

# Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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## BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

The Eldwick Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be held on Eldwick Recreation Ground on Saturday 6th November. The gates open at 6.30 and fire lit approx. 7.15 and the fireworks at 7.30 approx.

There will be the usual Burnt Bangers and Birches Freehouse will be open for refreshment.

Tickets may be bought in advance from the Post Office or on the gate **but please note that this will be cash only**. Adults are six pounds, accompanied children two pounds and a family of four fifteen pounds.

Remember that the venue is a field so please wear appropriate footwear. There is also some "hard standing" on the Church car park. There will be other stalls supporting various charities including Guide Dogs, selling "plot fayre".

We would like to thank our sponsors especially our main sponsors Janus Interiors and Manningham Concrete. Thanks also to Nigel at the Post Office, Birches Freehouse, The Eldwick Memorial Hall, The Eldwick Church, Bingley Rotary Club and The Scouts. Without this support this event would not be possible. It is run entirely by volunteers and the proceeds will go to the YAA and local charities/organisations.

We are very keen that this will be a safe family event. Please be aware that Covid has not gone away and do respect the "space" that others may need. **Please do not bring any fireworks to this event especially sparklers.**



## YOUR VIEWS

Please contact us with your views and thoughts and certainly news from your organisations. It would be excellent to hear from The Eldwick Juniors Football Club whose girls we understand are doing really well. News from the School, Pony Club, Scouts and Guides would all be welcome. Or just people doing interesting things! Or even just having a moan!

Just email [news@eldwickvillage.co.uk](mailto:news@eldwickvillage.co.uk) Or old fashioned mail to the PO. The deadline for copy is the middle of the month for publication at the beginning of the following month.

## DEFIB MACHINE

Just a reminder that there is a defib machine located outside the Memorial Hall. When you suspect that someone is suffering heart failure and dial 999 the Ambulance Service will direct you to the machine.

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## Memories

### At The Eldwick Church

A short candlelit act of worship, love, and celebration for anyone who wants to remember a loved one who passed away. Sunday 7th November at 5pm at the Eldwick Church, followed by refreshments & cake.

No need to book, just drop in.

## Eldwick & Gilstead Gala the return of the GALA WINTER DISCO

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In 2020 the Eldwick & Gilstead Gala Fell Race was part of the Fell Runners Association (FRA) '50@50' series of races celebrating the 50th anniversary of the FRA but, as with many celebrations, the Covid 19 Pandemic meant it had to be rolled over into 2021. The Eldwick race has a long history and is one of fewer than 20 surviving races that were in the FRA calendar in 1970.

The Race and Bingley Harriers, which has always had strong membership from Eldwick & Gilstead, have an even longer history alongside the Gala. From the 1940s onwards Bingley Harriers organised various cross country, walking, junior and fell races until the Fell Race settled into its current format in the late 60s.

The Fell Race attracted 96 runners this year, many from local clubs with 32 from the host club Bingley Harriers, and good numbers from Baildon Runners, Wharfedale Harriers, Saltaire Striders and Ilkley Harriers. The FRA, which is affiliated to England Athletics, license and insure the event. Being part of the FRA calendar and this year the '50@50' series also brought runners in from Bowland, Calder Valley, Chorlton, Helm Hill (Lakes), Holmfirth, Long Eaton, Rossendale Southend, and York, to name a few.

There are always some quality runners in the field, who know the benefit of a short fast race, especially when it's on your doorstep. This year was no different with entries from Katie Walshaw who has represented England and GB on a number of occasions, Joe Baxter (Yorkshire), a number of runners who are age category leaders like Wendy Dodds (W70) and David Tait (M70), and junior runners with county or national vests to their credit – Rebecca Flaherty (U17, England), Grace Dawson (U19, Yorkshire) and Alex Flaherty (U19, Yorkshire).

Indeed, the race records were both set by GB runners David Slater (16m 01s, 1980) and Carol Greenwood (nee Haigh, 17m 36s, 1985).

## Fundraiser for Manorlands

This event is a collaboration between Birches Freehouse and The Memorial Hall which is coordinated by Anton Kitchen who has raised a spectacular amount of money for Manorlands in the past with similar "high quality" events.

The evening will include an auction with the main prize being a THREE DAY STAY AT THE OLD STATIONMASTER'S HOUSE IN YORK, this is valued at over £600 (see Air B&B).

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### Has Anybody Seen Him Yet?

We must assume that Bradford Council have invited Lord Lucan and are awaiting his return in order to do the official switch on of the Belisha Beacons on the new Zebra crossing in order to officially have it in service after several weeks of "can we cross here or not" confusing both pedestrians and drivers. Let's hope they open it before the black and white stripes fade !!

#### The Zebra?

Please tick one of the below:  
Problems with the supply chain  
Global warming  
Boris Johnson on holiday  
Covid  
Brexit

## PROBUS

Ladies, don't be put off by the title. We are just a friendly group who meet at Eldwick Church on the last Wednesday of each month at 10.30-11.45 am.

There's always coffee and chat but also interesting speakers.

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 27th.

Do come and join us.

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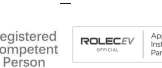
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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

We had a very good turn out for our Annual Bingo and Quiz. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th November at 6.30pm. Our speaker is Denise Adlard and will be giving a talk on Bedpans and False Teeth. We have been told that it is very humorous. Our MacMillan Coffee Morning was very successful. We made nearly £350. Thank you to everyone who came and also to the many ladies who baked superb cakes. Not all of them members, so thank you.

Our Founders Lunch has a change of venue. It will be at St Ives Golf Club. Please contact Maureen Beckwith if you would like to go.

We have not finalised all the details regarding speakers but will try to let you know as soon as possible.

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## ✠ NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

You are invited to "Memories", a short candlelit act of worship, love, and celebration for anyone who wants to remember a loved one who passed away either recently or longer ago. It takes place on Sunday 7th November at 5pm at the Eldwick Church and is followed by refreshments & cake. No need to book, just drop in.

The following week on Sunday 14th we will be holding our **Remembrance** service at 10.30 am. This includes a short Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am at Eldwick War Memorial. All are very welcome to join us, either in Church or at the War Memorial.

**Church in the Garden** is making progress. We have harvested some vegetables; completed an irrigation system to save as much rain water as possible and have a sensory border planted up, ready to mature into next year.

We are grateful to the Bernard Sunley Foundation who have awarded the project a grant of £2,000. This will enable us to move forward in several ways. We intend to build a level sandstone pathway around the perimeter of the garden whilst removing left-over builder's rubble from some of the beds. We can develop the children's area with a cross shaped willow tunnel. Finally, we'll be digging out holes and a trench for a late Autumn arrival of four trees and a hedgerow. The intention is to give the whole garden more structure. By winter, we hope it will look even more

like a garden for people to start to explore and sit.

Once this stage is completed, we will have very little money left. We are therefore asking for support as follows:

- We want to get lots of spring bulbs into the garden. If you are able to donate a few bulbs, please can you leave them in the bulb box in the entrance area to church (perhaps on your way to Café on Tuesday or Thursday morning!)
- We are hoping to install bird boxes and a couple of bat boxes purchased from expert organisations. These cost £25 to £30 each so you can donate specifically towards these.
- If you want to donate a monetary gift that would be great and help keep this project moving.

You can donate online by going to:  
<https://www.eldwickchurch.org.uk/donate-garden>

Contact us if you would like us to pray for you or for someone in need. Prayer requests can be submitted to:  
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# AN ELDWICK PANORAMA

To celebrate the Colour Wrap round, a fitting tribute with accompanying text.

Picture 1 Top left is the chimney of the mill with the villas of Glen Road on the skyline. Centre left is the four storey Eldwick Beck Spinning Mill of 1800, above which is Hunterscombe villa in Saltaire Road. Then there is the gable of the original 1888 Methodist Chapel and the original 1832 Chapel/school room adjacent. Above is the 1877 Eldwick Board School and Caretaker's House.

2 Dick Hudson's with the first of the dynasty, Thomas, taking the licence in 1809, Dick taking over in 1850 to 1878. Well used by Ilkla Moor B'a'ta't walkers and the huntsmen of the Airedale Beagles, sampling both ale and hearty ham and egg meals.

3 From Spring Lane is a view across the mills site to the locally named 'lighthouse' cottage and Hunterscombe, the school and the first shops in Otley Road. In front of the mill is the 'gaffers house' but other buildings as well as the long row of cottages beneath which Eldwick Beck runs, are hidden below the road's wall.

4 St. Lawrence's Church, pictured and named here, as now, the Eldwick Church. Prior to the church being consecrated in 1897 in the name of the patron saint of woolcombers, only local housemeetings were held in the village. All other full services were then held in Bingley Parish Church.

5 More Gilstead than Eldwick, this Hall is a typical example of the villa type post 1870 dwellings built on the former Gilstead Moor. It became the home of John Preston who was a renowned landscape artist interpreting poetry. Very different was his brother Ben a robust broad Yorkshire dialect poet who built his Glen pub opposite his brother, then Hamondale at the bottom of Saltaire Road, now Netherdale.

6 Otley Road with the long row of Brick Kiln (Park Top) cottages some of which are back to back. Brick kilns may have existed in the



vicinity, using the same raw material as that at the former Heights Lane brickworks. The large house with conservatory was the home of Robert Pollard whose estate stretched from the top of the park to his villa, still named today in Otley Road. Later the house was the home of the Barron family who owned the brickworks and many of whose bricks BB&T Co or BB&STCo are still around Eldwick.

7 Last month's picture with a very sandy Saltaire Road due to the fact that sandstone quarries occupied the side of the road and those over the bridge. The first buildings up the road became Strawberry cottages, so named for soft fruit market gardening. The large house at the top is probably Upton

House on the corner of Glen Road. Further along that road some of the houses pictured were acquired by Dr Hector Munro to create the Hillside Sanatorium in 1901 for patients, women and children suffering from TB and consumption. This became the Eldwick Sanatorium Company in 1906 with aristocracy as directors like Lady Ann Roberts and Mrs Ferrand. A school opened there in 1915 and all closed in 1937, partially returned to housing in 1945.

For further details and more reading there are still copies of my Eldwick – A New Era 1871 to 1911 book available from me!

**Allan Mirfield**

## AUTUMN IN PRINCE OF WALES PARK

Photos courtesy of Graham Brewster



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