

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

THE BIG LUNCH

1PM IN THE ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE.

The Big Lunch is a collaboration between The Village Society, the Memorial Hall, The Church and Birches for the village to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

This will take the form of a street party with a barbecue. Cake and tea will be available from the Church who will be taking donations for Ukraine. There will be live music in the Hall and the bar will be open. Entry to the event is free so get there early to get a table

We thank Michele and Ric Tonks of Janus Interiors for their help and support.

ALL IN ELDWICK ON GALA DAY SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

Gala theme "The Jubilee". Not only the national event but also the 80th Gala to be held in Eldwick. A great community event raising funds for local childrens charities and groups.

Fantastic Parade – your chance to create a walking parade entry along the Jubilee theme.

Live music from the Phoenix New Orleans Jazz Band.

Terrier Racing demonstration plus open races for all dogs.

A first for us "**Big Bubble Man**" amazing bubbles with Scientist and Inventor Ian.

Mr Dan and his hands on circus skills.

Look out for details of our 2022 Gala Raffle – fantastic prizes. Performances by local dance and performing arts groups.

The infamous **Bingley Harriers Eldwick Fell Race** up to the Trig point on Baildon Moor and back in about 20 minutes !!

Childrens Races & Tug of War. Loads of stalls & games and lots to eat and drink and the spectacular Newsletter Team's **Burnt Bangers.**

Parade assembles at the Primary School at 12.15 to set off at 12.45pm

The Gala field on Eldwick Recreation Ground opens at 12noon, the parade arrives around 1.15pm.

This year will be free entry again and we are asking for online donations to our Just Giving Page.

www.justgiving.com/galaeldwick or via the link on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/EldwickandGilsteadGalaAssociation

To book a stall, perform on the music stage, help on the day or take part in the parade please email galaeldwick@gmail.com More details on our Facebook page too.

PLUS BEFORE THE DAY

DIDDY DISCO Friday 17th

June 6.00pm - 6.45pm, ages 3-7

GALA DISCO Friday 17th June 7.00pm - 8.30pm, ages 7 - 11

PET SHOW Monday 20th June 6.15pm, dogs & small pets

SCOUT & GUIDE FUN RUN Friday 24th June start 7pm, 1.5 miles. Entry forms from the Post Office or Gala Facebook page



With a fair wind a Flypast by a Lancaster from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight!

Elvis will perform live on Gala Day – your opportunity to perform on our music stage.

On opposite walls at the end of Glen Road where it meets Sheriff Lane, there are now 2 large official signs saying "unsuitable for HGVs".

I'm not sure who has arranged for these signs but whoever it was – well done for trying, however it's like locking the stable door after the horse has bolted

Residents of Glen Road have had to endure years of HGVs going up and down due to all the back garden developments that have been granted. Due to this, the road is now basically "shot" there are more craters on it than the moon.

Will these signs be effective going forward? No chance, not unless there is a strict ban on these very large and heavy building trucks and other heavy construction plant and the council erect cameras and fine these vehicles and that's not likely to happen.

Will Glen Road be repaired and maintained to the standard required? I fear not and even if it was repaired to the standard it should be it will only continue to be abused.

Bob Harrison, Glen Road



Eldwick Memorial Hall needs you.

The management team of the Village Hall are not getting any younger and need to recruit some new talent! If you are interested in working with this Charitable Trust please contact the Chairman Tony Clegg 01274 562643 or the Secretary Cllr Mark Truelove 07809690398



WELL DONE DAVID



Thirteen year old Dawid Naglik has volunteered to pick litter in Eldwick for one hour per week. This is part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting opened with the sad news of the death of John Edwards, a long standing member of 60 years. He had been President, as well as undertaking other roles in the society. He was a serious competitor at the Autumn Show, especially with his award winning shallots taking first prize.

The talk given by Katy Merrington, Cultural Gardener, at the Hepworth Wakefield Garden, described the creation of the garden at the rear of the Gallery. The Gallery was built 11 years ago to display Wakefield's Art work.

Prior to the construction of the Gallery, the area at the rear had been a retail/commercial site. After clearance it was then neglected, bounded by the river and former industrial mills. Initially an area not normally seen by the public, being described as an acre of scruffy grass, uninspiring, in need of transformation.

The objective was to transform this area by creating a garden with seating, space to run events and to be accessible all year round. In other words to create an oasis in the rough end of town.

Tom Stuart-Smith was given the task of transforming the acre site over a 3 year period.

To The Editor

Concerning Sue Oldfield's letter in the April Newsletter about the Housing development on Heights Lane. Somehow the March edition to which Sue refers seems to have passed me by, but I am aware of the situation.

On 16th March 2021 the then Leader of Bingley Town Council, Cllr Helen Owen, wrote to Bradford MDC primarily to complain that the Local Plan Consultation period instigated by BMDC in February 2021 in respect of housing development proposals was of too short a duration to allow residents to properly and fully participate, particularly during this covid lockdown period. The consultation concerned proposed options for housing development, one of which was the land on the west side of Heights Lane to which Sue refers.

Cllr Owen made it very clear at the time that this housing proposal and several others within Green Belt areas surrounding Bingley and Eldwick are not acceptable, and contrary to Bingley Town Council's policies and objectives as set down in the draft Bingley Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) and which seek to preserve and uphold National Green Belt policies and preserve the environment. The BNP is not only publicly available but had been, and still is, shared with the Town Planning Dept of Bradford MDC, prior to the start of the Local Plan Consultation process.

The designer was given a blank canvas, but one consideration being that the garden needed to be screened from the road.

The planting employed could be described as naturalistic. The garden is divided into zones taking into account the seasons. It is designed to be made up of three layers. Area one: hedges, shrubs and trees. Area two: herbaceous perennials. Area three: bulbs. Since the garden does not have any greenhouses all the planting had to be sustainable. No matter what time of year you visited there must be something of interest to see.

The illustrations provided proved the objective had been achieved with colourful displays throughout the year.

To ensure this is constantly achieved the design of the garden is reviewed once a year, amendments being made as appropriate.

Since its introduction the garden has brought new life to the city, with the once derelict mills now being developed..

The next meeting will be on the 17th May, with a talk by David Matthewman on the 'Culture of Sweet Peas'.

I have a copy of the letter written by Cllr Owen and believe it is a public document. It extends to four pages and necessarily covers a number of other sites within the Bingley area, but there is long and specific reference to the total unsuitability of land on the west side of Heights Lane (Bradford MDC site ref B18/H) and land further up Heights Lane (BMDC site ref B14/H).

Sincerely John Dekker

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The speaker for our April Meeting unfortunately was poorly. We have been asking Members over the last 2 months to vote whether they would like to stay in YCA or leave. We asked members to put their voting form into a secure and sealed box. This was opened at the meeting by a Committee Member and an ordinary Member. There were 39 forms inside, 37 people wanted to leave and 2 papers were spoilt. So, a unanimous decision to leave. We are now going to start the procedure to leave YCA.

Our Meeting on 10th May will be our A.G.M. and the speaker will be Pam Viddecombe. We will have more details by then, things should be very much the same. We are hoping that we will get some new Members. If you would like to join please contact Bev on 01274 565077.

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Changing Places

Our changing places project is underway and work will start soon on site, we are pleased to announce that we have received £45000 of government funding towards the cost of the project.

Bradford 2025 City of Culture Bid

The council received an update on Bradford's 2025 City of Culture Bid from Councillor Simon Cunningham of BDMC. Bradford is on the shortlist to be next City of Culture in 2025, a very popular competition nationally, alongside Southampton, County Durham and Wrexham.

First application was submitted last year, among lots of competition, which was reduced to a long list of eight places; a second bid submitted in February resulted in a short list of four. The next phase of the competition will decide who wins and Bradford Council's 2025 Bid Team have already been working on this phase; an expert advisory panel will visit the district in May and a final decision will be announced at the end of May.

Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Mark Truelove elected as vice chair for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022

Co-option of Councillor for the Gilstead Ward

Following the resignation of one of the councillors for the Gilstead ward. As there was no mandate to hold election for a new councillor, the council agreed to seek applicants for co-option to the council, one application received. A full council extraordinary meeting was held on the 19th April to approve the election of the applicant and Mr Andrew Fenton was therefore duly appointed.

Community events

The Easter market was a great success. Friends of Prince of Wales Park are to hold a Carnival on the 17th July

Proposed to hold an Event to celebrate Yorkshire Day on Sunday 31st July on the Market Square in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade.

World Cup 2022, it has been proposed by a local company to have a "fan's zone" on the Market Square throughout the duration of the competition. A large Marquee with Bar with 5 metre screen and seating will be erected. They are to seek permission from BDMC; we will keep you posted on further development on this proposal.

Five Rise Way-Markings

Agreement with BDMC and the Canal and Rivers Trust to paint Way-Markings (pavement signs) indicating the way to the Five Rise Locks from the Railway Station, down the High Street to the bridge by the Fire Station. They are currently debating the best way to paint the signs, to ensure durability, this will be resolved shortly.



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YOU'VE BEEN SUSED, STOP IT!

Many likeminded residents of Eldwick, Gilstead and Park Road are fed up to the back teeth of seeing the continued digging up of local roads with temporary traffic lights in place. One after another they come in the guise of various utility companies, Internet businesses and basically anyone else who finds themselves at a loose end and fancies digging a big hole!

Not only that but they dig different holes merely 2 metres or less from where the last lot dug them, leaving roads and pavements like a poorly made patchwork quilt.

Not 12 months ago this newsletter rightly bragged about the use of recycled tyres being used to resurface Otley road, wonderful, then 6 weeks later one of the utility companies dug it up just past the post office and tarmaced the repair!!

Surely our local council and Bingley Town Council can remonstrate with the highways department at Bradford Council in order to coordinate the various work to minimise disruption and protect the condition of our footpaths and roads.

Laughable, only recently, access to Saltaire Road from Otley Road was closed and a diversion set up along Sheriff Lane in order to get access to Glen Road. It turns out they were digging at a water main at a property at the far end of Lode Pit Lane, what joker at the council gave permission to close Saltaire Road entirely nowhere near where this work was taking place.

There is another theory though, illegal Ferret racing? Are they connecting burrows between these holes to create a Ferret racetrack that they can come back and reopen every month? Ferrets are very intelligent creatures and and just like pole position on an F1 circuit can be trained to watch for the temporary traffic light to turn green before speeding off to a designated check point at another local hole whilst being spot watched and betting money changing hands.

We just take guys in high viz jackets with a digger to be legit but are they? Is this just a guise to cover this illegal form of gambling? Have we been duped?

Every scam needs a Mr Big in charge of laundering the proceedings from this illegal racket, so who could it be? Have you noticed Nigel at the post office still dons a non prescription mask preferring to use a silk mask pulled high up on his face more akin to an old western outlaw? I wonder why? Maybe he has his own ferrets? Who knows?

If anyone spots ferrets with little coloured numbered jackets on, loitering near any of these holes, please report it to the Editor of this newsletter immediately together with photos.

STOP this unnecessary digging, you've been sused!

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NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH

The theme at Church on Easter Day was 'new life.' That applied not only to the good news of the Easter greeting, "Christ is risen," but also to the celebrations around the Church in the Garden. The garden was blessed by our Ministers, Rev Brian, and Rev Terry at the official opening on Easter Sunday.

The Church in the Garden project started early in 2021 with the idea of converting a piece of wilderness at the back of the vicarage garden into a place for the whole community to share. Thanks to a number of grants, donations, and much hard work by the team of volunteers and helpers, the garden is now open for all to enjoy.

The garden is made up of different zones, with raised flower and vegetable beds; a central area with a labyrinth (still in progress); a children's area with willow tunnel; a sensory area and mixed beds with shrubby plants and trees. We hope to encourage lots of wildlife with bat and bird boxes, a bird feeding station, a log bug hotel and (eventually) hedgehog homes. As the garden is some distance from a tap, there's also an ingenious water collection system devised by one of our church members.

As well as the blessing and some obligatory tea and cake, the opening featured the multi-generational planting of an apple tree donated by the Villages Pre-School. Church family and friends representing every age cohort from the under 10s to the over 90s took turns in digging spadefuls of earth to refill the hole and firm the soil.

To commemorate the occasion, we've filmed some footage which can be found on our YouTube channel. Just type 'The Eldwick Church' into the YouTube search bar, or alternatively find the video on our Facebook page.

There's still ongoing work, so the garden is by no means completed. Much of the

planting needs to grow and mature, and some areas are still work in progress. However, the Garden is now formally open!

Our hope is that the Church in the Garden becomes a place of enjoyment and peace for anyone in our community. Come and sit, come and garden, come and enjoy but most importantly just come!



Easter crosses in the garden



Planting the apple tree

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.

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I READ THE NEWS TODAY, OH BOY

ALL ABOUT THE EARLIEST ELDWICK GALAS

Reporting from the Bradford Observer

17/8/1942 Eldwick Gala – a Big Success. The Gala, held on Saturday, which was the first event of its kind ever staged in the village, proved to be most successful and should ensure a useful amount being handed over to the Bingley Hospital Fund and the Home Guard Comforts Fund which are to share the proceeds. The opener, Mr John Hanson, recalled that, on similar visits to the village, he had always found the Eldwick people to be of an energetic type who threw their full energies into whatever they may arrange.

16/8/43 The second Eldwick Gala on Saturday was carried out on a somewhat ambitious scale on the Recreation Ground and adjacent field, with proceeds to be shared between Bingley Hospital and the Bingley Nurses Association. The Yorkshire Military Band was in attendance and the many attractions on the competitive side included children's sports, a fell race and a well-supported pony class. Maureen Royston won an over 8 years class. In opening the Gala, Mr S.Outhwaite said he had had some doubts whether it would be held at all for he recollected that, the night before he opened the Eldwick Flower Show three years ago, Hitler did his best to prevent the affair taking place by dropping some of his bombs on the village (*incendiary flares attracted by reservoirs mistaken to be nearer Manchester*). In view of publicity for this Gala, Mr Outhwaite was fearful lest Hitler should try to repeat his terrorist duties but apparently the Fuehrer was too busy in Russia and Sicily to spare any bombs for Eldwick

24/8/44 Prior to the planning of 3rd annual Gala, the committee had voted to elect a Junior Subcommittee since so many activities were for children. Presiding at the opening of the event, Mr. W.A.Birch said that in the past the idea had been to promote good social feeling in the village. From the Galas the main proceeds had been for the Bingley Hospital but, although the same would apply this year, it was the committee's intent to donate some money to the building of the village hall. Mr

Dawson as president of Bingley Hospital congratulated the committee on having started and continued the Galas under wartime conditions. The day's events included children's fancy dress, sports for children and adults, pony show with gymkhana, side shows and, later, a dance. The Bingley National Fire Service struck a severe blow of pride by defeating both contingents of the Eldwick Home Guard and the Cottingley Home Guard in the tug o' war.

13/8/45 Eldwick Gala and Sports. There was the introduction of even more sports at this year's Gala with three cross country races, the pony show and gymkhana, helping to raise £400 for charities. As well as a senior five mile race, a three mile youth race and a mile and a half race for boys, a calf show gave local men Frank Greenwood and Walter Moorhouse the Champion Cup.

16/8/46 The fifth Gala brought good weather and a large number of entries in the pony and gymkhana classes with visitors from as far away as Doncaster, The sports too brought representatives from many athletic clubs like Bingley Harriers.

11/8/47 Mr John Foster Beaver opened the event and said that, now hospitals were under state control, this may be the last year when parts of the proceeds are donated to the Bingley Cottage Hospital. A record 200 entries were attracted for competitions to add to the fancy dress parade and children's sports. To the three mile open fell race and field handicap race on the programme was added a six mile open road walk.

16/8/48 The seventh annual event brought a large attendance. In the past nearly £850 had been raised for Bingley Hospital and other charities but this year some funds would be given to the matron's and nurses' funds at the hospital. There was still an accent on athletics and pony events with an eight mile road race, a two mile running team event as well as the three mile fell race. All the pony events were arranged by Mr Baker of Middle Farm in Eldwick and included riding, leaping and even cleanest condition.

15/8/49 The Eldwick Gala Sports. R.G.Hiley an unattached runner from Morton aged 22

scored a surprise win in the three mile fell race by beating M.E.Parrish of Wibsey Park Harriers by fifty yards in a time of nineteen minutes and ten seconds. A report on 10/11/49 was titled Eldwick Does Not Want Gamblers. At the AGM of the Gala Committee it was declared that the event had only made a profit of £69. Mr Birch as chairman made a plea for the preservation of the Gala as purely a village function. He did not want to see a crowd attracted to it because they had a chance to bet £5 on pony racing. Despite the small funds available, donations were made to the Eldwick Memorial Hall Fund, Eldwick Cricket Club, Eldwick Youth Club and to the Eldwick Football Club.

12/8/1950 For the ninth Eldwick Gala last night, many of the young in the village and surrounding areas assembled for 20 events for children which included an 80 yard running race which had to be run three times to decide a winner. Also held was a 23 mile open road cycling race, fell race, cross country and an eight mile road walk. Perhaps the evening was better than the Gala Day itself because only nine shillings and ten pence profit was made

13/8/51 Heavy rain again but a certain young Harvey Smith of Gilstead won five pony/horse races.

Fundraising for Christian Aid

You're invited!

What: Soup, Bread & Cheese Lunch

When: Saturday 14th May

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WHAT'S ON AT BINGLEY ARTS CENTRE

- 7 May – “An evening with Bernie Clifton” at 7:30pm
- 9 May – Blood Donor Session
- 10 May – Community Cinema presents “No Time to Die” at 2:30pm
- 13 May – Community Cinema presents “No Time to Die” at 7:30pm
- 14 May – LYM Productions present “Call Me Dusty”, a play with music, at 7:30pm

- 17 May – Bingley Flower Club at 7:30pm
 - 19 May - 29 June – Art Exhibition of Watercolours, Oils and Acrylics
 - 23 - 28 May – Bingley Little Theatre presents “Doubt – A Parable” at 7:30pm
 - 30 May – Blood Donor Session
 - 31 May – Community Cinema presents “West Side Story” at 2:30pm
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