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Village Society

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration

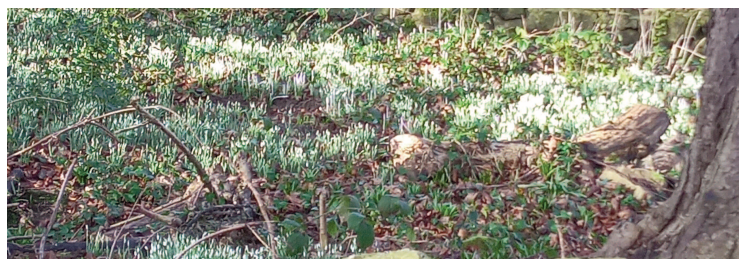
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

This event is part of a national celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 having been on the throne for seventy years. We are throwing a street party for Eldwick and all are welcome!. There will, of course be a

barbecue and many other forms of catering. There are plenty of chairs, tables, bunting and, should we need them, gazebos. We also hope to have various forms of entertainment but planning is at an early stage. A truly family event.

Hope to see you there.



Snowdrops Lode Pit Lane

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA

Looking forward to the summer – this year will be the 80th Eldwick & Gilstead Gala and we are going to make a splash!

First event was held during the war for local children. We are looking for 'Blasts from the Past'. If you have any old photos or were involved please do send us some information. It will be great to collect some details.

galaeldwick@gmail.com

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Important dates for your diary for this year

The sun will be shining by then!

DIDDY DISCO

Friday 17th June 6pm - 6.45pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall
Entry £2.00 3 - 7 year olds (parents to accompany younger children) with PartyMania

GALA DISCO

Friday 17th June pm - 8.30pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall
Entry £2.00 7 - 11 year olds with PartyMania

PET SHOW

Monday 20th June 6.15pm

Eldwick Memorial Hall
Entries from 5.45pm
Dogs & Small Pets 50p a class

To be involved in this fantastic community event, the planning or just on the day contact galaeldwick@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook Page.

To be included in the parade or book a stall on gala day please email your details to galaeldwick@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN

Friday 24th 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

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

GALA DAY

Saturday 25th June 2022
Eldwick Recreation Ground

Bingley Janus Club

By the time you read this article, we will have held our Annual General Meeting in the Memorial Hall to receive the various reports and the accounts; and also to appoint our officials for the next year under the watchful eye of our President Ron Harding.

Recent meetings have been well attended and we have been joined by five new members. We are a friendly bunch of retired men from all walks of life, who welcome new guests to come along on a Thursday morning at 10am for a couple of hours in a convivial atmosphere with refreshments and to chat and listen to a variety of speakers.

Our programme for March is as follows:

March 3rd – Alan Cottrell "The History of Bingley College"

March 10th – Mike Bamford "Generator to Socket" Part 2

March 17th – "Mercy Ships" about two ships that go around the Globe to poor areas and performs operations on board

March 24th – "The History of Snuff from 1720 for two centuries"

March 31st – "The New Rules of the Highway Code"

In addition, you will be interested to learn that Robert Wells, who is the grandson of one of our Eldwick members, John Pullin, recently completed the annual Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge to row across the Atlantic with three of his school mates. Robert Wells resides in Sydney Australia where he works as a junior doctor. Their adventure was to raise money for an Australian charity called "Gotcha4life" which encourages mental fitness by taking action to engage, educate and empower to end suicide.



The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge is the premier event in ocean rowing racing - spanning more than 5000 kilometres across the rough Atlantic ocean from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to English Harbour, Antigua, in the Caribbean. The rules state the crossing is to be entirely unassisted, meaning all provisions must be carried from the start line, and water is to be desalinated onboard. The crossing took them 37 days and 4 hours to complete, from the 12th of December 2021 until the 18th of January 2022. The attached picture shows them celebrating their success. Robert Wells is second from the left. Well done lads!! So retired men, please come along and join us at Bingley Janus Club at 10am on Thursday mornings in Eldwick Memorial Hall. (You will not be asked to row the Atlantic!!)

John Muggleston.

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ATTEMPTED DEVELOPMENT ON HEIGHTS LANE – GREEN BELT LAND – MONEY TALKS

Dear Editor

In early 2021, at the height of the pandemic, it came to light that that housing development was to be attempted on the 2 large fields on the left at the bottom of Heights Lane, designated for decades now as Green Belt. This snatches away and sets aside a protection in place to limit urban sprawl and create a protective buffer between the village and the countryside and moorlands beyond, for the benefit of all.

The Bradford Council Local Plan - a statutory document requiring community consultation - proposes to release these 2 fields from Green Belt. Hands have been shaken on the deal if permitted: a developer sits ready to drive through the construction of 39 houses total, across 2 stages (so also dodging the requirement for affordable homes), if the green light is given for the release. This demonstrates a cavalier disregard for the Green Belt by all parties and a neglect of duty by the Council.

The timing and format of the Consultation put in place by Bradford Council was in my opinion unacceptable and underhand - online only and virtually under the radar of the affected local community, as well as being very brief. If you didn't have access to the internet, you were probably completely unaware of the proposals. So much for democracy!

Consider these concerns:

- Environmental hit: increased traffic, queuing and idling traffic, the increased carbon footprint and pollution resulting, as well as the destruction of green space and wildlife (deer, birds of prey). The science tells us that pasture land stores carbon for FREE; whilst the Council trumpets its carbon reduction activity, this is a tick box exercise when at the same time it is happy to chip away at Green Belt on a whim. Concreting over these fields makes no sense unless it is an absolute last resort – and this clearly isn't.
- Health and safety risks of more cars in the vicinity: the whacky races at Eldwick roundabout with multiple exits, the width and winding layout of the lane and a new development exit, with poor visibility, accidents having happened on multiple occasions.
- Wellbeing and leisure: if you cycle, walk or horse ride up and down Heights Lane as so many of all ages do every week, you will no longer be able to do so without impediment, without concern for your safety. The green window you have, glancing across the Aire valley and down to Lady Lane will be lost to all. This Green Belt leads to wonderful moorland utilised by all and this construction will reduce that ease of access.
- Water and drainage issues, historically running off down the lane to Warren Lane, POW Park and beyond.
- Eldwick Primary School continues to experience pressure on places and is oversubscribed in many years, already having a 2 form entry.
- The demand for starter and affordable homes for local people will not be answered by the construction of the executive level homes these are likely to be – this site is meaningless in helping the Council meets its government targets and quotas in this regard, at a cost of unwarranted Green Belt sacrifice. Maximising profit and minimising community benefit: this is all about the Council Tax £ amount income in the longer run, creating huge local ill will for the sake of what is essentially a limited number of homes of the type we do not need.
- The Council is now aware of several other local options on Brownfield sites, flagged to them in the interim as alternatives. These include the Bingley Court House and Police Station land and the old Computershare building at Crossflatts, with planning requested for over 130 apartments on that site alone. They need to be adaptable and flexible in their approach in an ever-changing world.

The Council has yet to publish the outcome of the Consultation and its release timing is as yet unknown; communication from them remains opaque and infrequent. As a concerned Eldwick resident, I simply wish to bring this to the attention of all newsletter readers and urge you to continue to make your opinions known at every given opportunity. This is just the first stage of the process and fierce and sustained opposition to this proposal will continue, including legal representation when appropriate.

Your support can be registered either by contacting myself via the publishers of the Eldwick newsletter, "The Bell Tolls in Eldwick" on Facebook or "Save Eldwick Green Belt" on Instagram. Of course, you can also lobby your MP Philip Davies and your local Councillors.

Thank you for reading.

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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Unfortunately we did not have a speaker for our meeting on 8th February as Paul Wooding had to cancel due to illness. We did have a Quiz and lots of chat.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th March. Our speaker will be Jenny Bolshaw whose talk will be about being an Air Hostess in the 60's.

April's speaker will be Deiniol Williams. Talking about (Artic Cruise). May is our AGM. New members are always welcome, please contact Bev on 01274 565077.

WORK TO START ON ELDWICK RECREATION GROUND

We are pleased to report that the first phase of the repair of Eldwick Rec' should be underway by the time this Newsletter is out.



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✠ NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH ✠

Have you tried Messy Church yet? It's Church, but not in the conventional sense. A Messy Church session starts with assorted crafts around the theme of the day. Afterwards, everyone comes together for a short story, a game, some songs and a prayer. We end with a simple meal which we share together. Messy Church has been on a break but returns on Saturday March 26th (the fourth Saturday not the third as per normal). Forward dates are April 16th, May 21st, June 18th & July 16th. Do come along and give it a go: Messy Church is for all ages, and everyone is welcome.

Morning Worship takes place each Sunday at 10.30 am. The 10.30 am service is also livestreamed: just put 'The Eldwick Church' into the YouTube search bar.

On the third Sunday in the month, worship includes Family Communion. Additionally, there's a reflective 9.15 am Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

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 where they are forwarded anonymously to our prayer team.

For general enquiries, please email office@eldwickchurch.org.uk or telephone 01274 422015.

You can keep up with everything we're doing on **Facebook** @TheEldwickChurch; **Twitter** @EldwickChurch; or on our website <http://eldwickchurch.org.uk>

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As I write this, Eunice is battering the country and my crocus are now bog plants.



On Tuesday we had our first real meeting of the year. We were absolutely delighted to welcome nearly 60 people, including six new members, to listen to Alan Wilson regale us with tales of how he built and adapted his garden over the last 50 years on "the foothills of the Chevin". There was plenty of conversation over refreshments after and I was rather surprised to find it was 9:30 pm when I left the building. Always the sign of a good meeting.

Next month our speaker is Geoff Hodge talking about Grow your own Vegetables. It is a practical talk. If you have a window ledge, courtyard or 6 acres, come and find out how to make it more productive. Geoff is formerly the Web Editor for RHS Online and Gardening Editor of Garden Answers and Garden News. The meeting is Tuesday 15th March at 7:30 pm and non members are always welcome.

Lastly, an apology from me. When giving out the membership cards at the meeting, it was noted out that the dates are absolutely wrong. There will be new cards available next month.

Dear Editor,

Following on from the hilarious topic regarding the portaloo on Saltaire Road, I would also like to light-heartedly add to this if possible.

The article suggests that all households should each own a portaloo opposite their property - wonderful idea!!

There is an ideal spot for these to be sited, all in different colours of course, and that is on the lay-by further down Saltaire Road!

There is plenty of space there and there could be many sited on this spot. Even a nice bench could be donated with wonderful views looking over Lodepit Beck where weary walkers could take a rest while their dogs use the facilities!

Of course, the portaloo's should not be solely for the many dog walkers who frequent Saltaire Road, but also for the many horses that are ridden there too.

After all it is only fair that if dog walkers should pick up the poo created, the horse riders should stop and do the same instead of riding merrily away, 'oblivious' to the mess that has been created.

This would keep the road free from all mess and the vehicles and people that use this road would be able to keep their cars and feet clean!

Kind Regards,

Anon (as per the previous correspondent)

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The Travels of Norman Wainwright

FROM ELDWICK TO SYDNEY AND BEYOND.

Norman was born in 1896 and was living at Marfleet House, Drake Hill, Heights Lane in 1901, shared with the Royston family and, by 1911, Norman was living at an Eldwick Beck Mill Cottage, working as a farm labourer. At the same time, John Willie Bridge was living at 50, Otley Road; a leather strap maker at Bingley Tannery. Two years later they would meet each other in Sydney! Norman kept a diary of his travels, from which, thanks to Pat Chester's research of the Wainwright family, is both detailed and extensive.

Norman began writing on his Defiance Bank Writing Tablet with 'Written by Norman Wainwright of Glen Royd Cottage, (Saltaire Road) Eldwick. From there he caught the train from Saltaire to Liverpool via Bradford and the first entry in his diary was on 25th September 1913 on board SS Irishman, at sea. Norman had met three young men on his train journey and they became his chums for almost the whole voyage to Australia. They shared a cabin and soon began to enjoy a very varied menu of food, never once suffering from seasickness, better than they could have imagined. Breakfast at 7am was porridge but without milk or syrup, bread butter and marmalade, next meal was fish, mutton and 'ash'.

On board were 1250 passengers, 230 crew, 40 'nippers' with mothers going out to meet husbands. The ship was very slow, carrying 20,000 tons of cargo so the journey would take about eight weeks. In rough weather the ship 'rolled like a ragtime' and at times portholes were closed, with everyone ordered below. The chums complained of no lather to shave with seawater and sometimes had a bath for six pence. Many men were going into farming or trades, some already 'fixed up' but complaining about wages. Sadly some children, often very young, died of fever or, later due to the heat. Spirits were lifted with frequent ragtime music and singing thanks to some passengers' cornet, accordion and fiddle instruments. By 30th

September porpoises were an entertainment. Awnings were hung as the hot weather came and Norman said, 'ready for the Equatorial heat'.

On October first they saw Tenerife as a 'black mass of rock rising out of the sea'. Flying fish and hundreds of swallows were seen but one hot day the paint on the masts began to blister. Nevertheless they often had sports for the children. By October 6th they were in the Gulf of Guinea and bar prices were high with beer six pence a glass, lemon 4 pence, four times the price at home. No complaints about the food with tripe for tea followed by plum dough, almond rice pudding and the like. The chums did not enter the whist drive as, 'we do not want to rob them of the prizes'. On October 9th, two weeks in, the real fun occurred. A canvas sheet was filled with water like a duck pond as a procession was led by the cornet, after which some people were ducked, lathered with porridge and shaved by a wooden spoon. The chums were chased but managed to get away from a turn. With a lack of exercise and no work to do Norman said 'Spring Grip Dumb Bells would keep us fit' so they had to resort to skipping.

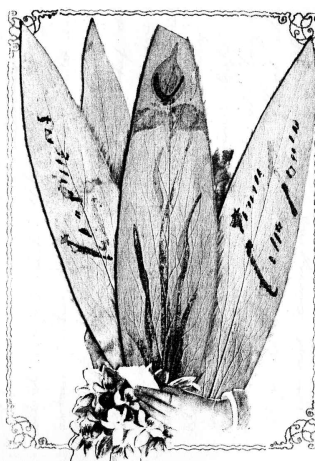
Off Table Bay albatrosses came flying by and on October 21st the ship arrived in Cape Town. All the letters Norman had posted could at last be sent. At the GPO all the Postmen and Telegraph Boys were dressed in Khaki uniforms decorated with tassels. It was Spring in the park, seeing oak trees in full bloom, hundreds of roses and bees four times as big as those at home. The chums went to the museum and saw birds and animals of 'The African Continent' then later went nearly all the way up Table Mountain to see the amazing views. Norman made a beautiful sketch of a flower for the diary. Back on the

ship to leave on October 22nd a near hurricane caught them. So bad, yet the chums laughed at the old pantry man as the crockery was falling all over the place as he dodged cups and plates, 'looking like a monkey in a cage'.

Attendance at church services was regular with Norman dutifully noting all the hymn numbers sung.

One evening there was even a debate. Should Women Follow Fashion? A steward in his speech said that women in hobble skirts, silk stockings, V shaped blouses and a lot more finery, was idiotic and in bad taste and expensive. His words were heartily applauded! One day Jim, one of the chums had a haircut for six pence and said 'what a palaver with grease on the hair'. All was not peace and calm when people were shouting and swearing as well as playing music late at night. Some were called before the captain, cautioned and threatened with prison next time. October 26th brought another storm yet on the 30th it was 'as smooth as oil'.....

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