

Buy Your Tickets

Summer Party

Friday 15th August 7.30 p.m.



The Memorial Hall
Music and Dancing to
Classic hits from the 60's and 70's



Entry by pre-paid ticket: Members £10

Non-members £12

Bring your own refreshments, drinks, cutlery and crockery and we'll provide the rest

For tickets contact Lorraine:

lorrainecaroldunn@gmail.com or 07809 681373

To pay:

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

Cash or Cheque (to Addingham Civic Society), through the letterbox at 2 Parry Barn, Main St.

Dear Members

Did you see **"The Baton of Hope"** for Bradford 2025 passing up Main Street on the 5th July? The event involves a baton being passed between all 30 Bradford Wards and is designed to bring communities together. Notice was a little late but nevertheless, Addingham, as usual, rose to the occasion with representatives from the Civic Society and many of the village groups and societies taking part.



The baton was made by students from Carlton Bolling school and is engraved with the words Bradford City of Culture 2025. A professional media team from Bradford recorded our walk and will produce a complete film of the whole event across all 30 wards. We'll let you know when it appears on the City of Culture website.



Have you ordered your tickets for the **Summer Party**? Route 65 will be with us so invite friends and do come and enjoy some music from the 60's and 70's. See the poster for all the information and give Lorraine a ring on 07809 681373.

Heritage Group Social Media. At the July meeting of the Heritage Group, we recapped the various social media platforms that the group uses.

Thought you might be interested

- Flickr
- Instagram
- Facebook Memories of Addingham
- YouTube

Just go to any one of these platforms and type in Addingham Civic Society and you might be surprised at the amount of information.

Hope to see you at the Summer Party.

Best wishes

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Our Addingham Birds



For those of you who made it to the July Speaker Meeting you will know that our speaker, Chris Acomb, answered the question I posed in the last newsletter.... Was the pelican, photographed flying along the Wharfe going to get a mention?? And indeed, it did. It was an escapee from Blackpool Zoo and was finally recaptured in Knaresborough. So, it's not going to make into our Addingham Bird records. However, Chris's presentation was fascinating with many facts and figures about the many birds we do see in Addingham, where we see them and what is happening to their populations. Thanks Chris, really interesting.

You can see all the Addingham Bird Reports since 2017 [here](#) on our Environment Group website.

Addingham men who died during the Burma Campaign

Laurence Michael Egan

Laurie, as he was known, lived near Mount Hermon Chapel in a house which was later demolished to allow Bolton Road to be widened. Laurie was previously employed by James Adams Ltd in Addingham and he was a popular member of the Athletic Club. Laurie McRink, his uncle, (after whom he had presumably been named) had been killed in WW1. Laurie joined up in May 1941 and was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery. He was sent to India in December 1941 and was posted missing while serving with the Royal Artillery Indian Command. It was later confirmed that he had been killed instantly on 17 March 1944, aged only 22.

Laurence Egan is memorialised on Memorial Face 2 in the Rangoon Memorial in Burma which contains the names of 27,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died in Burma with no known grave.

Ernest Turnpenny

Ernest was born on 18 December 1913, the eldest son of William and Lucy Turnpenny. William was a signalman living at Station Cottages in Bolton Abbey. When Ernest was 5 the family moved to Station Cottage, 125 Main Street in Addingham. Ernest worked as a railway clerk, and then for Bradford Dyers Association. He was living with his wife and young daughter at 3 Hudson Yard, when he joined up in 1940.

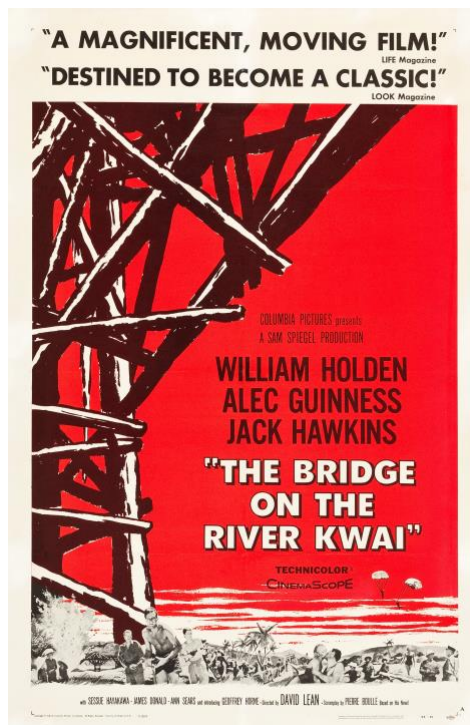
Ernest was posted to the Signals Corps and joined the No. 6 Army Air Support Signals, formed in September 1941. A month later he embarked from Gourock, arriving two months later in Singapore, two days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour. By 10 February 1942 Ernest's Section's radio sets had been destroyed by intense shelling and bombing, and his Section were sent to assist the Military Police. On 15 February Singapore was surrendered to the Japanese. Ernest and his colleagues marched to Changi, 15 miles outside Singapore where they were kept, inadequately fed and housed, for several weeks.

Ernest left Changi on 24 June 1942 by rail to Ban Pong in (now) Thailand (then Siam). He was then forced to march with others 25 miles to Kanchanaburi (the town with the so-called Bridge over the River Kwai) well West of Bangkok. Ernest is recorded as dying 6 months later. This was caused by a combination of dysentery and malaria, due to the appalling treatment of prisoners of war by the Japanese.

Ernest grave is at 2G 40 in the Kanchanaburi Cemetery, which is across the road from an excellent museum recording the brutal events of those years.

CHRIS COBLEY MA MBA

VJ DAY FILM: "The Bridge Over the River Kwai" Friday 22 August



This iconic film describing the building of the so-called Death Railway is being shown in the Memorial Hall from 7pm on Friday 22 August as part of the celebrations of Victory over Japan Day, which preceded it on Friday 15 August.

This is a particularly appropriate tribute to one Addingham man, Ernest Turnpenny of the Royal Signals, who captured on the fall of Singapore died like so many others of a combination of malnutrition, dysentery and malaria while building the railway through Thailand and Burma.

The film was made in 1957 by David Lean from the novel by Pierre Boulle. It was the highest grossing film of that year, winning 7 Academy awards including that of Best Film. In 1999 the British Film Institute (BFI) called it the 11th greatest British film of the 20th Century.



PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES

YOUR help is needed now

For our 23rd October Speaker evening we are doing something very different! We are having a fun night fundraiser for Martin House Children's Hospice with an Auction of Promises. They are raising money to refurbish the house with new appropriate accommodation for young adults and a hydrotherapy pool to name the main projects. More info www.martinhouse.org.uk

*** Help to make this a fun event and raise money for Martin House ***

So Yes, it will be an Epic Auction. A fun auction with some surprises. We are selling 'Promises' and we are asking YOU to donate towards the fundraiser by way of time or service.

Your promises could be something you can offer that doesn't necessarily cost money. We've already collected some wonderful donations but we need plenty more. Make your charity donation promises this year towards Martin House and Back the Build. It's about donating time or services.

Promises such as:

Make a cake/dinner/afternoon tea. One hour's gardening. Grass cutting. Club membership, Classes for craft/music/art. Hairdressing Floristry. Dog walking/grooming Pony rides. Massage. PT. Fishing. Sports coaching. Show tickets. Gardening. Plant donation. Event tickets. Meal vouchers. Cottage rental. Wedding dress experience. DIY. Cleaning. Holiday pet care. Hotel vouchers. Pamper vouchers. Car wash. Taxi service. Bicycle maintenance. A guided walk.

You can choose the value, how and when to honour your promise (after 23rd October)



****Please submit your Promises to the team via addinghamauctionofpromises@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07828 804633

The Big Balsam Bash

On one July Saturday each year for the last few years, our Environment Group has joined forces with Ilkley volunteers to tackle the Himalayan Balsam which grows on the Dalesway between Addingham and Ilkley.

If you look closely at this picture, you will see very little balsam, but lots of native wildflowers. This is a patch showing how, with repeated removal, the native wild species can recover.

However, the rest of the photos show there is still plenty to do.....
Huge thanks to our volunteers.



Village Quiz

Look out for
information about
the Village Quiz

Saturday September
6th

Afternoon and
Evening

**The ACS
Team will be
there**

2025 – 2026 Membership Year

**Thank you to all who are ahead of the game and have
paid their subs**

If you haven't paid yet it's coming round to that time of year.....

Our membership year starts in September, so here is a reminder.

Subs will remain at £11 per person.

You will be able to renew your membership in the usual ways, via the website, at a speaker meeting, BACs or standing order, cheque or cash to No 9 Main St.

Here are the details:

Account Name: Addingham Civic Society

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Reference: The first 3 letters of your surname and the last 3 digits of your postcode.

Climate Action Addingham Water Week

Hopefully this leaflet should look familiar.

Twenty-five of our Environment Group volunteers delivered one of these to every household in Addingham, yes – including everyone on the Moorside. Thank you.

If you didn't receive a leaflet let us know and we'll deliver one to you. And yes, even though we have had some rain the situation remains dire, and we will need a lot more to refill our reservoirs.

Thanks to Yorkshire Water who produced the leaflet for us, hope it's useful.

And just another thought from your Chair...

Assuming :

- everyone leaves the tap running while brushing their teeth
- for 2 minutes
- at a medium flow of, say 6 litres per minute
- with maybe 3000 residents of teeth brushing age

that would be $3000 \times 12 \text{ litres} \times \text{twice each day}$

72,000 litres saved per day

Wildly inaccurate I'm sure

But you get the idea??

Gala 2025

Yet again the Gala committee organised a splendid weekend of activities. We had three tables to publicise our work, but goodness it was hot....

Many thanks to Barbara, Malcolm, Pam, Rick and Steve for putting up the displays and chatting to folk during the afternoon. I think this picture captures it. Barbara, Malcolm and Rick awaiting customers, but I suspect most people who visited our stand actually came to use a chair for a sit down in the shade.



**Thank you to all our Speakers, Members, Volunteers
and Subscribers to the Newsletter.**

Please send entries for the September Newsletter to

secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk before

Monday 25th August.