

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

On a pleasant sunny afternoon Mrs Julie Smith opened our 104th Annual Show in front of a large crowd of villagers and members all eager to see which exhibits had won. After the opening Julie was presented with a bouquet of flowers as our picture shows. There were displays of roses, dahlias, jams, cakes, children's exhibits, photographs and much more in the Memorial Hall. Next door in the Eldwick Church there were also displays of fruit and vegetables.

After viewing the exhibits, most people then enjoyed some delicious refreshments in the Church Link prepared by Sandra Kay and her team. Later in the afternoon Julie drew the raffle prize, which was won by Jane Hitchen. The afternoon ended with Alan Wilson expertly auctioning off all the produce which had not been reserved. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the afternoon such a success – in particular to David Bell, our Show Secretary, and his show assistant, Dawn Sutcliffe. Here are some of the trophy and medal winners:

National Dahlia Society Medal – Alan Wilson
Sydney Owthwaite Trophy (Home Produce) – Heather Murgatroyd
Rose Society Medal – John Churchman (pictured with best rose)
National Vegetable Society Medal – Geoff Hargrave
George Todd Vase (Onions) – Roger Golton
Jack Bentley Trophy (Vegetable Tray) – Brian Murgatroyd
Franz Trophy (Photography) – Bernice Wilson
N.W. Raby Trophy (Children) – Felix Hodgson (pictured with trophy)
H.M. Dawson Trophy (Fruit) – Marshall Owen

And finally, a couple of gardening tips for October:
Protect any delicate items from frost and plant your spring bulbs.
Happy Gardening !!

Right: 3 generations of the Bell family proudly showing their prize cards with Felix Hodgson in front with his Childrens Trophy
Below: The Annual Show Trophies



Eldwick Bonfire and Firework Display



Yes it is that time of year again. On Saturday 5th November we will be holding our annual bonfire on The Eldwick Recreation Ground. There will be a spectacular firework display paid for from our funds which have been raised by holding events

throughout the year. There will be the usual Burnt Bangers and the bar. Gate opens at 6.30pm and the fire will be lit about 7.15pm.

Adults £6 accompanied children £2 family of four £15
Tickets/programmes will be on sale at The Post Office (thanks Nigel) and Birches. Cash only on the gate please.

We are, as usual, supporting the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and local charities and organisations.

Many thanks again to our main sponsors Janus Interiors

And please, no fireworks on the field.

REMEMBRANCE

There will be a short service at the Eldwick Cenotaph on Sunday 13th November at 10.50 am to honour the dead of the last two world wars and other conflicts. This is organised by the Eldwick Village Society in collaboration with the Eldwick Church. All welcome.

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If you would like to be involved planning Gala Events, Gala Day or just help out on the day itself please email galaeldwick@gmail.com and we will be in touch!!

2022 GALA DONATIONS SEASON

The full financial results are have been declared - donations will be allocated to local organisations in October.

If your local children's community group would like to apply for a donation from the Gala Fund please email galaeldwick@gmail.com with details before 2nd October to be considered.

The Gala Fund will yet again be distributing over £5000 to local groups. Thank you to your wonderful community support for making this possible !

Gala Day is organised by a small group of local enthusiastic volunteers - next year's event planning has already started to be involved email galaeldwick@gmail.com or message our facebook page Eldwick & Gilstead Gala.

Gala Pet Show Mystery Missing Trophy

Can you help us solve the case ?

In 2019 the "Patch Cup" was awarded to the Best In Show in the Dog Classes. (Because we didn't have a Pet Show in 2020 & 2021, we hoped the cup would returned by the 2019 winner ready for the 2022 Pet Show last June)

We have been unable to track it down!! Please get in touch if you can help solve the mystery,

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MANORLANDS FUNDRAISER

Come along and support our annual Manorlands fundraising event on Saturday 12th November at Eldwick Memorial Hall. 8.00pm for 8.30pm start.

Dance the night away to our professional band "The Maestro's" with hits from 60s to 90s. Try your luck in the raffle and win the top prizes of a Helicopter trip or Land Rover Driving Experience along with numerous other fantastic goodies. Tickets available at £20 each from Birches (cash only). This is a ticket only event.

The event sells out quickly every year

Can You Help Sponsor our Charity Night in aid of Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice?

Our Annual Charity night takes place again this year at the Birches/Memorial Hall on Saturday November 12th. The event always sells out and is a lively mix of great music, dancing till late, auction and raffle.

We are in need of a sponsor for the event. Sponsorship includes banner advertising in the Hall, listing on the event sheet on every table and the best table for four on the night. We are flexible and will consider any ideas/requests from sponsors for the event.

If you can help please contact Anton Kitchen on 07989921886.



as numbers are restricted so please book your table early to avoid disappointment.

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CHARITY WALK

My friend and I are undertook a walk from Leeds to Skipton on canal towpath over 2 days - 29th and 30th July and we raised £1,976.50 for the two Parkinsons charities Parkinsons UK and Cure Parkinsons so they received £988.25 each.

It was a long way... but we did it. My mate walked on blisters the second day too. Her toenails are coming off now! But it was worth the pain.

Cathy Hulin

NEW YEARS EVE

SAWDUST

Popular local covers band Sawdust are playing in the memorial hall on New Years Eve. Tickets are £15 and include a guaranteed reserved seat. Get your tickets from Birches free house, or contact the band via their Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/Sawdustrocks>



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ELDWICK & DISTRICT LADIES GROUP

The speaker for our September meeting was Janet Senior who gave a talk on "A History of Markets in Bradford". It was very interesting. Apparently the first market was held on a Sunday in a Churchyard. In 1251 it was granted by Charter to be held on a Thursday in the Manor of Bradford. Colchester was the first to have a proper Roman Market.

Our next meeting on 11 October we will be having our annual Bingo & Quiz, so if anyone would like to come please just turn up at 6.30pm.

Our trip to Shibden Hall was very successful. It was a bit hot but very enjoyable. The Piece Hall had some very nice shops, well worth a visit.

It was very nice to see some New faces at our meeting, so please come and give it a try. Please contact Bev on 01274-565077 or just turn up on the night.

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NEWS FROM THE ELDWICK CHURCH

Time to Breathe is a new, reflective time of worship taking place on the second Thursday of each month in the Upper Room at Church.

It starts on 13th October when you can drop in between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm. There will be a mix of quiet time, reflective readings, hymns to listen to or sing. Stay for just 10 minutes or the whole hour and enjoy the soft lighting, candles, and music. Listen, relax, and take time to breathe. Do drop in! Yes, it starts some way into the evening at 8.00 pm but we hope that this will enable parents to try it out once they have tucked children into bed! Worship will be led by Rev Brian and Julie Smith.

Our Church in the Garden project is progressing well. The west flowerbed is now in place and the raised beds are looking empty as their perennials and roses have been moved to permanent places. One of the raised beds is now ready for bulbs,which is where you might be able to help!

We are holding an Autumn working day on Saturday 8th October from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm. We are putting on a soup

& sandwich lunch and anyone who wants to plant bulbs, garden, or come and cheer on the workers, is most welcome. You can stay for as long or as short a time as you want. Also, if you want to make a cake or help with lunch, we would love to hear from you. Donations of bulbs are always welcome and can be left in Church at Café time.

Looking further ahead, we invite you to the **Remembrance service** at 10.30 am on Sunday 14 November. This includes a short Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am at Eldwick War Memorial.

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>



BARBARA PULLIN

Barbara sadly passed away on Thursday 29th September, aged 90, following a stroke. She was a retired nurse and had been a resident of Eldwick for 23 years. Barbara was an active member of both the village Bridge Club and the Horticultural Society. She was a much-loved mother, grandmother and wife to John, her husband of 66 years.

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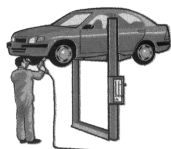


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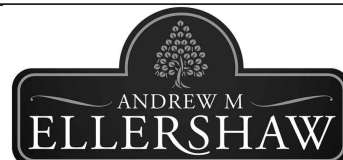


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THE FARMING LEGACY OF ELDWICK

There will doubtless be a public awareness at present that agricultural changes and challenges are very much in the news. New legislation relating to grants and support payments by government is currently for farmers to consider and reflect upon such changes. Added to that has been severe effects of what has been officially declared as drought conditions, drying out both land and sources of water. It is difficult to know what faced those farmers whose first recorded grants were made 800 years ago at Faweather on the boundary of Bingley and Baildon.

It was the Abbot of Revalux and the Prior of Drax who set out demands of sheaves from the cultivable and titheable lands in the Grange of Faweather. Four hundred years later vast amounts of land were held by a handful of long standing lords of the manor, many of whom had estates nowhere near those holdings. By that time, substantial farm buildings had been constructed around Eldwick, many of which became officially Listed for their historical significance. For centuries, one example of such a distant wealthy family was the Crompton Stansfields of Esholt Hall. During the First World War and following legislation allowing county



councils the right to buy and lease back land, the landowners considered selling at a better price. Gawthorpe, Warren House, Moorland Grange and the Eldwick Hall estates were broken up. Between 1921 and 1929 the Misses Stansfield disposed of many Eldwick properties and farmland, usually to sitting tenants who were asked to make offers, based on a 30 years rent. Eldwick Hall Farm with 41 acres farmed by Frank Naylor had a rent of £50p.a. thus was priced at £1500. Altogether, six farms were on offer, including the Eldwick Corn Mill along the way from the Acorn, as well as 200 acres of moorland called the Riggs. Almost like today, many farmers and their families decided to diversify by selling teas and farmhouse meals for Shipley Glen trippers, evidence today showed by fading lettering on gable ends. One such 'business' was advertised,

'Eldwick Villa on the Moor with bracing air and only five minutes' walk from Dick Hudson's at High Eldwick near Bingley. Teas and refreshments provided. Cyclists and Parties catered for. Boarders Taken. Every Home Comfort' Apply Mrs Seed , Proprietress. The next records come from the National Farm Survey of 1940 to 1943 when eighty five percent of all agricultural land was surveyed, almost like a second Domesday Book! The record for Golcar Farm above the junction of Spring Lane and Glovershaw Lane of 20.4 acres, is good example of detail included. Although farmed by Mr C. Richardson, the owner is stated as being one Mr C.H. Carlton of 63 Ottawa Road, Irguio, Wellington in New Zealand! Well that would be a challenge to find the link! The farm was classified with an A Grade and 'with a young man trying hard', there were 30 acres of oats, a mixture of potatoes, turnips and swede over 30 acres, the rest of the land for mowing and grazing. There were 17 cattle, 8 pigs, 40 poultry and 2 horses. There was no electricity and water was piped from a stream.

By contrast, the Birch Close Farm across the fields from Eldwick Hall was farmed by Horner Wilson whom I met many years ago when the 17th century buildings were still presentable, now of course tastefully modernised. The interesting part of the detail for the 128 acre farm was that it was owned by Baildon U.D.C. at the time and that Council had sunk a borehole for their waterworks. Post war agricultural plans introduced subsidies and grants for farmers who were increasingly either moving into dairying or selling up for housing development. Warren House Farm of 21 acres had already lost land late in the 19th century with the construction of the Bradford Corporation Gilstead Filter Beds and would disappear completely with the building of the Clarendon Road housing. Warren Park Farm in Warren Lane of 21 acres stretching to Sheriff Lane can be dated to 1862, as shown on the house above Eldwick Primary School In any case the agricultural workforce had diminished due



to better paid regular factory jobs and increasing mechanisation.

Villages like Eldwick saw rapid changes continue from the mid-19th century as a picture postcard environment turned into a dormitory settlement with major housing estates being developed. From the total number of farms listed for just one part of the Bingley Parish in the survey there are some twenty familiar names. One or two are unusual such as Oakwood Hall Farm, Wistaria in Sheriff Lane – fruit only, Gilstead Fields of the well-known Whittingham family, and even Park House in Otley Road. That was the home of the Barron family, owners of the Bingley Brickworks in Heights Lane. Their 10.4 acres of land stretched up from the house and the adjoining row of cottages up along Heights Lane, some of it for market gardening and the rest let for grazing. So 'people of a certain age' may remember Mrs Robinson driving her dairy herd up Warren Lane from her Gilstead Lane Farm dairy to her fields – those now occupied by the two adjoining housing estates. But now, whilst there are sheep and beef cattle at Glovershaw, it is the third generation of the Downs family with their dairy that still, as a legacy, play a prominent role for the local community. Pictured are Milnerfield Farm and a Threshing Day in 1928.

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