

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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

### VILLAGE SOCIETY DONATES FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS TO THE YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



Knitted poppies outside the Church.  
Thanks to Graham Brewster for the photo.

**Carol Singing in the Memorial Hall  
on Christmas Eve at 6pm  
with Robert Suddall. Free entry.**

### PRINCE OF WALES PARK

The Snowman Trail can be followed during all December with a map from behind the Drinking Fountain and you will have to solve clues to name a Christmas Carol. Add your label with message on the massive live Christmas tree. All are invited to the Carols and Cake singong in the park arena on Saturday 23 December. Bring treats to share, voices and musical instruments for a happy community event.



### NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH

We would like to wish readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Eldwick Church. We hope you enjoy the Eldwick Advent Trail – the illuminated windows will be on display until 6th January and if you've mislaid your trail leaflet, you can find one on the church and village society websites or find information on Twitter @EldwickChurch or Facebook @TheEldwickChurch

2017 has been a momentous year for the Church with the start of our building project. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us with fundraising, with practical help and with their kind words of encouragement as the new building has been taking shape. We have currently secured total funds of over £730,000, which covers the cost of the new Hall and gives us a start on the amount needed to progress further with our plans to link the Hall to Church. We need a further £142,000 to do this and continue to welcome donations.

We are looking forward to Summer 2018 and the completion of the Hall works, when we will also celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the present Eldwick Church (which was originally dedicated as St Lawrence's).



### BIRCHES NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OVER

Our annual AGM saw Jane Hitchen step down after five years in office and be awarded honorary life membership for her contribution to the society over many years. Stephen Wilkinson now assumes the role of President of the society. Stephen is a popular member who has organised our often over-subscribed trips and excursions also for five years. He has agreed to combine both roles for the coming year (see below for next year's programme). David Bell remains Show Secretary with Dawn Sutcliffe as Assistant and Pauline Feltwell as Second Assistant. After booking a succession of vibrant speakers over many years, Norma Bartle has passed the baton to Sally Robinson who takes over as Programme Secretary. Norma has volunteered to share the reporting of our future meetings for the *Eldwick Newsletter*, for which I have to thank her.

One other item to report: members voted for the annual subscription to be increased from £8 to £10 which will make a contribution to meeting the society's running costs.

Our 2018 programme is now finalised and these are the events to note in your new diaries:

### Tuesday January 16th

Andrew Willocks – *The last ten years at RHS Harlow Carr*

### Tuesday February 20th

John Smiles – *A Year in Vegetables*

### Tuesday March 20th

Pat Hutchinson, Yorkshire Yellow Book Organiser – *My work with the National Garden Scheme*

### Tuesday April 17th

Ian Dewhurst – *Leisure in Yorkshire Victorian Times*

### Saturday April 28th

#### SPRING FAIR AND CHILDREN'S SHOW

### Tuesday May 15th

Don Witton – *People, Plants, Pleasure & Passion*

### Wednesday 16th May

Coach trip to Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne, Lincolnshire.

A country house in grounds landscaped by Capability Brown

### Fri 17th – Sun 19th August

3-day excursion to Threave Castle & Gardens, Castle Kennedy, Logan Botanical Gardens, Hutton in the Forest, nr Penrith (Historic house set in beautiful gardens) Includes 2 nights at the Cally Palace, Gatehouse of Fleet.

### Saturday August 25th

#### 101st Annual Autumn Show

Featuring vegetables, fruit, flowers, home baking, preserves and photography

### Tuesday September 18th

#### Gardeners' Question Time

Chair: David Allison

Terry Marshall, Alan Wilson

### Tuesday October 16th

Martin Fish – *My life in Horticulture ...so far*

### Tuesday November 20th

*Annual General Meeting and Faith Supper*

Memorial Hall meetings start at 7.30pm. Other activities to be announced when details become available.

**Mike Hitchen**

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Regarding two items in the November Newsletter. Firstly, I had a preview of Mr Barker's letter regarding my Clock Story and made a simple suggestion to him. Read the articles in the Keighley News of 1866 and 1868 from which I sourced all facts - details, names, dates and included them in the text. It was not fake news. See back page.

Secondly, in my September Heritage article I announced that the Eldwick War Memorial, and its site, had, on 24th August 2017, been awarded Grade II Listed Status by Historic England 'as a distinguished and elegant cenotaph design and a good example of a wayside war memorial'. It is of course within the 2010 Eldwick Beck Conservation Area which offers further permanent protected status. **Allan Mirfield**

Dear Editor,

I write with reference to John Dekker's letter on the possible relocation of the War Memorial at the junction of Saltaire Road and Otley Road.

In my view there is absolutely no good reason to move the Memorial from its present site. It is in a prominent location and visible to persons passing whether in cars, walking or riding. On Remembrance Sunday we walked down from the Church to the Memorial for the short service and laying of wreaths. The traffic was indeed held up and the lack of noise I am sure appreciated by all who attended. Almost any other site would not be as prominent and would probably not require the traffic to be halted which would leave the service subject to the noise of the passing vehicles. **Rupert Behrendt**

## BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The Christmas Light switch on in Bingley was a great success, it was fantastic to see the number of people who attended, we trust everyone enjoyed the improved light display - more to come next year.

You are probably all aware that Bingley Town Council are looking to retain the public toilets in Bingley that Bradford are going to close at the end of March 2018. We recently held a consultation, on Saturday 2nd December at Cardigan House for members of the public to review the proposed plans and comment accordingly whether to retain or close completely.

If you were unable to attend or missed the public meeting, you can still have your say by going on Bingley Town Council's web site. Here you can view the

public consultation documents and download a copy of the survey at <http://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/documents> or pick up a hard copy version at Bingley Library or Cottingley Cornerstone Centre. Please ensure your completed surveys are returned by the 31st December 2017; this will give us an overview of the communities' thoughts on whether to retain the toilets or not.

The intention, if we get the nod of approval from the community, is to retain a couple of toilets, for ladies and gents with baby changing facilities, the balance of the building will be converted into offices and storage for council property.

Bradford Council will give us the Toilet block on a long-term lease for a peppercorn rent; however, there will be significant costs to convert the building

into offices and to relocate the toilets. Bingley Town Council can borrow the required amount of money over a term of 20 years. To repay the loan we will have to increase the Precept by a small amount to cover the additional long-term costs.

The Market in the town square is gradually fading away with only 2/3 traders using the market on a Friday and one on a Saturday. However, we are looking at ways of re-igniting the Market. Following a recent meeting held between Bingley Town Councillors and interested members of the public, it was agreed to look at holding six bi-monthly markets on a Saturday, possibly April to September. Further details to follow. If you wish to get involved, please contact one of your Eldwick Councillors Mark Truelove or Chris O'Neill



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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our Speaker for November's meeting was Val Pearson. Val started as a hairdresser and then after 2 years of hairdressing she then went to Madam Tussauds, putting hair into scalps for the wigs. She progressed over the next 35 years, starting in Covent Garden making wigs for T.V, Theatre and films. She demonstrated to us how it was done with real hair. She has made wigs for Judy Dench and Julie Walters plus many more. She now works from home. They send her the mesh frame of the celebrities head. It takes a week to make and could cost £3,000 each.

Next Meeting is 9 January 2018. We have no speaker as it is our Beetle Drive.

The Committee wish all our Members a Very Happy Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ELDWICK

As you may be aware Bingley, and Eldwick in particular, suffered an upsurge in house and car related crime over the summer months. Due to sterling efforts by local Police a number of suspects are now experiencing Her Majesty's pleasure! However, with the much publicised cuts to Police numbers, this raises the question of what the public can do to help the Police, and themselves, to alleviate such problems. One well known, and proven successful, solution is for residents to set up Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups.

NHW is simply about looking out for each other, sharing crime prevention advice and reporting and encouraging others to report any suspicious incidents or crimes. If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, please e-mail:

Rebecca.Walker@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk  
Rebecca will have a chat with you and send you a pack on what being a Coordinator entails. Basically, you contact, say, 10-20 of your immediate neighbours in a defined small area, give out leaflets / stickers etc and erect street signs to warn people they are entering a NHW area. Simple!

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# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 20th January** 4.00 – 5.45 pm

**Saturday 17th February** 4.00 – 5.45 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 3rd January** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 17th January** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

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

**Wednesday 21st February** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

## THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday 18th January**

**Thursday 15th February**

## BABY AND TODDLER PLAY

**Wed. 10th January** 9.30 – 10.30 am

**Wed. 14th February** 9.30 – 10.30 am

## SERVICES

**7th January**

09.15 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev David McAloon.

10.30 am

Family Service led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

**14th January**

10.30 am

Covenant Service led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

**21st January**

09.15 am

Holy Communion led by  
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Morning Worship led by  
Mrs. Joan Jones.

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## 28th January

10.30 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev Alan Raine.

## 4th February

09.15 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev Barbara Fairburn.

10.30 am

Family Service led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

## 11th February

10.30 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

## 18th February

09.15 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

10.30 am

Morning Worship led by  
Rev. Ruth Crompton.

## 25th February

10.30 am

Holy Communion led by  
Rev Malcolm Sharrock.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday - 09.30-12.00 Church Café

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.

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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Christmas Day in the School-Room 1835. Messrs Greenwood of Keighley had a school-room at Vale Mill, a cotton factory near Haworth, "to celebrate the establishment, principles and benefits of the Temperance Society". In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the party began with everyone sitting down for tea and were supplied plentifully with "the health-inspiring viands".

The female mill-workers themselves had decorated the room with flowers, evergreens and paintings. In the evening the public meeting started at 5 o'clock "crowded to the outside of the door" with people from Keighley, Harden, Wilsden, Haworth and Bingley. All were members of the Temperance Society and speakers were invited to speak briefly of their personal experiences. A Christmas hymn was sung and prayers offered before the first speaker, Matthew Mitchell stood forward. He explained how once he had been a drunkard, living in a cellar, sleeping on a door covered in wood shavings and his family had nothing to sit on. All that changed when the Society showed him the way to escape so he could find work in the factory and keep his family in good health.

In Eldwick at Broadstones at the foot of Sheriff Lane Mr Denby for a time ran the place as a Temperance Hotel until he

decided to gain a licence for alcohol for Shipley Glen trippers. Later the establishment became Eldwick's Dance and Music Hall – renamed New Scarborough.

The other local Temperance Society was in Bingley, commemorated by the 1866 Drinking Fountain in Prince of Wales Park. "Drink Thou Only Pure Water" reads the inscription. By contrast to the Haworth day, at the Bradford Workhouse on Christmas Day 1849 some 126 sat down to roast beef and plum pudding. In the afternoon children were given oranges as adults had foaming brown stout and Virginia weed. In the evening was music shared, spice cake, cheese and more ale was provided, thanks to kind-hearted and worthy gentlemen.

Similarly in 1857 on Christmas Day of the 580 inmates there were 370 sitting down in the workhouse spacious dining room. The rest, being sick and infirm, had 'good things' in several wards. The bill of fayre consisted of 375 pounds of beef, one and a half packs of flour, two loads of potatoes, ninety pounds of currants, sixty pounds of raisins, ninety pounds of sugar, half a pound of nutmegs, two pounds of allspice and two pounds of candied lemon. All this with just thirty six gallons of ale.

By the 1890's things were much

better and the proposed new mission church for Eldwick was in the process of having funds collected for its building fund and a Christmas Fayre was held at the National School. On sale were all kinds of Christmas gifts and Christmas Trees. Mr W.C.Ferrand, like the other kind hearted gentlemen of before, funded a Christmas celebration for the pupils and teachers of the Eldwick Board School in 1899. As he did in the summer at Daisy Bank in Gilstead Lane with a garden party, in the winter he held open house for the school. 63 book prizes were presented to the children, as well as a box of chocolates, an apple and an orange from Mrs Ferrand.

The real treat was provided by Mr Vincent Ferrand who gave a lantern show. Two years later on Christmas Eve at the Eldwick Wesleyan Chapel, Vincent presented another lantern show of Mr Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol. A little later Vincent had moved with the times and was giving cinematographic shows accompanied by music for villagers.

Soon everyone from around Bingley were to be able to attend The Assembly Rooms in Bingley on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Courtesy of Mr Leo Conroy's Company there was 'an exceptional list of the best films from the cinematographic world, novelties never seen in public in Bingley before'.

## A TRUE STORY

### BINGLEY.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE CLOCK.**—This clock has been, after many efforts, great and small, completed. The removing of the cross-bars out of the centre of the dial is a great improvement. People will now be able to tell at once what time of the day it is, without stopping to sort out the pointers from the ornamental crossing. The clock has been made by Mr. Jonathan Cryer. It is worked by water power, and is in every respect a splendid piece of workmanship. Three dials are attached to the works—one for the large hall, one for the reading-room, and one in front of the institution for the benefit of the public, which is to be illuminated in the evenings till ten o'clock, and which was so illuminated for the first time on Tuesday evening.

## ELDWICK LADIES PROBUS CLUB

A group of retired ladies who meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in Eldwick Church (whilst building work takes place).

We invite YOU to join us as a visitor or a member, to share our chat and meetings. We're a friendly group who will make you very welcome.

Chairman: Madge Nettleton 01274 581342

Treasurer: Margaret Hartley 01274 565555

### PROGRAMME 2018

- Jan 31 Annual General Meeting followed by Ros Dawson - Bingley Town Council
- Feb 28 Christopher Aves - My Life in the RAF
- Mar 28 David Turner - The Baltic Adventure
- Apr 25 Roger Browne - New Orleans to New York
- May 30 Margaret Kenny - Life and Time of Joyce Grenfell
- June 27 David Davies - The Time of your Life New Challenges
- July 25 Jenny Stacey - A Whale of a Tale
- Aug No Meeting
- Sep 26 Jackie Depell - Paying our Respects
- Oct 31 Trevor Moody - More Comedy
- Nov 28 Neil Smith - Have Guitar - will travel
- Dec Christmas Luncheon

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