

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## Eldwick Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Many thanks to all those people who turned out on Nov 5th to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night. We have had a lot of positive feedback and thank you again for that. This is a very expensive event to put on (£5000 even before the first firework is lit). We are very keen to keep this a safe family event and comply with all the HSE guidelines and more. The public liability insurance is £1200 for the one evening. We have been running bonfires for at least thirty years with a very experienced and trained firing team, and many thanks to them for an excellent display (£2000 of fireworks in fifteen minutes!)

We would like to thank the Bingley Airedale Rotary for their work on the gate and help stewarding. This is the second year that they have been working with us since the Bingley Bonfire stopped.

Mr Dan was excellent in entertaining the children, firstly as a stilt walker and then after the fireworks he continued the entertainment in the Hall.

We would also like to thank The Eldwick Memorial Hall Trust Ltd, without their help the event would not have happened. We would also like to thank Sam Godfrey of Bardsley Construction for supplying and delivering pallets. Thanks also to the Scouts, Eldwick Lawn Tennis Club and Eldwick Juniors Football Club. The event is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Finally, a big thanks to the trusty Burnt Banger Team who managed to cremate 700 sausages in about one and half hours!

Such a good turnout will allow The Eldwick Village Society, as a registered charity, to make some substantial donations to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance, local charities and organisations.

Many thanks to our main sponsors - Simply Bathrooms & Kitchens and Premier Lettings.

## Young and older village artists strut their stuff

A crowded Memorial Hall was the setting for the launch (with wine and a sumptuous array of nibbles) of this year's Village Society Art Exhibition on the last Friday evening of October. As always, the Society welcomed entries from all abilities – using all available media – and the pictures and artwork on show reflected this. Oils, watercolours, acrylics and mixed media were all represented. Visitors and guests could inspect landscapes, seascapes, portraits (including pets), still lifes (or should that be lives?) and a very creative display by pupils from Eldwick School.

The Society was pleased to give our schoolchildren the opportunity to let loose their imaginations in a project entitled *Myself*. Entries in this section ranged from a giant puffin (Chris Packham, eat your heart out), a stage set with silhouetted dancers to a painting of a football shoe, a camera modelled in papier maché (an upcoming photographer there, I'm sure) and a seascape plus lots of original work in paint and crayons. Well done, everybody! The school received Art Shop vouchers for £50, the winner £25, runners-up £15 each, all donated by the Eldwick Village Society.



Picture shows the winner Ruby Franz (centre), runners-up Keira Phillips (left) and Elliott Watkin (right). Lois Rance, the other Runner Up was unable to attend for our picture. Highly Commended were Ella Clayton, Phoebe Rowan, Libby Dixon, Bradley Leach, Aimee Raper, Callum Purcell, Olivia Garrett, Martha Stones and Anna Read Purves.

Visitors were asked to choose their favourite picture from those in the main show and the most votes went to *Are ewe looking at me?* a portrait by Betty Bradley of eight sheep looking out of her painting, each one with a different facial expression. Marvellous stuff, made everyone smile!

All photos by Bill Faulding



## Eldwick Village Society AGM Monday 12th December 7pm Birches

In his opening remarks organiser Tony Clegg thanked the Eldwick Village Society for sponsoring this popular event and expressed his delight that so many had braved the roadworks to attend this showcase of local talent on a busy weekend. He also included the West Riding Woodturning Group who put on their usual demonstration and brought examples of their craft to sell.



Picture above shows: Tony Clegg makes a final check of exhibits before opening the show.



Picture left shows: The Eldwick School display.

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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## HELPING ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES TO DIG IN

October's speaker was Sue Donnelly from Horticap, assisted by Timothy Simpson. The pair are volunteers at Horticap, the Harrogate-based charity based in its own plant nursery which was set up in 1984 to help adults with learning difficulties by introducing them to the delights and therapeutic rewards of getting involved in horticulture and agriculture. Horticap is a truly unique and impressive place to visit. It is a beautiful garden and nursery hidden amidst the truly stunning Harrogate countryside.

Tim came to Horticap as a student in 1984 and has stayed on as an instructor, now working and mentoring for four days each week. Sue has been a volunteer for eight years and is now also a trustee. The charity's 25 volunteers come from different backgrounds and share their knowledge with and teach social skills to the 54 students who currently attend. This offers a valuable training and horticultural experience for a range of adults with many differing educational needs. School groups are also greeted with enthusiasm.

The charity's activities vary from season to

season. At this time students are busy in the workshop preparing for the Christmas period, making bird boxes, log stools and compost bins. Soon Christmas trees will be arriving from Scotland and the team will begin producing wreaths and garlands for sale. Customers can also buy cushions, book marks, greetings cards, hand-painted silk scarves and other hand-crafted gifts produced "in-house". So if you're out doing a bit of early Christmas shopping over the weekend, pop in to see what you can purchase Handmade at Horticap for those special people in your lives!! You will be supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Come next spring students will be clearing the cultivated areas ready for new planting of vegetables and flowers for the 400-plus hanging baskets that Horticap expects to sell next year. A new and very large glasshouse will be completed shortly, ready for all those lovely plants and seedlings to be propagated for next year. Later, as spring merges into summer, teams of students will be working all around the Harrogate area on gardening and hedge-cutting contract work, while back at base there is equipment to be cleaned and serviced.



Picture shows: Sue Donnelly and Tim Simpson from Horticap

You can visit Horticap until the end of the year on the B6162, (Otley Road), and enjoy a stroll in their beautiful gardens, follow the nature trail, choose from a great selection of perennials, shrubs and bedding plants in the nursery. There is even a hide, from which visitors can get to watch the vast variety of birds who regularly visit these well cared for gardens.

No speaker meeting now till January, but don't miss the AGM and Faith Supper on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Your sweet or savoury contribution to the supper will be welcome.

Mike Hitchen

## COUNCIL NEWS

The last full council meeting was held at St Aidans Church Hall on Tuesday 27th October commencing at 6.30pm.

The derelict building is still a cause of concern, we have written to Sainsbury's but they have nothing further to say other than to advise that they are looking at options but not in a position to say anything at this stage. As for the Station Masters House and Annex on Morning Rd we are still pursuing this with Bradford Council with little success at present.

A hot topic at the meeting was the discussions surrounding the proposed Logo for the council, this will be finalised at the next full council meeting. Look out for the new Logo.

Christmas is now on the horizon it is time to look at illuminating the trees adjacent to the market square. It was agreed to light 6 of the trees and a contract will be placed with the lighting provider to complete this work before the 26th of November. Look out for the big switch on.

The committee responsible for managing the grant scheme put in place earlier in the year, has interviewed its first batch of applications, awards have been made to the following:-

Eldwick Juniors Football Club - £1068 to the purchase of goal posts.

Bingley Dog Walker - £150 for anti dog fouling items

Micklethwaite Village Society - £1000 contribution to the purchase of a Defibrillator.

Grants are still available, please apply to the Town Clerk for further details

Unfortunately one of the Councillors representing Crossflatts and Micklethwaite has resigned. Election for a replacement councillor for this ward will take place early in the new year.

Hopefully in the not too distant future the town council will be meeting with the ward councillors for Bingley and Bingley Rural to discuss matters of common ground and how we can best work together for the benefit of the community of Bingley

At the Planning Committee meeting on the 11th October there were 11 planning applications to consider:-

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 2 in Eldwick,       | 5 in Bingley  |
| 1 in Cottingley,    | 1 in Gilstead |
| 2 in Micklethwaite. |               |

There were several appeals to be heard by the Planning Panel at Keighley Town Hall. Bingley town council spoke in objection to the proposed development at 50 Falcon Rd. Unfortunately the planning panel gave approval by a vote of 3 to 2 in favour of the development.

A schedule of Full Town Council Meetings

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including those of the Finance and General Purposes and Planning Committees is to be displayed on the Memorial Hall Notice board. A copy will also be displayed on the notice board outside Eldwick post office.

Please take a note of the meetings, if time permits come along to any of them you are more than welcome.

All Council Meetings are open to the public  
Mark Truelove

## BINGLEY INNER WHEEL COFFEE MORNING

Eldwick Village Hall  
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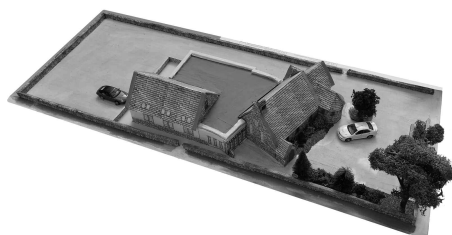
At our October meeting we had a game of Bingo and a Quiz. This was enjoyed by all and the attendance was good. Thank you to Pauline Clayton and Linda Wardle who organised everything. The Entertainment for our December Meeting will be (Bingley Voices) - Mike Nicholas. Xmas Songs & Carols.

Our York Carol Service is on Friday 9th December at St Michael le Belfrey Church across from the Minster. Price £10 for the coach. More details to follow.

New Members are always welcome.

### The Eldwick Church Building Development News

The Church has now launched a fundraising campaign (see insert for further details). John Dekker and Dorothy Walker from the church fundraising group took time out to show Nigel Horsfall the building model. The model is available to view in church each Sunday after the morning service, or during Church Cafe on Tuesdays from 9.15 am until 12.00 noon.



Nigel Horsfall from the Post Office viewing the model, alongside Dorothy Walker and John Dekker from the Church Fundraising Group.

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# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

### MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 19th November** 4.00 – 5.45pm

**Saturday 17th December** 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

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

**Wednesday 9th November** 9.30 – 10.30am

**Wednesday 14th December** 9.30 – 10.00am

### PAUSE TO PRAY:-

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

**Tuesday 15th November** 7.00 – 8.00pm

**Wednesday 7th December** 2.00 – 3.00pm

### THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

**Thurs. 17th November** 7.30pm

Christmas Flower Demonstration by Michelle

**Thursday 8th December** Christmas Party

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Carols at cafe. The Eldwick Church invites you for carols at the Eldwick Church cafe on

**13th. December** from 11am. Until 12noon.

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

### SERVICES:

**6th November**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

**13th November**

9.15am Holy Communion led by Rev. Alan Brown

10.30 am Remembrance Service led by Rev. Alan Brown

**20th November**

09.15 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Maurice Baren.

**27th November**

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Malcolm Sharrock

**4th December**

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

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### 11th December

10.30 am Morning Worship

### 18th December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown.

10.30 am Nativity Service.  
Mr. Maurice Baren.

6.30pm Words and Music for Christmas.  
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

### 24th December

4.00pm Donkey and Candle light procession to Church for 4.45pm

4.45pm Crib service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

### 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Short family celebration with communion led by Rev. Alan Brown.

### 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.

2nd Wednesday in the month Toddler Play

3rd Thursday in the month Ladies Fellowship.

Mid Saturday Messy Church.

Pause to Pray 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday.

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## AN APPLE A DAY – AND MORE!

There is a long history of parks, gardens, even allotments, dating back centuries. Royal Parks such as Regents Park and parks of the gentry, like Woburn, gave the idea of People's Parks and allotments for The Labouring Poor. The local example of a private estate would have been the 19th century acreage of Milnerfield which had its own home farm, (currently fighting for survival), and its kitchen garden with orchard,

At this time of year, visible above the estate's high perimeter wall in Primrose Lane, can be seen the branches of numerous fruit trees laden with a fine harvest, particularly heavy this season. The Garden House, privately owned and occupied by different tenants over the years, overlooks the magnificent orchard, now unmanaged or tended.

It is impossible to have tree protection orders on fruit trees or to give such a site, except perhaps the house, heritage status. Happily, some years ago, an arrangement was made with the Northern Fruit Growers to be allowed to visit the site, take fruit for recognition and take cuttings to propagate.

The complete gardens had once had a vinery, peach house, melon house, fig house as well as numerous greenhouses. In the orchard the NFG discovered 13 varieties of apples and 17 varieties of pears (three espaliered), all arranged in a precise Quincunx pattern, plus three cherry trees. All the lineage of some of the apples in the fruit can be traced back and were first introduced in England between 1820 (Golden Noble) and 1887 (Newton Wonder). Lord Derby variety of 1862 and Claps Favourite of 1860 would have been relatively new when planted at Milnerfield. Of course there were the ever favourite Bramleys amongst the collection.

Just over 150 years ago Eldwick and Gilstead had its own Peoples Park and allotments for The Labouring Poor created. Benjamin Disraeli, as part of his Young England philosophy, toured the country and, in 1844 when a guest of Mr Ferrand, opened the Cottingley Bridge allotments on land donated by Ferrand. In copying the example of estates like Milnerfield, it was seen prudent to provide the working classes with green spaces for both leisure and simple horticulture. There was

sympathy for those working in the local mills and factories, poor living conditions in slum like properties. In later years whole streets in Bingley were demolished but by then there were several allotment sites around the area and many cottage gardeners in Eldwick. In the late 19th century census returns, such small businesses were recorded in Glen Road, Prospect Road, Sheriff Lane and Saltaire Road.

Of course, the Warren Lane allotments were only established following a protest and petition to change the terms of the 1861 Enclosure Award. This allotted ten acres of Poor's Allotments on the barren site of the former Brown Hill Quarry and two acres of land in the middle of nowhere on the then Gilstead Morton Lane. By 1863 the appeal proved successful and the allocations were reversed. So, what was to become the Prince of Wales Park was to be sited on Brown Hill with its natural springs, whilst the present Warren Lane plots were sited next to Warren Farm.

In the park a splendid lodge was built by 1884, complete with a quarter acre garden which the park keeper used as his own allotment, borne out by the fact that remains of fruit growing remain today, as well as a huge brick built cold frame. Piped water from streams was available, even fed into a sunken cast iron bath which was discovered when the Friends of Prince of Wales Park were at work. In later years, Mr Wilson, the last resident park keeper, also grew dahlias and chrysanthemums to sell to visitors and developed a beautiful Azalea Walk.

19th century cottage gardens, like those in Eldwick, were mainly vegetable and fruit plots with hens and a few flowers edging paths, just like today. At the allotment the potato was the staple food, despite the fearful blight, and was sometimes followed by wheat for bread. Then cabbages, peas and beans were grown, the latter two to be eaten fresh and dried for storage. This contrasted with Eldwick's most notable horticultural family, the Eichels, who specialised in hybridising, cultivating and selling orchids, to be worn in button holes by gentlemen, as well as in floral displays.

A recent access of modern technology, to 'google' was quoted by a former resident of Glen Road, now in Mairangi Bay, Auckland,

New Zealand, having seen her former home pictured, was surprised to see new homes in her quarter acre garden and orchard. By coincidence, the descendants of the Eichels are also now in New Zealand and, like many other Eldwickians, still keep in touch and take an interest in the village they knew.

Today the Eldwick allotments still have Newton Wonder, Bramley and several 19th century varieties of apples and pears to enjoy – this year in many kilograms!

ALLAN MIRFIELD

### 2016 CHRISTMAS FREE PARKING CONCESSIONS

#### BRADFORD CITY CENTRE

All Bradford Council operated car parks in the City Centre will be free of charge after 4.30pm on the late night shopping evenings in the run up to Christmas.

THURSDAYS: 1, 8, 15 & 22 December.

AND As normal on all Sundays and every afternoon in Westgate multi storey car park between 2.00pm and 4.00pm (a ticket must be obtained)

★ On-street parking charges do not apply after 4.30pm Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday ★

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From Noon on Wed. 7, 14 & 21 December.

#### KEIGHLEY

(Church Green Car Park)

Thursdays 1, 8, 15, & 22 December.

AND as normal on all Sundays.

#### BINGLEY

(Queen Street & Main Street Car Parks)

Saturday 26th November for Christmas lights switch on

Saturdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 December.

AND as normal on all Sundays.

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Saturdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 December.

AND as normal on all Sundays.

### BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL LITTER PICK

Following the successful Bingley Town Council litter picks in Myrtle Park in August, and Crossflats in October, the next one is planned for Eldwick. It will take place from noon to 2pm on Heights Lane, on Saturday 3rd December. The meeting place for volunteers will be by the Millennium Stone, on the roundabout at the junction of Heights Lane & Otley Road at noon on the day. All required equipment will be provided by either Bingley or Bradford Councils. Please come along and help do something positive to improve our environment!

### Hedgehogs Are Special.

Like us, hedgehogs are mammals - warm blooded, feed their young milk and can feel pain, discomfort and bleed just as we do.



It was sad to see in the last week three hedgehogs mercilessly run over and killed in Glen Road in just ONE week. Cars zoom down this road at very high speeds - oh for speed bumps to slow people down.

If car drivers would slow down then they could see these tiny, much loved animals in the road.

In this world of rush and fast cars please don't forget the world of nature which surrounds us.

Spare a thought for these charming creatures who are under the threat of dying out in this country and when driving on roads in urban areas please slow down and use your headlights to see if there are hedgehogs about. Thank you.

Elizabeth Barrett

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