

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

This popular village event seems to come around very quickly.

The Eldwick Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be held on Eldwick Rec on Saturday 2nd November. The gates will open at 6.30 with the fire being lit at approximately 7.20pm and the fireworks at approximately 7.30pm.

Entry to the event is by programme which will soon be available from The Eldwick Post Office and Birches, you may also pay on the gate. Programmes are £6 for adults £2 for accompanied children and £15 for a family of four.

There will be the usual burnt bangers and the children's entertainer.

Please wear appropriate footwear as the rec is obviously a field. Also please do not bring any fireworks, especially sparklers on to the field.

**No alcohol is allowed on the field.**

### Our local Youth Choir is growing!

#### BAYC LAUNCHES CONTEMPORARY CHOIR FOR 16-24 YEAR OLDS

Bradford and Airedale Youth Choir (BAYC) launched in April 2019 and already has over 50 members in its Junior (6-11 years) and Senior (11-16 years) choirs. This month sees the launch of a third choir for 16-24 year olds.

BAYC choirs are young and modern, and we focus on music that's current and relevant to our young people - mostly we sing pop, rock, gospel and musical theatre. Our choirs cover Sia, Clean Bandit, Twenty One Pilots, Elton John, Queen, Birdy, and much more.

We are led by highly experienced and qualified musical directors who inspire our singers with the highest standards of vocal coaching. Rehearsals are fun and full of energy, and the well-being of our singers is our top priority. We have a fantastic team of Volunteers who work hard to ensure all our singers are safe and happy during their time at BAYC. Choir members value each other, make friends, enjoy social events and performances, work together, develop self-esteem and are proud to be part of the team. The testimonials on our website show just how much our singers and their parents get out of being part of our choirs.

BAYC is part of the Bingley community and we performed at Saltaire Sings as part of the Saltaire Festival. We are performing next at Bingley Christmas Fayre on 30th November at 12 noon and Bingley Farmers Market On 7th December. We also have several future bookings for 2019-2020, including collaborations with bands and choirs on professional stages.

New members are always welcome and

anyone who wants to come along for a free trial can register online at

<https://www.bradfordandairedaleyouthchoir.co.uk/join-us>

We rehearse at Dixons Cottingley Academy on Monday evenings.

To find out more, email Emma and Becs at [info@bradfordandairedaleyouthchoir.co.uk](mailto:info@bradfordandairedaleyouthchoir.co.uk) or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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### THE ELDWICK CHURCH NEWS

A big thank you to Eldwick Primary School choir who sang for us at our Harvest Festival in early October. Our Harvest gifts have been shared between the Bingley and Holmewood Foodbanks. Thank you to everyone who brought donations.

ShIPLEY Male Voice Choir are giving a concert at Church on Saturday 19th October at 7.00pm entitled *The Eldwick Church Challenge - history in the making*. The concert is in narrative style, telling the story of how the Eldwick Church came into being, including our building journey. Entry which includes interval refreshments, is by donation.

Looking further ahead, on November 10th we invite you to our Remembrance service at 10.30am in church. This includes a short Act of Remembrance at 11.00am at Eldwick War Memorial where children from Eldwick Primary School will read out the names of those commemorated there.

### GALA WINTER DISCO

Friday 15 November

7 - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

£2 entry for all 7 to 11 year olds  
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## Changes at The Memorial Hall

Following the retirement of Mrs. Sylvia Slater we are pleased to welcome Mark Truelove to the position of secretary/bookings secretary of the Memorial Hall. Sylvia has been bookings secretary for the last twenty years doing a sterling job, we thank her very much and wish her happiness in her retirement.

Hall bookings may now be made using the tel number 07926 616687

**Wed morning/ afternoon booking at the Hall.** The Hall is now available on Wednesdays during the day, please contact the above if you are interested.

### The Friends of Prince of Wales Park

invite you to a

#### FUNGI FORAY

on Sunday October 20th at 2pm

from Eldwick entrance.



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# ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This year Eldwick and Gilstead Horti Club decided to push the boat out (should that be a power mower?) and invite a celebrity speaker to one of our meetings. September was the date chosen to welcome Christine Walkden, one of our most well known Horticulturists, to Eldwick. Most celebrities have some kind of an aura around them informing us of their celebrity status. Not our Christine! What you see is what you get. An unashamedly plain talking Lancastrian, proud of what she has achieved in her life. The story of how she came through this journey to the here and now she shared to an extremely packed hall with a great deal of relish. Early childhood experiments with carrot tops and mustard and cress soon led into bigger projects that involved neighbours gardens that brought in money! Battles with allotment authorities when as a young teenager she was determined to have her own and being constantly put down by school as being not up to much. Tenacity appears to be her strongest ally when many would have given up. Eventually achieving many prestigious qualifications and entering the world of Radio and Television. She spoke with passion and her delivery was well received. I can well imagine how on her forays into teaching and appearances at the many garden shows around the country have inspired many to explore the wonderful world of Horticulture. **Norma Bartle**



Photo courtesy of Sally Robinson

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,  
I am appalled to see that the bin at the bus stop in Warren Lane opposite my home is overflowing with bags containing the contents of dogs bowels. Because the bin is so full and crammed there are now bags of this stuff littering the footpath and the curb-edge. It is a disgrace!

And yet people with dogs continue to try to push their dog poo bags into this overflowing bin. I know because on the afternoon of Sunday 8 September 2019 I actually saw two young females both with dogs stop at the bin and deposited their dog poo bags into it.

I have also witnessed people actually seemingly making special trips to the bin from their homes with several of these bags which they appear to have been saving up to deposit in the bin at the bus stop. Why can't these owners deposit their dogs poo bags in their own bins? It's high time they did.

My view is that if you've a dog and can take the trouble to clean up after it you then deposit the poo bag and contents into the refuse bin at your own home and not use the bins at the bus stop for this purpose.

As things are to date this particular bin being full and overflowing presents a health hazard to people who queue for a bus at this bus stop and also for pedestrians using that footpath.

It makes me so angry to see this dreadful sight. It cannot be very pleasant for the people who come to empty these bins either. These bins are not intended to receive dog poo bags. There are specific bins for dog poo which are provided in public parks etc. But the bin at the bus stop is not one of them.

I guess the culprits who deposit these bags in this bin belong to the NIMBY brigade. Shame on them.

Sincerely  
Gillian Anderson

## BINGLEY ARTS CENTRE

28 Oct - 2 Nov - Bingley Little Theatre presents "Hangman" A gripping drama & black comedy  
3 Nov - G&S Juniors present "The Mikado" at 3pm  
5 Nov - Community Cinema showing "The Favourite" at 2:30pm & 7:30pm  
6 Nov - Saltaire Arts Society monthly lecture - "Turner & Rushkin - a celebration" at 2pm  
8 Nov - Frank Brooker's Happy Chappies Jazz for Manorlands at 7:30pm  
9 Nov - Guitar Heroes - the ultimate guitar show at 7:30pm  
14 - 17 Nov - Bingley Amateur Operatic Society presents "Cinderella"  
19 Nov - Community Cinema showing "Grease" - Sing Along - at 2:30pm & 7:30pm  
20 Nov - Ladies Fashion Show at 7:30pm  
23 Nov - City of Bradford Brass Band Concert at 7:30pm  
Full details can be found on our website [bingleyartscentre.co.uk](http://bingleyartscentre.co.uk); tickets available by telephone or in person at our box office open 10am-3:45pm Mon-Fri 01274 567983 or online.



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# COUNCIL NEWS

Following our last full council meeting (September), the council agreed to continue the Saturday monthly Markets in the Town Square. We are working with Otley Town Partnership who operate the market on our behalf. On average we have between 14/17 regular stalls. The Markets will run from February to December 2020. We look forward to the continued support from residents of Eldwick in helping make the market a success. We have been in dialogue with Friends of Bingley Pool; they will shortly be signing the CAT (Community Assets Transfer) agreement with Bradford. BTC are looking at ways in which we can support them with possibly an annual grant or in the longer term take space in the building for additional offices/storage of Council equipment.

Meetings have taken place between BTC and Bradford to discuss the ongoing situation regarding the Bingley Music Live event. Bradford have made continuous losses on running the event, hence the lack of interest in continuing with the event. They have given Bingley Chamber of Trade £20k to support local events they promote. At the last minute, Bradford and Bingley Rugby Club in conjunction with the promotor for BML ran a much-scaled down event. The Rugby Club have taken the initiative and are running the event next year (2020). Our dialogue with Bradford continues, as we believe they should support and promote local events in Bingley.

At last, we are to have a Puffin Crossing installed outside the Library between there and the Co-Op car park. Getting a date from the council for the work to commence is difficult, had various dates given but it should be installed before Christmas.

Make a note in your diaries for the **Christmas Fayre and Light switch on 30th November**. All the stalls are let both on the Market Square and in the Arts Centre. Bring your children and grandchildren to see Santa; they can enjoy the rides provided by Bingley Chamber of Trade. The lights switched on at about 4.30pm. Celebrity to do the honours will be announced shortly.

Do not forget your local councillors are here to help, we are only a phone call away. Our details are on the Town Council Web site. Cllr David Heseltine and Cllr Mark Truelove.

## COFFEE CAKE CHAT

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our speaker for the September meeting was Christine Sharpe. Her talk was on Osteoporosis. Calling it the silent killer. She was very informative, speaking from experience, as she has had it for years before it was talked about. She mentioned that the Duchess of Cornwall is the Patron. It is now Royal Osteoporosis Society. We had quite a lot of members attending and we also had a few new ones.

The Speaker for our meeting on 12th November is Richard Freeman. Talking about the Shipley Glen

The York Carol Service is on Friday 6th December at St Michael le Belfrey.

If anyone would like to join, please contact Bev on 01274 565077

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# ✠ THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### 20 October

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith  
10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

#### 27 October

- 10.30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Ruth Crompton

#### 3 November

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

#### 10 November

- 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday Service  
led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith,  
including an Act of  
Remembrance at Eldwick War  
Memorial at 11.00 am

#### 17 November

- 09.15 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev Barbara Fairburn  
10.30 am Morning Worship led by  
Mrs Philippa Normanton

### MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a different & informal way of being church for all ages. It is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm. **Next dates 19th October & 16th November.**

### PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time for reflection and prayer. **Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 6th & 20th November** in Church

### The Eldwick Church Fellowship

meets on **17th October** for the AGM & on **21st November** for a talk by Mike the Baker, 7.30 pm, Church Hall. All very welcome.

### OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **Tuesdays** 10.00am - 12.00 noon & **Thursdays** 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, with light lunches served on Thursdays from 11.30 am

**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 [eldwickchurch.org.uk/activities/probus/](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.

**The Villages Pre-School:** 9.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Monday – Friday & Stay & Play Thursdays  
9.30 am - 11.00 am. Contact:  
[villagespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:villagespreschool@gmail.com)

### OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

**Last Tuesday in the month**, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  
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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## ANTICS AT THE ACORN INN

Eldwick's village inn has survived more years than could be expected as the village, if it can still be called that, spread way beyond its location. Lying at the centre of the 18th century collection of hamlet dwellings, simply known as Eldwick Beck, the hostelry was first just a beer house - The Acorn. Perhaps its name relates to the ancient property of Eldwick Hall having stone carved acorns on its roof. Despite the fact that the population of Eldwick Beck was minimal in 1800, perhaps the building of the four storey Eldwick Beck Spinning Mill, was one reason why a second beer house was opened.

In 1841 William Green was at the Acorn, a relation of Thomas Green who built the mill in 1800. William Green Wood in 1841 was at the second beerhouse as keeper and grocer in one of the cottages opposite Eldwick Beck Chapel in Otley Road. In 1874 legislation allowed beerhouses to become fully licensed as inns. Six years later William Green Wood had somehow moved to run the Acorn to be followed by his son Titus some years later.

In 1873 the Shipley Local Board bought the mill to control water rights, for £5,500 and enquiries were to be made at The Acorn regarding the sale of the gas plant from the mill. On two occasions The Acorn's publicans were in court. First, in 1886, before Mr Titus Salt and Lieut-Colonel W. Busfield at the Magistrates Court, William Green Wood was charged with allowing drinking in his inn beyond permitted hours. Four drinkers were all mill hands from Saltaire and they claimed they had come from Bradford and arrived after hours. William claimed he knew not of where they had come from so he was not fined! However, each man was fined one shilling plus costs or seven days in prison!

In 1898, by which time Titus Green Wood, was in charge, Henry Fairbank, a respected landowner and farmer of Warren Park Farm in Warren Lane, was fined ten shillings for being drunk yet Titus was not fined for being responsible. The Shipley Board built reservoirs in the valley above the Acorn, for their own township, not for Eldwick and made frequent visits to inspect the installations, after which members of the committee retired 'for a splendid tea served at the Acorn'. In 1881 another

William Green Wood was living beyond the Acorn in New Row, eleven cottages beside the Water Mill, and he later became the water bailiff for 35 years for Shipley Waterworks, living at Reservoir House along the road from Dick Hudson's. Was it a quirk of fate or a family connection that brought Shipley Waterworks Board members to conclude visits to the reservoir 'with a splendid meal at the Acorn'?

In May 1917 the Shipley Branch of the Workers Education Association enjoyed a summer Saturday trip to the Shipley Waterworks reservoir above Eldwick. They looked at the underground systems collecting moorland water which was then conveyed by gravity to both the reservoir at Baildon Bank and to the Weecher reservoir near Dick Hudson's. William Green Wood was a leaders, as water bailiff, and, after the party had examined the filtering and cleaning systems, he led them down to the Acorn. A most welcome tea was kindly provided by the staff, which was paid for by the Shipley Council. The chairman of the branch of the WEA said that, during the day the party of workers and officials had seen water under the ground, on the ground and, as a result of showery weather, they had felt it above the ground. Special thanks were given to William and to the staff at the Acorn who had been able to accommodate the group in the club room on the upper floor, as well as in the bar. The entrance to the upper floor was by a separate door (now the fire escape) and can be seen pictured far left where two ladies, presumably staff, are standing under a rather elaborate porch. The club room was used by members of The 25 Club - the wealthy business residents of Eldwick's villas in Glen Road and Prospect Road. The sign above the main entrance of the Acorn shows James Lee was the publican, having succeeded Titus Green Wood by 1917. Titus in 1901 was boarding at the Acorn, later living at Rylston House in Saltaire Road, Eldwick, where he lived until his death in 1930 aged 77.



James Lee's Acorn Inn

Turning to rural and local sports, there were newspaper adverts in 1893 of attractions to which locals would flock, held at the Acorn and which would not have pleased the League of Cruel Sports today. In March of 1893 there was published notice of a Rabbit Sweep for Airedale and Working Terriers. Long tails 9 yards back, 18 inches scratch and 3 yards per inch - presumably a handicap for the dogs. At 2pm, one and sixpence entry, £1 added. Plenty of rabbits. No Gambling. Another notice featured a Rabbit Coursing Match between Briggs and Watmough's Glass Alley at 2pm. The best out of 15. £10 a side. Even Jack White, Eldwick's famous huntsman, would be at the Acorn with the Airedale Beagles and when he retired in 1983, after 38 seasons he could not recall how many hares had been caught. The Acorn Antics today are led by glittery jacketed Adam on Quiz Nights!



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