

# Eldwick

Village Society

# 500th Edition

# Newsletter

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## Eldwick & Gilstead Gala 2021

**IT'S ON !! Saturday 17th July**

a few weeks after the normal date - all being well !



All ready confirmed:

Donkey Rides, Fancy Dress  
Masquerade for all,  
Entertainment, Terrier Racing,  
Races, Dancing, Fell Race,  
Burnt Bangers, Cake, Stalls,  
Music and Sunshine.



*Watch this space for more details*

It'll be mostly the same with a few tweaks, come in fancy dress.

To book a stall or to volunteer to help on the day email: [galaeldwick@gmail.com](mailto:galaeldwick@gmail.com) or message our facebook page Eldwick & Gilstead Gala

*Fingers crossed, see you there*

### STOP PRESS

**Scout & Guide Fun Run planned for Friday 16th July too.**

### A zebra comes to Eldwick

We are advised by Bradford Council that a zebra crossing is to be placed outside the Memorial Hall by Sheriff Court. This is most welcome news making the crossing of this very busy road much safer and may even slow the traffic down.

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## 500!

It is with great pleasure that I edit this 500th edition of the Eldwick Village Society Newsletter

The first edition was in December '78 and has been delivered every month apart from last year, that is thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers who deliver the Newsletter every month, some have actually been with us since the first edition!

**Latest at 1st April 2021**

The Gala Committee have told us that a celebrity from "Sussex" will be opening the Gala this year. More news to follow later.

TONY CLEGG

## ELDWICK VS EVENTS

We are very pleased to say, that if everything goes to plan we will be putting on some more of our events including the Beer and Banger Festival on 20/21st August.

We will be working with the Yorkshire Air Ambulance again which usually lands on the rec' on the Saturday afternoon.

Along with the award winning cremated sausage there will be a selection of locally brewed beers.



**More information later**



Plans are being made to run the ever popular Bonfire and Firework display again in November.



## Welcome Back Barbecue

However, firstly we would like to do a "Welcome Back Barbecue" on 15th/16th May outside the Hall with the usual burnt bangers, burgers etc. Birches will be open for out sales and we will be open from 3-7pm.

All welcome – Bring all the family. This event will be subject to covid regulations.

If this event is successful we would like to run it on a monthly basis. Proceeds are for both local and national charities. Eldwick Village Society is a registered charity.

## BIRCHES

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# Plans to form village society at Eldwick

Eldwick will form its own village society. That was the decision reached at a meeting of residents on Monday.

A total of 128 people, including representatives from 12 local organisations attended the meeting, in the Memorial Hall, proving that there is still a community spirit in the village.

They also agreed to hold another meeting on November 13, when it is hoped that a constitution can be drawn up and officials elected.

The attendance was a vast improvement on two previous meetings held in the village. At the first, to decide whether Eldwick should join the Bingley Neighbourhood Council scheme, only 20 people turned up and a second meeting was arranged.

At the second meeting the 44

By Sylvia Thompson

villagers present kept their options open, electing to join the Bingley scheme but also forming a steering committee to look into the possibilities of forming a village society.

Monday's meeting was called by the recently appointed steering committee, which will form the basis of the proposed village society's committee.

As well as the steering committee, 33 other people who are interested in various aspects of the community and a representative from each of the village organisations will help form the society.

Dr. Verner Wheelock, chairman of the highly successful Wilsden Village Society was the guest speaker at Monday's meeting. He gave an account of what village societies could achieve for their respective areas

and gave an insight into their workings and management.

The residents then joined in a lively discussion about what the proposed Eldwick Village Society should aim for and it was agreed that some form of regular publication, like the Wilsden which is published by the Wilsden Village Society, should be circulated.

This could include news and events which happened in the village, as well as informing residents what the society was doing.

It was agreed that one priority item was to provide better facilities for the youngsters of the village. Those present agreed to launch a long term fund to provide for better leisure facilities in Eldwick.

The chairman of the steering committee, Mr. Jim Bamber, explained that the overall objective of the society would be to preserve Eldwick's identity as a village and to foster a good community spirit among both its old and new residents.

## MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall is back up and running. During the lockdown it has been completely re-decorated and the car park has even been relined.

Bookings are now coming in for dance classes, Art Group, Janus Bridge Club and all the regular bookings.

The Hall is also available for social events along with the adjoining Birches bar for parties, wedding receptions, christenings and even funerals.

Tel bookings secretary

Mark Truelove 07926 616687.

And visit the website for availability and a virtual tour of the Hall.

[www.eldwickmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.eldwickmemorialhall.co.uk)

## COUNCIL NEWS

Following a recent announcement that some land on the west side of Heights Lane has been identified for possible housing, it should be made clear that it is Bradford Council that has made the proposal, NOT Bingley Town Council.

Bingley TC website and recent Newsletter contains a robust defence against housing there and indeed any other Green Belt area.

## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Hello to all our Members and hope that you have all managed to stay Safe and Healthy during the pandemic.

We hope to restart YCA in September. No details have been finalised yet but you will be informed nearer the time.

New Members would be very welcome. Come and give it a try.

*Best Wishes to all*



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## Bingley Janus Club

On Thursday 25th February, we held an Extraordinary General Meeting on zoom at which it was agreed to postpone the AGM until the Club can meet again in person. It was also agreed that until such time our President, Vice-President and Committee will remain in post.

In the meantime, we have been holding regular zoom meetings on a Thursday morning which are usually attended by about thirty members. Talks by external speakers have included:

Thursday 21st January: Mark Rand - The Settle-Carlisle Railway

Thursday 18th February: Mike Deegan - The History and Work of the Corporation of Trinity House

Thursday 18th March: Kate Hilditch - The National Park History

Thursday 22nd April: Helen Berriman - Yorkshire Air Ambulance

In addition, our own members have been speaking to us on zoom with a variety of topics such as: Financing the Great War; the writer and jockey Dick Francis; and the Great Orion Nebula.

Don't forget: stay safe and keep smiling.

John Muggleston – President

Ron Harding – Vice-President

Graham Anderson – Secretary

John Dekker – Treasurer

Andrew Quarrie – Speaker secretary and the rest of the Committee

## "Cold Callers"

There have been a number of "cold callers" in the village recently. They are usually young males who would like you to buy a duster or some other domestic aid. They have a tale that they are on a job opportunities scheme, or they have recently come out of the Army etc. The truth is that they are organised groups who are taken all over the country trying to persuade people to buy these over priced products. It is interesting that they are always young males and they work during the day when the old and vulnerable are at home on their own. There have been some reports of threatening behaviour and intimidation. Suggest that you do not answer the door!

## ✠ NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

Thank you to everyone who came to our Light Up Nativity on what was a very chilly and windy Christmas Eve. We were glad to be able to mark Christmas with the community, albeit in a different way from normal. If you want to re-visit the Nativity trail, it can still be found on our Facebook page – scroll back to late December or find it on our YouTube Channel under 'videos'.

We have been recording parts of our online services in the Church building, but we haven't opened the Church to worship since last year. The good news is that we are planning to meet again in person shortly, although attendance will be limited to a small congregation of twenty-five to begin with. If you wish to join us – and you would be most welcome – please let us know in advance by emailing the office at [office@eldwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@eldwickchurch.org.uk)

Alternatively, you can join us remotely as we live stream our services on YouTube, usually around 10.30 am, every Sunday. Just go to YouTube and type 'The Eldwick Church' into the search bar. An online Sunday service has been available every week since the first lockdown last year and we are delighted to know that so many people have joined us through this medium.

Looking to the future and the end of lockdown, we are starting to work with some of our hall hirers, considering how best to safely re-open our spaces to the groups who use them.

In other news, we've started a podcast *Eldwick Church in the Community*. For those who haven't come across podcasts yet, a podcast is a series of spoken word, audio episodes, usually focused on a particular topic or theme. Podcasts are



Light Up Nativity 24.12.2020

accessible via tablets, computers and mobiles, and can be downloaded so you can listen at your leisure.

Our first episode includes an interview with our former minister, Rev. Peter Mayo-Smith about his move to Wales. Episode two features an interview with a volunteer who works at Bingley Food Bank and coming up we have interviews with Daniel Lomas the headteacher at Eldwick Primary School, a volunteer who raises funds for Manorlands, and Nigel from Eldwick Post Office. If you fancy some light-hearted easy listening, you can find the podcasts in the usual places: Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Castbox. Or you can listen without signing in or signing up by typing [anchor.fm/eldwickchurch](http://anchor.fm/eldwickchurch) into your internet search bar.

Please contact us if you would like us to pray for you or for someone in need. Prayer requests can be submitted to: [prayer@eldwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayer@eldwickchurch.org.uk) where they are forwarded anonymously to our prayer team.

For general enquiries, please email [office@eldwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@eldwickchurch.org.uk) or telephone 01274 422015.

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The owner of Ockerby Academy Daniella (pictured above) is a local girl who grew up in Eldwick, and went to Eldwick Primary and Bingley Grammar School before heading onto Phil Winstons Theatreworks in Blackpool to further her dance & musical theatre training. She has over 10 years experience in the performance industry. And over 12 years experience in teaching.

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Eldwick girl Daniella Ockerby is launching a new dance academy in the Eldwick Memorial Hall.

She is offering fun dance performance classes including Jazz and Ballet, musical theatre, baby and toddler classes and many others. Daniella has a great deal of professional experience both as a teacher and dancer having worked on P and O Cruises taken part in various pantomimes and even Waterloo Road.

Daniella may be contacted on **07592 650867**  
or email [ockerbyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:ockerbyacademy@gmail.com)

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I woke this morning to realise it is only 2 weeks until the clocks change and we can walk in the garden in daylight after dinner. A cheering thought. The inevitable cancellations continue until September for our meetings, although we are cautiously optimistic about our trips during the summer. The Horti's aim is to start reality with a bang at our Annual Show on Saturday 29th August. It is hoped to have a plant sale (get your bulbs early) and several open classes for everyone in the village to join in, not just members. In 2019, the cafe was given rave reviews and the quality of cake was equal to the show benches. In May, each member will receive a Dahlia to be grown on and judged at the show to keep spirits



up through the summer. Meantime, I'm about to knock cobwebs off the mower and sharpen the edging shears ready for a fabulous spring. We'll see you soon, even if its only over a garden wall to say hello.

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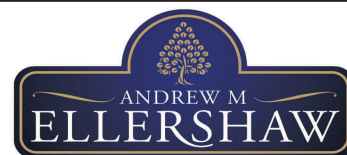
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