

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## GALA DAY – SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2019

Eldwick Recreation Ground

Theme: "The Movies"

2019 Gala Sponsors Bingley CO-OP

This year's theme is "The Movies" for the floats in the parade which assembles at 12.15pm on Barnaby Road by Eldwick Primary and sets off at 12.45pm. To enter a float please email [gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk)

### The Gala open 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 Buy your entry programme enroute to be fast tracked through the gate !!

### Entertainment for the day includes

- Spectacular parade
- Infamous Bingley Harriers Fell Race up to the trig point and back & Junior Fell Race around Beck Bottom [www.bingleyharriers.co.uk](http://www.bingleyharriers.co.uk)
- Talents from Mr Dan & his Circus Skills Workshop
- Acrobatic skills of the The Greatest Showman inspired Acrobats
- 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

- Entering a float in the parade
- Having a stall on the field
- Placing an advert in the Gala Programme
- Helping out on the day, before, during and/or after the event
- Volunteers required to steward the Parade & the Gate on the day
- Being involved in the planning

### To get in touch

email [gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:gala@eldwickvillage.co.uk) facebook Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Association

We meet monthly in the Birches on Mondays at 8pm. Next meeting Monday 10th June. Feel free to come along / get in touch and be involved in the build up to a fantastic local community event.

The first Gala was held in 1941 for the local children during the war and it's been going ever since. Recently over £3000 has been distributed annually to local village organisations. Gala Day & Gala events are organised by a dedicated group of local volunteers; **be part of your community and join us.**



Congratulations to our 2019 Gala Queen Edie Stanek selected at the Gala Disco in March and her deputy Scarlett Whitehead and Gala Attendants Lexi Walker, Megan Griffiths, Mia McNulty, Chloe Haran.



L - R Scarlett (deputy Gala Queen), Mia, Edie (Gala Queen), Chloe, Lexi, Megan

**Don't forget all the events before the Gala - something for everyone.**

### DIDDY DISCO

**Friday 21st June 6.00pm - 6.45pm**  
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00  
3-7 years (parents to accompany younger children)

### GALA DISCO

**Friday 21st June 7.00pm - 8.30pm**  
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00 7-11 years

### PET SHOW

**Monday 24th June 6.15pm**  
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entries from 5.45pm  
Dogs and Small Pets 50p a class

### SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

**Friday 28th June start 7pm**  
Eldwick Memorial Hall  
Entry forms before the day £3 from the Post Office, School, Scout Hut.  
Entries on the night £4.  
1.5 mile start 7pm/ 3 mile run approx 7.30pm.  
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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## MEETING CANCELLED AFTER SUDDEN DEATH

Following the sad death of our speaker's husband in the Memorial Hall car park prior to her talk, the April meeting was abandoned. The Society has extended our deepest sympathy to Mrs Nicol-Brown.

## NO-NONSENSE TV GARDENER CHRISTINE IS OUR NEXT SPEAKER



Make a note in your diary now - on September 17th Christine Walkden will be in Eldwick to regale us with tales of her life and times as a gardener.

Christine is a forthright television presenter and gardener, best known for her appearances on gardening programmes and The One Show. She has hosted her own series, Christine's Garden on the BBC.

Christine trained at the Lancashire College of Agriculture and then worked at two experimental horticultural stations, before moving to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where she looked after the growing side of the

seed physiology unit. After several more jobs she made a career change and became a freelance horticulturist, lecturing nationally and internationally.

She has presented on BBC's Gardeners' World and various other TV and radio programmes and is a past winner of the Garden Writers' Guild Radio Broadcasting Award. In 1993, her first book, The Houseplant Almanac, was published.

In 2007 she published A Year in Christine's Garden - The Secret Diary of a Garden Lover to accompany the television series. In 2011, her third book, No-Nonsense Vegetable Gardening, appeared. Christine previously wrote a weekly column in Amateur Gardening. Christine Walkden has been a horticulturist since the age of ten when she first obtained an allotment and started growing vegetables and flowers, which she sold to her school teachers and local residents.

On leaving school her first job was with a local parks department before going to the Lancashire College of Agriculture. She then worked at two experimental horticultural stations, one in Warwickshire, working with ornamental nursery stock and the other in Yorkshire, working with rhubarb and red beet. Tickets for this meeting, price £10.00, are available from Sally Robinson at Lighthouse Gardens. Her telephone numbers are 01274 596869 / 07964 934676.

Mike Hitchen

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Residents.

Just a line to thank all of you who voted for me in the Local Elections on Thursday 2nd May.

As you can see from the results below, I was duly elected to serve on Bingley Town Council for the next four years.

I am here to serve all Eldwick residents, if I can be of assistance on any local issue please don't hesitate to contact me on my mobile 07809 690398 or e-mail mark.truelove@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

I am here to help, once again many thanks for your support, much appreciated.

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|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| David Heseltine | 589 Votes | Elected     |
| Mark Truelove   | 569 Votes | Elected     |
| Fiona Dunne     | 298 Votes | Not Elected |

Total number of eligible voters for Eldwick is 2479 of which 1456 voted, 23 ballot papers were rejected for various reasons.

Once again many thanks

Kind regards

Mark

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL

There will be a SCARECROW Festival in Gilstead on the weekend of June 21st, 22nd and 23rd run by the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Wilfrids in aid of Sue Ryder Manorlands.

Events include:

**Saturday 22nd**

Scarecrow Hunt around Gilstead with a cafe for refreshments at St Wilfrid's Church Hall Barn Dance with live band and supper from 7.00pm. Adults Only. Bring your own booze at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Tickets £12.50

**Sunday 23rd**

Scarecrow Hunt continues  
SCARECROW Party with prizes, food and games 5.00pm at St Wilfrid's Church Hall.

SCARECROW Workshops will be held on Saturday 15th June 10.00 - 12.00 and Wednesday 19th 4.00pm. The theme is Movie Characters to tie in with the Gala. We will be preparing a float for the Gala Parade. Please join in the fun.

For more information please go to  
www.bingley.church

## OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

I got the idea for producing an "Old Time Music Hall" last summer.

I have been on the Bingley committee for "The Yorkshire Cancer Research" charity for a few years. It is a small group of, dare I say it, ladies of advancing years! Chaired by Marjorie Hodgson, over the last fifty years they have raised many thousands of pounds. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to think of ways to raise money. Either because there are many more charities chasing the money or lack of ideas to be different and attract "punters".

We had already used Eldwick Memorial Hall on numerous occasions for things like Coffee mornings and recently a Nearly New Fashion show but a "Music Hall"? My memories of my days on the boards there fifty years ago made me think yes. So the idea became a reality.

If you think it a doddle. Think again. It involves many people, much planning and a heck of a lot of patience!

But last Friday it all came off and a goodly audience saw Robert Darnbrough of Bingley, Kathryn Mitchell of Bradford, Patricia Clough and George Pickles, John Eaton and John Whitham of Bingley Little Theatre accompanied by the talented Audrey Glover, pianist. Led by a dynamic Howard Clements as Master of Ceremonies they strut their stuff. Thanks to them and a myriad of other bodies who allowed me to cajole them into tasks too varied to relate, we presented an enthusiastic, well performed concert to an equally enthusiastic audience. But more importantly we raised a little over £900 for Yorkshire Cancer Research. My grateful thanks to everyone involved.

Norma Bartle

## Fireworks at The Memorial Hall

On the evening of Saturday 27th April a number of fireworks were set off in the Memorial Hall carpark. The Hall was booked for a "family celebration". The Eldwick Memorial Hall Trust Ltd do not allow the use of fireworks and no mention was made of this at the time of booking. It will be made very clear in all future bookings that the use of fireworks is not allowed. The Trust apologises for any upset caused.

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our 9th April Meeting our Speaker was John H Clay. He spoke on a brief History of the Black Dyke Brass Band and the Mill. The Band started in the local pubs and then the Mill formed their own. He started working in Textiles and played the Cornet with the Band. He talked about his experiences and all the competitions they have won over the years. He showed some slides of various members over the years. The Band is still going strong and one of the most famous in the Country.

We are now taking names for our trip to Beverley on 21st August 2019.

Subs are now due.

The next Meeting is on June 11th and the speaker is Michele Smithson (Flower Demo). New Members are very welcome. Please contact Bev on 01274-565077

**Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society**  
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## The Eldwick Church News

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Afternoon on 19th May to see the completed Church buildings and to celebrate with us.

If you couldn't make it on the day, please do come and see the completed Church complex by visiting the Link Café, now relocated to the area between the Church and the halls. Café is open 9.30 – 12.00 noon every Tuesday and 9.30 – 1.00pm every Thursday, when we also serve light lunches from 11.30 am.

We also look forward to welcoming you to our buildings for the Eldwick Gala on 29th June when we will be open for refreshments.

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# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

### CHURCH SERVICES:

#### 19 May

10.30 am Short service of Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith  
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.

#### 26 May

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Raine

#### 2 June

09.15 am Holy Communion led by a Methodist minister

10.30 am Family Worship led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

#### 9 June

10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith

#### Tuesday 11 June

7.00 pm Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Bishop Nick & Rev Dr Roger Walton

#### 16 June

09.15 am Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Mayo - Smith

10.30 am Morning Worship led by a Methodist minister

#### 23 June

10.30 am Holy Communion led by a Methodist minister

### MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a different way of being church for all ages. It is held 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 – 6.00 pm on 18 May & 15 June**

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**Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 15th May  
5th & 19th June in Church**

### THE ELDWICK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Meets on 16th May at 7.30 pm for a talk on the Workhouse by Tricia Atkinson & on the 20th June for a Coffee Evening in aid of the Children's Society.

### OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **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 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](mailto:villagespreschool@gmail.com)

### OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

**Last Tuesday in the month**, 2.00pm – 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, our walking group. Details from <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/friday-footsteps/>

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## WHAT WOULD MR DENBY THINK NOW?

As one more housing development in Eldwick reaches completion and another plot in the centre of the village is cleared in readiness, thoughts can go back 180 years when just one building sat in the middle of Gilstead Moor. The Eldwick village was primarily named Eldwick Beck with its nucleus around that watercourse. If still standing, the single house, dating from at least the 18th century, would today be just above Clarendon Road, on Warren Lane, appropriately called Warren House, (pictured) and, in 1841 was occupied by Denby the gamekeeper.



Warren House

Born in Haworth to a family of handloom weavers he lived on the slopes of Gilstead Moor, lying snugly on the southerly verge of Rombalds Moor amongst a wilderness of heather. The house was weathered in age but quite strong and substantial for the family of six recorded there in the census of 1841. Denby had managed to fashion an allotment as opposed to a garden, in which he grew vegetables for himself, as well as fruiting bushes. In front of Warren House were all the rabbit warrens in the grassy patches which were enjoyed by the geese which Denby had bred. On the sheltered side of the house, facing east, the morning sun could be enjoyed but at the back the strong west winds came 'like big guns'.

There was, in 1841, not another house on the whole moor which was strewn with stones, knee deep heather, bilberry bushes, wild thyme and pretty tormentil flowers. It was in such a landscape that John Nicholson, the 19th century Airedale poet, enjoyed writing of its virtues but he also wrote of those in the valley below who 'in toil and smoke and foul air', who perhaps may have a brief span on the breezy moorland. Twenty years after the date of the 1841 census, the tiny settlements of Eldwick and Gilstead were to be much changed. The 348 acres of Gilstead Moor and 1467 acres of Rombalds Moor were subjected to the sometimes contentious Enclosure issue. The land was parcelled up into allotments of varying sizes, to become occupied by a variety of people who were termed 'squatters' by the honourable gentleman of St Ives estate, a certain Mr Ferrand.

Notable arrivals were William Gath, merchant of Bradford who built Warren Park in 1862, the house standing above Eldwick Primary School, bearing his initials and date. It was he who planted the long rows of trees from Warren Lane to Sheriff Lane. Titus Salt followed, building the Milnerfield estate from Primrose Lane almost into Baildon, from the River Aire to Gilstead Moor. In Gilstead John Preston, artist and antiquarian and his son Emmanuel built Littlebeck Hall (pictured),



whilst, in contrast, brother Ben, a true Yorkshire dialect poet, chose to build a

'public' over the road (Glen Hotel today). In becoming more wealthy Ben then built the substantial Hamindale villa at the bottom of Saltaire Road (Netherdale today).

Some regarded the enclosure process as taking away or withdrawing hundreds of acres of food producing land for mere smallholdings. On Gilstead Moor this was true but the single storey cottages were soon smaller in number than the two storey homes and those of villa like appearance – Eldwick Grange, Park House, Moorland House, Moor Edge/Moorlands, Park View. In these resided wealthy families (pictured), who had left Bradford suburbs like the smart avenues of Manningham.



Above the northern edge of Gilstead Moor was the ancient Eldwick Hall estate and all the 17th century farms, still food producers. Higher still stood The Fleece Inn (Dick Hudson's) later looking down on the new Shipley Waterworks Compensation reservoir which had nothing to do with an Eldwick water supply, since conduits were bypassing the village. As a result, villas and cottages alike were dependent on wells, many of which still exist in those 19th century houses and gardens today which were gradually covering the moorland Denby knew well.

*to be continued*

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