

ADDINGHAM
CIVIC SOCIETY

SUMMER Extravaganza!

★ WITH OUR HOST ★
MARK GREGORY

★ FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST ★
FROM 7.30PM

FUN!



GAMES!



DANCING!



★ **ADMISSION £10** FOR MEMBERS | **£12** FOR GUESTS ★



*Bring your own refreshments,
cutlery and crockery,
we provide the rest.*



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

email Jackie on squirejackie@hotmail.com
or ring **07762 824800** and leave a message.



TO PAY:

Addingham Civic Society
Acc. No. **34995727** Sort Code **050530**
Bank Ref: **Summer Party**
or cheque through the letterbox at **9 Main Street.**



Dear Members,

As you see from the front cover of our newsletter, **August is Summer Party Time with Mark Gregory! Book your places and bring your friends, all the details are on the poster and we'll look forward to seeing you there.**



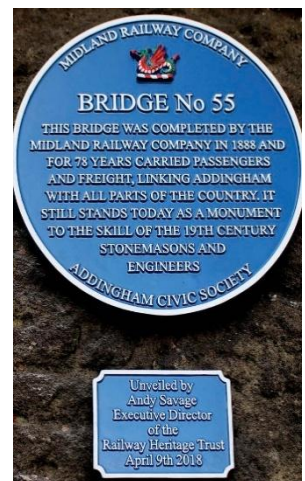
In July our President Jonathan White and I attended the Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies Summer Meeting hosted by Beverley Civic Society. As ever it is great to catch up with other societies and exchange ideas. **At the moment Beverley is preparing to deal with not one but two proposed wind farms and two national grid hubs in their local area!**



Don't forget – there's information being displayed in The Hub about our new venture – **our own Walking App**. The initial Walk to be featured on the App is The Blue Plaque Trail. Hopefully you'll note another passing reference to Bridge 55 elsewhere in this newsletter...

Looking ahead, our Speaker on September 17th will be Martin Lunn. He will be unravelling Astrology versus Astronomy. I'm looking forward to this as his presentations are always entertaining. However, here's a dilemma for you...

Also on September 17th member Clive Brook will be giving a presentation at Christ Church in Ilkley "Mid Wharfedale 2040 and Beyond: One Man's Vision." This will, no doubt also be both interesting and timely. See his poster in this newsletter for all the details.



And finally, many thanks to Martin Adams who made a great job repairing the frame of our Village Map at the top of the suspension bridge steps.

Funnily enough, when I went to take this photo a couple all the way from Scotland were spending ages studying it. If you've not looked at it recently it's worth a visit. **Back in business, thanks again Martin!**



Best wishes to all,
Gill

People's Emergency Briefing Film – The Addingham Screening

Ilkley Gazette

reported by The Ilkley Gazette

Almost 100 people gathered at Addingham Village Hall on Friday July 3rd to watch the People's Emergency Briefing, a powerful film about the climate and nature crisis. The event was organised by

Climate Action Addingham (CAA) and chaired by Professor Rick Battarbee, emeritus professor of environmental change at University College London. **Professor Battarbee said:**

"We were delighted to welcome 100 people to this important event. The turnout shows that many people in Addingham want to understand the challenges we face and, more importantly, what can be done. While governments have a crucial role to play, communities also have an important part in helping to build a more resilient and sustainable future."



To date there have been over 2,000 community screenings across the UK. If you missed the Addingham screening there are 5 more local screenings, at time of writing, open to the public **Saturday 1st Aug 19.00**

The Octagon, Grassington
Devonshire Institute

Sunday 29th Aug 19.30

The Civic Centre, Keighley

Tuesday 1st Sept 19.00

All Saints, Bingley

Thursday 10th Sept 19.00

St Michael and All Angels,
Cottingley

Saturday 3rd Oct 19.00

Haworth Parish Church



"Disinformation is widespread and a televised briefing would highlight the positive impacts that come from action." Professor

John Marsham, professor of atmospheric science, The University of Leeds

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing delivered in Westminster in 2025, outlining the evidence behind the climate emergency and potential solutions. The Addingham attendees were invited to sign a public statement calling on HM Government to deliver a televised briefing explaining the scale of the crisis.

For more screenings visit: <https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map> **Contact the venues to book**

TAKE ACTION! Here are the actions that people suggested at the end of our Addingham screening

1. **Write to Robbie Moore and ask him to join the Parliamentary Call for a televised briefing.** See: nebriefing.org/take-action.
2. **Sign the petition asking the Government to hold a UK-wide briefing on climate and nature risks.** See: nebriefing.org/take-action
3. **Host a screening** See nebriefing.org/host-the-film.
4. **Watch the full version** of the expert briefings. See: <http://tiny.cc/NEB>
5. **Read a book!** A climate of Truth by Mike Berners Lee is an excellent introduction. <https://climateoftruth.co.uk/>
6. **Read about** the work of the Climate Change Committee: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/>
7. **Support local environment groups eg.** <https://www.addinghamenvironmentgroup.org.uk>
<https://www.climateactionaddingham.info/>
8. **Talk about climate change and nature loss to others.** See: <https://larger.us/ideas/lets-talk-climate/>
9. **Watch the trailer** [here](#)

TIPS FROM Rachael, our CAA Zero Waste lead

It's coming to a change of season so you may be thinking of a wardrobe or house clear out so please don't send it to landfill, give it a second chance!!

Clothing

Clothing can be sold on Vinted and eBay. If you are not too sure – why not ask a younger person to help you as they are experts!!

Most charity shops take clean clothing.

Homeless Not Hopeless will take clean clothing but no fancy shoes or clothing please. They are particularly keen for men's small/medium jogging bottoms, hoodies and warm/wind proof coats at the moment.

They have a unit in Silsden.

01535 442399 info@hnh.org.uk

Household Items

St Vincent De Paul, a Bradford based charity, accepts donations in Ilkley at the garage at the back of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stockeld Road just above the Old Bridge.

1st Saturday of every month their garage opens to receive goods 11.30am to midday. They accept clean and reasonable quality:

Clothing, beds and bedding

Kettles and microwaves

Cots and prams

Tables and chairs

Dressers, wardrobes and drawers

Toys, Bric-a-Brac and ornaments

They offer a collection service for larger items. Please do call or email them

[St Vincent de Paul Society](http://www.stvincentdepaulsociety.org.uk) website

01274 726790 wyinfo@svp.org.uk

You can check here for:

[items we are unable to collect](#)

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& HAPPY GIFTING!**

RAILWAY ARCHAEOLOGY IN ADDINGHAM

a not very rewarding experience! *Written by Paul Harris*

It is now just over 60 years since the final closure of the railway through Addingham between Embsay Junction, north of Skipton, and Ilkley although withdrawal of passenger and goods services had taken place on separate dates during the previous year, 1965.

With this anniversary in mind I thought an article on what remains of the infrastructure might be appropriate – although with the extent of modern development around Old Station Way and environs, this isn't going to take very long!

With the notable exception of Bridge Number 55 on Back Beck Lane (Location 12 on the Blue Plaque Trail), and its adjacent embankments, **the visible remains can be summarised as:**



- **THE SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTIES** at the corner of Main Street and Old Station Way which provided separate accommodation for the Station Master and a member of staff. The station entrance was immediately adjacent, so not much travelling time there, although the platforms were some 30 feet above road level having crossed Main Street on a girder bridge
- **THE GARDEN WALL** is also the original and complete up to the junction with Druggist Lane where two different stone walls meet. This would indicate a gap in the wall on Railway Road (no longer there, but was the vehicle access route to the station and goods yard) as the mason's tool marks are consistent with all tool marks on the remaining railway stonework in the village.
- **TWO PARALLEL ROADS** at Druggist Lane which still exists in its entirety and Railway Road which is now mostly under Old Station Way. If you continue up Druggist Lane towards the top of Victoria Terrace, on your right is a long curving stone wall complete with the aforementioned mason's tool marks. This is the outer wall of Railway Road and provided a useful retaining wall for supporting all the works that were needed to create Old Station Way.
- **A SHALLOW RETAINING WALL ON MOUNT PLEASANT** opposite the entrance to Southfield House (currently a bit lost in long grass) which was at the rear of the signal box, which was located at the south end of the down (Skipton direction) platform
- **THE PARAPET OF BRIDGE NUMBER 58** which carried Stockinger Lane over the railway can be found opposite the entrance to the allotments. From this location the cutting towards Ilkley has been infilled and returned to agriculture, but a line of trees indicates the alignment



1920s view of the station looking towards Ilkley, showing location of signal box

And that's about it – where not built over, the route was sold off in a piecemeal manner in a testament to governmental forward thinking.

View of Goods Yard, looking in Skipton direction through Stockinger Lane Bridge. 1966



Richard Walton, who kindly reviewed this article, is currently working on the final edit of a book detailing the railway history of Addingham which will take us from inception to this sorry state of affairs – coming to all good bookshops soon!



And ... our President's Poser for August!
DDNRLMHDAIOGA (4,9) & EEEIAHRFRVNC (6,6)
 can you unscramble these places in the Addingham Parish ?!

July Answers (apologies, hopefully you spotted our gaff with the numbers before your head scrambled!): **MEM HALL CAR PARK & LOW MILL LANE (3,4,4)**



CHURCH ORCHARD FRIENDS

Harvest is almost upon us and we'd love your help!

Please get in touch churchorchard@btinternet.com

And do look out for our new sign.

When it's out it means the space is open so why not come in and enjoy the peace & beauty.



Admission
AAGA Members & Children Free
 Visitors £2.00 on the door

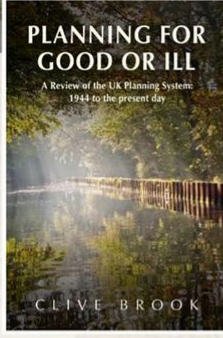
Addingham Village Show

Saturday 8th August 2026
 2pm - 4pm at the Memorial Hall

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 Year 5&6



Entry Registration : Weds 5th August, 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Mem Hall
 Staging of Exhibits : Sat 8th August, 8.30am - 10.00am at the Mem Hall
Refreshments available, Raffle & Tombola!


 Clive Brook Presents
Mid Wharfedale 2040 and Beyond: One Man's Vision
 A talk with author and planning expert Clive Brook
 7.30pm
 Thursday, 17 September
 All Saints Church
 Ilkley

Tickets and books available from
 The Grove Bookshop
 Reserve your place via Eventbrite

£7



Scan QR code for further information

2026 - 2027

It's coming round to renewal time! Our membership year starts in September.

Subs will remain at £11 per person.

Renew in the usual ways:

- ACS website
- At our September meeting
- By BACs or standing order
- Cheque or cash to No 9 Main St.

Account Name: Addingham Civic Society **Account Number:** 34995727 **Sort Code:** 050530

Reference: First 3 letters of your surname & last 3 digits of your postcode.

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 Please support my event >>

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026

DONATE HERE: 

WALK TO REMEMBER

- 10am. Bracken Ghyll Golf Club, Addingham
- ALL welcome.
- Dogs to be kept on lead.



PARTY TO REMEMBER



1.30pm at Bracken Ghyll Golf Club, Addingham
 Buffet Bar Live Music
 Children's activities by 


CASH ONLY
 TICKET £12.00 per adult, children: FREE
 For more info / reservations: Call Laura 07380565410
 Tickets on door but limited availability

116 123
 Call us free, day or night, 365 days a year

Thank You **SAMARITANS**