# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GALA - 29th June DIDDY DISCO & GALA DISCO - 21st June PET SHOW - 24th June SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN – 28th June GIN FESTIVAL - 12/13th July BEER & BANGER FESTIVAL -16/17th August

## FIVE RISE BEER FESTIVAL



Festival will again take place in the Bingley Arts Centre, over the weekend of 7 & 8 June. The venue is ideally located in the centre of Bingley and has easy access for transport and other local amenities.

Three public sessions will take place: Friday 6pm to 11pm, Saturday 12 noon to 5pm and 6pm to 11pm. Local entertainment will also be provided at each of these

sessions. Tickets for each of these sessions are available through www.fiverisebeerfest.co.uk, website, or direct from Bingley Arts Centre ticket office and can also be purchased on the door. Each entrant will receive; tasting notes, free Festival glass and a complementary voucher, to be used for the purchase of any of the beers, ciders, prosecco and for the first time this year, Gin!

As in previous years, we will be holding a Sponsors' Only session, which will take place from 12:30 to 4:30 on Friday 7 June. This session is restricted to the main sponsors and their guests, at which everyone will be able to take advantage of the free food and drinks on offer. Sponsorship of this event is an excellent opportunity for companies of any size, to provide an opportunity for their valued customers and/or employees, to enjoy the experiences of a special corporate event, at a very reasonable price, whilst at the same time advertising their company in the tasting notes, to all who attend. Should you, or your company wish to take advantage of this unique corporate entertainment opportunity, please follow the link to the website www.fiverisebeerfest.co.uk or email enquiries@fiverisebeerfest.co.uk

This year will be the fourth Five Rise Beer Festival. It is run by the Rotary clubs of Bingley and Bingley Airedale, with all funds raised from the event being given back to the Rotary clubs, who invest in local charitable causes.

Each event is organised by individuals from both Rotary clubs, who have been involved since the concept of this event, some years ago. The organisers maintain close links with Eldwick Village Society and together they have invested in the festival bar, which is now used at both the Five Rise Beer Festival and Eldwick's Beer and Bangers event, held later in the year.

## 60th Anniversary Celebration



Dudley and Frances Wilcock celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 21st February this year.

They moved to Eldwick, from Kirkstall, in 1965 and since then have been involved in village life and formed many lasting friendships through their membership of various bodies, namely: Eldwick Methodist Chapel and, since that chapel's closure, Bingley United Reformed Church, Eldwick WI (afterward, Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association) where Frances served on the committee for many years, holding the position of President on two occasions, the villages' Thursday Afternoon Club, where Frances has shared duties for many years including organising outings and speakers - Dudley is also an active member of the Thursday Club as well as the Janus Club, which also now meets in the Memorial Hall.

Obviously they have witnessed many changes in the village over the years, including its growth into a much larger place - the view over the Aire Valley which they used to enjoy is long since gone, replaced by newer houses. They still enjoy the garden and are also frequently out and about in their car in Airedale or Wharfedale seeking out morning coffee or afternoon tea opportunities. Frances was previously an Eldwick resident when, along with her parents, Harry and Bella Sugden, she lived at Tewitt House for a number of years after Harry's retirement from Bradford Police. Harry and Bella also ultimately returned to Eldwick to live and spent many happy years here.

BINGLEY JANUS

A CLUB FOR RETIRED MEN IN BINGLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS, MEETING AT ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL ON THURSDAYS FROM 10a.m. to 12p.m. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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John Lyte: The Story of Abide With Me (part 1) 11th

Malcolm Bentley: A Nostalgic Look Back at Music in Advertising Trevor Kent: "I just called round to read your meter"

MAY

2nd No meeting, due to local elections

John Trenouth: "Off The Record"

Christine Leveredge: King George V's visit to The West Riding 1912

23rd Janet Niepokojczcka : Tales of Robin Hood

Ken Robertshaw: Great Northern

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#### **ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Unfortunately your scribe was indisposed last month and missed our meeting, but I am told that Andrew Willocks gave a very interesting and at times amusing account of life at the RHS gardens at Harlow Carr, the most recent addition to the RHS, acquired by the merger of the Northern Horticultural Society with the RHS in 2001.

Our speaker at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21 May is Andrew Chapman, who will tell us all about a year on his organic small holding.

Meanwhile, here are our top 10 tips for this month in your garden:

• Check your compost bin to see if any compost is ready for use.

• Improve the drainage of heavy soils by digging in plenty of organic matter.

• Top up raised beds with compost and good quality top soil.

Top dress containers with fresh compost. If they are full then remove the top 5cms. of the old compost first of all.

 Keep weeds under control by hoeing beds and borders and apply weed killer to paving and patios.

 Be prepared to deal with early pests and diseases on the basis that early prevention is best.

• Buy fresh potting compost and store it in a cool, dry location ready for use later.

If you haven't already done so then don't delay further in ordering online for summer bedding and hanging basket plants.

Lawns: whether sowing seed on a well-

Lawns: whether sowing seed on a wellprepared soil or laying new turf keep the areas moist until they have established themselves; repair bare patches and apply high-nitrogen fertiliser to the entire lawn; if necessary apply specialist weed killers and on dry days brush away worm casts; when mowing, gradually lower the blades; aerate compacted areas by spiking.

Thoroughly clean your greenhouse with hot, soapy water and make sure that as much light as possible can get in. Mike Hitchen

PS I'm told that many people put fertiliser on their rhubarb at this time of year, but we prefer custard at our house.

I am also secretary of Eldwick Village Society it gives me a view of what is going on in our Village and as your local councillor, I can refer issues back to either Bingley Town Council or direct to BDMC. In liaison with Parks and Recreation division of BDMC, they improved the access ramp into the recreation ground enhancing the safety for users, especially when we hold our Annual Bonfire in November.

We also installed Poppies along Otley road in time for Remembrance Sunday as a mark of respect for those who gave their lives for us, so we could have a better tomorrow. The poppies will now be an annual display.

I am mindful that whatever we do to improve Bingley I want to extend where possible the same improvement to Eldwick.

I trust that I can rely on your vote on the 2nd May to re-elect me as your local councillor. I am proud to serve the residents of Eldwick and trust by re-electing me I can do this for the next four years.

Many thanks Mark Truelove

Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

Andrew Chapman recalls

A year on our organic

small holding

Tuesday 21st May

7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Admission for members is £1.50, for non-members £3 including tea or coffee, biscuits and raffle ticket.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

Bradford Council have engaged the consultants Arc4 to undertake a Strategic Housing Market Assessment as part of the local plan. This review will form a key part of the evidence to inform the Council's future planning and housing strategy. The study will provide an up-to-date analysis of the housing market across the area.

BTC completed a survey in relation to the above; many of the questions were covered by the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. The results of the exercise will not be finalised until 2021.

It's proposed to make an application for conservation area status for the Milner Field Estate in line with current national guidance and would contribute to Bradford MDC's excellent track record in identification and designation of Conservation Areas in appropriate locations.

When you read this newsletter, the first of our monthly Saturday markets will have taken place. The Markets planned to take place on the first Saturday of each month. Otley Town Partnership are managing the market on behalf of BTC through to the end of the year. We trust we can rely on your support to make the market a success

As you are all aware that Local Elections are to take place on the 2nd May. All the seats of BTC Council are up for election 16 seats in all, 2 for Eldwick, and in addition, there will be an election for a Bingley Ward Officer to sit on Bradford Council, it will be interesting to see how the voting goes!!!

We have now signed the lease with BDMC for the toilet block in Jubilee Gardens, Bowman Riley have been appointed project managers to oversee the works the construction/Conversation of the unit into our Office with two public accessible toilets. Planning application will be submitted before the end of April, with approval expected within 8/12 weeks.

In parallel the Council will be arranging the appropriate finance and obtain firm

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quotations for the proposed work, all being well the project should be completed in the last quarter of this year.

Our last full council meeting before the elections will take place on Tuesday 30th April at Bingley Scout Hut, Sycamore Avenue, Bingley BD16 at 6.30pm All are welcome.

Mark Truelove

#### Letter to the Editor.

**Dear Residents** 

Would you believe that three years has all but passed since the formation of Bingley Town Council. Here we are again on the election trail. I am standing once again to represent Eldwick on Bingley Town Council.

Collectively since the formation of Bingley Town Council, we have achieved a lot in a short period of time, with the formation of committees & sub committees. I chair the Planning Committee, which has under its wing the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (currently under development) as a subcommittee, plus keeping a watchful eye on Milner Field Farm ensuring it stays as a Farm along with monitoring the proposed Green Hill Development, to ensure that the Developers deliver what's been agreed and not something different.

Moving closer to home. I have persuaded Bingley Town Council to install a floral display along Otley Road. I have worked with Bradford Highways for the erection of safety railings outside the Memorial Hall. Discussed traffic issues, seeking ways of improving the traffic flow on Otley Rd. I have also managed to have Bradford Council fill in the pothole at the entrance to the recreation ground, as well as road repairs along Heights I ane

as road repairs along Heights Lane.

The Clean and Green Group are a very active body within the council, not only do they organise litter picks and co-ordinate the floral displays, they have been looking at snickets many of which have become over grown and restricted access for many people. I have conducted a review of the ones in and around Eldwick, these have been logged and recorded and when labour is available, we will tidy them up to make them accessible once again.



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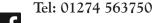


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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's

Our meeting for March was our Annual Spring Fair. This was attended by 44 Members. Our entertainment was Baildon Methodist Ladies Choir. They sang various songs, some solos and a little audience participation. Our thanks to the choir for a wonderful evening and also to the caterers who produced a delicious meal.

Next meeting is on May 14 when the AGM will take place. Subscriptions are due after the meeting. Our Speaker will be Keith Barber (talking about 1940's, 50's and 60's nostalgia).

Our Annual Trip will be to Beverley on Wednesday 21 August 2019. More details to

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

#### What's On at Bingley **Arts Centre**

27 April -Bingley Junior G&S presents "Yeomen of the Guard"

Saltaire Arts Society - Monthly 1 May -Art Lecture "Women behind the

Badapple Theatre return with 2 May their comedy with music - "The

Frozen Roman" 7&8 May -Community Cinema - "A Star is Born (2018)"

21 May -Community Cinema - "Finding

Your Feet' 23 May -Mikron Theatre presents

"Redcoats" Their usual mix of fun, pathos and songs.

25&26 May - BLT Studio presents "A Tribute to the Brontes"

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## **† THE ELDWICK CHURCH †**

#### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Good Friday 19 April 10.00 am Reflection in church, followed by Walk of Witness to Bingley Market Square for a Churches Together Act of Worship.

Easter Sunday 21 April

Holy Communion on Baildon Moor 7.00 am led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

10.30 am Easter Communion Celebration led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

28 April

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Barbara Walls

5 May

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Crompton

10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

12 May

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

19 May

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Glenda Coogan

From 3.00 pm 'Open House'. Come & look round the new Church complex, light refreshments available. 4.30 pm short informal celebration service, all welcome.

#### 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! Saturday from 4.00 - 5.45 pm on 20th April & 18 May

#### PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time for reflection and prayer.

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 17th April and 1st & 15th May at Winston Grange (next to Church)

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#### THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The April meeting is on Maundy Thursday 18 April when we join in a reflective service of Holy Communion at 7.00 pm. In May, we meet in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm for a talk on the Workhouse by Tricia Atkinson.

#### OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Church Café in the Hall: Tuesdays 09.30 am - 12.00 noon & Thursdays 09.30 am -1.00 pm, with light lunches served on Thursdays from 11.30 am.

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 New members and visitors speaker. 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 Refreshments. Just drop in.

Pre School Group - 9.00 am - 3.00 pm Monday - Friday.

Contact: villagespreschool@gmail.com

#### OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS Last Tuesday in the month, 2.00 pm - 4.00pm Goldies (Golden Oldies). For older

people, Goldies features sing-along songs from the 50's & 60's, followed by afternoon tea. Dementia friendly, free to all residents of Bingley, transport available. For more info or to book a place 01274 560539

1st Friday in the month Friday Footsteps, walking group. Details from http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/friday -footsteps/

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#### A STORY OF TWO HALVES



half could be said to be disappointingly unsuccessful whereas the second half may be regarded as only moderately successful. Fred Nunn lived in Calvert Street, an area of Bingley long gone around Leonard Street, near the present day Trinity All Saints School. The terrace house backed onto the railway line but further down the line was the area known as Old Hills once created by the workings of Lime Pits. By the 1930's this area had been transformed into a large set of allotments for the local people. Here Fred's father had pigs and poultry so there was plenty of enjoyment away from the workplace. From the age of 14, having attended Bingley Technical College, Fred was apprenticed to a Bingley plumbing and heating company. In time, when the owner decided to retire, Fred, as foreman, had been promised he could take over the business. However the owner had had a cash offer which he thought Fred would not be able to better, so Fred packed up his tools and said goodbye. He went home and told his mother if he was going to work for anyone in future it would be for himself. His mother said, "Well you are 25 now so why not start your own business?" That business of Fred's carried on for almost 50 years, always on recommendations rather than advertising. There were many occasions in winter time when water supply pipes were frozen, particularly on outlying farms which had no mains supply but their own from their catchment area. In the great winter of 1947 Fred had a call from Ernesr Fawcett, his milkman of Faweather Farm at the far edge of Eldwick. Ernesr made his daily rounds with a cart around Eldwick and would ladle milk from a two gallon churn into a jug for Fred and put a saucer on top. The story goes that Fred and his lad went to the farm to make sure Ernest would have milk, especially for the milking herd. So Fred and lad took the bus to Dick Hudsons and walked with tool bags to the farm. Whilst at work, they were unaware that yet more heavy snow was falling so Ernest had to put the two men on a horse drawn sled and cross the fields to Eldwick Beck Bottom. Of course the buses had been cancelled so they had to make their own way home from there. Fred enjoyed cricket and football,

playing in a league which today cannot be named because of racial respect! Older readers will well recall the name! Fred had played football for Crossflatts and Windhill Hotspurs but was 'poached' by Eldwick's first team at 20 and had successful seasons; the highlight was a cup competition in which the Eldwick team progressed through early rounds to the semi-final at Valley Parade. There they met St. Josephs and drew 3-3 on the Saturday but at the replay on the following Tuesday, as Fred recalled, "We took them apart". At the final, again at Valley Parade, sadly Eldwick lost 2-1 to Bradford Telephones, after missing a late penalty. Fred could have gone on to play for Bradford City but his trial did not go well. Having always played at left half he was put on the right wing! Fred says, "I played as well as I could and they said they would contact me but sadly I never heard from them again. Remarkably, considering Fred is in his late 80's, he can still name all the team he played with, pictured here at a very different Valley Parade in 1950. How many families today would have known about this story of their relations in the photo and their sporting prowess playing for Eldwick A.F.C?

Two years later from that date comes the Second Half of Fred's Story. In the years of National Service, 22 year old Fred joined the RAF as a maintenance engineer and became involved, albeit voluntarily, in a secretive programme linked to what was known in 1952 as the Cold War. The Russians were threatening to destabilise the democratic free world by military power and so the Ministry of Defence sanctioned experimental tests on chemical substances at Porton Down, Wiltshire, which may have had to be used in any military conflict. Fred volunteered, unknowingly, thinking something harmless would be tested upon him. To his horror, he found out when the truth began to come out 50 years later, he had been exposed to the poisonous nerve gas, GB Sarin which is extremely toxic. Fred remembers being in a glass fronted cabinet, hearing the gas come in and feeling his chest tightening, thinking, as he says, "I really thought I was going to snuff it". Remarkably Fred survived although he has had health problems ever since, including a double heart pass 15 years ago and continuing breathing problems. All the 'squaddies' who volunteered had been made to sign the Official Secrets Act but for years following they were determined for the truth to come out. A legal case in 1999 confirmed the death of one volunteer had been caused by the experimental tests. Years of legal representations followed and eventually in 2008 all 369 veterans, including Fred, received a less than five figure compensation from the MoD. So for risking his life for the country, Fred was helped to fund a new kitchen!



The picture shows the officials of Eldwick Methodist Church in 1938 when "Jubilee Celebrations" were held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Eldwick Wesleyan Chapel which was built in 1888. Back row from left to right: Thomas Shackleton (poor steward), Fred N. Wildman (Trustees Secretary), George H. Follett (chapel steward), Rev. W.A. Pendlebury (minister), Walter Wildman (Trustees Treasurer), Charles B. Todd (society steward), and Maurice Rothery (organist). Middle row from left to right: Mrs. Marion Shackleton

Middle row from left to right: Mrs. Marion Shackleton (steward), Miss Ada Hardy (young leaguers union president), and Miss Ethel Horne (foreign missionary secretary).

Front row from left to right: Mrs Polly Holmes (steward), Mrs Alice Wildman (wife of the late David Wildman who built the Chapel), and Mrs. M.E. Butterfield (women's meeting president).

#### The Eldwick Church News

On Easter Day, 21st April, there will be a short and simple sunrise communion service at 7am on Baildon Moor - near the top car park where the ice cream van sits. In past years we have met sometimes in snow, sometimes with the backdrop of a glorious sunrise, but it is always a very special time. Our main service is an Easter communion celebration at 10.30 am in the Hall. You are warmly invited to either or both of these services. Shortly after Easter we are expecting to move back into the refurbished Church as our building project comes to an end.

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