



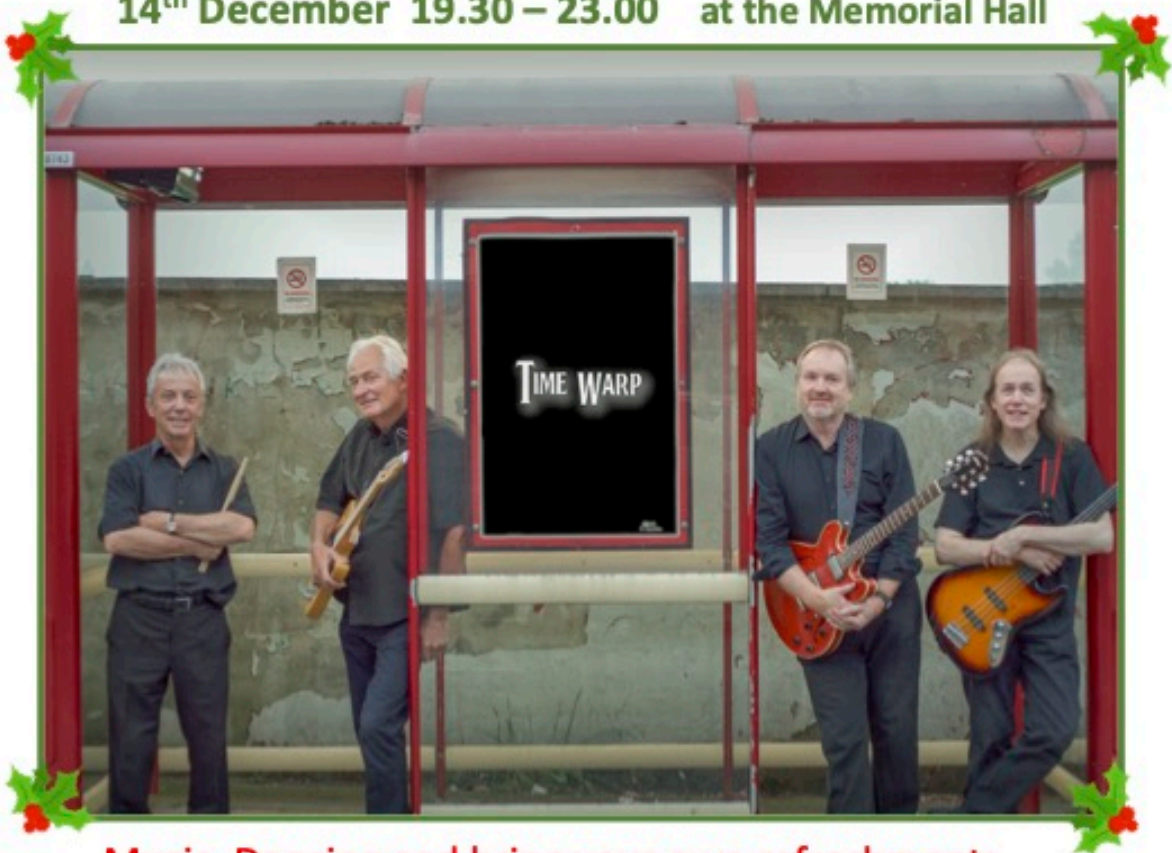
Civic Society News

December 2023



Christmas Party

14th December 19.30 – 23.00 at the Memorial Hall



Music, Dancing and bring your own refreshments

Admission by pre-paid ticket: Members £8 Non-members £10

For tickets contact Lorraine at: lorrainecaroldunn@gmail.com or on 07809 681373

To Pay:

Cash or cheque (made out to Addingham Civic Society) through the letterbox at 9 Main Street

or

BACs: Addingham Civic Society, **Acc. No:** 34995727, **Sort Code:** 050530, **Ref:** Your surname + Party



Gill Battarbee writes

Dear Members,

Gosh, here we are again coming up to December but before looking forward to what's on I'd like to say a word about November.

Many of our months are busy, but I've chosen November as an example - along with all the usual meetings and volunteer sessions, there was the Pop-up Refill Shop, our annual participation in Remembrance Sunday, the Second Annual Climate Action Addingham Village Meeting, the AEG end of season social at The Swan, followed by our stall at the Christmas Market and rounding off the month with a super joint Speaker Meeting with our friends from the Addingham Allotments and Gardens Association - phew.

**I've listed those because I'd like to
thank all the trustees and volunteers
who make our events happen throughout the year.
You are what makes the Society tick.**



So now, on to December. At the time of writing this, there are not many tickets left for our **Christmas Party on the 14th**. If you haven't got your tickets yet see the front page for details or click [here](#).

After the Party we will be signing off until January. So, wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Advent Picture Window Trail

Following last year's successful Advent Window Trail round the village Tamsin Carr, St Peter's Family and Children's Worker, has planned a new trail for 2023. Our "Carols in Stained Glass" window from Advent 2022 will be followed this year by a beautiful Christmas Wall Hanging.

Enormous thanks to one of our members for her beautiful and unique art work which will be the Civic Society contribution to the Advent Trail.

It is totally from her imagination and comprises six separate panels depicting aspects of the Christmas story. It is mainly applique work embellished with machine and hand stitching.

So, if you visit the Health Centre during December do stop to have a look. I know you prefer to remain anonymous but thank you from all our members.



A plea from our Hedgehog community

Please remember that we will be hibernating any time soon, once the temperature drops below about 4^o C.

We need feeding up before we hibernate – we love cat food, but not fish!

What looks like a pile of leaves in a corner or under a shed might be me fast asleep. You might think I'm dead, but that's unlikely I'm just waiting for warmer weather next spring. I'm happy for you just to leave me where I am. Thank you.

Thought you might like this photograph of Prince Henry taken in August, now three times this size and ready to hibernate.



Rick Battarbee writes:

We had a full house for our Climate Action Addingham (CAA) meeting “How Green is our Village? One Year On” in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 16th November.



Following its very successful launch in November 2022 CAA is now taking shape. Its aim is not only to tackle climate change but also to restore nature, minimise waste of all kinds and manage water wisely, in other words to help residents live in a more environmentally sustainable way.

After one year CAA has established a checklist of environmental sustainability goals (listed on the CAA website), used a random sampling approach of village households to survey steps being taken by residents to reduce their carbon footprints, and invited representatives of village community groups to join CAA as partners, along with founder members, the Parish Council, the Civic Society and the Civic Society’s Environment Group.

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The One Year On meeting was an opportunity for many of these groups to describe the actions they are already taking or planning to take to become more environmentally friendly.

Anne Hodgson and Lucy Comerford from **St Peter’s Parish Church** described the Church’s plan to reach a carbon emissions target of net zero by 2030, as required by the Diocese. Adding battery storage to the solar panels already on the Church Hall roof is being investigated as a first step.



Rita Leleux of **Addingham Garden Friends** spoke about moving away from the use of bedding plants to grow pollinator attracting perennials in the pocket gardens they manage along Main St. and beginning to use harvested rainwater for watering rather than tap water.

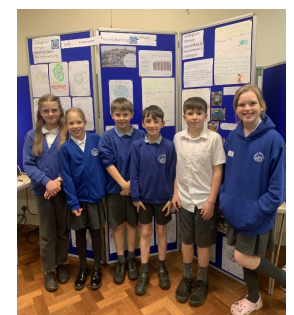


Ross Pearson of **Bracken Ghyll Golf Course** explained the difficulty of managing every aspect of any golf course in an environmentally friendly way but stressed the club’s commitment to the principles of sustainability. Finding ways to cope with increasingly extreme weather conditions is a challenge and discussions within the club to increase water storage on the course are ongoing.

For the **Beer Festival**, Richard Hunter-Rowe described the steps taken this year to minimise waste by reducing the use of paper, reducing the number of T-shirts being given to volunteers and taking care not to order surplus supplies. As there is always some beer left-over, one question was how it might be used rather than poured away.

Geoff Mills of the **Allotments and Gardens Association** described how the Association had been successfully re-launched by a new committee and was ready to explore ways of encouraging members to manage their gardens and allotment plots in a wildlife friendly way, eliminating, for example, the use of harmful chemicals.

Addingham Primary School Year 6 pupils with headteacher Linda Spinks and Year 6 teachers, Mrs Whelan and Mr Hughes, also contributed to the event by bringing in examples of their work in school on environmental issues. Their display highlighted the issues in both a local and global context and included waste, recycling, flooding and air pollution. Miss Spinks said “it was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 children to present their work to members of our community, sharing their learning and passion for the environment. Global Mindedness is one of our school values, we have a global outlook. We think about and care for all of humanity and our environment. Our children want to be partners in creating a better world in our local, national and global communities. I was very proud seeing the children filled with knowledge discuss this topic so confidently.”





Other displays were by the **Environment Group** including a demonstration of the Group's thermal imaging camera used to detect heat loss in homes (Ian Viner), a display of the results from the village climate change survey (Malcolm Secrett), the pop-up refill shop selling laundry liquids and soap bars (Jan Hindle), a demonstration of a wormery and a Bokashi bin for dealing with food waste (Briony Holdsworth) and maps of the whereabouts of compost bins and water butts in the village (Dave Johnson). **Friends of Wharfedale Greenway** brought their pull up stand and Sallie Lloyd, clerk of the **Parish Council**, promoted the Council's Bin and Butts Project, signing up residents wishing to have a free water butt, compost bin or waste food caddy.

The event concluded with a keynote talk from **Miranda Foster** of JBA Consulting (and formerly Yorkshire Water (YW)). She spoke about "Valuing Water" explaining how water supply reservoirs are connected and managed throughout the operational area of YW and the complexity of managing water abstraction at Lob Wood in the face of increasing variability in rainfall and natural riverflow. Finding a balance between maintaining water supply to the Bradford treatment works and maintaining environmental flows in the river is especially challenging. She described attempts by YW to save water by reducing leakage from pipework and outlined ways YW are encouraging customers to reduce their water consumption, aiming to decrease per capita usage from an average of 130 litres per day at present to 110 litres per day by 2050.



Dr Foster answered questions after her talk on a range of topics including understanding rapid variations in Wharfe river levels in Addingham, the viability of building a national water grid, the effectiveness of metering to reduce household consumption and how leakage in pipework is estimated.

Special thanks to Simon Tennant (Parish Council Chair) and Roger Seddon (Civic Society Vice-chair) for introducing the two evening sessions respectively and to members of the Civic Society for serving refreshments.

For more information please visit: <https://www.climateactionaddingham.info/> or email Sallie Lloyd (clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk).

Footpath refurbishment for Addingham

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Bradford Countryside Officer, Richard Perham, and Friends of Ilkley Moor who have refurbished the steps that lead from Marchup Beck southwards towards the moorside and northwards to the Silsden Road allotments and Daniel Palmer Nature Reserve. It's a lovely walk by the stream starting either at west end by crossing the stile on Big Meadow Drive or the east end by entering the nature reserve from Silsden Road. However those of you who know this walk will probably have struggled up and down the slopes from the stepping stones as the treads had gradually worn away. Our Vice President, Jonathan White, has been to try them out and is most impressed. A great job and much needed.



Friends of Ilkley Moor said, "On a larger scale, our volunteers are well used to making steps, so we are happy that they will be making steps at a nature reserve in Addingham. Richard Perham, our Bradford Countryside Services Officer who leads our work parties, is very supportive of our helping out elsewhere when we can."

Thanks to member, Ian Thurston, and Vice President, Jonathan White, for the photographs.

Jigsaw – A Puzzle

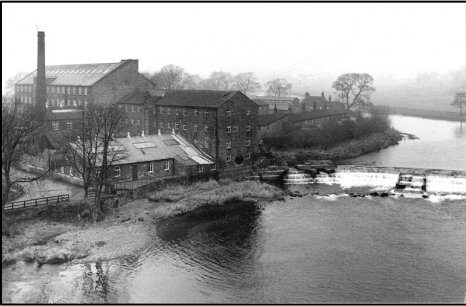
Did you purchase a jigsaw at our Autumn Fair which turned out to be a bigger puzzle than you expected? If so please read on.....

We have had a message from someone who kindly donated three jigsaws for sale at our Autumn Fair. Since then, they have discovered that they still have some of the pieces for one of the puzzles. It was a Gibson's 1000 piece with sea and sky, could have been a picture of Padstow.

If this was you or you know who bought it, please get in touch and we will reunite the jigsaw with its missing pieces.



Low Mill Weir Fish Pass



We recently received an email from the Environment Agency about their plans to initiate a review of the options for installing a fish pass at Low Mill Weir. Residents at Low Mill should have received the Environment Agency newsletter but if anyone else is interested go to this page on the Planning Section of our website

<https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/acs/planning/EnvAgencyLowMill.pdf>

This photo from our Photo Archive shows Low Mill in the 1930s

Dates For Your Diary

A Meal at the Craven Heifer

Following the social meal we held at The Craven Heifer last June, several members commented that it was a really nice occasion and an opportunity to meet people. So, to brighten up the winter days we have booked the Craven Heifer again for Thursday 1st February for an early evening meal.

Put the date in your diary and we'll include all the details in the January newsletter.

And our congratulations to the Heifer which was crowned Best Pub in the Ilkley and Addingham area in the local MP Robbie Moore's Best Pub Awards.



Addingham Methodist Church Charity Christmas Cracker Coffee Morning

**Saturday 9 December
10.00 - 11.30am**

In the Church Hall - FREE ENTRY

Refreshments and Stalls

Collection of goods for the Salvation Army
(biscuits, tinned ham, cake bars, Christmas puddings, packets of dried stuffing, cranberry sauce, selection boxes, toiletries)

**All monies raised in aid of
Martin House Children's Hospice
&**

EMBRACE the Middle East



A Christmas Present Idea



Our Heritage Group is now selling quality prints of images from their Addingham Photo Archive. These prints would look very good in your home and would also make excellent presents for anyone living in the village or for someone who knows the village but has moved away.



The prints are available in 2 sizes and can either be framed or unframed. The print sizes and prices are as follows:



8" x 10" print
Unframed £5.00
Framed £10.00
(frame size 13" x 11")

12" x 16" print
Unframed £10.00
Framed £20.00
(frame size 21" x 17")

Twelve images have been selected and are now available on the Addingham Civic Society [website](#).

However, if you are interested in any other archive images please contact us by completing the Contact Form on the Addingham Civic Society website.

Click [here](#) to go to the Photo Archive website.



<https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/acs/index.php/heritage/buy-photo-prints>



The Chair and Trustees of Addingham Civic Society wish you a peaceful Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year. Thank you all for your support, contribution's and volunteering over this past year.



If you have any contributions for the first Newsletter of 2024, please let me have these as soon as possible and by Thursday 28th December at the latest.

Thank You & Best wishes

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