



THURSDAY 16th JULY

7.30 pm Memorial Hall

SPEAKER MEETING



NON-MEMBERS WELCOME - ONLY £3

Leeds Playhouse - A Tale of Two Theatres

Speaker: DAVE STANNARD

Dave will outline the story of the Leeds Playhouse: its first location on Calverley Street, and its present location on Quarry Hill. He will consider its importance, then and now, as a regional producing theatre.

Dave's talk draws upon his new book, which provides a vivid portrayal of one of Yorkshire's most cherished cultural institutions. He combines his love for writing and theatre to craft a meticulously researched history of the Leeds Playhouse. It's an engaging, accessible narrative for anyone interested in the development of the arts in Leeds and West Yorkshire.



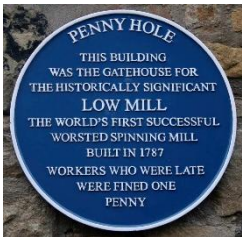
Leeds Playhouse as it is today



Leeds Playhouse from 1970 to 1990

Dear Members,

Welcome to July! This edition has lots of information about our own events and those in and around the village as well as our Civic Society news and information.



I'd like to draw your attention to our new exhibition in The Hub. Throughout July we will be celebrating **our village Blue Plaque Trail**. There will also be information about a new venture – **our own Walking App**. The initial Walk to be featured on the App is The Blue Plaque Trail – see it first in The Hub. Thanks to Gary for developing this for us, we think it has great potential.

June 5th we were invited by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust to the opening of their exhibition **Rivers4Life** at the Hawes National Park Centre. The exhibition celebrates the beauty, wildlife and importance of our rivers through an engaging blend of science, art and community creativity.



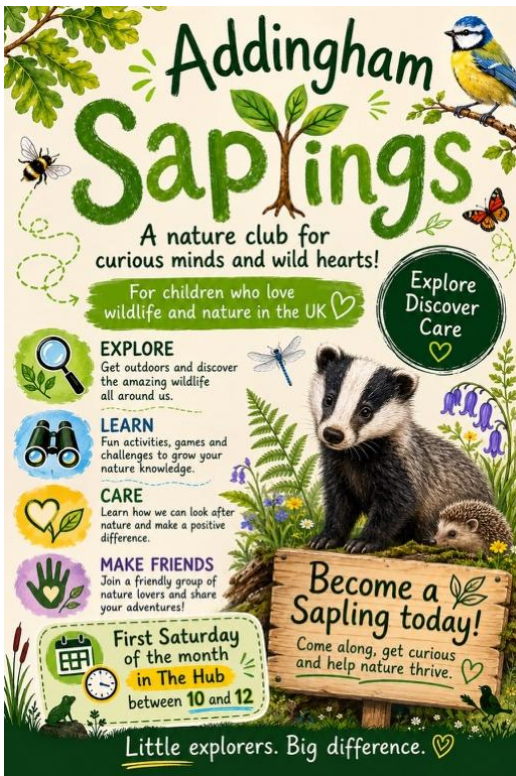
Featuring photography, films, soundscapes, interactive displays and artwork created by local schools and community groups, the exhibition explores both the wonders of Yorkshire's rivers and the environmental challenges they face. Visitors can discover how the Trust is restoring and protecting rivers across the Yorkshire Dales while learning how everyone can play a part in caring for these precious landscapes. **Rivers4Life** offers an inspiring and family-friendly experience that encourages a lifelong connection with our natural environment. **If you are planning a day out in the Dales it is well worth a visit. The exhibition is open every day until the 27th September.**

Also, in June I was invited by Ilkley Civic Society to the unveiling of their Canker Well Garden Information Board. Well done ICS! This little garden really needed some TLC so it was a great way for ICS to celebrate their 60th anniversary. The garden is at the west end of The Grove on the north side of the road. It has a fascinating history highlighting Ilkley's past as a Spa town. **When you are passing do have a look.**

Best wishes,
Gill



St Peter's Family Fun Day



On Saturday 13th June St Peter's put on a brilliant Fun Day with a huge range of activities for children, many stalls and a range of refreshments.

Our children's environment group, The Saplings, had a stall. The



weather was kind so we stayed dry. Huge thanks to Pauline and Graham for the use of their gazebo which we had to baton down against a chilly wind. But it was a fun day with children dissecting owl pellets looking at their findings through the microscope and planting sunflower seeds.

Thought you might like to see our new Saplings Poster!



2026 – 2027 MEMBERSHIP

It's coming round to that time of year again! Here's an early reminder - our membership year starts in September. Subs will remain at £11 per person.

Renew in the usual ways: ACS website, at a meeting, 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.

What's On ! THE ILKLEY BOOK FAIR



Provincial Booksellers Fairs Association
the sign of a good book fair

Organised by Louise Harrison whose bookshop TP Books, specialising in rare children's titles, operates out of Addingham. ACS hope to be there next year with our publications! " c.30 dealers attending, many from Yorkshire and Lancashire, some as far afield as Scotland and the south coast, offering thousands of items covering a huge variety of second-hand and antiquarian, fiction, non-fiction and related ephemera for collectors and browsers alike, from pocket money prices and beyond." **ADMISSION IS FREE Ilkley Kings Hall FRI 24th JULY 12.00 – 6.00 SAT 25th JULY 10.00 – 4.00** Information about the fair: [click here](#)

Civic Pride Awards

On Monday 29th June we presented Civic Pride Awards to Carole Armitage and Jacqui Teasdale. Since the opening of our Church Street Kiosk Book Swap in 2018 Jacqui and Carole have looked after



it, keeping it clean, tidy and well stocked. **This is one of those vital “behind the scenes” roles in our village!** It hasn't been plain sailing, on occasions causing much frustration. A few examples would be, a very unpleasant bout of vandalism, so many books left that they


couldn't be fitted on the shelves and sometimes items left that were definitely not books



But our huge thanks to you both for your dedication and determination, it is much appreciated.



2018 repurposing as a book swap. Addingham 1st Brownies officially opening the kiosk on the 30th April 2018

Rachael, our CAA Zero Waste lead, has just spotted this recycling opportunity from  Our nearest store to us is Keighley.

Here's the link – they also offer contacts to take away furniture and electrical goods.

[Textile Take Back Scheme - Help Reduce Waste | Dunelm](#)

THE LISTER TEXTILES A Postmistress' delight

written by Pam Birdsall

Four embroidered coverlets, two dramatic and two delicate, were passed to our Heritage group by widower John Turner earlier this year.

They had been inherited by his wife Margaret, a direct descendant of Michael Lister of Small Banks, on the Moorside, who married at St Peter's church in 1681/2.

Michael's descendants ran Addingham post office c.1800 - 1928, and were also responsible for recording local births, marriages and deaths. It was from Sarah Margaret Lister, postmistress, and the last of that line, that the coverlets were inherited by her great niece.





THE TREE OF LIFE The earliest is worked in chain stitch in a limited colour range; its exuberant Tree of Life design owing much to imported Indian textiles.

REMEMBERED WITH FLOWERS Next in time comes an exquisite bedcover, pieced in the early nineteenth century from earlier embroidered work by the postmistress' maternal grandmother Ann

Benson. Sarah Margaret's mother having died shortly after giving birth to her in 1853, this remembrance of her family line must have been precious. It is certainly the most carefully curated of the coverlets, as well as the finest. Worked in silk and wool on



fine linen, its delicate tracery of garden flowers is still vibrant after 200 years.

LOVE FROM FARAWAY LANDS We now turn to the two coverlets remaining, both table covers, and both in use in the postmistress' household. The first and larger of the two was not displayed in St Peter's at Margaret Lister's memorial concert earlier this year, as it originates not from Addingham but from Afghanistan! A wedding coverlet of an earlier date, it is presumed to have found its way to the post office via the postmistress' brother Edwin, recorded as a master linen draper and dealer in Shipley at that time. Within the embroidered border with its palmette design is stitched a love poem, or ghazal, in old Persian. The young bride who embroidered it would have been unable to read and would have copied the considerable script by eye alone.

BEGUILING BIRDS The last and smallest of the inherited coverlets shows a distinct Arts and Crafts influence, and was possibly worked by the postmistress herself, whose workbox was among the items bequeathed. Though the smallest, this coverlet is possibly the most beguiling of the four, with its embroidered design of foliage, flowers and birds on cream fabric. Backed with fine red lawn and with a tating border, it epitomises the Arts and Crafts emphasis on individual taste and workmanship, as opposed to mass production.



Owing to their fragility, it isn't possible to display the coverlets themselves. However, John Fontana's superb, detailed photographs of them will be exhibited alongside much accompanying additional information in The Hub throughout October. A must see!

Addingham Methodist Church

Service of Celebration

Sunday 12th July 2026
2.00 pm

led by former Minister – Rev. Peter Sheasby

Join us as we celebrate
our Time in the Building
and have a last look around
Tea, coffee & cakes
will be served after the Service

EVERYONE WELCOME!


*We'll still be Worshipping in
Addingham - just in a different place!*

ADDINGHAM GALA FESTIVAL

JULY 10 & 11

Friday 10th evening: great music, dancing,
good food, beer and wine. **Saturday 11th**
Parade, followed by ALL the traditional
activities on the field! **Evening Music**
**Wristbands on sale now from The Swan,
The LA, The Co-op**






People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Addingham

To book your free ticket use the QR code or
Eventbrite National Emergency Briefing Addingham



Film screening and discussion

Addingham Memorial Hall
July 3rd 7.30pm
Doors open 7.00pm

www.nebriefing.org

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The film explains the
climate and nature crisis
and outlines solutions!
It's being shown in
communities across the
country. Book your free
Addingham ticket now!
More background plus a
few other local showings
can be found on this link
[here](#)



**Film Nights
return in the
Autumn.
Sept 11th Oct 9th
Nov 6th**

And our President's Poser!

July Poser: PCHMEAAARRMLK (3,4,3,4) & LLLLEAIONMW (3,3,3)

can you unscramble these places in the Addingham Parish ?!



June Answers: TPIDLGMEUNNRSIOF (11,5) & DKEEIIICCFRTL (7,5)
SPRINGFIELD MOUNT & CRICKET FIELD

ADDINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our village primary has set an ambitious target to raise £10,000 to replace its outdated IT equipment and purchase new Chromebooks for students.



ACS believe up to date IT is fundamental to supporting the children into the future and have therefore donated £1,000.

The school is well on its way towards the target and has already organised a range of fund-raising events, such as the Friends of Addingham Primary School (FAPS) "It's a Knockout" fund raising day and members of staff walked a Trek for Tech. To donate click [here](#) to see the Friends of Addingham Primary School Just Giving page. Or pop into school!

Friends of Addingham Primary School & The Co-op — We Need You!

We're thrilled to announce that Friends of Addingham Primary School (FAPS) has secured a partnership with the Co-op!

If you're a Co-op member, you can support us simply by choosing FAPS as your cause — at no extra cost to you. Every penny raised will go directly towards improving our school library, creating a better learning environment for every child in Addingham.

Scan the QR code to log in to your Co-op account and select us as your chosen cause today. It takes just a minute and makes a real difference. THANKYOU!

Thank you for supporting our school and our community!



BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!

**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.**

