

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

Issue No. 472 March 2018

## Eldwick & Gilstead Gala News & Dates

**GALA DAY**  
**Saturday 30th June**  
**2018**

Eldwick Recreation Ground  
Theme "Up, Up & Away"



**DIDDY DISCO**  
Friday 22nd June 6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00  
3 - 7 year olds  
(parents to accompany younger children)

**GALA DISCO**  
Friday 22nd June 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00  
7 - 11 year olds

**PET SHOW**  
Monday 25th June 6.15pm  
Eldwick Memorial Hall  
Entries from 5.45pm  
Dogs and Small Pets 50p a class



## BUILDING PROJECT NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH



Our builders MW & RF Brewster have been making good progress with the new hall and we are pleased to report that work is on schedule:

- the roof is finished
- the render is on
- most of the windows have now been fitted
- the staircase is in place
- the contractors are now largely working on the interior

We hope to move from the old hall to the new one at the end of July to allow for the old hall to be demolished and removed, and the car park to be re-surfaced during August. We can then start letting the new hall from September 2018.

Phase 2 of the project is the linking of the Hall to the Church and the refurbishing of the Church building. Fundraising permitting, and after a short pause, our plan is to start this phase of the work in the autumn and complete the entire project by Christmas.

If you have any queries, you are most welcome to get in touch with Alan Brown, Chair of the Building Project Board on 01274 511970, Richard Arnold, Project Manager on 01535 272894, or through the Church Office 01274 565079.

## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BINGLEY

Invite you to their

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2018**

10.30 am to 12 noon  
At Eldwick Memorial Hall

Tickets £3.00  
(to include hot chocolate/tea/coffee & biscuits)  
Raffle Home Produce Various Stalls

Proceeds to: SILVERLINE and  
other Inner Wheel Charities

Silverline is a Charity set up by Esther Ranson similar to Childline but for lonely, isolated elderly people.

## SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 29th June start 7pm  
Eldwick Memorial Hall  
entry forms before the day £3 from the  
Post Office, School, Scout Hut.

Entries on the night £4.  
1.5 mile start 7pm  
3 mile run approx 7.30pm.

Start from the Memorial Hall Car Park,  
route Otley Road, Warren Lane, Stone  
Hill, Moorcroft, Southway, Sheriff Lane,  
Glen Road, Saltaire Road, Otley Road.

There are lots of ways **you** can be involved in the gala

- Entering a float in the parade
- Having a stall on the field
- Placing an advert in the Gala Programme
- Helping out on the day, before, during and after the event
- Being involved in the planning

We meet monthly in Birches on  
Mondays at 8pm, dates ..... 9th April,  
14th May, 4th June

Feel free to come along / get in touch

and be involved in the build up to a fantastic local community event.

The first Gala was held in 1941 for the local children during the war and it's been going ever since. Recently over £3000 has been distributed annually to local village organisations. Gala Day & Gala events are organised by a dedicated group of local volunteers; **be part of your community and join us.**

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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The new season began for the society on Tuesday the 20th of February with a talk by the aptly named John Smiles, the treasurer of the National Vegetable Society. (Sadly the visit in January by Andrew Willocks had to be cancelled owing to the bad weather. Hopefully we are to arrange a visit to him at RHS Harlow Carr in the summer.)

John, with more than 30 years in vegetable growing under his belt and hailing originally from Northumberland, proved to be a charismatic speaker. His ease of delivery and wonderful sense of humour brought the subject of "A Year in Vegetables" vividly to light.

Beginning with the fascinating subject of

Rhubarb in Yorkshire he took us into the light and shade of both indoor and outdoor Rhubarb fields. Acres of them. As he described planting 50,000 muddy and smelly roots in deepest winter, the sheer volume of hard graft it takes to the end result of classic world renowned Yorkshire Rhubarb is phenomenal. His illustrated slides conveyed it all. The hordes of coaches who visit annually and stand seemingly mesmerised by it all genuinely seemed to amaze him!

He moved seamlessly through this vegetable to strawberries growing in their miles of tunnels, many lush varieties. Some he dismissed with a down to earth bluntness

as not being worth growing. The many hives of Bees brought in to pollinate.

Much of the workforce at the farm come from Eastern Europe and there seemed to be a wonderful rapport between John and one young man in particular. His photo appearing frequently to illustrate a bit of misguided enthusiasm in his role of demonstrating to the camera the art of the tractor.

Interspersed with all of this we learnt how John produces his wonderful show stopping produce. The energy of the man was mind boggling. When the lights came up it became obvious by the applause that the very sizeable audience was as fascinated as I was. A thoroughly enjoyable take on fruit and veg!

**Norma Bartle**

## BINGLEY COUNCIL NEWS

### BTC & NHW

At the February Bingley Town Council meeting it was proposed and accepted that BTC should take all possible steps to support Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in the Bingley area. This is to include an article in the BTC Spring newsletter on NHW; BTC to distribute leaflets promoting NHW from their stalls at summer shows and galas and all Councillors to promote NHW in discussion with constituents, particularly encouraging people to set up new groups and become NHW coordinators.

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.

**Chris O'Neill**

### COUNCIL NEWS

Unfortunately, we have had a councillor resign due to work and personal commitments. This creates a vacancy in the Crownest ward, subject to the appropriate number of signatories being obtained then an election will be held, otherwise the council can co-opt a person onto the council.

The majority of councillors attended a "Code of Conduct" training course run by YLCA (Yorkshire Local Council Association).

The code of conduct based on the seven Nolan principles Selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Councillors have to disclose their interests, relating to employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. All councillors' declarations are available on our web site for all to view.

As the bad weather is upon us, we are grateful to Sara Hardman (Councillor for Crossflatts and Micklethwaite), she has been liaising with Bradford regarding gritting routes and grit bins. BTC have purchased five additional bins, these and all the existing bins, filled, ready for this cold snap.

The Clean and Green team along with a group of volunteers carried out a litter pick by the 3 rise locks, collecting 55 bags of litter not to mention larger objects, one being a TV. Litter picks go on all year round, if you want to join in and help, have a look at our web site for further information.

No doubt many of you are aware that Lidl finally have planning permission to build their new store on the old Bradford and Bingley site. They will start work on site in March with the target of having the store open for next Christmas. There will be two electric charging points for vehicles. There will be a public toilet for use in the building irrespective of whether you are using the store or not.

I have given a talk to the Bingley Airedale Rotary Club at the Oakwood Hotel. The topic related to the role I undertake as chair of Bingley Town Council Planning Committee, all had an enjoyable evening.

We had an interesting presentation from Mr Jagger the owner of the Cottingley Business Park; he shared with us his interest in purchasing the old Police Station and Court House. He will take possession in the next

few weeks; he has some interesting proposals for the use of the buildings. He did indicate that the Police Station would need a lot of work doing to it; however, the Court House was in reasonable condition.

You are all aware BDMC are to close the toilet block in Bingley at the end of March this year. Our plans to take over the building, convert into offices for BTC use including retaining two toilets for public use has been delayed.

A group of people have asked us to consider including a "Changing Places" facility within the building for use by severely disabled people. The facility calls for a room of 12sq metres with a moveable platform and a hoist along with other disability aids. These facilities are generally installed in permanently managed facilities, such as, Airports, Shopping Centres, Stadia, Railway Stations and Sports Complexes. Our Architect is to check the feasibility of incorporating this additional requirement within the proposed scheme. It will require revising the proposed plans along with associated costings. We have sought to see if there is an alternative solution to solving this request. Bingley Baths has potentially the space to incorporate this facility, initial discussion with BDMC about incorporating this facility within the Baths was favourably received; they will carry out a feasibility study and advise us within the next 10/15 days. I hope that by the time of our next newsletter we will have a clearer understanding of the way ahead for this facility.

**Mark**

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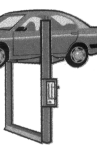
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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our February meeting was Mr Andrew McLauchlan. He used to be a Magistrate. He spoke about trials in Eldwick. He informed the members that you have to retire at 70. He also goes into schools to give talks. Some members were encouraged to take part in a mock trial. TWOC. Taken without consent. The members heard all the evidence and then were asked to decide whether the person on trial was guilty or not guilty whilst the magistrates decided their verdict. This was not always the same. It was extremely interesting.

Our Annual trip on 22 August 2018 will be to York. More details to follow.

Our next meeting is 10 April. Speaker from Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

New members are always welcomed. Please contact Bev Tel 565077

## FOUL BUSINESS!

**Dogs** - In maintaining the fine tradition of complaints to appear in this publication about dogs fouling pavements, can I add another request and that's to ask dog owners to clear up after their dogs on Eldwick Rec. The football pitch there is used by children as young as 7 and there is nothing worse or more disgusting than having to clear dogs business before a game or training session. The Rec is for everyone, not just you and your dog.

**Cats** - Are not excused either. Can cat owners please litter train their feline friends to stop them leaving their disgusting business in other people's gardens. It's so unfair on families and their children to have to clear up your cats mess before they can use their own garden space. It's our garden, not your cats toilet.

Gary Horton, Reva Close, Eldwick.

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# THE ELDWICK CHURCH

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 21st April** 4.00 – 5.45 pm  
Merry 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 21st March** 2.00 – 3.00 pm  
**Wednesday 4th April** 2.00 – 3.00 pm  
**Wednesday 18th April** 2.00 – 3.00 pm

## THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

**Thurs.19th April** Shipley Glen Tramway

## SERVICES

### 25th March Palm Sunday

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Barbara Walls.

### 29th March Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Informal Communion  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

### 30th March Good Friday.

9.30 am Prayers led by  
Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith.

10.45 am Walk of Witness

### 1st April Easter Day

07.00 am Holy Communion on  
Baldon Moor.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
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## 8th April

09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. McAloon  
10.30 am Family Service led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

## 15th April

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

## 22nd April

10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Roger Fox.

## 29th April

10.30 am Morning Worship Mission and  
Outreach service Plan International

## 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.  
3rd Thursday in the month The Eldwick  
Fellowship.  
Mid Saturday Merry Church.  
Pause to Pray 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

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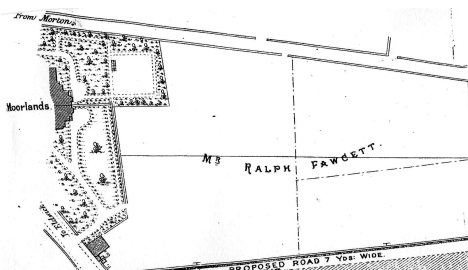


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## A HOUSE THROUGH TIME

### Moor Edge – Moorlands 1870

The single building, also referred to as Park Villas, near Prince of Wales Park, acknowledged the fact that there were two dwellings in one mansion. Both as a tribute to the late Dorothy Boyd, once living at Moor Edge and latterly at its lodge, and mindful of a recent television series, there is a story to tell.



Once again the beginning comes from the 1861 Gilstead Moor Enclosure. The land surveyor set out occupation roads to give access to the new sites. One of these was the 21 foot wide Gilstead and Morton Road (Warren Lane) and the other the 30 foot wide Otley Road. Within the apex of these two were allotted two pieces of land. To John Craven went No 130a, a simple two roods in size. To William and George Ellis went the adjacent No 130 of 6 acres. Awards were made on the basis of existing freehold property in Bingley held by the interested parties. So, John Craven, railway contractor of Highthorn House, Huntington near York, owned land at Burrage near the railway in Bingley, which made him eligible. In Huntington he had the mansion and a 32 acre estate. William and George owned the large Castlefields Estate with The Hills, sites for villas in their 20 acres and their Cotton Spinning Mill.

In what became a familiar move, the original 'allottees' soon sold off their plots. A single site on which the 'semi-detached villas' of Moor Edge and Moorlands were built was created. Ralph Fawcett was the first owner of

Moor Edge, listed as Park Villa in 1871. In 1872 the builder advertised the other semi-detached villa, with its acre of land, as Moorlands and John Pike Knight became the owner.

John (1835-1916) was from Leeds, where his father was a wool merchant in Chapeltown, a similar business John was to pursue. Before moving to Moorlands he, like many other newcomers to Eldwick, had lived in Manningham. In his new villa he employed domestic servants, including cook, gardener and coachman – since there was a roadside coach house on the property. He came to the rescue of distressed Eldwick villagers in 1878, providing food in the Wesleyan Schoolroom as well as handing out supplies, including a hundred weight of coal to every family. As a churchman he was involved with the first cottage meetings which led to the foundation of St Lawrence's Church. By 1889 a directory lists the family with five sons and two daughters at Castlefields yet the 1891 Census has them at Moorlands, which was subsequently to let in 1892 - villa, lodge, stables and coach house. It was taken by William Daniel Fleming, another wool merchant. After 1904 John lived in Scarborough until his death, having narrowly escaped the German bombardment of 1916 which destroyed neighbouring houses.

Ralph Fawcett (1825 – 1889) came from a farming family in Muker, Swaledale but by 1841 was working in the centre of Bradford as a bookbinder. Living in the 'west end of Bradford' he married Isabella in 1847. Just as he had started his own business, tragically his wife died aged 25, leaving two daughters aged six and four. In 1849 a notice in the Bradford Observer read, 'Ralph Fawcett begs respectfully to announce his new company as a paper manufacturer, bookbinder, stationer, pattern card maker and newsagent in Market Street. Having remarried, he and Ann with two children lived at Moor Edge from 1870. Since the villa was then within 10 acres along the Gilstead/Morton road, he employed a farm bailiff amongst the servants. Ralph would have enjoyed the grounds since he had been with both the Bradford Floral Society and the Bradford & Airedale Horticultural Society. In 1874 he became a director of the new Henry Glover Company which advertised an interesting prospectus. This described how the business would manufacture paper bags, paper, dry soap, chemicals, act as dry salters and supply grocers. The latter trade led to a major legal case, in which Ralph was called to give evidence. 'The Adulteration of Pepper'. Grocers had bought genuine pure pepper from Glover's and made additions of pea meal, tapioca, and starch and rice flour. Complaints led to Mr F.M. Rimmington, Borough Analyst, investigating. He found that



in several cases grocers were selling pepper with four fifths of illegal additions. Guilty persons were fined ten shillings with costs.

During his time at Moor Edge, Ralph became very involved as a public figure in Eldwick and Bingley. He was a prominent member of the Mechanic's Institute and from 1877 was chair of the Bingley School Board. A regular visitor to the Eldwick Beck Board School, he presented prizes to pupils. He was also a trustee of Bingley Grammar School. As well as serving as a Bingley Improvement Commissioner, in Eldwick he was a member of the Eldwick Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in the 1832 building. Ralph was a guest in 1888 at Eldwick Beck to help lay the foundation stone of the new chapel, which bears his name. As a keen supporter of all local schools and education, from the Mechanics Institute Ralph led the call for a new Bingley Technical and Art School to be built in Mornington Road. When he died, his obituary included, 'he has not been spared to see the entire completion of the building.' Frank Marlor, yarn agent, followed at Moor Edge.

*To be continued.*

Eldwick and Gilstead

Horticultural Society

Spring Fair

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Saturday 21st April

10 am - 12pm

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- The Bingley Bake Off on Good Friday (with Sandy Doherty, Great British Bake Off contestant)
- Covered marquee with stalls and licensed bar on the Town Square
  - Mouthwatering street food
  - Family fun and entertainment
  - Easter Saturday Free Donkey rides
  - Free Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday



Event starts  
10.00am to 4.00pm.  
Great fun for all the children and plenty to see and do for adults as well