

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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BONFIRE NIGHT

Eldwick Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Saturday 4th November on the 'rec.

Gate opens at 6.30pm and the fire will be lit at 7.15pm.

Adults £5, accompanied children £1, family of four £10

Mr Dan will be entertaining the crowds. We have the usual Burnt Bangers and Birches will be open for refreshment. There will be a children's entertainer in the Memorial Hall after the fireworks.

The fireworks have been chosen carefully, to give a spectacular display as our seasoned firework technicians always do.

Please do not bring fireworks especially sparklers to this event.

This Bonfire is organised by Birches Freehouse and Eldwick Village Society.

Programmes are available soon from Eldwick PO and Birches. Pre-bought programmes allow quicker entry to the field.

The proceeds from this event will go to national and local charities and organisations. Please wear sensible footwear as the field may be muddy.

Eldwick Advent Trail

Anybody who would like to create a decoration relating to Advent in their business window or domestic upstairs window please contact Jeanette Wallace & Team on 01274 562720 as soon as possible if you have not already spoken to her.

There will 24 window decorations, which will open on each day from December 1st to 24th, just like an Advent Calendar. It is hoped they will remain in place until January 6th - Twelfth Night and be lit in the evening from 4pm to 10.00pm. There will be help with basic materials.

A list of participants will be available to all who wish to view these imaginative creations.

What better way to clear the head after Christmas dinner with a walk around the Advent Trail.



The photograph shows Eldwick resident Trevor Taylor with his 1985 Lotus Excel which won best in show for post 80s vehicles at the recent Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza.



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Save the date:
Saturday 28th April 2018

The Eldwick Church Building Project News



Our builders, MW & RF Brewster are hard at work, currently making good progress on the foundations for the new Church Hall.

Although we have secured the funding for the new Hall, we continue to fundraise for the time when we will be able to progress to phase 2: the linking of the Hall to Church.

We enclose a donation form and we continue to welcome contributions towards our new facilities, all of which will be of use to present and future generations of Eldwick residents.

Check us out on social media. We are posting pictures as the new building takes shape.

Find us on Facebook @TheEldwickChurch or on Twitter @EldwickChurch

Remembrance Sunday, 12th November

An application has been made to Bradford Council for a temporary closure of a short length of Otley Road between The Green and Lyndale Road to allow the village to share a short service of remembrance at the War Memorial on the corner of Saltaire Road. The road will be closed for 5 minutes from 10.58am until 11.03am. All are welcome to attend.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our September meeting David Allison talked about Autumn harvest. David is chairman of the National Vegetable Society and a prestigious show judge. He has 4 allotments on which he seems to grow every imaginable sort of fruit and vegetable. He has even written books on how to grow, show and cook them, some of which he brought along.

He advised that all plants want to live and the skill lies in keeping them disease free and to achieve the best specimens. All plants except F1 hybrid varieties can be grown from seeds. David reckoned he used about 1 ton of manure each year on his allotments. He has one just for fruit and does not use netting and tries to grow outdoors, although he has peaches in polytunnels. He grows enough for him and the birds so it works well.

We were shown a huge variety of his

produce. David started with fruit and gave excellent tips on growing raspberries – apparently there are 2 sorts, flora and prima canes. If you choose prima cane types then an extra crop can be obtained on the current years growth. If tomatoes are picked vine ripe they will stay ripe longer, he recommended a cherry variety called Apero Ruby Cherry or Cherry baby.

We went on to look at aubergines, cucumbers, chilli and sweet peppers. When it came to apples grenadier was the earliest ripening although Lord Lamborne and Charles Ross were David's favourites. There is a variety called Red Love which has pink flowers and flesh. We were shown a mulberry Charlotte Rose which won the plant of the year at Chelsea.

Then it was on to vegetables. First up were

potatoes then khol rabi, artichokes, garlic and sweetcorn. Boris is an F1 hybrid cauliflower which David grows. To keep the curd white he ties the leaves up above it. He showed us massive celery plants and huge carrots. He grows them in sand in 5 gallon drums!

There were buckets full of tips and banter and to top it off he gave away most of the fruit and vegetables afterwards.

Our next meeting is on 17 October at 7.30pm when Anne Drake will talk about A History of Tradescantia. We have to admit not many of us are sure what they or where Tradescantia are or do!!! Why not join us to find out.

On the November 21 the meeting will be our AGM followed by a faith supper.

BINGLEY PPG (patient practitioner group)

is delighted to announce that a new **DEFIBRILLATOR** has been obtained for use out of surgery hours. This has been fixed on the wall outside the main entrance to Bingley Medical Practice, and will give reassurance to patients and public in an 'out-of-hours' emergency.

The PPG sourced the defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation and raised money for a lockable case. Members of PPG have attended a demonstration of the defibrillator, and many have also attended defibrillator/CPR training.

The PPG runs CPR courses that **are free to patients and all who would like training.**

You are invited and encouraged to attend these information and CPR sessions, which are held at the Practice using a full CPR training kit also provided by the British Heart Foundation. (See Reception to book your

place on a course.)

The PPG is a group of patients who hold regular two monthly meetings, attended by medical representatives. Any patient is welcome to join. We provide a communication link between doctors and patients, and the new defibrillator is just one of the many ways in which we strive to improve the already excellent services provided – **'patients for patients'.**

Information from the British Heart Foundation states:

'A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential life saving step in the chain of survival.

If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, it's vital to call 999 and start CPR. Then you should find out if there is a defibrillator nearby.'

Our new defibrillator is known as a (PAD)



– public access defibrillator. When a 999 call is made and you are asked if you know the location of defibrillator, don't be afraid – you will be given detailed instructions, and the machine can only administer a shock if it is needed – the decision will not be yours, the machine will make that decision electronically.

Your early intervention may save a life!

COUNCIL NEWS

At the last full council meeting held at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School on 26th September the police came along to give the council an update on the current situation relating to crime issues in the Bingley Parish. Superintendent Daniel Greenwood, Inspector Julie Deacon and WPC Gallimore are well aware of local residents concerns relating to crime in the area. Concerns expressed by the council relating to Travelling Criminals, Drugs and anti-social behaviour, these are on the police agenda and they are monitoring the situation.

The Police Organised Crime Unit looks at drug related issues; they are currently liaising with Incommunities Housing Association about drug dealing in Crossflatts.

Because of the closure of the Bingley Police Station, the Police will be using the Fire Station as a drop in for their officers operating in Bingley. In any 24 hour period there will be Police officers covering Bingley but not necessarily in the immediate area. The Police Station along with the Law Courts are up for sale.

Bradford Council has pruned the trees around the Arts Centre along with the removal of four dead or diseased trees.

As part of this year's Christmas Light Display, additional new lights have been installed in the trees ready for the switch on, on the last Saturday in November. We are also changing the displays on the five lighting columns; no doubt, you took part in the survey to choose your preferred light Display. The winner by far was the Christmas Tree Feature; this along with new lights will make

Bingley a more attractive location to visit over the festive season.

We are still investigating ways in which we can revive the market; however, it looks like six themed monthly markets between April and October, these will be in addition to the weekly market run at present.

Investigations continue to look at the viability of redesigning the toilet block to convert part of the unit into offices/storage facilities whilst retaining some toilet facilities. The council need to have confirmation in writing from Bradford Council what it intends to do with the toilets after the 31st March 2018.

The working group for developing the neighbourhood plan has been agreed, as part of the exercise we will need the involvement of the local community to contribute to developing the Plan that will benefit Bingley once approved. If you feel you can offer your support please do not hesitate to contact one of your local councillors, Mark Truelove or Chris O'Neill for further information.



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our meeting in September the speaker was Ann Drake. Her talk about Queen Elizabeth the First was excellent. We were given a great deal of information about the happenings in Elizabeth's Court via Ann dressed in period costume. Ann had made quilted parts of a suit of armour which showed the members just how many pieces it took to make up a suit. She also produced a beautiful quilting of Elizabeth which she informed us had taken her a year to make.

We are taking names for the Xmas Carol Service in York. Friday 1st December at St Michael le Belfry. Cost is £10 for the coach.

We made £258 at the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Only 37 people came. Many thanks to those who did support us.

Next Meeting is Tuesday 14 November 2017. Speaker is Val Pearson (Wigs for Films, Theatre, TV).

New Members are always welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077

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Saturday 21st October 4.00 – 5.45 pm
Saturday 18th November 4.00 – 5.45 pm

PAUSE TO PRAY

Wednesday 18th October 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 1st November 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 15th November 2.00 – 3.00 pm

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 19th October – AGM
Thursday 16th November Rodney Davey
“Christmas Cake Decorating”

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY

Wednesday 11th October 9.30 – 10.30 am
Wednesday 8th November 9.30 – 10.30 am

SERVICES

22nd October

09.15 am Breakfast.
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan G Raine.

29th October

10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mission and Outreach with SSAFA.

5th November

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Barbara Fairburn.
10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

12th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am An Act of Remembrance led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

19th November

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mr. David Varley

26th November

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Wednesday - 09.30 – 12.00 Embroiderers
(1st and 3rd) / Probus (4th)
13.30 – 15.30 Craft Group
Friday - 19.15 – 21.15 Elstead Ladies Choir
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15 Mon -Fri.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps.
2nd Wednesday Baby and Toddler Play
3rd Thursday in the month The Eldwick
Fellowship.
Mid Saturday Messy Church.
Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:-
Contact Ann Shoebridge 564690

Inner Wheel Club of Bingley

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Saturday 25th November 2017

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A STORIED PILLAR AND AN ANIMATED BUST

Soon after the Friends of Prince of Wales Park began to research press articles from the 19th century, it was surprising how much new information was forthcoming. It was, as expected, the lengthy reports of the formal meetings and the actual opening of the park all appeared in a large number of local newspapers.

However, it was one in particular that confirmed a story hitherto unknown. It detailed how, in 1879, a large procession was formed in Bingley of the great and good, including the Lord Mayor of Bradford. Progress was made up to the Prince of Wales Park where, "the crowd assembled on the Roman Road". Poetic licence was obviously in use since, the location referred to was the main drive leading from the Lodge entrance, which is far from straight. Yes it is wide and sometimes was referred to as the Carriage Drive.

So it was in front of a small simply designed stone pillar that everyone assembled. The Lord Mayor then stepped forward and unveiled the covered object that surmounted the pillar – the bust of the Airedale Poet, John Nicholson. It was reported as being in terracotta, which may not have been the best medium! The creation of the bust had been funded by Thomas Nicholson and the local gentry who, for some reason, had given support to John during his life. Indeed, after his somewhat untimely and ignoble death in 1843 – drowning after trying to cross stepping stones on the river en route to Eldwick, having spent the evening in various beerhouses – it was those same gentry supported his widow and large young family. They sponsored the publication of collections of Nicholson's poems and the Hon George Lane Fox even paid for Nicholson's impressive tomb in Bingley.

From the time of the unveiling, the intriguing story continues. According to E.E.Dodd, former deputy headmaster at Bingley Grammar School, in his book of Bingley history (1958), the bust had been broken by 1891. Yet, in a news report of 1918 it was stated that the bust had been found in the long grass in the park but perhaps not intact. That was because the report said it was 'due to mischievous behaviour of boys with catapults' that damage had been caused.

No more news in research was forthcoming until another regular scan of the British Newspaper Archive brought yet more fascinating information. In the Wetherby newspaper of 10th July 1879 was printed an account of an event at the house of Mr Thomas Kell, solicitor, of Otley. For 53 years Mr Kell had been employed by George Lane Fox Esq as steward of the latter's 'tenantry'. This role was to oversee all the tenant farmers of the Lane Fox landholdings, many in Eldwick, to ensure all the farmland, woodlands and even quarries were well managed and due rents or royalties paid. The gathering was to pay tribute to the service of Mr Kell on his retirement and an illuminated address, 'which would become a family heirloom' was presented to him. In expressing his thanks the recipient then made a presentation himself... **a bust of John Nicholson by the sculptor Schuller which was to be placed in the Bingley Mechanics Institute!** The event concluded with the company afterwards spending a pleasant afternoon at Bramham Park, the seat of the Lane Fox family then and now.

So, what became of that bust? The Mechanics Institute subsequently later became the Bingley Library, Town Hall, etc. so



who knows for how long the bust was on display? Someone once said it was with Nicholson's grave in recent times. In 1876 the last collected edition of John Nicholson's poems was published. The dedication page was attributed to Sir Titus Salt Bart...a former benefactor of THE AIREDALE POET. Thus it was fitting that the late Jonathan Silver, the 'saviour' of Salts Mill, asked his friend Tony Harrison, playwright and poet, if he would consider writing a special piece for the mill. After all, as Jonathan said at the time, there was plenty of coincidence here: John Nicholson was a poet, an ex-mill worker who scratched his verses in grease from the fleece he was supposed to be sorting, and an Airedale man who drowned in the River Aire two minutes away from Salts Mill'.

In preparing a play as requested, Tony visited both Nicholson's rock in Eldwick and the vacant plinth which he incorporated into the story. Apparently before the production, someone arrived with the plaster cast of Nicholson's features, which he had commissioned on an abortive visit to London in 1827, and his portrait was retrieved from the obscurity of a vault. The day before the first performance in September 2003, by none other than Barry Rutter's famous Northern Broad-sides, in which he himself played Nicholson, even David Hockney made an appearance, a long-time friend of Jonathan. David being David, agreed to draw the covers for the programme on the Friday afternoon, printed through the Saturday night for the opening of the play on the Sunday. Further, when David first saw the set he helped paint the River Aire with the stepping stones on the mill floor. The play was a huge success and Tony has often returned to Salts to give talks. On the last occasion he said he had a bust of John Nicholson. Which one and Where? TBC!



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