

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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WE ARE 40



The Eldwick Village Society is forty years old on November 13th.

The photograph shows a somewhat eager Richard Emmott driving his father's tractor for the first Eldwick Village Society float forty years ago at the Eldwick Gala. Richard is still a very active member of The Village Society and is now a successful wholesale butcher. He is especially well known for his award winning sausage.

ELDWICK BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

We are pleased to announce that this popular family event will be held on the Eldwick 'rec on Saturday 3rd November.

There will be a stilt walker and children's entertainer. The award winning Burnt Bangers will be available. Refreshment will be available in Birches.

The firing team have arranged an extra special display which will include even more fireworks than last year.

Entrance is by programme and they will be available from Eldwick Post Office and

Birches Freehouse or at the gate on the evening. £5 per adult and £1 for accompanied Children. Cash sales only on gate.

The event is run by the Eldwick Village Society and Birches Freehouse. We would like to thank our main sponsors Janus Interiors, Premier Lettings and Manningham Concrete.

Please note that this is a football field so please wear appropriate footwear. Please do not bring any fireworks on to the field especially sparklers.

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH NEWS

Scaffolding will soon be appearing around the Church as our contractors prepare to lift the slates on the roof to inspect the beams, fit insulation, make good and then re-slate.

And so, we are launching **SPONSOR A SLATE**. Have your name, or someone else's, immortalised on the roof of The Eldwick Church. Come along to our Family Service on 18th November when you can write your name on your slate and take a photo. If you can't come to that service, we will write the name on for you.

Get in touch to book a slate: simply send an envelope to us by 9th November, marked 'The Eldwick Church, Sponsor a Slate', with:

Your name

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The name(s) to be written on the slate(s) - one name per slate

£5 in cash, or cheque to The Eldwick Church, for each name

Deliver to: the Church hall (Sunday morning or Tuesday / Thursday Cafe), or the box in the Eldwick Post Office.

Finally, come along to our Family Service on 18th November when you can write your name on your slate and take a photo. If you can't come to that service, we will write the name on for you.

In other news, our Harvest gifts have gone to the Bingley Foodbank; thank you to everyone who brought donations.

On November 11th we mark the centenary of the end of World War One with worship at 10.30 am in the Hall. The service will include an Act of Remembrance at the Eldwick War Memorial. All are very welcome to join us in this centenary year.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

WHITE FLY GET YELLOW CARD

The Society staged a lively Gardeners' Question Time session in September. Our guest panel included Pat Inman, a member of the West Yorkshire Hardy Plant Society, who has worked in horticulture for over 30 years and has won silver and silver gilt medals at Chelsea; Terry Marshall, tomato expert and specialist in organic gardening with over 200 papers published; last but not least, Alan Wilson joined us from his Wharfedale retreat to chair the meeting and put in his two penn'orth as a regular winner in many classes at our Autumn Show.

We kicked off with a debate on the benefits of planting French marigolds close to tomatoes to prevent white fly infestations. The experts stressed that this is effective only if the marigolds are blooming before the tomato plants are in place. No good planting marigolds if the whitefly have already arrived – it's too late. The most favoured solution was to hang up sticky yellow cards which attract these little pests and trap them forever.

Blackspot on roses was the next problem to be tackled and the advice was to wash the plants thoroughly in December and again in March (our Hon Sec does this) and then to mulch with "Strulch" (a derivative of straw) to prevent the disease spores from infecting roses from the ground up. Strulch is quite expensive, but as it takes two years to decompose, it's good value long term.

Many audience members reported problems with mildew on flowers and vegetables, especially powdery mildew on cucumber leaves. The panel's advice was to ensure frequent watering to prevent attacks. One suggestion for treatment was sodium bicarbonate - the same stuff you use for making biscuits or deodorizing the refrigerator. To mix your own solution, add 1 tablespoon of baking soda for each gallon of water in your sprayer. (On a personal note, I find that two crushed Rennies in a gallon can work just as well).

Controlling the spread of Alstromeria



Picture shows: Pat Inman, Alan Wilson and Terry Marshall answer questions.

was addressed, with the warning that the roots are particularly brittle and difficult to eradicate completely. Advice was given on suitable planting for a traffic island – asters, fritillarias and ornamental grasses were recommended, but don't stand back in the road to admire your handiwork.

With the chairman's frequent interventions regarding his own horticultural mishaps (vainly taking accidentally bisected worms to A&E for resuscitation was one) time flew and with much to think about, our capacity audience retired for tea and biscuits.

I'm sure you'll all be back at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 October, when Martin Fish will tell us all about his Life in Horticulture ... so far.

Mike Hitchen

● NOTICEBOARD ●

POPPIES

The Eldwick Village Society has bought a large number of display poppies which will be fastened to lampposts throughout Otley Road. We thought that this would be an appropriate act of remembrance and would enhance the work done with poppies at the Church.

NEW NEWSLETTER DELIVERER.

We are pleased to announce that Chris O'Neill has taken over the delivery round for The Meadows. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Graham Franz, the previous deliverer, for all his hardwork in the past.

COUNCIL NEWS

It's amazing how time passes, our first term of three years comes to an end in May next year. All Bingley Town Councillors, if they wish, will be up for re-election, the next term will be for a four year term.

However my fellow Eldwick Councillor Chris O'Neill has asked me to inform the Eldwick electorate of his decision not to stand again as a Councillor for BTC in the forthcoming May 2019 election. Cllr O'Neill will continue to attend BTC meetings for the duration of this elected period, to April 2019, and will continue to represent the electorate of Eldwick and Bingley until then. He is currently assisting a number of constituents on various matters, and will, again, continue to do so for the period elected. He would like to thank the people of Eldwick for their support over the past 2.5 years.

Bradford Council will be putting out general notification across the district about the up and coming election for councillors to serve on Bingley Town Council.

Not only does Eldwick suffer from the dreaded Dog Poo plight on our highways and byways, it's clearly a Bingley wide issue. In fact it's a National issue. Bingley Town Council and Towards a Dog Poo free Bingley are working together towards a Dog Poo free environment for the benefit of all. Posters and Signage are available to download from our web site www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/documents

Your support in this matter would be appreciated.

The Lidl development is moving on apace and should be open in the new year. Unfortunately there is a problem getting the mains supply into the building as well as the IT infrastructure provided by Virgin Media. Both the Power Company and Virgin don't appear to be customer friendly. Bingley Town Council are supporting Lidl where possible to put pressure on them to deliver the requested services.

No doubt you have seen in the T&A that the planning approval has been granted for the Station Masters House to be converted to a Fish Restaurant. At last we'll see an eye sore restored to a functional building.

BTC have been in discussions with BMDC to look at improving the signage for visitors to Bingley. Many visitors both walking and driving struggle to find the 5 Rise Locks and other places of interest. Hopefully we'll see new signage appear in the near future.

By the time you read this article we'll have held the last of our four Saturday Monthly Markets in the Town Square. The Council will review the events with the traders and other interested parties to establish if the events are worth continuing next year.

The Toilet and Changing Places projects are moving forward albeit slowly, hopefully we'll have some positive news in the next few months.

Don't forget if you need to get in touch with either Chris or Myself our details are on the Bingley Town Council Web site.

Regards Cllr Mark.



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our meeting on Tuesday 11 September started very promptly at 7.30pm as our Speaker was Mr Mike Armstrong who is a Master Baker. He prepared 5 different Pastries, Bread and Parkin Pigs. He was very entertaining. They were then baked and after a very short business meeting were given to the members to have with their cup of tea.

Our next meeting is on 13th November. The speaker is Trish Lawson. (Bradford Theatre and Pantos)

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Friday 7th December. Price £12 each. This is for the coach. The service is in St Michael Le Belfry Church which is very close to the Minster. Please put your names down if you wish to go.

New Members are very welcome. Please Telephone Bev on 01274 565077

ADVENT CALENDAR 2018

All the shops/enterprises in Eldwick are invited to decorate a window for the Advent Season.

The Theme is The Twelve Days of Christmas and Christmas Songs

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES

21st October

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.
10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Rev Terence W Porter.

28th October

- 10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Malcolm Sharrock.

4th November

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Ruth Crompton.
10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith.

11th November Remembrance Sunday

- 10.30 am Morning Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith including an Act of
Remembrance at the Eldwick War
Memorial at 11.00 am

18th November

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Alan Brown.
10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Alan Brown.

25th November

- 10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Barbara Walls.

2 December

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by a
Methodist minister
10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a different way of being church for all ages. It is currently held in the church hall once a month on a Saturday, with lots of craft activities as you arrive; stories from the Bible; games, songs and prayers. It finishes with a simple meal. This is an event for everyone – whatever your age, why not come and try it!

Saturdays from 4.00 - 5.45 pm on 20th
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when we hold our Messy Christingle.

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PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time at Winston Grange
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prayer.

Wednesdays 17th October, 7th & 23rd
November from 2.00 - 3.00 pm.

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Meets in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 18th October (AGM & Quiz) and
on Thursday 15th November for a chocolate
demonstration: "Island truffles and treats."
Non members welcome, small admission
charge.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday and Thursday - 09.30 am - 12.00
Church Café in the Hall.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10.00 am -12.00
Embroiderers Guild, Airedale Branch.

4th Wednesday 10.30 am Probus (a group
of friendly retired Professional
Businesswomen, who meet for coffee, chat
and then a speaker. New members and
visitors welcome. Details of speakers at
<http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/probus/>

Wednesdays weekly 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm,
Craft Group meet. Folks either bring their
own knitting / sewing /craft to enjoy or we
sometimes work together on crafts for
Church displays or for charity.
Refreshments. Just drop in.

Pre School Group – 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Monday - Friday. Contact:
villagespreschool@gmail.com

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps,
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ROUND THE BEND OR AT THE CREASE

The sporting prowess of Eldwick residents or native background would never be thought as being remarkable. It might be that 'people of a certain age' are most likely to be able to have knowledge of the names to follow. The inimitable Harvey Smith, famed for his two fingered salute (not akin to Churchill), in the equestrian world has been in Eldwick for decades. As only Harvey would do, bridledways have become gallops for his race horses from the riding stables.

Brian Sellers who spent the last years of his life in Eldwick, living at Parkside on Park Road, was an amateur first class cricketer who played 334 matches for Yorkshire between 1932 and 1948. He became county captain and in his ten seasons leading the team, Yorkshire won the County Championship six times, thanks also to Herbert Sutcliffe, Len Hutton, Hedley Verity, Bill Bowes and Maurice Leyland, great names of the time. He was the only Yorkshire amateur player to score a double century.

By complete contrast, of some enormity, comes the story of Frank Varey, Born in Eldwick at No 7 The Green, above The Acorn Inn. His family, when he was 3 in the 1911 Census, had this little cottage of two rooms, not including the scullery, for his father, a labourer at the Eldwick Brickworks, mother, sister Lily and brother Thomas. His father lost his life in the Great War of 1914-18 leaving Frank to look after the family. His first job in 1924 was at the Scott Motorcycle Works at Saltaire in the fitting and erecting department. Soon he was given trials for testing the bikes in trials. Then came the advent of dirt track racing or speedway as it was later to be known. Frank realised there was money to be made in this sport so he was soon competing in events, finishing a day's work then setting out for the evening meeting. The bike had to be stripped of mudguards then reassembled after the race to take Frank home. Soon the prominent club in the north of England became the Belle Vue Aces and it was for that club that Frank made his debut in the English Dirt Track League in 1929.

As a true Yorkshireman with grit and

determination, Frank was 'an uncompromising rider' to put it politely. There were scrapes with officialdom, clashes with promoters and many time encounters on the track during races. So much so that he often had the opposition crowd in such a state that a police escort was needed to get him safely away. All this made great headlines and filled stadiums to capacity.

During the winter of 1929/30 he rode in Argentina where fans there named him El Diablo Rojo – The Red Devil. He rode for England in the first ever test series versus Australia and decided to retire in 1935, only to have a change of heart to return and compete in the 1937 and 1938 World Speedway Championships. The only problem was that by that time he was also running a garage business and trying to race as well caused a dip in form at Belle Vue so the promoter persuaded Frank to sell his business.

Surprisingly the races continued during the war years and Frank became the 1944 British Wartime Champion. A year later came his final retirement when he turned his attention to promoting and developing more tracks. All the time he had been at Belle Vue the champions' trophies became a regular occurrence but when he decided to leave it became Sheffield's gain because Frank reopened the track there. He went on to promote at Edinburgh, back to Sheffield in 1960 and Belle Vue in 1974 as team manager. Still advising on a new track at Sheffield and relocating Belle Vue, Frank was seen as the ideal person to reopen the latter but sadly in 1988 it was not to be as Frank passed away only weeks before the sport returned to the Aces new venue.

It was sheer coincidence that the Varey's home of No 7 The Green, saddened by the loss of Thomas in the First World War, became, when uninhabited, the base for Eldwick's own platoon of the Home Guard, the village's 'Dad's Army'. The other link with this story came from a totally unexpected encounter in Prince of Wales Park quite recently. Having appealed for memories of the park, events, parties, games



whatever, little had been forthcoming but then – Bonanza! A gentleman was in the Quarry Arena looking thoughtful. On being asked if any help was needed he said no but you may like to know this. There was a time when for many years the area still looked like a quarry with the whole surface of the ground being sandy so it was possible for racing – Cycle Speedway Racing!

And, the man said, I have the pictures if you would like to have a copy. So here it is, together with Frank as a Belle Vue Ace and on the track.



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