

Eldwick Newsletter

Village Society

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

All are invited to the cenotaph on Sunday 13th November to remember those who fell in the two world wars and other conflicts whose sacrifice gave us the freedom that we have today. We will be gathering at 10 45am for the laying of wreaths, the exhortation and hopefully a bugler with a two minute silence at 11 am.

The event is organised by the Eldwick Village Society in collaboration with the Church. All welcome.

There will be a road closure for Otley Road for about twenty minutes during the service.

AUTUMN IN ELDWICK



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Friday 18th November '22
7.00pm - 8.30pm

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Remembrance

At Eldwick Beck a lonely figure
Slowly crossed the bridge.
Returning home from war-time years
And fighting on the ridge.

He'd heard the news an hour ago :
A pal was forced to break it ...
"Eh, Frank! It's good to see you, though
Your Stanley didn't make it".

He knew his ma must be bereft –
Her first-born child of seven ...
Four boys – three girls – now six were left.
Our Stanley's gone to Heaven.

The brothers sighed – the sisters cried.
Now years have quickly flown
And Stanley lies at peace beside
A monumental stone.

We speak of Uncle Stanley
When the photo album's out.
Each time we pass the cenotaph
We know he's still about.

His parents, siblings – all have gone ...
But heroes never fade –
In poppy fields they blossom on
And linger in the shade.

At Eldwick Beck we think of them.
We cannot count the cost –
But those whose lives were touched by love
Are never truly lost.

Heather Claydon



Great news for Bingley Market

A partnership between Bradford Council and RSH Artisan Markets will expand the market to twenty new stalls. There will be a wide range of homemade locally sourced artisan produce. There will be a fudge, cakes, candles, fresh fruit, handmade dog coats, mead, gin, cider and stout just to mention a few. There will also be hot street food.

The market starts on the Market Square from Saturday 8th October between 9am – 4pm.

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 6th November at 4pm
at the Eldwick Church, followed
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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 20th September forty members in the Church Link watched Bob Flowerdew give a zoom presentation entitled "The Perfumed Garden" with another four members watching him on zoom. What a character Bob is !! Apparently, he is one stage further than Vegan believing that plants have feelings. But fortunately, fruits get the "thumbs up" and indeed, when his mouth was dry whilst speaking, he munched on some beautiful black grapes for refreshment. It was a most enlightening talk with lots of interesting questions from members, which Bob expertly answered.

Then on Tuesday 18th October we were back in the Memorial Hall listening to Simon Crawford give a talk on "Growing Tasty Tomatoes" with lots of illustrations and even some special tomato seeds for members to buy. He also brought along a book on the subject for us to raffle during the evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall when it's the Annual General Meeting where we appoint the officers, look at the accounts, discuss annual subscriptions and hear about next year's trips. After the formal business, there will be a gardening quiz followed by a pie and pea supper. New members are always welcome.

And finally, a few gardening tips for November. Clear up fallen leaves; raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging; and plant tulips ready for your spring display next year. Happy Gardening!!

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Many thanks to Jason Hall of JCH Electrical and his team for replacing the lights on the Recreation Ground. The team were supported by Nick Jarvis Construction. The lights were initially installed by the Eldwick Juniors Football Club and have gradually dwindled over the years.

Grant funding has been organised by Eldwick Juniors and the work was undertaken voluntarily by Jason and his team. If you attended the Bonfire you will have seen how effective the new LEDS are.

Thanks again Jason and team.



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BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

At our first full council meeting on the 4th October following the death of Her Majesty, the Queen the Councillors held a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Bingley Pool

It was reported at the meeting, that it has been suggested that the outcome of Levelling Up Bid, including plans for Bingley Pool, may be known by the end of October or the end of this year, however it was acknowledged that this is beyond the control of the Town Council.

Changing Places Toilet Facility

The Councillors updated on the Changing Places Facility. The pod delivered and installed, videos uploaded on YouTube and photos placed on Council's website to update residents, a photo appeared in the Telegraph and Argus. The pod is in the process of being connected to the mains facilities, access paving installed. Revised 'go live' date of 4th November, to be confirmed. Agreed that there should be a 'soft launch' once the facility is ready to use, and then an official opening at the end of November.

Grit Bins

Agreed that two councillors to assess each proposed site for new grit bins on its own merits, using the Bradford Council assessment checklist, to provide recommendations to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Community Gift Card

This is a scheme, whereby cards similar to store cards, purchased for a given value and given to family and friends as a gift. They could be used in local shops, both in Bingley and possibly one other local council.

The Full Council took a vote – vote subsequently took place to agree an amended proposal that, subject to the active participation of another council and subject to the business case being reviewed, Bingley Town Council to progress the Community Gift Card scheme and to initiate talks with another Council regarding this.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

A Speed Indicator Device (SID) is a temporary vehicle activated illuminated

sign used by local communities to display vehicle speeds. SIDs help to raise driver awareness of local speed limits, and are proven to reduce traffic speeds at appropriate locations.

Councillors agreed to amend the recommendation from two solar-powered SIDs to three, to be purchased, these will be installation by Bradford Councils on the councils behalf.

Traffic Consultation

Resolved to agree the following in response to the consultation from Highways at Bradford Council regarding the Park Road Casualty Reduction Scheme:

1. Council in favour of the 'existing Zebra-crossing near Charles Street to become raised speed-table type - existing footways around tactile paving to be taken up and re-laid'.

2. Council has reservations regarding the 'new mini-roundabout at the junction with Priestthorpe Lane and Beck Lane – existing pedestrian refuge island on Priestthorpe Lane to be relocated, new pedestrian island and new traffic island on Park Road'.

The steepness of the hill and the dominant flow of the traffic up and down Park Road could lead to accidents if this traffic does not give way to people exiting Beck Lane or Priestthorpe Lane. Consideration be given to a means of slowing this traffic, especially downhill, e.g. by throttling or ensuring there is an offset on entry. Council expressed concern that the scheme does not address the junction with Villa Road, where the sight lines, especially to the left are severely limited.

3. Council has concerns and reservations regarding the proposed 'new mini-roundabout at the junction with Lady Lane'. The steepness of the hill and the dominant flow of the traffic up and down Park Road could lead to accidents if this traffic does not give way to people exiting Lady Lane. Can consideration to a means of slowing this traffic, especially downhill, e.g. by throttling or ensuring there is an offset on entry.

Play in the Park 2023

Agreed to book the Play in the Park events with Bradford Council for summer 2023 as follows: 28th July, 4th August, 11th August, 18th August, 25th August, 1st September (all Fridays).



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ELDWICK & DISTRICT LADIES GROUP

Our meeting on 11th October was our annual Bingo and Quiz. It was well attended and very nice to see some new members.

We had our annual lunch at Oakwood Hall which was enjoyed by all. We have sent £100 to the local Keighley Group for Parkinsons.

8th November our speaker is Michael McCabe who will be talking about Brown Muffs.

13th December meeting we are being entertained by Baildon Ukelele – Tony Read (Christmas Celebration)

New Members are always welcome. Contact Bev 565077 or just come along.

BINGLEY JANUS CLUB

Our Autumn programme is now well under way as shown below:

Thursday 24th November: John Muggleston – a talk with a difference – “Who came with a lass and will go with a lass?” (Solway Moss with Rum)

Thursday 1st December: Deiniol Williams: “My Journey to Antarctica”

Thursday 8th December: Ron Harding “Crossing the Pennines”

Thursday 15th December: John Butterwick “Wines for Christmas” which will be our ever-popular Ladies Day when wives, girlfriends, partners, and sweethearts (!!) are invited to join us at the Memorial Hall to be followed by our Annual Christmas Lunch at Shipley Golf Club on Beckfoot Lane.

As always, you will receive a warm welcome at 10am in the Memorial Hall by our President, Ron Harding, with coffee or tea and biscuits before the morning’s talk starts at 10.30am. If you require any further information, please contact our Secretary, Graham Anderson, telephone 01274 563843.

And finally, here’s this month’s joke for you: An old man with only 8 hairs on his head went into a barber’s shop.

The barber said to him angrily “Am I supposed to cut them or count them?”

To which the old man smiled & replied: “Just colour them today please !!”

Cheerio,

John Muggleston
(Bingley Janus Club)

P.S. The answer to our September riddle was of course “JANUS” !!

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 6th November at 4.00 pm at the Eldwick Church and is followed by refreshments. No need to book, just come along.

The following week on Thursday 10th November, there’s Time to Breathe, our new, reflective time of worship from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm. It’s a mix of quiet time with reflective readings and hymns to listen to or sing, all amongst soft lighting, candles, and an atmosphere of peace. No need to stay for the whole hour, come and go as you please.

On Sunday 13th we will be holding our **Remembrance service**, starting at 10.30 am

in church. This includes a short Act of Remembrance from around 10.50 am at Eldwick War Memorial, organised by the Eldwick Village Society in collaboration with the church. All are very welcome to join in, either in Church or at the 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>

West Riding Woodturners

For those of you who are not aware of us, we are the West Riding Woodturners.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at Eldwick Memorial hall, 7.30 start.

The club was formed in 1989 to both preserve and promote the art of woodturning.

The sharing of ideas and techniques led to unexpected success.

The club won 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th places at a competition for the regional clubs. A first, where one club swept the board.

The winning streak is continuing today. Our oldest member, Erik, (I don’t think he

will mind me telling you that he’s an octogenarian) won first place at this years Keighley show.

Another of our members, Graham, entered his work at the Great Yorkshire Show. He won 1st prize. He will be demonstrating how he made his winning piece this November.

New members are always welcome. If you are a novice, like me, the club will take you under their wing and initiate you into the arcane skills of lathe speeds, gouges, skew chisels, sanding, sealing and wax/oil finishes. We will even show you how to turn a bowl.

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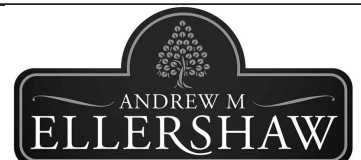
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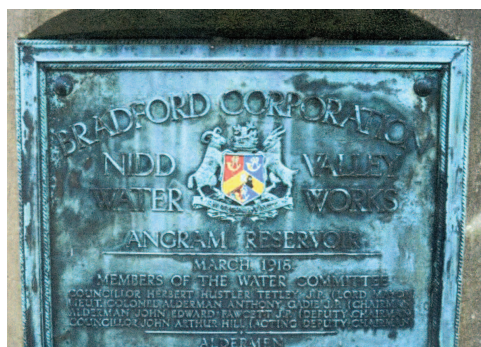
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YOUR WATER SUPPLY - COURTESY OF A TRAIN!

A recent charity walk included a visit to the Prince of Wales Park, entering from the back gateway, adjacent to which was viewed a stone marker. Inscribed 1926 B.C.W.W. 1858, this relates to the seventeen and a half mile subterranean aqueduct of Barden to Heaton's Chellow Dene which runs under the park. Also in existence the thirty one and a half mile Nidd aqueduct runs under the park, evidenced by two separate stone markers. The Bradford Corporation Waterworks Board was created in 1855 and three years later a very dry summer led to barrels of water, carried by horses and carts, providing supplies. By various acts of parliament in the 19th century, permission was granted for the acquisition of moorland sites, leading to the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts. Ultimately, some of this led to the construction of the Gilstead Filtration Works between 1884 and 1887. Seven million gallons of water flowed daily through the works from the Barden aqueduct but, for 'higher Bingley', including Eldwick, one million gallons from Angram reservoir in Nidderdale went through the Gilstead system.



Today, the 'acquisition' of lovely picturesque lands on the upper valleys of the Wharfe and the Nidd, sometimes destroying existing settlements would be frowned upon. However, with the burgeoning population of Bradford, the population of Bradford rising from 35,000 in 1837, to 70,000 in 1847 and to 106,000 by 1861. When the B.C.W.W Board was formed, water consumption was half a million gallons of water consumed daily. By 1870 it was 7 million and 9 million in 1873. Little surprise then that there was a huge need to expand water provision and this was met by entering into massive construction projects. After deciding on Nidderdale and its water sources from the slopes of Wharfedale, land was used to construct the Angram reservoir between 1904 and 1919. The first railway built in Nidderdale was that of the Nidd Valley Railway from Ripley to Pateley Bridge which opened in 1862 for both

passengers and goods. However, when the contract to build the Angram reservoir was awarded, the same company won a contract to build the Nidd Valley Light Railway to aid construction.

In July 1904 a party of 150 members of Bradford City Council arrived by train at Pateley Bridge and were transported onwards by carriages. The Lord Mayor cut the first sod for the Nidd Valley Light Railway after which the party returned to Lofthouse by train and to Pateley Bridge by carriage. The Persimmon housing on part of the Gilstead site, when under construction, revealed a deep octagonal chamber of dressed stone twenty feet across which had been an outlet from Barden aqueduct.

The Bradford Daily Telegraph of November 1877 had carried a Bradford Waterworks Improvement Notice which included the intended development of the Filter Works site. Using references from the 1861 Enclosure Act of Gilstead Moor and Romels Moor, plot number 119 was termed the Gilstead to Morton Road. That was said to be at or near the manhole or shaft of the B.C.W.W, situated by the end of the existing Gilstead tunnel and the existing field or enclosure numbered 121 – the allotments. By complete contrast, the early dependence of Eldwick on water supplies was based on springs and wells, both for rich and poor. Spring water from what was to become Prince of Wales Park fed Langley Farm settlement, the old once monastic Hall in Park Road and even the 1870 mansion built on the corner of Park Road and Warren Lane. There was a well to serve the cottages of Brick Kiln Row (Park Top Cottages) and one at the top of Beech Grove for market gardens. The 19th century villas of Glen Road, Prospect Road and Gilstead Lane were, initially dependent on water from wells which were fed from off shoots of the culverted Rawson Dyke spring which ran the length of Sheriff Lane. The two stone semi-detached houses in Sheriff Lane were named after the dyke in census returns.

Before Bradford Borough assumed responsibility for our wide local area, Shipley, Baildon and even Yeadon had their own Council Water Boards. The compensation reservoir, below Graincliffe, Weecher and Reva reservoirs were created by Bingley, Baildon and even Yeadon Water Boards. Such was the extent of neighbouring Council authorities it was typified in 1934 when Baildon U.D.C., sank a borehole at Birch Close farm, across the fields from Eldwick Hall. In operation it was yielding an incessant



70,000 gallons of water daily, sufficient then for 700 houses. A previous one had been sunk in 1895 for the Weecher reservoir where water could be tapped from only 900 feet down, despite of the elevation of the site.

In later years, many Eldwick farms became tenants of Water Board properties and in 1969 a Rombalds Water Board was established to incorporate Aireborough, Baildon, Ilkley, Otley and Shipley. Eldwick was included because expenditure showed that maintenance work on their properties, at Old Wood farm on the Baildon boundary, Birch Close, Intake above Graincliffe and Eldwick Cragg took place. Today the responsible authority for land under which the aqueducts flow, such as the area bordering the escarpment of the former Gilstead Moor, is that of Yorkshire Water. So, even with adventurous and forward thinking plans, water supplies can still be threatened today, 170 years after the advent of the B.C.W.W.

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