

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Readers



Burning Bangers and bonfire bring bonuses

photo by Bill Faulding

The Eldwick Village Society has just donated five thousand pounds to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and two thousand to local organisations and charities which was raised from this year's activities

The cheque was presented to Kerry Garner of YAA in Birches by some of the members of The Eldwick Village Society. This year's fundraising activities included barbecuing fifteen hundred sausages at the Gala, The Beer and Banger Festival and more recently, the Bonfire and Fireworks display.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Donkey and Candlelight procession at 4pm starting at the Church Hall with mince pies and mulled wine arriving at The Church for 4.45pm.

Traditional Carols with The Salvation Army Band in The Memorial Hall at 6pm. All welcome and entry is free.

Free entertainment in Birches on New Year's Eve with Leo Kenny Soul and Motown singer.

The Birches is opening for traditional pub lunches

from 12-2 from 9th January.

The popular breakfasts will still be available from 9-12.

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Eldwick needs your garden!

You don't have to be grand to open your garden to the public

If you live in Eldwick Village and are willing to open your garden to visitors for the day on Saturday June 17th 2017 we'd love to hear from you.

Big, small, well maintained, special features, tea and cakes, produce sales etc. all welcome!

This is a social, community event – no comparisons or judging! All proceeds will go to The Eldwick Church Hall Building Project.

We need to get an idea of numbers by the beginning of February 2017. If you would like to join us please pick up a form from Eldwick Post Office.

For further details please ring - 01274 562643

NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH

Fundraising Appeal - a big thank you

Following our fundraising appeal letter in last month's Eldwick Newsletter, we would like to say a very big thank you to all those in the village community who have donated so far towards the cost of the new hall facilities and refurbishment of the church building. We have written to everyone for whom we had addresses, thanking them personally for their contribution. Our fundraising appeal continues and if you would like to make a donation, please send your cheque (payable to "The Eldwick Church") to our project accountant, Sharron Arnold, at 42 Effingham Road, Harden BD16 1LQ. Alternatively, you can drop this in the Eldwick Post Office in the special box provided. If you are able to gift aid your donation, please just request a form from Sharron.

Welcome to our new Vicar

The licensing service for our new vicar, Rev Peter Mayo-Smith, will take place on the evening of 24 January 2017, with Bishop Toby officiating. We look forward to Rev Peter's first service in charge, which will take place on Sunday 29 January at 10.30am. Please do join us at Peter's first service, you will be most welcome.

CHRISTMAS IN PRINCE OF WALES PARK

There will be Carols and Cake on 17th December at 11am so bring food to share, voices and instruments to celebrate. The Snowman Trail can be followed, using a map from behind the Drinking Fountain. Find the Snowmen images, each with a letter of the alphabet, then work out the title of a familiar Christmas Carol. Seasonal notelets are still available.

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AGM outlines plans for year of Centenary Show

At the society's AGM last month President Mrs Jane Hitchen was pleased to report another enjoyable and friendly year with a continuation of high attendances at the meetings. She thanked Mrs Norma Bartle for arranging these and looked forward to another interesting programme in 2017 when the Society will stage its 100th Autumn Show. This will include a baking class for a Centenary Cake.

The Autumn Show will be opened by Mr David Allison, a Council Member of the National Vegetable Society. To celebrate this event the Society has arranged to hold a centenary dinner at the Shipley Golf Club earlier in the year on Tuesday 16 May, normally a speaker meeting evening. Booking details will be available at the January meeting.

Mrs Hitchen thanked members for pulling together and noted there had been no problems with volunteers to help with teas. She announced that as Mr

John and Mrs Barbara Pullin were retiring from office after many years of hard work for the Society, the Committee recommended that the Society should grant Mrs Pullin Honorary life membership, Mr Pullin already being a Hon. Life Member. Prolonged applause greeted this decision.

The President then thanked Mr Stephenson Wilkinson for arranging some very enjoyable trips in 2016. He then told the meeting that the trips planned for next year will include an evening trip to Horticap at Harrogate in May, a day at Chatsworth Flower Show in July, a trip to the botanical gardens at Ness, Liverpool, also in July and a two day trip based in Kings Lynn in August. Thanks were also given to all the committee members who contribute so much time and effort to make the Society a thriving organisation.

In conclusion, the following were all unanimously elected nem con, there being no further nominations. President Mrs. Jane Hitchen; Vice President Mr John C Churchman; Junior Vice

President (Vacant - no volunteers); Treasurer Mr Michael D. Sutcliffe; Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Feltwell; General Secretary Mr John C Churchman; Membership Secretary Mrs Pauline Bowen; Programme Secretary Mrs Norma Bartle; Excursions Secretary Mr Stephen Wilkinson; Press/Publicity Secretary Mr Michael Hitchen; Funding Secretary Mr Michael Hitchen; Show Secretary Mr David Bell; Assistant Show Secretaries Mrs Jane Hitchen and Mrs.D. Sutcliffe along with Mrs Janet Jamieson for the Children's Show (not on committee); Allotments Secretary Mrs Dorothy Isaac; Catering Secretary Vacant - Mrs Sue Holmes to be co-ordinator; Mr David Feltwell, Mr Roger Golton and Mr Stan Varo were elected nem con. All Past Presidents are also Committee Members.

On Tuesday 17 January we kick off our 2017 season with a talk by Mr David Wadsworth on Dry Stone Walling. 7.30 in the Memorial Hall - don't miss it!

Mike Hitchen

Savagery in Sheriff Lane - yet again!!

Yet again Sheriff Lane has suffered major and unwarranted tree felling! Five, glorious, mature trees have been cut down near to Lode Pit Lane, along with many other, smaller trees. One of the trees, a very rare, old English crab apple tree was just beginning to grow again after being hacked back two years ago. Why? What is the reason these trees have been felled? The senseless destruction of these beautiful trees beggars belief! The trees were not in the way, they were not overhanging the lane in any way, they were not rotten. They were, in fact, gracing the landscape with their utter beauty which, obviously, the people who had them cut them down are

too insensitive to realise. The trees were a haven for wildlife - birds nested in them, insects resided in their bark, squirrels made their dreys in them and a host of other creatures used these trees, and walkers walking the lane enjoyed looking at them.

I cannot understand the minds of the people who carried out the wanton and scandalous felling of these compelling and beautiful mature trees. Why do people want to cut trees down which are not in the way? Why can't people see the loveliness of trees? Why can't they understand that trees give so much back to our environment? People cut trees down having no conscience about doing so whatsoever - for example - cutting a 180 year old beech tree in half because leaves are falling on their car! Some people feel threatened by trees. These people are so far removed from nature

one has to feel sorry for them in their sanitised world, full of chemicals, cleaning fluids and electronic devices!

Having walked this lovely lane, almost every day for 38 years, I am saddened to see that Sheriff Lane and Lode Pit Lane are deteriorating and losing their loveliness. Unfortunately, it is too late for the fine and beautiful trees that are gone, that cannot be replaced - savaged by unspeakable morons who obviously do not appreciate this lovely lane set in the wonderful landscape that is Eldwick and Gilstead.

Elizabeth Barrett

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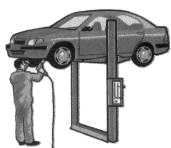
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At the Meeting on Tuesday 8 November our Speaker was John Holroyd. He gave a talk on Canals and Waterways. He had some beautiful photographs which included the Leeds to Liverpool canal. Sadly this is no longer used for industrial use. It is now only used for Tourism.

For our Meeting on 10 January 2017 we will not be having a speaker as it is our Annual Beetle Drive.

YCA Committee would like to wish all our Members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

New Members are always welcome.



Girlguiding

We are looking for dynamic and enthusiastic women to join our team of inspirational leaders.

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th December 4.00 – 5.45pm
(Christingle)

Saturday 21st January 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 14th December 9.30 – 10.30am
Wednesday 11th January 9.30 – 10.30am

PAUSE TO PRAY:-

Wednesday 7th December 2.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 4th January 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 18th January 2.00 – 3.00 pm
THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP:-
Thursday 8th December Christmas Party
Thursday 19th January Jeanette Wallace speaking on China.

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:

4th December

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

10.30 am All Age Worship.

11th December

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Linda Maslam.

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

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25th December Christmas Day

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

1st January

10.30 am All Age Worship.

8th January

10.30 am Holy Communion.

15th January

09.15 am Holy Communion.

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr David Varley.

22nd January

09.15 am Big Breakfast.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

Tuesday 24th January

7.00 pm Welcome service for
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

29th January

10.30 am Covenant Service led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

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 The Eldwick Church Fellowship.

3rd Saturday Messy Church.

1st & 3rd Wednesday Pause to Pray

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

It is not a new custom for families, friends or groups to enjoy a ramble sometime during the Christmas season, whether it is around the park on a Snowman Trail, traversing Ilkley Moor, or even joining the Silly Hats and Wigs walk!

In the middle of the 19th century, when Dickens published 'A Christmas Carol', (reading extracts to the public at Bradford's St Georges Hall), there was Christmas in the workhouse for some, but a chance of some fresh air out in the country for others. Bradford Workhouse in 1857 gave its 580 inmates roast beef and plum pudding, although only 370 were fit enough to sit in the huge dining room. The bill of fare was Beef, 375 lbs, flour, five and a half packets, potatoes, 2 loads, ale, 36 gallons, currants, 90lbs, raisins, 60lbs, sugar, 90lbs, nutmegs half a pound, allspice, 2lbs, candied lemon, 2lbs.

A year later, in December, a group of ramblers set off on a freezing misty morning from the centre of Bradford from where the distant hills could be clearly seen. Past Manningham Park, over the Bolton Quarry Hill, down into Shipley with a view of Saltaire – the 'palace of industry' they went. The mill was already taking a darker shade but the new church was fast progressing, described as 'a fine Grecian temple'.

Crossing the fine bridge over the Aire, the group followed a narrow lane through woodland to reach the moorland skirting Eldwick Glen. The mist had gone, the sky clear, the air 'serene', not feeling anything but Christmas time. Passing rapidly up the glen, through the Eldwick Beck village and up past the large new reservoir, the road rose rapidly, twisting and turning past fine ancient old farm houses beyond Eldwick Hall, the Fleece Inn was reached on the verge of Rumbles Moor.

"We will step in and refresh", to enjoy the comforts of Hudson and what does he say of the prospects of the rest of the walk? Better listen to what his better half said, "Wha man, but your not going on't moor today, why you'll be up t'knees; but you mun tuck up. Do you know t'way?"

The dame was thanked and the party continued their tramp on the moor. Up sprang a covey of grouse and someone wished they had borrowed the double barrelled gun of Hudson's. In the distance was the Shooting House to which the path was leading. Some kind soul had whitewashed the upright stones along the

way to urge caution from not straying into one of the many bogs. Reaching the highest part of the moor, some 1300 feet above sea level, and the fog had gone completely, it was clear on every side. Wharfedale looked as beautiful as ever, Billing over at Rawdon, the Bradford smoke with all the ridges around it could be seen, and, sweeping round, some way down, was the Druid's Altar at Bingley. West and North West were the lofty hills, perhaps mountains as some would say, Pendle Hill, Ingleborough, 'Penigent' and Whenside. Out of the sun it became chilly as the walkers descended the north side of the moor, 'the ground is hard and white with hoar'. It felt colder than on top of the moor but down below was Ilkley Wells. "Let us drink of their pale lucid waters". White Wells House was described as palatial, Ilkley improving, with several new houses being built. But where was the Bull? The Cow and Calf were in original positions but 'the delver is undermining the Cow and will those singular rocks become levelled?'

The route was onwards to Burley Woodhead, Hawksworth and Shipley to complete this fine ramble. Near Hawksworth the sunset was 'with a glorious hue, the silvery moon rising calmly and steadily from the east'. Emerging once more on to the moor to the east of Hope Hill, the group passed the Gaping Goose, a former hostel for pack horse travellers en route from Keighley to the market town of Otley.

The commentary of the walk ends as the village of Baildon was entered, passing Baildon Green, 'lofty and curious crags to the right, speedily to Shipley, where a train whisks us to Bradford and thus ends our journey'.

Reflecting on the course of the way that was taken, no mileage is included but the route to Ilkley, 'was very direct, three and a half hours being sufficient, including stoppages to land us comfortably in that celebrated watering place.' One wonders how this could have been achieved, perhaps in just crossing the moors.

Perhaps, all that time ago, the walk, just from Eldwick to Ilkley would have been much less barren than it is today, with some of the major way having been so 'well-trod', that blocks of paving stones have now been laid. Nevertheless it still is a favourite for locals, even at this time of year. Try it and see.

Bingley Town Council Update

The chairman for Bingley Town Council Terry Brown, who will be known to many in the community has unfortunately resigned from his position of chair of the council and as councillor for his ward due to ill health. Terry has done a sterling job in getting the council up and running, putting in a lot of hard work and commitment and contributed to the many successes the council has achieved to date. We wish Terry all the best for the future and trust his health improves to enjoy life to the full with his wife and family

This will create a vacancy in the Lady Lane & Oakwood ward Terry served. Notification of the impending election will be displayed in the ward, subject to 10 residents requesting such an election it will take place not later than the 8th March 2017 otherwise the position can be filled by co-option.

Many residents will be aware of the changes to the bus service that serves Gilstead and Eldwick. It is causing a great deal of concern for those living in Gilstead due to the new route that the buses take after 11am. In essence the buses run a circular route. Those people wanting to go to Gilstead from Bingley take the bus to Eldwick via Park Road to the terminus and then travel back to Gilstead and alight at the appropriate stop. This increases the journey time which is unacceptable. The Councillor for Gilstead Geoff Winnard has been in dialogue with First Bus who operate the route and Metro Buses including Bradford Met and they are to meet to discuss the problem before the Christmas break. Hopefully I can bring you some positive news on this matter in the new year.

Milner Field Farm is high on the council agenda and are opposing the proposed development of converting a very active and successful Farm into an Innovation Centre. No one really knows what this centre will actually undertake given the lack of clarity from the owners of the Farm.

On Saturday 3rd December the BBC, Look North and the T&A were there to record and interview David Downs as well as local people - Nick Salt Great, Great, Grandfather of Sir Titus who built the Mill along with Jamie Roberts whose Great, Great, Grandfather Sir James Roberts who revitalised the mill were in attendance to support David Downs in retaining the farm which his family have worked since 1902. Many local supporters including a number of councillors and a ward councillor were also present.

It is the time of year when the council has to set its budget for 17/18, it was an interesting and lively debate. In the end common sense prevailed and agreement was reached to have a small increase of less than a pound for next year's precept.

Having attended a meeting with the leader of Bradford Council Susan Hinchcliffe it is evident that Bradford Council are struggling to make their budget due to Government cuts. No doubt you have all seen the headlines in the T&A. Bradford has a shortfall of 8 million in their budget for the coming year 17/18. The reality of this is services will be cut or no longer provided. Bingley Town Council will have detailed discussion with Bradford to establish what service we can continue to provide, but, unfortunately this will come at a price, there will probably be a large increase in the precept for 18/19. We will keep you informed of development in the coming months of our discussions.

The New Bingley Logo has been agreed, albeit not unanimously, Six in favour, Two against and Three abstentions, copy will be in next month's newsletter.

Many of you will have noticed that there are more Christmas lights in the trees around the town square in Bingley than previous years. Bingley Town Council have managed to light some additional trees making 10 trees in total that are illuminated. Dependant on our finances we are looking to light up many more trees next year.

On Behalf of Bingley Town Councillors may we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and all the very best for a peaceful and prosperous New Year in 2107

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