



Civic Society News

May 2024



**Next Speaker Meeting & AGM
Thursday 16th May
In the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm
Non-Members Welcome £3 Admission**



THE YORKSHIRE DAMA CHEESE STORY

**RAZAN ALSOUS,
THE FOUNDER OF
YORKSHIRE DAMA
CHEESE,
TELLS HER PERSONAL
STORY**

AWARD WINNING CHEESE



Dear Members,

Welcome Razan Alsous. This month we are delighted to welcome Razan Alsous as our speaker. Razan founded the award-winning Yorkshire Dama Cheese company.

Her story is “of inspirational bravery by a woman who refused to let her circumstances define or constrain her. It is about finding a new place to call home and new experiences which have led to the creation of a British multi-award-winning cheese and dairy company”. <https://www.yorkshiredamacheese.co.uk/>

For the cheese lovers among you, you will be able to purchase samples of her cheeses.

Our AGM will precede Razan’s presentation and all your AGM documents are with this newsletter.

A Year in the Life of ACS. During May you might like to drop into The Hub and take a look at our Civic Society display “A Year in the Life of the ACS”. Once we started putting together the display it’s quite amazing how much we get up to in a year, hope you enjoy it.

Best wishes

Gill

News from our Environment Group (AEG)

Work on the Wharfe – Our congratulations to Citizen Scientists You will all know that for some time our Environment Group has been involved in monitoring the quality of water in the Wharfe. The Environment Agency has recently posted an interesting blog updating the progress that has been made. Here is the link [Working towards a cleaner Wharfe – a closer look at water quality testing at Ilkley’s bathing water – Creating a better place \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://blog.gov.uk)

In their blog they refer to Citizen Science and yes, the whole project actually began with citizen science. Here is a brief recap to put the Environment Agency blog into context.

Back in 2016 Ilkley residents began reporting sewage spills to the Environment Agency. By 2018 the spills were fast becoming newsworthy and a well-attended Ilkley Town Meeting resulted in the involvement of the then MP John Grogan and Ilkley Town Councillors. At this point Rick, Chair of our own AEG, was asked to be involved using his professional experience as a water scientist. His first recommendation was to ask for sampling results from the Environment Agency, only to find there was no routine sampling. Rick designed a sampling method and with local anglers, turned Citizen Scientists, the first samples were taken. With money from Ilkley Town council the samples were professionally analysed, and those results underpinned the existence of a significant problem.



Angler, Steve Fairbourn, taking the first sample.

Ilkley Clean River Group applied for Bathing Water Status for a recreational stretch of the Wharfe. With evidence of the popularity of this bathing area Ilkley was the first running water site to gain Bathing Water Status in the UK. Bathing Water Status is a misleading title – it does not necessarily mean that it is fit for bathing just that regular monitoring must be carried out by the Environment Agency and where appropriate measures must be put in place to improve the water quality.

This led Rick to question the quality of water along the whole of the Wharfe catchment, surely Ilkley wouldn’t be the only place to experience sewage spills, so he, together with Malcolm Secrett from the AEG Steering Committee, designed a project to take samples along the length of the Wharfe.

By August 2020 an army of volunteer citizen scientists from 6 different communities was lined up at 08.00 a.m. along the length of the Wharfe from Oughtershaw to the Ouse.



The results of their sampling can be seen [here](#).

There the story really began with the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water fully involved and we now know that measures to reduce the spills from the Ilkley Sewage Works and the Addingham pumping station are included in Yorkshire Water's Plans for 2025.

ADDINGHAM'S D-DAY HEROES

By Chris Cobley

Les Chamberlain

The very first Allied casualty of the D-Day landings was Lance Corporal Fred Greenhalgh. He was drowned when his glider broke on impact, and he was thrown unconscious into a pond. It could so easily have been Les Chamberlain of Addingham. Both were among the 90 men flown in 3 Horsa gliders to the bridge over the Caen Canal at Benouville, code-named Pegasus after the winged horse insignia of the airborne division. The objective was the capture the bridge before the Germans could blow it up. This, with another bridge over the River Orne, would allow British troops involved in the main D-Day landing to communicate and join forces.

Les was in the leading glider commanded by Major John Howard of the Glider Regiment (Ox and Bucks Light Infantry) and was the eleventh man out of the glider. Moments later the troops had hurled grenades through the slits in the pillboxes on the West end of the bridge. The rest of the platoon raced across the bridge to the East end led by Lieutenant Den Brotheridge. But by then the German guards had been alerted and reacted. Lieutenant Brotheridge was shot through the neck and killed. After a brief firefight the bridge was secured, as was the bridge over the Orne by another 90-man group of glider-born troops.

Of the British airborne operations that night, the capture of the two bridges was the only one that went according to plan, and Les Chamberlain was in the thick of the brief battle. The airborne troops that survived were then counter-attacked by German armoured troops, but not before they had been reinforced by Commandos of the 1st Special Services Brigade led by Lord Lovat and his personal piper, Bill Millin, of the Cameron Highlanders, a moment captured memorably in the film "The Longest Day", in a sense the prequel to the opening scenes of "Saving Private Ryan."

This was not the first time that Les Chamberlain had seen action. He had been at Dunkirk as a member of the 2nd. Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, 97 of whom had been slaughtered by German SS troops at Les Paradis. Les escaped with two others, one of whom was shot. He finally got back to England in June 1941 and was sent to Denton to recover. After the War, Les returned annually to Pegasus Bridge to talk with visitors about the first attack of D-Day. In 1990 he moved to Addingham and died in 2001.

Another Addingham D Day Hero, George Houston, will feature in the June Newsletter



**The Yorkshire Society presents Yorkshire's 3rd Heritage Summit in Hull
on the 11th and 12th May
Our Heritage Group will have a stand in the Minster on Saturday
and a full weekend of events is planned**

To find out more about the event and to purchase tickets for the symposium, the Spare Hands concert or the Sunday tours and events – visit <https://theyorkshiresociety.org/event/2024-yorkshire-heritage-summit/>

During the whole of June, the Heritage Group will host a display celebrating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day at the Hub. Find out about the extraordinary stories of those Addingham men who took part in the D-Day landings, the contribution of the village itself, plus what life was like for villagers in 1944.

No charge – do come along

The Last Chapter - The Bypass finally opened in October 1990!

By Heritage Group Member, Jonathan White



There was much fanfare and a celebration fun run/walk the length of the bypass uphill stretch almost as far as the Silsden roundabout. If you were there, perhaps you can recognise yourselves? Albeit a little more youthful!

Now, 35 years later, do we think it has fulfilled the need to take traffic out of the village successfully? For through traffic on the A65 between Ilkley and Skipton, fine, but Silsden to Bolton Abbey still attracts vehicles to travel through the village, often exceeding the 20mph limits and ensuring crossing the road can be hazardous. Council and road safety issues have been discussed to no serious long-term effect on speeding traffic. The heavy vehicles

have thankfully however largely disappeared. (Not so in Gargrave and Long Preston!) On the bypass itself several bad accidents have sadly been witnessed.

'Dingham has not become a 'twee' village as some suggested back in 1990 but the gardens are very well kept, The Hub is thriving and there are lots of clubs and societies to choose from. Essentially, it is a lovely place to live in.

The reasons for a bypass and the extensive efforts to get one built in the 70s and 80s were I believe justified, and following the only route acceptable to villagers.

Stop press: As you will now know there may well be another chapter – following the consultation about the plans for an Addingham road reclassification scheme.....



The Replica Best Kept Village Sign



If you take a walk up to The Green, look out for the newly refurbished replica Best Kept Village Sign. Many thanks to trustees Richard Walton and Steve Lloyd for their time and effort, it looks really smart. Steve even got out the gold paint....





Civic Society

COMMUNITY AWARDS



UP TO
£500



DO YOU KNOW AN ORGANISATION OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
MIGHT BENEFIT FROM ONE OF OUR AWARDS?

There are three types of awards

- Up to £1500 over three years for groups or organisations.
- Up to £500 for one year for groups or organisations.
- A one year £500 bursary for an individual

FURTHER INFORMATION and APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE UNDER "WHAT'S ON".

We are hoping to hear from you

Over the last eight years we have been proud to support the following Addingham groups



- The Scouts
- The Cricket Club
- The Active Retired Group
- The Southfield House Residents
- The 2019 Vocal Day
- The Bowling Club
- Garden Friends
- Probus



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Spring Fair

On the day we took

£1,045.40

What an amazing total! These are the funds that help us run many of our projects. Thank you for your generosity. Once again, we were fortunate with the weather and lots of people came for a rummage through the stalls, some raffle tickets, a go on the tombola and a cuppa.

Lovely to introduce Pam Newman, President of Bracken Ghyll Golf Club, to draw the raffle, thank you.

“Guess the Trustees” turned out to be quite tricky – well done to member Carol Miles who managed to guess six of us correctly.

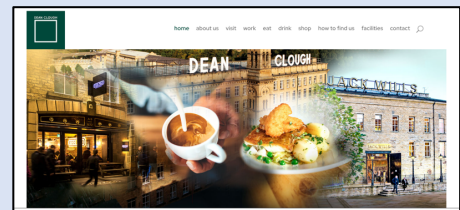
A call out for member Kathy Gilbert who has been getting to grips with the organisation of the Fairs with great support from long term organiser Diana Keeble.

The cakes were amazing AGAIN and we put out a special call for the Bottle Stall and wow did we get some bottles..... thank you all, super fair, and lots of fun.



SAVE THE DATE

ACS SUMMER TRIP
THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2024
 Dean Clough in the morning
 Shibden Hall in the afternoon



Depart Mem hall at 9.20 a.m.
 Arrive back between 5.00 - 5.30 p.m.

£20 includes coach and Shibden Hall entrance
 Booking opens on May 16th at the Speaker Meeting

As always, a massive 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 25th May.

acsnewsletters1@gmail.com

7 days, so many ways to make a difference

ADDINGHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 18th MAY
 10.00am to 11.30am
 METHODIST CHURCH HALL
 CHAPEL STREET

COFFEE/TEA AND SCONES
 RAFFLE, CAKE STALL, TOMBOLA,
 CRAFTS

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

In Burundi, poverty pushed Aline to the brink of survival. But with help from Christian Aid, Aline pushed back harder. Now thriving, she says: **'I see that a bright future for me and my children is really possible.'**

Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change.
 This Christian Aid Week, what will you do? CAWeek.org

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Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As previously notified the Annual General Meeting of the Addingham Civic Society will be held on **Thursday the 16th of May 2024** at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Addingham. Based on previous years we anticipate that the AGM will take approximately 20 mins.

Our Speaker, Razan Alsous will start her presentation, "Yorkshire Dama Cheese" immediately after the AGM,

If you cannot attend this meeting, you will still be able to exercise your vote and raise any questions, please see below.

Papers for the AGM are included with this Newsletter and consist of:

- The AGM Agenda
- The Minutes of the May 2023 AGM.
- The Society's End of Year Accounts. Just to clarify our Financial year end is the 31st March and our Membership year end is the 31st of August.
- Your Chairman's report
- And finally your Voting Slip (only if you cannot attend this AGM)

Items of Any Other Business to be notified to the Chair at least 7 days before the meeting.

Your Voting slip is in 3 parts:

1. **Minutes and year end accounts.** Indicate if you agree these documents. If not, please tell us why. Sign where shown.
2. **Nominations.**
 - Under the Society's Constitution Officers and Trustees are elected for a 3-year term. No existing Officers' or Trustees' terms of office come to an end this year. Trustee Steve Lloyd will be standing down at this election.
 - Society Members Seamus Bloomer and Chris Ensor were co-opted to the Trustees in March 2024 and have put their names forward for election. Both have been proposed and seconded by Society members. Please indicate whether you agree or not and sign where shown.
 - No further nominations were received by the closing date of Friday the 26th of April.
 - If you wish to ask any questions regarding this Voting Slip before signing it, please contact the Chairman at chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk or 01943 839792 or Mobile 07762 824800.
3. **Questions.** A blank section for anything you might want to raise at the AGM.

Just to confirm, you only need to complete and return the Voting Slip, if you are unable to attend this AGM.

As we've said our talk "Yorkshire Dama Cheese" by Razan Alsous will follow immediately after the AGM.



ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th of May 2024@ 7.30pm

Venue: Addingham Memorial Hall



AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on the 18th of May 2023
3. To receive a report from the Trustees: Gill Battarbee
4. To receive verified Accounts and Treasurer's Report: Gill Battarbee
5. To receive nominations for the Officers of the Society and make the appointments.
6. To receive nominations for the Trustees of the Society and make the appointments.
7. Any other business



Addingham Civic Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 18th May 2023 7.30 pm

Addingham Memorial Hall



1. Chairman's welcome and Apologies.

Present: Malcolm Keeble (Chair) Gill Battarbee, Roger Seddon, Richard Walton, Mike Williams, Ian Cameron, Steve Lloyd, Pat Weatherill, Steve Noblett, Jane Welby (Minutes)

Members: There were a sufficient number of members in attendance for the AGM to be quorate.

Formal apologies: Margaret Keating. John Sykes. Jim and Lynda Robinson. Jack and Beryl Robson. Gary Copping. Jayne Hood.

2. To approve the Minutes of AGM held on the 20th May 2021 and any matters arising.

No Matters arising.

No questions

Minutes proposed by Ann Austin, Seconded by Ian Drysdale. All those members present were in favour.

3. To receive a report from the Trustees: Interim Chairman Richard Walton.

After 13 years at the Helm of our Civic Society Jim Robinson abandoned ship and embarked on a round of holidays instead, leaving us all bereft. With no immediate willing successor, we set sail again with a colourful coalition of amateur helmsmen from the lower decks and have managed, at least, to bring our ship into the safe harbour of our AGM where we hope to take on a new Captain and a host of new recruits to the lower decks.

We must give Jim a huge thank you for the time and effort he, and Lynda, gave to the Society and for the stability his long stint endowed on us, and we thanked him both at our very successful Christmas Party and also at a more personal dinner the trustees hosted at the Golf Club.

We did manage to complete a full year of activities which included 9 or 10 speaker meetings with a variety of interesting speakers sourced principally by Jayne and Debs to whom we offer our thanks. As usual we staged our Spring and Autumn Fairs which once again attracted many visitors, raised quite a handsome sum of money and we gave the whole sum raised at the Spring Fair to assist with relief in Ukraine. We thank Diana and her team for their efforts for both Fairs. Also, as we had not been able to organise our Summer Trip for a few years, we added a Summer Party with local band, to our very popular Christmas Party with local band, and – surprise - it was just as popular. We do like a good party.

Heritage Group - As you all know we have two large associated Groups in the Civic Society the newest of which is the Heritage Group. The group now has quite a number of active and enthusiastic helpers and hosted several Photo Archive Displays in the Hub, at our Fairs and during the Village Jubilee and Coronation Celebrations. In addition, they have produced and erected a new and attractive Information Board at High Mill to highlight the Mill's history and were very grateful to receive a grant to scan nearly 2000 slides to add them to the photo archive. Two members have today attended the second Yorkshire Heritage Summit in Saltaire and earlier in the year won 2nd place in YHACS competition for projects (Yorks & Humber Assoc of Civic Socs).

Environment Group - Our Environment Group goes from strength to strength as its 'fame' spreads and gains more and more like-minded helpers and volunteers, without which none of the projects could proceed, particularly the significant tree planting projects that are ongoing. We thank Wharfedale Naturalists who have provided grants for several of these projects, and InCommunities who have sponsored and helped residents in Craven Crescent with their wildlife garden. We have finally established Climate Action Addingham which will work alongside the Parish Council to help achieve our objectives in Carbon reduction etc. Don't forget the very successful Jumble Trail and Environment Weekend which will be repeated shortly.

Other ACS Work and Activities - Between all this partying etc we managed to continue with our Civic Pride Awards and Community Awards. We helped with a lot of the organising, proof reading and delivery of two village

newsletters in addition to preparing our own monthly newsletter for which we thank our new editor, Jane Welby, for stepping into the position left by our departing Chairman.

Of course, all of these meetings, Fairs, Parties and Events seem to encourage new members which does give us an excuse to have another 'get together' to introduce them to the Trustees. We generally host these at the Cricket Club and try to entice them to join in, help where they can, etc – this year's was particularly successful as one of those recent new members is nominated to the Committee tonight.

Ever mindful that the world does move on we have purchased two card readers so we can now take electronic payments for all our services, including books, cards and membership. So those of you who could never find their chequebook or wallet now only need a bankcard. Technology – you can't beat it.

And, for those of you who like to see a good hardcopy, we have just taken delivery of a very nice notice board which will be put up on the side of the Hub, to match the Parish Council one.

As well as all this we also contribute speakers to the Primary School Enrichment programme. This is a very worthwhile project and has provided a rich variety of topics for the pupils.

Finally, and we know it is 18 months away, Bradford City Of Culture 2025 is on its way. Shanaz Gulzar, Creative Director for Bradford CoC 2025, came and spoke to Trustees along with representatives from the Parish Council. She explained that this would embrace not just the City, but all its boroughs as well and that each 'borough' would get its own 'artiste' to coordinate local projects. This is ongoing as we speak but we will keep everyone up to date and hopefully it will provide another excuse for a Village Celebration – we love those.

And finally, another finally, in addition to Jim Chairing for half the year, Gill for the huge amount of time spent keeping us all in line, the colourful coalition of Steve, Roger and Richard for stepping up and playing at being chairman and all the rest of the trustees and co-opted members for tolerating us, we must thank our members – that's you lot! - for helping where you can, attending when you can, and buying all those things you don't really need. It's what keeps us going.

4. Financial Report – Mike Williams

Year 21/22 continued to see the effects of Covid in that no events were held. The ACS expenditure was higher than the previous year, but is accounted for in terms of, purchase of the Best Kept Village Sign and IT expenditure.

Year 22/23 Income – Largely made up from grants acquired by the Environment and Heritage groups. The remainder was made up from subscriptions, book and card sales and ACS activities and events.

Expenditure – A donation was made to Ukraine from the proceeds of the Spring Fair. A donation was made toward printing expenses for the Queen's Jubilee and the first Community Award to the Addingham Garden Friends was made. This was the first of three, payable annually.

Apart from the Current Account, the Society also has monetary assets with the Skipton Building Society, and holds approximately £550.00 in cash which is used primarily for floats at events.

There were no questions.

Audited Accounts - Proposed by Mike Bolton, Seconded by Jonathan White. All present were in favour.

Mike expressed gratitude to Ian Drysdale for his work in checking the accounts and the committee thanked Mike for his work throughout the year.

5. Nominations for the Officers of the Society

Gill Battarbee was proposed as Chair

Roger Seddon was proposed as Vice Chair

There were no other nominations and all members present were in favour and the appointments were made.

Gill advised the meeting that with her appointment there would be no ACS secretary, but that Jane Welby had taken over several of the administrative duties associated with this role.

6. Nominations for the Trustees of the Society.

It was proposed that Richard Walton and Margaret Keating be re-elected

It was proposed that Co-opted Trustees, Ian Cameron, Pat Weatherill and Steve Noblett should be elected as Trustees. No other nominations were received. All members present were in favour and the appointments were made.

7. Any Other Business

Gill Battarbee noted that following Jim Robinson's departure from his role as Chairman, it became evident that the remit had evolved into something vast. The Trustees reviewed the role and continue to work towards dividing tasks. Jim Robinson was unable to attend but sent his congratulations to the new Chair and his best wishes to all Trustees and new Trustees.

Chairman Malcolm Keeble thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

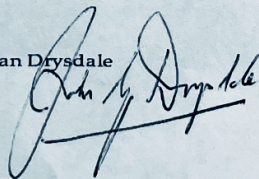

ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

2023 £		£
	Opening Balances	
	Current Account Yorkshire Bank	8,008.99
	Deposit Account Skipton Building Society	7,790.35
	Petty Cash	<u>482.24</u>
		<u>16,281.58</u>
	Income	
£3,364.00	Subscriptions	£3,445.44
£1,901.09	Spring/Autumn Fayres	£1,924.19
£733.00	Christmas Party	£788.00
£0.00	Annual Trip	£275.29
£622.88	Speaker Meetings	£929.59
£544.55	Book Sales	£374.71
£374.50	Card Sales	£239.00
£1,061.64	Gift Aid	£845.60
£5,741.43	Donations	£369.25
£0.00	Society Income	£332.50
£665.00	Musical Evenings	£588.24
£6,347.43	Environment Group	£1,618.89
£787.00	Heritage Group	£30.00
£43.70	Skipton B S Interest (see below)	£208.24
<u>22,186.22</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>11,968.94</u>
	Expenditure	
£276.05	Insurance	£302.32
£529.72	Room Hire	£1,124.40
£246.09	Speakers	£260.00
£358.97	Books	£503.99
£4,450.07	Printing Expenses	£2,279.00
£129.42	Card Printing	£99.78
£1,288.86	Donations	£150.00
£500.00	Community Awards	£500.00
£147.00	I T Repairs/Webfactory	£84.00
£500.00	YHACS/Civic Voice	£0.00
£0.00	Annual Trip	£278.00
£2,304.98	Society Expenditure	£4,792.15
£0.00	Project Kiosk	£0.00
£0.00	Project Petanque	£0.00
£9,973.84	Environment Group	£6,547.38
£85.40	Heritage Group	£626.39
£0.00	Notice Boards	£0.00
<u>20,790.40</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>17,547.41</u>
	Closing Balances	
	Current Account Virgin Money	2,222.28
	Deposit Account- Skipton B S (Incl.interest)	7,998.59
	Petty Cash	<u>482.24</u>
	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	<u>10,703.11</u>

Notes

I have examined the financial books and records of Addingham Civic Society and certify that these accounts are in accordance with them.

Ian Drysdale



 16/04/24

ACS Chairman's Report AGM May 2024

This time last year Richard Walton gave the Chairman's report and in it he referred to "a new Captain and a host of new recruits to the lower decks"....

Well, with guidance from the "old hands" we've managed to steer through generally fair weather, with some choppy water and one risk of becoming becalmed when we really thought we might not find a treasurer, but the sun came out, the breeze picked up and we now have not one but two treasurers. More of that later. So, to sum up this year's journey.

Membership numbers

As of the 31st March 2024 the Society had 397 members representing 273 households. Many thanks to Margaret Keating for her work as Membership Secretary. Margaret manages a complex database and liaises with the Treasurer to ensure our records are up to date and accurate.

Activities completed this year

- Nine Speaker Meeting. Huge thanks to Trustee Jayne Hood and member Debs Griffiths our Speaker finders. It's not easy putting together the annual programme, but they excelled themselves this year with a super range of speakers.
- Two Social Meals, and again thanks to Jayne for organising those.
- The Summer and Christmas Parties and the Spring and Autumn Fairs. Thanks to member Kathy Gilbert who has been getting to grips with the organisation of these events with lots of help and support from Diana Keeble who has overseen the fairs for many years. The two fairs raised just short of £2000 and this income funds many of our projects.
- Thanks to Jane Welby for producing 12 super newsletters and updating our New Members Leaflet.
- Our website guru, Gary Copping has kept our websites up to date, and when we were gifted the Addingham.info website he gave it a new look and reviewed all the content.
- For the last few years, we have organised a social evening for new members, thanks to Cricket Club for hosting.
- And behind the scenes we organised First Aid for trustees (thanks to The Fleece for the venue), DBS certificates (Debaring Service), PAT testing for our electrical equipment thanks to member Lisle Richardson and most recently a new audio system and headset.

Just to remind you of our four themes: Community, Planning, Heritage, and Environment. The Planning, Heritage and Environment Groups have their own sub-committees of volunteers, and our thanks need to go out to them all. At a rough count we can call on, in the region of, 50 – 100 volunteers for activities and events.

Community

We took opportunities to promote ourselves and support the village at events such as the Gala, Christmas Market, and one-off events such as the Coronation celebration. Through our Award scheme we made donations to the Scouts and Garden Friends. We presented the Civic Pride Award 2023 to Jim Robinson for his huge contribution to the Society and the Village during his 13 years as Society Chairman.

And, in partnership with the Parish Council we produced the two Village Newsletters.

We contributed a number of speakers to the Primary School enrichment programme, and we worked with and supported as many village groups as we could, a great example was when we joined forces with AGAA for the 2023 Christmas Speaker Meeting and AGAA Christmas Social.

There were two particular opportunities to promote the village. We hosted a day visit by the Lytham St Annes Civic Society and a day visit for the AGM of the Friends of the Dales (who are coming again this year).

We are also a partner in the planning for the Addingham version of Bradford City of Culture.

Planning

Planning is a key element of the work of the Society. Many thanks to Malcolm Keeble who stepped down from the Vice Chairmanship last year but agreed to stay on to Chair the Planning Group.

This is work that is constantly taking place in the background. In the last year Malcolm and his team reviewed (with reference to the Neighbourhood Plan) in the region of 40 Addingham planning applications and where relevant made recommendations to the trustees.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was updated in December and the next stage of Bradford's Local Plan, with detailed housing allocation proposals, is due to be published this summer. One of their most significant pieces of work this year was the Horn Crag Quarry Appeal. As a Rule 6 Party Malcolm and Rick spent many hours in preparation and attendance.

Heritage Group

For many years our President, Don Barrett, had been the unofficial “keeper” of Addingham heritage and had built up a huge archive of material and knowledge. He oversaw the growth of the Heritage Group and donated his collections to the Society. This year Don stood down as Chair of the Heritage Group and handed over to Ian Cameron. A huge thank you to Don and welcome to Ian as Chair.

It is a thriving group and has a wide range of projects underway. To name just a few:

- Enhancing the Photo Archive and its 1685 project and prints for sale.
- Preparation of a Heritage Information board for Low Mill
- Publication of a revised Blue Plaque Trail Booklet with QR codes linking every plaque to further information.
- Created criteria for Blue plaque nominations with all the details on the website.
- Launched a project to photograph the Addingham Listed Structures.
- Launched a project to record the Covid experience in Addingham.
- Creating displays at the Hub and particular occasions. Their latest will be D Day in June.
- Running enrichment sessions in the primary school about the Photo Archive
- And most recently they had a display at the Yorkshire Heritage Summit in Hull Minster.

You'll be able to hear more from them at their Speaker Meeting in July.

Environment Group (AEG)

This is chaired by Rick Battarbee and has a steering committee of seven.

With the help of an army of volunteers (thank you) they manage a range of ongoing biodiversity and climate change projects such as the wildflower meadows, bee and butterfly transect, bird counts, management of invasive species, jumble trail, tree, and hedge planting, checking energy efficiency in homes and keeping an eye on water quality in the beck.

- In September the Pop-up Refill Shop was launched and is now a monthly regular at the Mount Hermon Coffee Pot.
- During 2023 and 2024 their major focus has been on Climate Action Addingham (CAA). This initiative is led by the Parish Council and Civic Society and 2023 was its second year. It now has 16 village organisations committed to mitigating the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss in any way they can. CAA held its second annual village meeting in November and have held the first of four CAA focus weeks – Zero Waste in March. These focus weeks replace Environment Weekends and aim to reach wider audiences.
- Working with residents, partner organisations and nearby communities the group has managed and contributed to projects on Craven Crescent Green, iWharfe with Sheffield University and Denton Hall Estate.
- The junior branch of AEG, The Saplings, met eleven times and enjoyed a range of activities. They welcomed three visitors, had one trip to Curlew Day in Malham and took numerous walks exploring Addingham.

And so to the trustees

ACS is fortunate indeed to have a such a great team. This year's report gives a flavour of their effort and commitment. In January we wished Treasurer, Mike Williams, “bon voyage” as he started his travels. Enormous thanks to Mike for his work as treasurer. He ushered us into a new era of standing orders, card readers and clever spreadsheets as well as keeping us on the financial straight and narrow.

We are now delighted to welcome not one but two to manage our finances. Member, Seamus Bloomer, was co-opted at our March trustees' meeting and is standing for election as Treasurer. Seamus will be our cash treasurer responsible for handling money, paying the bills etc. Resident and fully qualified bookkeeper, Mike Enever, has taken over all the spreadsheet management behind the scenes. So, we have a really strong team – thank you.

At the AGM trustee, Steve Lloyd, will be stepping down and we will be thanking him for the 9 years during which he has been responsible for managing our publications. He has managed the stock, taken every opportunity to sell, reported sales at every trustee's meeting and made sure virtually every Addingham resident has a complete set of our publications. Our thanks Steve, your input over the years has been much appreciated.

In March member, Chris Ensor, was co-opted. Chris has offered to take over the publications and lend a hand with our admin, welcome Chris.

And finally THANK YOU - all our members for your support it is much appreciated.

Gill Battarbee
April 2024

Addingham Civic Society

AGM 16th May 2024

Voting Slip

To vote please indicate with a X in the appropriate square

Only current members of the Society may vote

Please PRINT Name/s here:

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DO YOU ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BELOW?				
	Member 1		Member 2	
	YES	No Please give reason	YES	NO Please give reason
1. Acceptance as a true record of the Minutes of the AGM held on the 18 th May 2023 AGM.				
2. End of Year Accounts 2024				
Signature				

DO YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS?				
Nominee's Name	Member 1		Member 2	
	YES	No	YES	NO
Seamus Bloomer (Treasurer)				
Christine Ensor				
Signature				

If you would like to raise any QUESTIONS at the AGM please write them here.

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