

# **Civic Society News**

## March 2024



# Next Speaker Meeting Thursday 21st March In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

This month we are delighted to welcome John Jackson, a Trustee of Undercliffe Cemetery Charity

# "Bradford's History Inscribed in Stone, Granite, and Marble"

**John**, will talk about the history of this magnificent Bradford heritage site from

- its birth in 1852,
- to its near death in the 1970s,
- to its phoenix-like rise
- into the successful charitable enterprise it is today.





John will reflect on Victorian Bradford's wealthy merchants whose impressive memorials dominate the central promenade, and those less fortunate townsfolk whose remains were heaped together in unmarked pauper graves on the peripheries of the 26 acre burial ground.

#### Dear Members,

We are delighted to welcome to the team Addingham resident Mike Enever. Mike has offered to look after the Society accounts. Although, as I've said before, we are not a high finance organisation, Mike is very well qualified and I suspect we won't pose too much of a challenge for him. It's worth noting that Mike is quite impressed with our current accounting

systems, so we'll pass that message along to our outgoing Treasurer – with thanks. I was sorry to miss the Craven Heifer Social Evening at the beginning of February. I gather it was well attended by almost 30 members and proves to be a great way to meet new people. We'll do a repeat later in the year.

And I can't really check out without mentioning our truly enormously well attended February Speaker meeting - we ran out of chairs.....!

Nick Bailey and Bernie Davies gave us great insight into their plans for Denton Hall and even they were amazed at the level of interest shown in their project. It will clearly be a long-term challenge and we wish them the very best.

We'll definitely be inviting them back for Chapter 2.





All best wishes Gill

#### Addingham's pop-up refill stall is set to continue:

After a trial period, Addingham Environment Group's initiative to make refilling plastic bottles with eco & people friendly cleaning & washing products more affordable is continuing through 2024. Run by a team of volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, the stall is at the Mount Hermon Church Coffee Pot on the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11.30 am. A big thank you is due to the Church for hosting the stall and supporting us.

So far more than 150 bottles have been refilled, rather than thrown away and 110 customers have been served. The next pop-up at Mount Hermon is on Thursday 14 March, coinciding with Climate Action Addingham's village-wide focus on reducing waste. Do drop by with your bottles to refill and stop for a coffee. We now have a wider range of products available, including laundry liquid, fabric conditioner, liquid soap, bodywash, shampoo, washing up liquid and surface cleaner. Dates for the remainder of 2024 are:

14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 Aug, 12 Sept, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec





## We're preparing for our..... Spring Fair on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>

If you are doing a bit of spring cleaning you might come across items you'd like to pass on as a donation to our fair.

Perhaps you could hang on to them and in April we'll be delighted to accept them for the following stalls......

- Raffle
- Bottle Stall
- Tombola
- Cakes, preserves
- Books
- **Jigsaws**
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys



#### Climate Action Addingham (CAA)

CAA comprises lots of village groups, including our Society and the Parish Council who are all committed to improving the environment and tackling climate change in any way they can. They have organised four themed weeks this year:

Zero Waste Week Water Week Biodiversity Week Zero Carbon Week

The first is coming up soon....

#### Addingham Zero Waste Week is on 11 – 16th March – are you ready?

This is an opportunity for all of us to think about **how to minimise waste** now and in the future. As well as all the various organisations and individuals doing their bit here are several village events that you may be interested in:

Free talks and workshops

"Stitching Sustainably" - fabrics and clothes repair led by Charlotte Meek and Becky Davies-Downes

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. in the Mem Hall

"Recycling home truths and myths busted"

Wednesday 13th 7.00 p.m in Mt Hermon.

Refill your laundry liquids at the Pop-up Refill Shop

Thursday  $14^{th}$  10 - 11.30 in Mt Hermon

The village spring clean and litter-pick – join in

Saturday 16th 10 a.m. at the Scout Hut

"The Big Plastic Count" You can sign up to the national big plastic count by clicking on their logo on this page.





#### **Zero Waste Week**

11th - 16th March

Programme details

During Zero Waste Week we want everyone to think about ways we can reduce waste by reducing what we buy, repairing and re-using things, re-cycling as much as possible and especially eliminatin single-use plastic.

Take a look at our Zero Waste page for ideas and further informatio , and take part in the village activitie w e have organised

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>*: "Stitching Sustainability", talk and workshop with Charlotte Meek and Becky Davies-Downes, **7 pm, Memorial Hall** 

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>: "Recycling – home truths and myths busted" talk and discussion with Ian Benson, 7 pm, Mt Hermon

Thursday 14th: Pop-up Refill shop, 10.00 – 11.30 am, Mt Hermor

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>: Village litter-pick and spring clean, with Scouts and Cubs, 10 am, Scout Pavilion

All week 11th-17th: The Big Plastic Count, Greenpeace, Register online: https://thebigplasticcount.com/



Scan the QR code for details of these events and check ideas for minimising waste at home

https://www.climateactioa\_ddingham.info/index.php



But most of all we're hoping you will start doing new things at home, by yourself or with your families to minimise waste.

Check out the <u>Zero Waste page</u> on the CAA website for ideas.

And please feel free forward this email and poster far and wide!



#### **STOP PRESS**

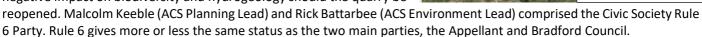
The Addingham Coop will be closed on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### **Horn Cragg Quarry Inquiry**

Many of you will know that the application to re-open the Horn Cragg Quarry, adjacent to Addingham Moorside, was refused by Bradford Council, and consequently the Appellant went to appeal which resulted in a Planning Inquiry.

**The Inquiry is now over.** It was held in February at Bradford City Hall and lasted six days during which the Appellant, Bradford Council and the Rule 6 Party gave evidence and were cross questioned on a range of issues.

*Our Civic Society involvement* has been with regard to the potential negative impact on biodiversity and hydrogeology should the quarry be



Ward Councillor Caroline Whitaker and local residents from Silsden were present and were given a friendly and respectful hearing by the Inspector. Their issues included long term disturbance for local Fishbeck Lane residents and their livestock, the nearby Cringles caravan park residents, significant change to the landscape, damage to spring water supply, dust, noise,



heavy goods traffic, impact on the narrow moor roads, damage to local wildlife and to the well-used rights of way across the moor. The residents presented a petition with over 7000 signatures against the reopening of the quarry.

From the biodiversity point of view Horn Cragg is a small site but it has a mosaic of different habitats giving it a rich overall biodiversity. It is part of the internationally



Photo: Telegraph & Argus

recognised Special Protection Area (SPA) buffer zone to protect ground-nesting birds such as curlew and lapwing, part of the Bradford Wildlife Habitat Network and a key stepping stone between the Aire and Wharfe valleys for wildlife including pollinators. Quarrying will damage all these functions and prevent the wildlife being protected or enhanced for at least the lifetime of the operation if not for many decades beyond.

There is now a waiting period. It will be some weeks before the Inspector will publish

her judgement, but huge thanks to Malcolm and Rick for the many hours they have spent both in preparation and attendance at the Inquiry.

*If you would like to read the documents* presented at the Inquiry they are available in the "Core Documents Folder" on this link to the Bradford Planning Portal. To see the Rule 6 documents click on "Inquiry documents" at the bottom of Core Documents Folder and on the next page you will see documents titled Rule 6.

#### **Addingham Book Swap**

The Church Street Kiosk book swap is managed by residents – many, many thanks. It's for good quality books only.... The sort you might like to pick up and take home.

Please don't leave anything else there.



Great to see it working.

Here is one of our village residents on holiday in New Zealand swapping a book she collected from the Church Street Swap.





#### Addingham Bypass Part 3

In February we heard from Jonathan that in the 1970s five options had been mapped out as potential routes for a muchneeded Addingham bypass. The outcomes of the public consultation revealed the clear front runner to be the Purple Route.

#### So what happened after that 1978 public consultation?

Sadly, further action was put on hold in 1980 as public expenditure constraints meant the longest and most expensive 'purple' route was not justifiable to the Minister of State for Transport. However, design standard changes by the end of 1984 meant that a modification of the preferred route, with three variants, could be presented to a one-day public consultation, organised by the Parish Council and with the Department's representatives present, to collect the views of local people. Consequently, the route as we now know it between Ilkley Road and Skipton Road via a new roundabout at Silsden Road became the subject of further design and draft orders, published in February 1986.



#### The Draft Orders were as follows:

Line - a new trunk road from close to Highfield House Access track going generally south then east to a point near Lumb Gill Lane would incorporate cuttings and embankments to mitigate noise levels in the Moor Park and St Paul's estates and visual impact levels for a number of properties. Two miles in length, the single carriageway would incorporate a climbing lane from Ilkley Road to Street House with provision for lighting at the Ilkley Road junction and the Silsden Road roundabout;



De-trunking - the road through the village would cease to be a trunk road with the opening of the bypass,

Side Road Proposals - new highways and alterations to existing highways and private means of access to premises would be necessary. With the exception of Parsons Lane, stiles or gates would be provided to avoid footpath closures. Turner Lane, Parsons Lane and Moor Lane would close where crossed by the new bypass but a new highway, Crossbank Road, would link Moor Lane and Parsons Lane with an improved Turner Lane.

**Next time** - how would Addingham be affected by the proposed bypass? Jonathan White

#### The Photography Competition 2023 – Landscape Category Winners



First prize – Don Barrett with 'Derwent Water and Keswick'.



Second prize – Robert Mann with a 'Sunset Field View'.



Third prize – Phil Robins with 'Llyn y Gaddir'.

Next Month, the final category winners: Wild Life

#### **Dates for Your Diary**







#### **Our Heritage Group**

If you enjoy history and heritage, you might find <u>this website</u> interesting, and yes, you can find our Addingham Photo Archive on their national map.



# Annual General Meeting

# 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We are giving notice that our AGM is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> May and will be followed by our Speaker for the evening, Razan Alsous who will be telling us about her "Yorkshire Dama Cheese".

A trustee nomination form will be included in the April Newsletter, so you have a month to consider whether you or anyone you know would like to put themselves forward for a trusteeship. If you are interested do get in contact informally to hear more about the role.

#### And finally....

A Huge thank you to all our speakers, contributors to the newsletter, volunteers, and subscribers. If you would like to include anything in our next newsletter, please ensure that you send it to me, Jane Welby, before Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the latest, to ensure publication in time for Easter.

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