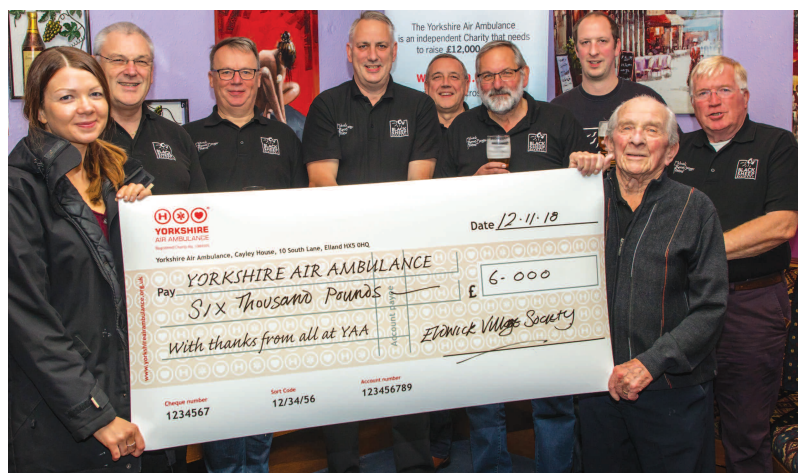


Eldwick Village Society Newsletter

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

VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM. CHEQUE PRESENTATION



The Village Society AGM was held on 17th December in Birches. The accounts for the year were presented, the officers re-elected. The Chairman gave a report on the activities for the year. He reported that this year had been a particularly successful one. A number of events had been organised including the Art Show, The Beer and Banger Festival, support for the Fun Run and Gala and, of course, the Bonfire and Firework Display. The hard work of the volunteers, including the support of the Bingley Airedale Rotary, had helped to raise funds resulting in donations being made to various local charities and organisations. Six thousand pounds was given to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance making a total donation of over thirty thousand pounds over the last few years.

This year the Village Society helped fund the floral displays in the village and organised the display of Remembrance Poppies.

The Village Society continued to produce the monthly Newsletter and the Chairman thanked the volunteers who distribute this publication every month.

THINGS TO DO OVER CHRISTMAS

Carol singing in the Memorial Hall 6pm on Christmas Eve with the organist Robert Suddall and The Salvation Army Band. Free entry.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

With local band Sawdust in The Memorial Hall. Tickets are available from Birches.

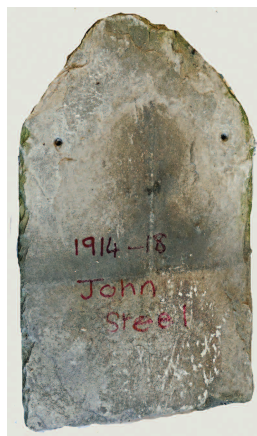
THE ELDWICK CHURCH NEWS

The slaters have now re-positioned around 200 slates written with names of church & community members, their friends, family and loved ones. "Sponsor a Slate has been a great opportunity to get people involved and foster a sense of ownership of our Church," commented Rev Peter Mayo-Smith. "However, we then realised that the Family Service, when we were writing names, fell on the Sunday after Remembrance Day. So, we decided to use this opportunity to also commemorate the 21 local servicemen who gave their lives in two World Wars. Those men belonged to Eldwick Village. The Church would have been part of their daily environment and most likely, many worshipped there on Sundays. By writing their names on slates we could express our respect and gratitude for the sacrifice that they made. Their memory will be part of the Church fabric as we go forward."

In other building news, the contractors have moved to internal work in Church and have also been digging foundations for the link building.

Have you found a knitted angel yet and taken it home to get warm? The angels have been hidden all around Eldwick Village. Do also remember the Advent Trail which runs until 31 December, so there's still time to grab a trail leaflet and get your entry in. Trail leaflets available from Church Café, retailers in Eldwick or from the Church website.

In January, Church Café is launching light lunches on Thursdays from 11.30 am – 1.00 pm. This is in addition to our normal Tuesday and Thursday morning Café. Do drop in, we'd love to see you.



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BIG TURNUP FOR AGM AND FAITH SUPPER

Our November event was the Society's Annual General Meeting which saw a near-capacity gathering in the Memorial Hall. There are very few changes in personnel to report - Mrs Dorothy Isaac retired from being Allotment Secretary and was thanked by the committee for her dedicated service over many years. Our new Allotments Secretary is Mr Roger Golton, who was largely responsible for improving the water supply to the allotments last year. He announced that there is now no waiting list and this is a good opportunity for any reader wishing to rent a plot on Warren Lane. Then the meeting voted to discontinue the April Spring Fair. The Childrens' Show will now revert to its original spot in the Autumn Show in August next year thanks to more space being available in the new Church building. After all the business was concluded, everyone enjoyed a faith supper.



Speaker Secretary Sally Robinson has booked BBC Gardeners' Question Time and Chelsea Show presenter Christine Walkden (pictured) for our September meeting. More details in the New Year.

Finally, the good news is that subscriptions remain at £10.00 p.a. but members booking for Christine Walkden will need to show their membership card due to a limit on audience numbers for that event.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 January at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, when Kevin Platt will give us a tour of the private gardens of Cheshire and the many plants they feature.

Mike Hitchen

COUNCIL NEWS

Park Run

For those wishing to keep fit a Park Run is held in Myrtle Park every Saturday. The course is 2 kilometres round the Park, go at your own speed, it is not a race, it is a race for fun, all ages welcome. Over 350 participated on one Saturday in November.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Parades around the district had record attendances to remember those who had given their lives in two world wars. Gilstead have a new memorial stone commemorating the lives of local men who lost their lives in the wars, the service of dedication took place on Saturday 10th November, and the service was well attended by local residents.

New Councillor

An Emergency General Meeting was held on Tuesday 4th December to co-opt a new councillor for the town council. Three candidates have put forward their names for election, the successful candidate must obtain a 50% majority to be elected.

In May next year the council is up for election. Anyone interested can put his or her name forward to be in the ballot for election to the council. As you may have read, Councillor O'Neill will not be standing in the Eldwick ward, anyone wishing to be a councillor and would like more information please don't hesitate to get in touch with mark.truelove@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk or give me a call on 07809 690398

Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on

We trust many of you turned up to the event, it was a great day, the Market was buzzing Santa was busy in his grotto giving out presents to the children, many of whom enjoyed the free rides provided by the Chamber of Trade supported by Bingley Town Council.

Have you noticed the new light feature outside Illingworth McNairs Office. This was the winning feature for the schools competition, won this year by Eldwick Primary.

Priestthorpe Annex

The building sold to Padd Construction for a sum in the region of £226k. The building will be demolished in January 2019, it is intended to construct 6 town houses with integral garages, plus converting the building at the rear of the property into a further 2 dwellings. Completion is expected to be within a 12-month period.

Delilah's

The Town Council submitted an objection to the application for a permanent licence for Delilah's, on the site of the former Bijou nightclub on Chapel Lane. A representative from the Council will be attending the licensing hearing on 29th November to present the Council's views. A licence has been granted with limited opening times and a number of restrictions have been imposed which must be complied with to be able to operate the business.

Car parking issues

Town Councillors will be meeting with representatives from Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Police and a number of local residents on 7th December to discuss concerns about car parking in the town. This will include the recent imposition of evening and weekend charges in town centre car parks, also irresponsible and illegal parking by parents dropping children off at schools across the parish.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Allan Mirfield's article "Let there be light" in the November newsletter. One of my earliest memories as a four year old is the Eldwick Sheep Dog Trials. They were held in the field bordered by Otley Road and Warren Lane, where today stands Moorcroft, Stonehill and part of Southway. I can remember it being a bright sunny day and I take great delight in telling current residents that I can remember when sheep dog trials were held in Eldwick!

The article also mentioned the coming of electricity to High Eldwick. Again I can remember as a child going outside when the electricity supply failed and finding that the whole of Eldwick was black, not just dark, but totally black. Unlike today when, even if many sections of the grid fail, there is always still a glow of light from either Shipley, or Bingley, or Keighley.

John Muggleston, Southway.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our speaker for November was Tish Lawson. She entertained about 40 members with a very interesting talk on Bradford Theatres and Pantos. She went back in time to the end of the last century. Explaining the history of why men took the part of women and women taking the part of men. She had some posters and talked about the Sunbeams who performed at the Alhambra, some of our members can remember them. She also had more information regarding other theatres in Bradford.

Our next meeting on 8th January 2019 is our Annual Beetle Drive.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274 565077



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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES:

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

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

6 January

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Fairburn

10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

13 January

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Bishop Toby

20 January

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Brown

10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Stephen Normanton

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!

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A quiet 'drop in' time at Winston Grange (next to Church) for reflection and prayer. Wednesdays 19th December and 2nd & 16th January from 2.00 - 3.00 pm.

THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
Meets in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm on 17th January for Poems and Puds. Non members welcome, small admission charge.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS
Tuesday and Thursday - 09.30am-12.00noon 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 Businesswomen, who meet for coffee, chat and then a speaker). New members & 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

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THE VILLAGE HALL

Eldwick's Lasting Memorial

Remembrance Sunday saw a large and respectful crowd in attendance at the village's iconic War Memorial, paying tribute to the twenty local men who died during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. The first meeting to discuss the need for a village hall took place in 1944 at Farfield House, the home of J.R. Bruce, owner of the adjacent Eldwick Timber Moulding Mill. Several village organisations were already in existence, the Eldwick & Gilstead Smallholders (later Horticultural Society) from 1909, and the Eldwick Dramatic Society from 1942. Rehearsals and club nights for drama were held in the Eldwick Methodist Schoolroom. From 1877 the Eldwick Board School held events, ran evening classes and organised lectures. Similarly St. Lawrence's Church had a unique facility to enable the body of the church to become a social area. A retractable screen was mounted at the top of the chancel steps which, once drawn across, isolated the choir stalls, organ and altar. The Eldwick and District Women's Institute was inaugurated in 1949. In 1958 the group adopted a family of five who were in a displaced person's camp after receiving a letter from the 12 year old daughter. She told of sickness and hardship, they had no home comforts or even a fire.

The end of the 2nd World War was welcomed but with remorse for those deceased Eldwick servicemen. So there was a determination to make a huge commemoration of all those who died in service between 1914-18 and 1939-45 by seeking to create not just a village hall but The Eldwick Memorial Hall. The realisation was finally achieved in 1954 with the laying of the foundation stone to commence building. The official opening was in October 1956. After this, all the existing organisations could make their home in the Memorial Hall. The Old People's Welfare Association of Bingley was delighted to enable the Eldwick branch to be welcomed into the Hall. The management committee wanted to provide for the young people of the village and called a meeting to ascertain interest in November 1957. Some 40 young people attended and made a good effort by collecting 10 shillings (50p) their first contribution to their own organisation. Within a year there were 80 members aged from 10 upwards, meeting fortnightly between September and April, raising their own funds and helping at other village efforts and events. Since its inception the Dramatic Society had by 1959 produced fifty plays with seventy members mainly from Eldwick and Gilstead. It was said at that time that the local audiences had a preference for comedy. The Elstead Ladies Choir was an offshoot of the W.I. and was formed in 1954. Performances of any kind became enhanced by the inclusion of a stage and dressing rooms in the Hall, still allowing plenty of seating space for audiences.

There were continuing developments and expansion following the basic design and provision in the Hall. On the second anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall an all-day Bring and Buy Sale was held, principally to raise funds for a domestic hot water supply to the kitchen, partly from the boiler and partly from electricity! Also provision was needed for two cloakrooms. The morning session was opened by the principal of Bingley Teacher Training College. The stage was festooned with flowers and plants donated by the college and 'there was a stress on home produce'. Perhaps this was timely after the October harvest from Eldwick's many orchards and gardens. The members of the thriving Young People's Organisation ran Hoop-La and White Elephant Stalls, and supervised a Fancy Apron Competition. Some of the 'lads' had collected and chopped firewood which was



Laying the Foundation Stone

offered for sale in 'fourpenny, sixpenny or shilling' bundles (conversion rate?!). The Eldwick and Gilstead Horticultural Society provided 'lavish supplies of fruit, flowers and vegetables' and the Eldwick Amateur Dramatic Society had a cake stall. The W.I. sold cakes and fancy goods, the Memorial Hall ran a tombola and refreshments were served by the ladies of the Wednesday Evening Meeting group.

The afternoon session was opened by local Councillor J.A. Flanagan who congratulated the Committee on their 12 year achievement which, with so many successful organisations making use of the building, gave proof that the commendable efforts had met a great need. He also made some remarks which may have been acceptable and well received fifty years ago but perhaps not today? In the press report of the event it was sub-titled LADIES ENTHUSIASM and he was quoted as having said, "He always felt the people of Eldwick benefitted from the tremendous enthusiasm of the ladies who always made such wonderful teas (laughter). It was fitting therefore that the proceeds from the day's effort should be for a domestic hot water supply, for he thought the ladies were deserving of such a facility". A cheque for £25 was presented by the OPWA from a recent open afternoon meeting. Tea followed to bring the event to a close and then, to prove the versatility of the Hall, a Dance was held in the evening.

In 1962 an extension was built to improve Ladies Toilets and to create a cloakroom. Autumn Efforts commemorating the opening of the Hall were held yearly to raise funds. By the time of the Hall's Jubilee in 2006, Lottery Grants and bequests had enabled major refurbishment programmes. Today the Eldwick Memorial Hall is still fulfilling its purpose and its commemorative ambition. There is usage by the Bridge Club, Yoga and Keep Fit classes, the EGH Society, W.R. Woodturners, Yorkshire Countrywomen, Soroptomists, Dance classes, Bingley Janus, The Thursday Afternoon Club, Fitness sessions, on a daily/weekly basis. All this plus many village social events and private parties. As before, fifty years ago, tributes need to be given to today's Eldwick Memorial Hall Directors and Committee Members for their efforts.

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