

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

Thank you to all of you who turned out to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night on the 'rec. This event takes a great deal of organising and is wholly run by volunteers. Three thousand pounds worth of fireworks made an excellent display which lasted for fifteen minutes. Over six hundred sausages were cooked and consumed in just over two hours. We estimate that about two thousand seven hundred people attended.

The Eldwick Juniors Football Club had a lot of support and did well with their sales and the charity Mind did well with their chocolate apples and gingerbread.

We would like to thank our major sponsors Janus Interiors, Manningham Concrete and Premier Property and of course all of you who attended.

Last year we were able to donate five thousand pounds to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and it would be great to do at least that again this year.



In Memoriam



We have had a lot of very positive feedback about the poppies on Otley Road. They were purchased from the Royal British Legion and they were paid for and put up by Eldwick VS.

St Lawrence's Church looks resplendent with the poppies cascading down and the "field" of poppies on the lawn. A very fitting tribute.

Art Show

This year's Village Society Art Show was well attended with an excellent range of media and a wide range of work. Thanks to all who supported it. Mick Sykes' painting of Dick Hudson's in the snow was voted favourite in the show. Congratulations to Sophie Stead who won the under fifteen category with her painting "Ripples". Sophie received a £25 art voucher. Well done Sophie!



● NOTICEBOARD ●

CAROL SINGING

We are delighted to announce that The Salvation Army will be accompanying the Carol Singing in the Hall again this year along with multi award winning organist Robert Suddall. Carol singing is at the usual time of 6pm in the Memorial Hall on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to June and Allan for organising this event.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The local Group Sawdust will be playing in the Memorial Hall on New Year's Eve. Tickets are ten pounds and they are available in Birches.

EVS AGM

The Eldwick Village Society AGM will be held on Monday 17th December at 7pm in Birches.

GIN FESTIVAL

Tickets will be on sale from Eldwick Post Office from week beginning 3rd December. This popular event will be held on 12th / 13th July at Eldwick Memorial Hall

THE ELDWICK CHURCH NEWS

Our roofing and insulation work is now well under way. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a slate – names are now inscribed ready for the underside of the roof for the next hundred years!

In other building news, Brewsters are starting soon on the link building connecting our new Church Hall to Church. We expect that all work will be completed around the end of February 2019.

There is lots to look forward to as Christmas approaches. We hope people will enjoy the Advent Trail which runs for the whole month of December. 24 Eldwick windows depicting Christmas hymns and songs will be illuminated every evening between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm. Pick up a trail map leaflet from Church Café, the businesses around Eldwick, or via our website <https://eldwickchurch.org.uk/> Match the songs to the location and post your completed trail leaflet back to Church or to the vicarage at Winston Grange, Otley Road, Eldwick.

This year, during December you will also find knitted angels hidden in the strangest places around Eldwick Village. (Our Craft group have been super busy!) If you do find one of the angels, please take it home. It is a gift from the Eldwick Church to wish you and your family Merry Christmas!

Christmas events which may be of special interest to families include Messy Christingle on Saturday 15th December at 4.00 pm (includes the magic of oranges, candles and sweets), Carnival Nativity at 10.30 am on Sunday 23rd December (come dressed as a character from the Christmas story) and the Crib Service at 4.45 pm on Christmas Eve (come early for refreshments first!)

Glen Troupers Over 60's meetings:

Mondays 12/11, 26/11.10/12, and Monday 7/012/19

All who attend will be made most welcome, we are only here to help people get to know new friends, and have an enjoyable afternoon.

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THE FORTUNES OF MR FISH

Our October speaker, the Notts born and bred son of a miner, Martin Fish was the first male in his family since 1792 not to go down the pit. After leaving school he took a job with the local parks department so that he could learn as much as possible about all aspects of horticulture.



Picture shows: Martin Fish addressed a full house

Martin then took a full-time course at college and after graduation became at 21 the country's youngest head gardener at Rufford Abbey, the 1500-acre country estate of Lord Savile. The grounds had fallen into disrepair since a change of ownership in 1946 and Martin had to take on the enormous task of restoring and redeveloping the

landscape of formal gardens and arboretum.

Time moved on and Martin had saved enough to buy six acres of cheap land near Southwell and then install some second-hand glasshouses. At that time the local council decided to outsource bedding plants and other horticultural supplies. Using his established connections with the local authority, Martin stepped into the breach and was able to grow his own business as a supplier.

Readers who think that all these activities were sufficient for our hero are very much mistaken, for this was the time that Martin broke into journalism via Garden News, his favourite weekly read.

With an "I can do that" attitude he submitted an article, which was accepted by the publication, as were subsequent seasonal tips and hints. After 25 years he is still a regular contributor.

A chance meeting with John Sterling, Radio Nottingham's resident garden expert then led to regular 10-minute broadcasts on Fridays. Horticulture is an activity where all the experts know each other and meet regularly on the same show circuit Chelsea, Harrogate, Tatton Park and so on.

At this time Martin was approached by Calendar to do a short gardening spot and this led to more regular TV work including constructing a demonstration plot in his own garden where he could show viewers how to achieve success in their own horti projects.

Meanwhile Martin had become very involved with the Harrogate Flower Show and in 2008 moved to North Yorkshire "to be near his job". After buying a property he began the familiar task of designing and landscaping it to show standards. "Makeovers" were fashionable at that time and he was able to demonstrate a few examples (decking and all!) for his TV spots in his own backyard.

Nowadays as an RHS judge, he is kept busy at up to six shows a year and is a member of various national committees relating to his first love of horticulture.

The meeting also witnessed the retirement of our speaker finder, Mrs Norma Bartle, whom we thank for bringing a galaxy of gardening-related experts to the Memorial Hall over the past six years. **Mike Hitchen**



Picture shows: President Steve Wilkinson presents a bouquet to Mrs Norma Bartle

COUNCIL NEWS

New councillor needed for Lady Lane and Oakwood ward

A new councillor is needed to represent Lady Lane and Oakwood ward, following the resignation of Cllr Andrew Fenton (Con).

As there has been no petition requesting an election, the councillor will be co-opted by the Town Council. If you are interested in applying to be co-opted, please note the following:

Candidates are required to submit a written application, including a biography, reasons why they wish to become a Town Councillor and what they can offer to Bingley Town Council. Candidates will need to confirm in writing that they meet all of the eligibility tests. Details of the criteria, available on the Town Council website next week, or by contacting the Clerk. Candidates will be invited to one Town Council meeting before the meeting at which the co-option will take place. The co-option will be dealt with as an item of council business at an extraordinary meeting of the council yet to be arranged. The co-option procedure will also be available on the Town Council website from next week.

The closing date for submissions of

interest is Monday 19th November. Contact details:- Town Clerk Ruth Batterley, Cottingley Cornerstone, Littlelands, Bingley BD16 1AL. Telephone number 07703 188660.

Towards a Dog Poo Free Bingley

The Council is working closely with the volunteers from Towards a Dog Poo Free Bingley to persuade dog owners to pick up after their dog. If you are aware of a location, where there is a problem with dog faeces, you can now go to the Town Council's website and download a variety of signs - some customised for different parts of the parish - to help draw attention to the problem and its consequences and thank the majority of owners who do help to keep our streets and parks clean.

Go to the Documents page and you'll find the signs and information under Green and Clean Sub-committee. Alternatively, find the signs on the TADPFB Facebook page.

Priestthorpe Annex sold

Priestthorpe Annex on Mornington Road, Bingley has been sold to a Leeds-based development company for around £225,000. The sale, confirmed by Bradford Council, the former owner, comes after ongoing efforts by

Bingley Town Council for action on the derelict site. To make it safe, the Annex has been scaffolded by the new owners who plan to demolish it and build houses on the site.

Last year, Bradford Council revealed the Annex was beyond economic repair and had to be demolished. Bradford then committed resources to deal with issues around a covenant restricting the building's use and it was put up for sale. According to the covenant, the proceeds of the sale must be used for the 'educational benefit of the people of Bingley' and Bradford Council has promised to consult on how this will be best achieved. The founders' stone and a time capsule, buried in the foundations, will also be kept. It is understood that the new owners, an offshoot of Padd Ltd, plan to scaffold the building to make it safe and then look to build houses on the site.

Parking & Parking Charges

Members of the public have raised concerns about parking outside schools, especially at Bingley Grammar School. Clearly more Wardens are required to manage these areas. Bingley Council to write to Bradford expressing our concerns. We will also be raising concerns about the implementation of evening parking charges in Bingley. Beware if you park on the car parks in Bingley you are now required to pay and display a £1 ticket. Wardens are patrolling the area.

Christmas celebrations - and a new Christmas light

As part of its ongoing project to improve Bingley's Christmas lights, the Town Council this year launched a competition for local primary schools to design a new custom-made light for the town. The winner of the first Christmas Lights competition is Jasmine Stress, aged 8, from Eldwick Primary school.

Jasmine's winning design will be created in lights and hung on a lamp post at the corner of the market square. She will also be invited to join the celebrity at the Christmas Lights Switch-on which takes place on Saturday 24th November alongside the Christmas Fayre.



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our Bingo and Quiz night on 9 October was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Pauline and Linda for organising this.

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Friday 7 December at St Michael le Belfry, York. At our MacMillan Coffee Morning in September we raised £350. Thank you to all who came. It was well attended.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11 December and we are being entertained by a Ladies Choir "Belle Canto". New Members are always welcome, come and give it a try. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077

✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES:

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

9 December

- 10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Derek Walmsley

16 December

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith
10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Hayley Matthews

20 December (Thursday)

- 7.30 pm Words & Music for Christmas led by Rev Alan Brown

23 December

- 10.30 am Carnival Nativity & Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

Christmas Eve

- 4.45 pm Crib Service (preceded by refreshments) led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith
11.30 pm Midnight Service of Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

Christmas Day

- 10.00 am Christmas Celebration followed by 10.45 am Short Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

30 December

- 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 17th November & on 15th December when we hold our Messy Christingle.

PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time at Winston Grange (next to Church) for quiet reflection and prayer.

Wednesdays 23rd November & 5th & 19th December from 2.00 - 3.00 pm.

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Meets in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th November for a chocolate demonstration: "Island truffles and treats" and on 13th December for our Christmas Party. Non members welcome, small admission charge.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

4th Wednesday 10.30 am Probus (a group of friendly retired Professional Business-women, who meet for coffee, chat and then a speaker. New members and visitors welcome. Details of speakers at 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, our walking group. Details from eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/friday-footsteps

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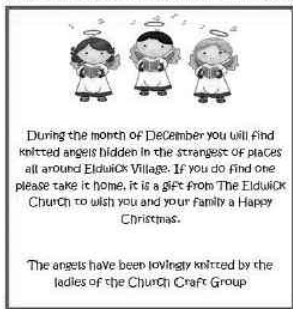
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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Recent research through local newspaper 'scrap books' gave an illuminating story – forgive the pun. Electricity first came to Bingley to power the 1914 tramway, thanks to a supply drawn from Keighley when a substation was set up at the 19th century Bingley gas works. Ten years later a new electricity sub-station was built behind the original Bingley Post office on Main Street and by 1932 showrooms had opened for electrical appliances. Leonard Dyer's shop, opposite the Station House, was offering the 'Complete Radio Service' and was the appointed dealer for 'His Master's Voice'.

Under nationalisation, in 1945 the town lost its electricity and gas undertakings works. The electricity works, never more than a sub-station came under the Yorkshire Electricity Board. Whilst the town and its immediate village suburbs entered the new 'Electrical Age', it was not so for those parts of outlying Eldwick, which had to wait another 20 years.

So it was that on Wednesday 30th September 1953 that the lights for the High Eldwick, Drake Hill and Low Springs districts were connected to the electrical supply, officially switched on by Mr. Geoffrey Hirst M.P. 'A Grand, Glorious and Memorable' occasion was marked when, Mr Hirst pressed down the switch outside Dick Hudson's. The famous hostelry and its surrounding countryside came to know the advantages of electricity for the first time. As a special treat, the Yorkshire Electricity Board bathed Dick Hudson's in dazzling floodlighting which made it an even more prominent landmark for miles around.

At the time, Mr Fred Adcock of Knapley Ing farm at High Eldwick was present at the celebration tea which followed the official switch on. He remarked that his 400 year old house had once been lighted by candles, oil and, latterly, calor gas. Further, he could now return to his house, built in the 42nd year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and enjoy the advantages of electricity for the first time. Today, Mrs Jowett of Dunnock Farm in



Heights Lane can confirm, having been brought up at Knapley Ing, how nice it was to get rid of the gas mantle lighting.

Tributes were paid at the ceremony to the men who had been involved in that major project, proving to have been far more difficult than had been thought. Mr Dennis Bellamy, chairman of Y.E.B., said the Board was as anxious to supply electricity as the people were to take it. Laughter resulted when he said there was not simply a move to make a big profit, since the Y.E.B. supply was the cheapest in the country apart from South Wales. Mr Hirst stressed how electricity would improve productivity, notably to increase output of home grown food. It was said that of the 1,700 farms in the country at the time, only 56 per cent had electricity, a figure to which the Eldwick farms could be added.

The scheme had encountered some problems, notably in groundworks around the bore hole at Birch Close Farm. That source for local water supply had been instigated in 1885 with some controversy. The Shipley Water Board was responsible for Eldwick's water supply as well as Shipley itself. A complaint was raised against the Baildon Water Board which had been given permission to create the borehole, whose water could have flowed naturally into both the Glovershaw and Eldwick Becks, at the same time depriving Shipley.

Returning to the electricity supply, it was stated that, for a cost of £15,000, with nine miles of cable having been laid, it was remarkable that it was all for the benefit of a mere 68 consumers!

Earlier in 1953 there had been a very different ceremony in Eldwick. Before the village's summer Gala took its present form it had been the Eldwick Sheep Dog Trials which reflected Eldwick's farming legacy of the time. So, 1953 being Coronation year of Queen Elizabeth II, it was fitting to crown an Eldwick Queen. On the Saturday at the Trial Field there was 'a colourful little ceremony'. At two o'clock the trials were halted as the crowd settled down to await the arrival of the

queen and her retinue. None other than Mr. Geoffrey Hirst M.P. was to crown 16 year old Miss Muriel Spencer as the queen. The description of the procession gives a clue to the location of the Trials Field since the route was along Otley Road and into Warren Lane. The queen and her retinue sat on a bedecked wagon drawn by a white horse resplendent in red, white and blue plumes. Miss Spencer was attended by Julie Yates, Heather Longbottom, Diane Coles, Judith Hodgson, Dorothy Driver and her page was Sarah Boston. Of course, 'Mister Eldwick', Mr.W.A.Birch, chairman of the Eldwick Coronation Gala Committee, presided and said it was a very proud moment for Eldwick for he believed this was the first occasion on which Eldwick had had a gala queen.

Eldwick's eldest lady, the queen's grandmother, aged 80, Mrs J.A.Spencer was presented with a bouquet. The following year, Heather Longbottom, having been an attendant in 1953, became the second gala queen in 1954. Memories of these events most welcome!

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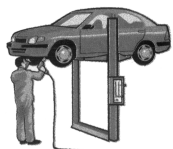
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