

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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Eldwick & Gilstead Gala

Saturday 30th June 2018

The theme for this years parade is "Up Up and Away"

A big thank you to "Bingley Co-op" 2018
Gala Sponsors

**The Parade assembles at 12.15 on Barnaby Road by
Eldwick Primary and sets off at 12.45pm
The Gala opens at 1.30pm.**

Programmes on sale at all events before the Gala and
from Eldwick & Gilstead Post Offices

Entry to the Gala by programme £1 for adults children **Free**

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through the gate !!*

Entertainment for the day includes:

- spectacular parade
- wonderful New Orleans Jazz Band
- infamous Bingley Harriers Fell Race
- talents from Mr Dan & his Circus Skills Workshop
- baffling science and chemistry from The Professor Seltsam
- dazzling entertainment from local dance and drama schools
- delicious burnt bangers from the Newsletter team
- scrumptious cakes from the Eldwick Church
- numerous stalls and displays from local organisations and charities
- all mixed in with enthusiastic support from the community near and far.

There are lots of ways YOU can be involved in the gala

- Why not get together with the folks in your road and decorate a vehicle/float for the parade. Theme "Up, Up & Away"
- Plan a stall or game to run on the Gala Field and raise some

funds for your local organisation / charity

- Advertise your business or organisation in the Gala Programme
- Volunteer to help prepare for the event on the day, before, during and/or after the event
- Being involved in the planning

DIDDY DISCO

Friday 22nd June

6.00pm - 6.45pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

GALA DISCO

Friday 22nd June

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

PET SHOW

Monday 25th June

6.15pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 29th June start 7pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

• NOTICEBOARD •

Local couple Sharon and Darren Erangey are participating in the Peak District Challenge on 14th July for Marie Curie. You may sponsor them at justgiving.com. They have also arranged a charity football match to help raise funds on Sunday 10th June at 1pm on Eldwick Rec'.

Margaret Newman

Margaret and George are sadly retiring as Newsletter deliverers. We estimate that they have been doing this for over thirty years. They will be greatly missed. We owe them a huge thank you.

If you would like to take on their delivery round which is Cavendish Drive and Grange Road, please contact the editor Tony Clegg on 01274 562643 or email news@eldwickvillage.co.uk.

Sponsorship for Eldwick Beer & Banger Festival

This ever popular village event will be held again on Friday 17th and Sat 18th August. We will be supporting the Yorkshire Air Ambulance again and it will be landing on the Recreation Ground at about 4pm on Saturday. As usual this will be a celebration of locally sourced, award winning, sausage slowly cremated over charcoal and served with a range of jus especially the apple from locally sourced Bramley apples infused with Weston's cider. This will be served in a locally baked chubbie.

There will be a range of locally sourced beers which will all be on handpumps. There will also be a selection of carefully chosen ciders.

If you wish to sponsor a barrel for this event, please contact Tony Clegg through the Newsletter news@eldwickvillage.co.uk. The cost is £100 (tax deductible for business as we are a registered charity) and includes entry tickets, glasses and beer tokens.

We were able to donate £5000 to YAA last year thanks to your generosity.

Gin Festival

The recent Gin Festival proved to be a great success. The only downside was the shortage of tickets with the event being massively oversubscribed. The organisers are considering another similar event, having learnt a great deal from their first Gin Festival and the ticket allocations will be at the top of the list. The Gin Festival complements the Beer and Banger Festival which will be held again in August. Well done to all involved.



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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The April meeting of the Horti club welcomed the very popular local Historian and speaker Ian Dewhirst. A large gathering of members were treated to a fascinating insight into leisure in Victorian times in our locality.

Ian spent his working life as a Librarian in Keighley and his capacity for knowledge of life in those times knows no bounds. What is more, is his ability to surround this knowledge with humour. The room was filled with laughter at his rendering of what constituted leisure in a very repressive time in our history. In our very sophisticated world where expectations of filling our hours of leisure with countless expensive pursuits, what would we have made of the simple things like strolling through churchyards inspecting gravestones on a Sunday. When pockets of land were made available for growing fruit and vegetables a new era of leisure time took hold. This led

on to the inevitable competitive streak among gardeners to hold shows of their very best gooseberries and raspberries in many local pubs.

The first garden in the area to be opened to the public was Steeton High Hall owned by an eminent photographer Alexander Keighley. Leading on to another widely enjoyed leisure activity. Then there were the "Silly Season" exploits. The hot air balloon. Watched by crowds in Victoria Park that had a parachutist attached to the basket that somehow failed to work dragging the poor man grimly clinging to the straps all the way to Pontefract. Surviving, he returned three days later to prove he was still alive! Or the cyclist who rode backwards from Skipton to Keighley passing cars and carts on the way and held the world record.

What a wonderful insight into a different world.
Norma Bartle

Bingley's Five Rise Beer Festival

Bingley Arts Centre

Friday & Saturday (1 & 2 June 2018)

The countdown has begun to the third annual Bingley Five Rise Beer Festival, which this year will again take place at Bingley Arts Centre on Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 June 2018. As in previous years, there will be a Friday afternoon session specifically for the Five Rise Beer Festival's main sponsors and their guests, followed by three sessions open to the public. The public sessions will be Friday evening (6 pm to 11pm), Saturday afternoon (noon to 5 pm) and Saturday evening (6pm to 11pm). Entry to the evening sessions is £6 and entry to the afternoon session is £5. The entry fee includes a special festival beer glass, vouchers for your first two drinks and a Five Rise Beer Festival programme containing notes of all 70 chilled cask beers, ciders, perries and prosecco available. There will be free entertainment at all three public sessions and a range of cold pastries sourced from local butchers will also be available to purchase.

Everyone who attended the previous Five Rise Beer Festivals already knows how enjoyable these events are and we look forward to welcoming old friends again this year. We are also hoping to welcome new friends this year, as everyone is welcome. However, due to the licensing laws, nobody

under the age of 18 will be admitted. The Festival brings together people from all walks of life through the love of beer and musical entertainment and it's a great opportunity to enjoy yourself whilst raising money for great local causes. Every penny of profit will go to support the work of local charities and voluntary organisations, as it has done for the previous two years.

Tickets for this year's public sessions of the Five Rise Beer Festival are already on sale, through the box office at Bingley Arts Centre and can also be ordered online (www.fiverisebeerfest.co.uk, www.ticketsource.co.uk, Facebook and Twitter).

Sponsorship Opportunities

Why not sponsor a barrel? You, your friends, or the company you work for can have the opportunity to obtain SIX entry tickets to any of the three public sessions (including two free drinks each) and have your name, or the company's name displayed throughout the festival on one of the barrels. The cost of this is only £80. If you, your friends or your company is interested in being a sponsor for this year's Five Rise Beer Festival, **please contact Kevin Watt on 01274 883022.**

NEW ELDWICK CHURCH HALL WELCOMES YOU

We are delighted that our builders are on the final stages of work to the new Church Hall. The final fit of plumbing and electrics is in hand; painting and decorating has begun, and kitchen equipment is due to be installed in the next few weeks. The interior is expected to be completed early in June. The aim is then to transfer equipment from the old Hall to the new during the summer holiday period, after which the old Hall will be demolished (in August), and the grounds made good.

We would like to thank everyone in the Village for their support during the building works. Whether you have contributed financially, or with kind and encouraging words about our new initiative and its progress, we are most grateful. We must give a special mention to our near neighbours who have borne the brunt of the disruption. We very much appreciate how understanding they have been during the whole process, not least when the Otley Road kept being dug up! We are also grateful for a passing BMDC highways officer, who speeded up repairs to a hole in the road following requests from a concerned local resident, ourselves and our builder.

We are looking forward to Gala Day on 30 June when we are opening the new Hall doors wide to welcome you in person. We invite you to join us there for tea and cakes. There will also be guided tours, so that you can have a proper look around. The entrance will be a temporary one; the long-term aim is to have the entrance at the Winston Grange side of our site – but we will make sure the way in is clearly marked on Gala Day!

Prior to that, the new Hall will be blessed by Bishop Toby and Rev'd Dr Roger Walton in a formal service, which will also include Holy Communion and Confirmation, on Sunday 10 June at 2.00pm. The weekend of 10 June is a special one for the Eldwick Church, as it marks the 125th Anniversary of the St Lawrence's building.

So, come on down (or should it be, join us "Up, Up and Away") on Gala Day and visit your new Church Hall.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our meeting on 10 April 2018 was Mr Alan Clark. He is a volunteer for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work that the Air Ambulance does.

It started in 2000 and is an Independent Charity and used for people over the whole of Yorkshire, 365 days of the year. They usually have 4 missions a day which costs about £12,000 per day. Each air ambulance cost £6 million pounds. They have 2 and can also fly in the dark. Mr Clark mentioned that there are 5 million people across the whole of Yorkshire and if everyone paid £1 a year that would keep the air ambulances flying. They are based at Nostell.

Our annual trip this year is to York on Wednesday 22 August. We will be having a boat trip and then finish our day at the Wetherby Whaler for dinner. Cost is £30 which includes coach, boat trip and dinner.

Subs are now due, £17.

Next meeting is 12 June. Speaker is Margaret Speake (Vintage Bags and Purses).

All new members are welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 19th May 4.00 – 5.45 pm
Saturday 16th June 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 2nd May 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 16th May 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 6th June 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 20th June 2.00 – 3.00 pm

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 17th May Tricia Atkinson
“Schooldays”
Thursday 21st June Coffee Evening
in aid of The Children’s Society

SERVICES

13th May
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

20th May
09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Mrs Patricia Keene.

27th May
10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Jennifer Lunn.

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3rd June

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

10th June

2.00 pm Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith along with
Bishop Toby Howarth and
Dr. Roger Walton.

17th June

09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Ruth Dowson.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Maurice Baren

24th June

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev John Peet.

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
Pre School Group - 08.45 – 15.15
Monday - Friday.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps.
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

GLEN TROUPERS (Over 60s)

There will be a Seniors (over 60) “Nosh and
Bash” afternoon on Monday 28th May, 12
noon in the Gilstead Glen PH. The meal will
be a main course with a starter or dessert for
the concessionary price of £7.95.

After lunch there will be the opportunity to
play board games, cards, darts, dominoes or
simply chat. There will be a Fun Quiz
followed by a game of bingo and a free raffle.
(£1 per card for bingo and quiz) Both will be
non profit making.

It is not compulsory to purchase a meal,
play bingo or enter the quiz, all we would like
you to do is to come along, meet your
neighbours and make new friends and
hopefully to enjoy yourselves.

So put 28th May in your diary, tell your
friends and come along and have some fun.

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A PLACE THROUGH TIME

Just as Bingley is about to be overwhelmed with supermarkets, it is a good time to reflect on the history of Eldwick's first major grocery store, that branch of the Bingley Co-Op in Otley Road.

As usual, the story begins with the 1861 Gilstead Moor Enclosure when one of the plots was awarded to John Curwen Walker of Sydney Australia! On the strength of owning lands in Eldwick, Heights and Micklethwaite, he received 8 acres, stretching from Sheriff Lane to Saltaire Road. Soon, like many other original plots, this was sold off to a trio of businessmen, David Hipwell, hatter, with shops in Bradford and Leeds, Joseph Barker, grocer and draper of Bingley and (Mr) Kay Bracewell, cotton warp dresser. Kay, Alice Barker and a later party Robert Barker, were all from Salterforth near Barnoldswick. Kay soon progressed to become a building society clerk. The plot was first divided when 4840 sq. Yards was sold by Kay and Joseph in 1876 to the Bingley School Board for the site of the 1877 Eldwick Board School in Otley Road. When Joseph died in 1879, one of his executors was John Gott, a designer in a Hackney worsted mill who actually lived in Gott's Yard, Bingley and the original trio sold another part of the 8 acre plot to Robert Barrett who was a farmer, for £500. In 1883 Robert sold to John Gott, 'now of 125 Route de Dieppe le Houlme, pre de Rouen, cashier, for £400. In all these sales, the owners of neighbouring plots are named, so there was William Denby and Rhodes Royston at that time. Denby was to live at Eldwick Grange and Royston was to build 'Royston Row', the cottages on the north side of Sheriff Lane.

It was John Gott who was to make the sale which was to form the focal point of this story – the construction of a building which would later become the Eldwick Co-Op and subsequently an Eldwick Garage with petrol station. At this point there is some uncertainty. The purchasers were Tom White

and Walter Spurr in 1923. At the time Tom was been fully trained as a surveyor in Bingley. Walter had always worked in the building trade so joined Tom in forming White & Spurr, builders. They built semidetached houses and probably the Co-Op building that would later become the garage. Although the date displayed on the building is 1932, the 1923 sale between White & Spurr and the Bingley Industrial and Co-Operative Society describes the property as a shop and premises, which is confusing. However, in 1927, BICS sold that part of the plot further down Otley Road. The purchaser was Frank Murgatroyd, motor bus proprietor, of Bingley, who paid £120/17/9d. It was specified that any garage built could only be 20 yards east to west and so, it was The Ideal Garage business began. Only two years later, Frank sold the property to the West Yorkshire Road Car Company for £850. The real moneymaking deal was to follow when his company was sold to WYRCCo for £3145! This sale included three motor buses, two petrol tanks and pumps, oil cabinets and spare parts. The true value lay with the Hackney Carriage Licences which Frank held for local bus routes and goodwill. As would be expected there was a clause included to restrict any similar business being formed to run buses in the next 10 years within a twenty mile radius of the Bradford Town Hall.

In 1947 the West Yorkshire Bus Company sold the premises to John Reginald Sweet and Elizabeth McFarlane Sweet of 7 Sheriff Lane, directors of Eldwick Car Services for £1500. They, in turn, sold on to John Foster Tillotson garage proprietor, for £1800 in 1953. The Co-Op shop was trading all this time and, over the years previously, various parts of the original 1861 plot had been sold off for housing in both 19th and 20th centuries. In 1959 John was allowed to build an extension for a car sales showroom and it is the plans for which that show the only appearance of



the garage that was to disappear (pictured). The land behind the garage was for many years worked with allotments for fruit and vegetables. The next transaction was between Bingley Co-Op and Wilhelm Meltzer in 1964 when the remaining piece of land between the shop and Sheriff Lane was used to build Mrs Meltzer's hairdressers.

The merger between the original garage and the shop came in 1968 when Tillotson paid £4000 for the 'Eldwick Co-Op' which was adapted to become the garage whilst its predecessor was demolished. In time that site was used to build Sheriff Court as Bob Holt was to become the garage proprietor/audio technical expert and rock band rehearsal provider! It has only been possible to recount this story thanks to the generosity of Bob and Sheila who have provided full details from all the deeds. So the next chapter will be involve a very different business, Dani Greaves' 'PRESTIGE AESTHETICS' which will, reassuringly, maintain much of the appearance of one of Eldwick's bygone buildings. The shop is pictured in the background of an Eldwick Gala Parade when the Gala Queen was still carried on a horse drawn vehicle.

New Church Building

Delighted to read in last month's edition about the progress being made with the new Church building. It's shot up in the past few months and I hope it proves its worth to the community.

Some of you may have noticed the 'hole' in the road that appeared in March directly opposite the church entrance. It was a potential trip hazard for pedestrians and cars going over it certainly heard a loud bang inside the car.

The builders and the project manager were approached but they didn't feel it was within their scope or their responsibility to sort out.

However, having subsequently reported to both Bradford Council and to Yorkshire Water, I would like to thank both of them for responding so quickly to repair the hole. Local authorities don't often get a good press but on this occasion they played a blinder.

Gary Horton, Reva Close



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