.

Admission will be £5 to include tea and biscuits, with a raffle and wine available on the night for an extra charge.

Tickets will be available from early October from The Eldwick Church, Eldwick Post Office and The Card Emporium, Chapel Lane, Bingley.

COFFEE CAKE CHAT

Every Tuesday from 09:30 to 12:00 The Eldwick Church serves tea / coffee / cake and other light refreshments in a Café style setting. All are welcome to come for a drink, a cake, a chat, or all three! On the first Tuesday of every month there is also a Craft and Paper Back book stall included in the event. All craft items are made by the village craft group. Please come along for a cuppa and pick up a crafty item too.

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th September 4.00 – 5.45pm

Saturday 15th October 4.00 – 5.45pm

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!

TODDLER PLAY

Wed. 14th September 9.30 – 10.30 am.

Wed. 12th October 9.30 – 10.30 am.

For under 3's and their carers: play, craft activity, a chat and a drink.

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wednesday 7th September 2.00 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 20th September 7.00 – 8.00pm

Wednesday 5th October 2.00 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 18th October 7.00 – 8.00pm

LADIES FELLOWSHIP:-

15th September 7.30 pm Michael Sutcliffe

"A Darjeeling Railway Journey"

20th October 7.30 pm AGM

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

2nd, 3rd & 4th June 2017 Flower Festival

SERVICES:

4th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Rosemary Nash.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

11th September

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown.

18th September

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr. Terry O'Shaughnessy.

6.30 pm Evensong led by
Rev Andrew Clark.

25th September

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Malcolm Sharrock.

2nd October

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am Harvest All Age Worship.

9th October

10.30 am Holy Communion.

16th October

09.15 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Rev. Alan Raine.

23rd October

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Barbara Walls.

30th October

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mission
and Outreach Team "Shared Lives".

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

Wed. - 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

Monday, 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.

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A ROOM WITH A VIEW

FIVE STAR OR ZERO STAR?

Eldwick and its surrounding countryside has, for centuries attracted visitors of various stature. The drovers who used the packhorse trails from the Aire Valley up to High Eldwick via Loadsaddles Lane from Eldwick Hall and across Baildon Moor must have used local farms and hostels en route. All tracks led to the 'highway' from Keighley to Otley alongside which, in parts was the early linear settlement of the original Eldwick. On that road were three or four notable buildings which could have provided accommodation for travellers. The Fleece Inn (later Dick Hudson's faced Hog Hall and Rattlebank Hall was behind the 1815 chapel. Rattlebank had the inn licence before The Fleece. Further along the road, opposite the Hawksworth junction stood the Goose Inn.

Centuries earlier there was provision of an isolated room at Eldwick Hall, only accessible by a stone stairway from the roadside. This shelter followed the creed of the Knights Templar who vowed always to offer help to travellers.

Not all buildings which appeared on the country landscape were initially for visitors. The countless farms, many from the 17th century, much later began to offer Teas, faded lettering for which can still be seen on their gable ends. In complete contrast, the mansion in Otley Road, built by Robert Pollard in 1875, later to become the home of the Barron family of the Bingley Brickworks, was at one time Park House Hotel.

In the 19th century the census returns show domestic servants 'living in' to serve wealthy Eldwick families. So too were employees at Eldwick Sanatorium in Glen Road, accommodated in a former villa, very different from their homes, being paid £14 a year. With the arrival of transport - trains, trams and buses, access to the countryside for the workers and their families from Bradford and beyond became possible and popular.

Adverts began to appear in local newspapers under the heading of 'Seaside and Country Apartments and Furnished Houses to be Let'. In 1900 Mrs Steel of Golcar farm, off Glovershaw Lane, offered 'A Good Farmhouse with new special accommodation for visitors, near bus and moors, with or without board. Later the golf links were mentioned in her advert.

In 1914 the Baildon Camp offered an ideal holiday under canvas and the following year the Bradford City Volunteer Force used the Athletes Camp in Eldwick.



After the war, in 1919 the boys of the Bradford Dyers Association were transported in the firm's Lorries, due to the expense of rail travel, every summer weekend to the camp at the head of Shipley Glen. At Faweather Farm a Furnished Wooden Bungalow became available, (of the type pictured, still in use today), as a weekend cottage, but commercial travellers were invited to board at The Springs. Craiglands Farm and Eldwick Villas joined the adverts, the latter offering full board for nine shillings a day. When Old Wood Farm was for sale in 1942 the property included two wood buildings, one occupied as a weekend cottage at an annual rent of £12.

The most salubrious property akin to a hotel was Annesdale near Baildon Moor which offered accommodation in a 'chalet' for four guineas a week for 2/3 people. The main property was specially designed, fitted and adapted for high class catering, with a Club Licence, small bar, and 7 acres of land for 'home farming'. Later becoming a popular café and reverting to a bed and breakfast business in the 1970's before becoming a private dwelling.

In the years before and after the 2nd World War, a proliferation of 'structures', appeared all around the farms and moorland, ranging from bus chassis frames, old vans, caravans and huts. Following the Housing Act of 1954 the Bingley Health Authorities were compelled to undertake a survey. Under the title of Eldwick - Assessment of Substandard Housing, the vast majority of listed 'housing' recorded were all these holiday haunts that had become so popular for cheap weekends. Bruce Bannister, the professional footballer of Bradford City, Hull F.C., now Sportshoes.com, tells how his parents, renting such a wooden hut gave the family many happy years in and around Eldwick.

There are two other stories of a very different nature of the attraction of a

countryside location. In 1924 came 'The Mystery of Cave Woman' as the police began to take up inquiries. Florrie had lived in a cave in Shipley Glen for two months in the summer. Eldwick villagers had seen her and described her as a smartly dressed 25 year old with a handsome appearance. Timothy Bruce in Eldwick said he met her late one night in the village and she had explained that after nursing a relative, she became destitute on his death and so had sought shelter in the cave. She was given help for the night by a villager but had

disappeared by next morning. A search was made, the cave found, with a carpet covered in bracken for a bed, an oil stove and clothing. Florrie, from Derbyshire was known in the Bingley area but she told police that she had only bought food in the villages for herself and her cat but never spent a night in the cave. So the mystery was never solved.

By complete contrast, Benjamin Armstead, a drystone waller, loved the area so much that he decided to build his own moorland home between High Eldwick and Hawksworth. Bit by bit from his own savings, he spent hours in his spare time with the structure, helped by his wife and two daughters, working in candlelight to finish the inside. During the time of the construction, the family lived in a wooden hut 1000 feet above sea level on a site with spectacular views.

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BOB SLATER

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