

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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GALA DAY Saturday 27th June 2020

Eldwick Recreation Ground
Theme " A GREENER PLANET"
2020 Gala Sponsors Bingley CO-OP

but before then

DIDDY DISCO

Friday 19th June 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00 3 - 7 year olds
(parents to accompany younger children)

GALA DISCO

Friday 19th June 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entry £2.00 7 - 11 year olds

PET SHOW

Sunday 21st June 5.00pm
Eldwick Memorial Hall Entries from 4.30pm
Dogs and Small Pets 50p a class

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 26th 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.
Start from the Memorial Hall Car Park, route Otley Road,
Warren Lane, Stone Hill, Moorcroft, Southway, Sheriff Lane,
Glen Road, Saltaire Road, Otley Road.

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 galaeldwick@gmail.com

facebook Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Association

We meet monthly in the Birches on Mondays at 8pm, dates
..... 30th March, 11th May 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 (big anniversary next year)
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



Congratulations to Georgia Murgatroyd 2020 Gala Queen and
her attendants Daisy Allen, Lily Finnett, Betty Hinsley, Isabelle
Townend on being selected at the Disco on 6th March.

Pictured left to right: Betty, Daisy, Georgia, Lily & Isabelle

ELDWICK VILLAGE SOCIETY

A Cheese and Wine Tasting Evening

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Your chance to enjoy some excellent
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The evening will start with a complimentary glass of Prosecco
followed by tasting of two reds, two whites and a dessert wine
or port (this is the equivalent of one bottle of wine per person!)
The tasting is led by Martinez and the generous servings of
cheese are paired with the wine and are supplied by an award
winning cheese specialist. The tasting will take approximately
one and a half hours and we are promised that it will be light
hearted. Following the tasting there is a well known local singer
to finish off the evening.

Tickets are now on sale in Birches. They are £20 each and
we are only able to do cash sales. You may, if you wish, book a
table. Should this be a sell out we are planning to duplicate the
event at a slightly later date.

This event will be held in Eldwick Memorial Hall on Saturday
4th April starting at 7.30pm prompt.

All proceeds will go to the YAA and local charities.



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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In what has turned into the wettest February on record and Bingley made the national news, it was apt that our speaker Michael Myers was talking about Water in the Garden. Another 60 plus turned out to listen as Michael, a self-confessed galanthophile, wowed everyone with a selection of snowdrops from his garden and how many varieties (and how expensive) there are around.

The main talk was a history of water in the garden and how to incorporate it into even the smallest garden. I was inspired to "build" a bog garden, which is an old planter with soggy soil in it.



Our next meeting is Tuesday 17th March at 7:30pm when Geoff Hodge will be talking about growing veg. It is great for getting the children in the garden, knowing where your food comes from and tastes so much better than from the shop. So, if you've thought about growing and aren't sure or you are aiming to bring something to the annual show in August, this is the talk for you. Non members are very welcome.

Sally Robinson

The Eldwick Church News

On Easter Day, 12th 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. We will then return to the Church building for breakfast! Our main service is an Easter communion celebration at 10.30 am. You are warmly invited to either or both of these services.

Keep up with everything we're doing. Find us on Facebook @TheEldwickChurch & Twitter @EldwickChurch or look on our website <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk>

On the Beauty of Copper Beech Trees

I have a wonderful copper beech tree in my garden which is over 100 years old. I know that as I had a tree surgeon come and age it for me. What must that copper beech tree have seen in its long life – Eldwick Village growing up around it. Copper beech trees are quite beautiful. In spring the leaves unfurl into a lovely, coppery, greeny gold. In high summer the leaves of copper beech trees are decked out in their full glorious copper colour. In autumn they produce beech nuts, feeding many animals stocking up for the winter. In late autumn the leaves crinkle and fall off, saving energy in the tree.

Copper beech trees have an extensive root system. This anchors the trees firmly to the ground which means that the trees will not fall down or uproot in gale force winds. I saw a most magnificent copper beech tree needlessly cut down in someone's garden the other day. It was such a shame as that copper beech tree had been growing in that garden for 80 years and they can live up to 200 years. All the beauty in that tree taken away, extinguished. I looked at it every day and marvelled at the beauty in that tree. It was like losing an old friend. No beauty in the corner of that garden anymore!

Elizabeth Barrett

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT BINGLEY ARTS CENTRE

MARCH

- 2 - 7 Bingley Little Theatre presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at 7:30pm
- 4 Saltaire Arts Society at 2:00pm
- 12-15 Bingley Amateur Operatic Society presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:15pm
- 17 Community Cinema showing "The Queen" at 2:30pm
- 17 Bingley Flower Club at 7:30pm
- 26-28 Kaleidoscope presents "Bugsy Malone" at 7:30pm
- 29 Five Rise Records presents Bingley Record Fair; free admission, 10am - 3pm
- 30 NHS Blood Donor Session from 1pm
- 31 Community Cinema showing "Stan and Ollie" at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

APRIL

- 1 Saltaire Arts Society at 2:00pm
- 3 Bikes and Banter – Talk at 7:00pm
- 4 Bradford Magic Circle Show at 7:30pm

Full details can be found on our website - bingleyartscentre.co.uk; tickets available by telephone or in person at our box office open 10am-3:45pm Mon-Fri 01274 567983 or online.

THE ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

is an ideal venue for meetings, dance classes, social gatherings which may be complemented by the lounge bar next door. The hall has been used for weddings, christenings and even funerals. You may wish to form your own social group for 'people of a certain age'. For details please ring Mark Truelove on 07926 616687 and visit the website www.eldwickmemorialhall.co.uk



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

At our meeting on Tuesday 11th February, the speaker was Janet Senior, talking about the beginning of the Co-op. The first Co-operatives were in Scotland back in the early 1800s. It was formed in England in 1844 in Rochdale with £28. The first one being opened in December 1844. By 1863 there were 300 stores in Lancashire and Yorkshire especially in the Bradford area. Bingley Co-op started in 1954 in Chapel Lane.

Sadly, Sylvia Slater our Secretary, passed away on Thursday 30th January. She will be missed by us all. She worked tirelessly for YCA for many years.

The speaker for our April meeting is Tom Wright talking about Canals and Rivers.

New members are always welcome.



Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society
Reg charity No 513988

Growing Veg



Geoff Hodge

Tuesday 17th March 2020

7:30 pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry for members £1.50
Non-members are very welcome at £3
This includes the talk tea/coffee and biscuit
or join us for the year at only £10

COFFEE CAKE CHAT

takes place in the Church Link Café
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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ELDWICK CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES

22 March Mothering Sunday

10.30 am Family Worship led by
Rev Susan Greenhart

29 March

10.30 am Mission & Outreach service led
by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith & the Rewind
Team followed by our Annual Congregational
Meeting.

7.00 pm Peace & Quiet – sit in church
with background music & candles. A chance
to reflect, pray and clear your head.

5 April Palm Sunday

9.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev David McAloon

10.30 am Family Worship led by one of
the Friday House Groups

Maundy Thursday 9 April

7.00 pm Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

Good Friday 10 April

10.00 am Reflective Service led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith, followed by Walk of
Witness to Bingley Market Square for a
Churches Together in Bingley Service.

Easter Sunday 12 April

7.00 am Holy Communion on Baildon
Moor led by Rev Peter Mayo-Smith. Meet at
the top car park. Followed by Easter break-
fast in the Link Café.

10.30 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

19 April

9.15 am Holy Communion led by
Rev Peter Mayo-Smith

10.30 am Family Worship led by
Mrs Christine Berry

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 March 21st & April 18th.

PAUSE TO PRAY

A quiet 'drop in' time for reflection and
prayer. Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00 pm on 18th
March and 1st & 15th April in Church.

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The Eldwick Church Fellowship meets in
Church at 7.00 pm on 19 March for a talk by
Wendy Uttley from the Downs Syndrome
Support & Training Service & on 16 April
for a talk by Pat Wilkinson, entitled "Cakes
for Emmerdale." Non-members welcome,
small admission charge.

OTHER REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

The Link Café is open on **Tuesdays** 10.00
am - 12.00 noon & **Thursdays** 10.00 am –
1.30 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
<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 Mondays
9.30am - 11.00am.

Contact: villagespreschool@gmail.com

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Last Tuesday in the month, 2.00 – 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
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PIECE IN THE JIGSAW

What is Eldwick today and where is it? How did it first come to exist and develop over centuries from settlement to village to almost a 'dormer town'? Where does it lie and where does it end are good questions today, following 21st century housing expansion.

The landscape owes its formation to glacial periods, overflow channels creating the 'Eldwick Bumps' undulating land between Heights Lane and the valley of Eldwick Beck. A relatively level plain for farmland rises to moorland. A tiny settlement was first recorded in the 11th century Domesday Book as Helguic, but after that, grants from monastic Rievaulx, (for Faweather and Golcar), brought farms. Between the 13th and 14th centuries local Manor Courts records list people living at Helewiki, Ellewick and Johanna de Helwyke lived 'under the cross', probably at Eldwick Hall owned by the Knights of St. John. The Eldwick Hall and its farm of 1696 and many other farms were built in the 17th century.

Above all these it was at High Eldwick that records of a larger settlement show a linear pattern along the packhorse from Keighley to Otley. Cottages were occupied by handloom weavers, materials were supplied to them and, finished pieces were collected later. Eldwick Hall was built far below the upper 'village'. The first buildings in the Eldwick Beck location were three Tudor Alms-houses, (today opposite the former Wesleyan Chapel at the centre of the Eldwick Conservation Area). At the old High Eldwick settlement, a beerhouse licence was transferred from Rattlebank Hall in 1787 to Intake Farm to become 'The Fleece', then, after the arrival of the Hudsons (1809), Dick took over in 1850 so his famous name remains.

Along the road a chapel/schoolroom for High Eldwick 'village' was erected in 1815. Toils Farm/Middle farm across from Eldwick Hall was often visited by John Wesley from 1759. The first Eldwick Beck Chapel was built in 1832 to be succeeded by the much larger building in 1888. It was 1800 which created Eldwick Beck village and ended that at High Eldwick – with the construction of a four storey worsted spinning mill, together with dam and cottages. The mill closed in 1881 but an older building in The Green (beyond the Acorn) was used to 'scribe' wool fleeces, and there were eleven cottages for workers, all worsted weavers or wool combers. In 1828 it became a Corn Mill. Farming continued, helped by lime burning in brick kilns, hence Brick Kiln Row (Park Top Cottages).

The major development in the growth of Eldwick was the 1861 Enclosure of Gilstead Moor, when 'allotments' of land were

awarded, with the creation of 'occupation roads'. Open moorland between Eldwick Beck Bottom and Gilstead saw Warren Lane, Sheriff Lane, Saltaire Road, Glen Road, Road and Gilstead Lane formalised, leading to the building of 'villas' for prosperous merchants and factory owners from Bingley and Manningham. The village school opened in 1877, in Otley Road, as did the Church of St. Lawrence (1893). Local quarrying provided ample building stone and stone 'slates' were mined either side of Warren Lane. The Enclosure also created Prince of Wales Park (1863-65) and the Warren Lane allotments for the 'labouring poor'. Both the Acorn and The Travellers Rest, (the latter opposite the large chapel), were 19th century Beck Bottom establishments. The Barron Family opened the Bingley Brickworks in 1875, in Heights Lane manufacturing bricks, tiles and drainpipes.

So, by the end of the 19th century the population was very diverse and housing equally so. Into the 20th century the mill had closed, more houses were built around Otley Road, more shops opened but market gardening was developed in Saltaire Road and Glen Road where large gardens were converted to produce fruit, flowers and vegetables for Bingley shops. Social life revolved around the school, used for public events and the village library. Even the church, without pews but with a sliding partition, could use the main body of the church for social events. Various societies and sports groups developed but at the same time many workers were then employed in Bingley and beyond. Gas lighting came by 1900 and a 'garden city' was planned for the edge of Gilstead Moor, off Warren Lane in 1907. One large house and six cottages were built before the scheme was abandoned, the site 'being too exposed!'

For many years following, Warren Lane, with the exception of Warren Park and Warren Farm had no houses. Only Otley Road and the developments beyond, between West View, Saltaire Road and Gilstead Lane made up the village. All that changed in the 1950's with the then massive Heaton Estate almost doubling Eldwick in size. In a way, that led to the building of Eldwick Memorial Hall as the new social centre in 1954, (later supplemented by Birches Club), the tennis courts and the earlier Rec. Even with all the new housing, within the next 25 years, the



village lost its long established garage, butchers, greengrocers, bakers, newsagents and even the fish shop! (Now there are the multipurpose Post Office, beauty salons, hairdressers, the health centre and pharmacy and two play schools). A modern Middle School was built in Warren Lane which may have paved the way for the 1986 Wimpy and the Redrow/Bryant Swan Avenue estates of 2000 from previous farmland. It was the Swan Avenue segment that ran through the locally held view of the boundary between Eldwick and Gilstead. So postal addresses became disputed by some residents! Elsewhere, many farm buildings and barns became domestic properties as did the old school, (children moving to the former Middle School), and both the original 1832 and 1887 chapels. Church and Chapel became an episcopal Eldwick Church.

Eldwick may no longer be classified as a village but it still has a sense of community with village events and many clubs and societies, in an enviable location, bounded on three sides by a natural landscape, above the Aire Valley on Gilstead Edge, below Baildon/Bingley Moor, and adjacent to Shipley Glen.

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