



February 2026

Speaker Meeting

Thursday 19th March

7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall

Free entry for members, guests £3

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance

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Dear Members,

Welcome to March and Spring. The meteorological spring is March, April and May and this year the astronomical spring begins on March 20th, the equinox when the sun crosses the equator. And something else to look forward to – on the 29th the clocks go forward and the evening will become significantly lighter, so good news all round.

And welcome to our speaker this month, Helen Murray Sharpe from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, very much looking forward to hearing about their life-saving work.

Do look out for your copy of the Spring edition of the Village Newsletter. With a bit of luck it should be dropping through your letterbox sometime soon.

Our Planning Group is working hard following up the various planning applications and “land for sale” notices that are appearing around the village. We will report back as soon as possible.

Early warningYou will see that we are coming up to our Fair in April. If you are doing any spring cleaning do keep us in mind for our “good” bric-a-brac stall.

All best wishes

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ACS Spring Social Meal Wednesday 25th March



There will be a dinner for members and their friends on Wednesday, 25th March.

This will be held at the Craven Heifer on Main Street, Addingham. Sit down at 7 pm.

There is a big choice of menu and you can make your choice in advance.

The cost is £26 for two courses or £34

for three courses. Drinks and tips extra.

Places are limited, so if you would like to book please leave your contact details with Jayne Hood.

A £10 non-returnable deposit will be required.

Call Jayne on 07828 804644

or

Email for menu choices: jaynehood@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting

14th May 2026



We are giving notice that our AGM is planned for the 14th May and will be followed by our speaker for the evening, member, Richard Walton “Holiday by Rail”.

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.

chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

The Environment Group 10th Anniversary

February saw the beginning of the 10th anniversary celebrations for our Environment Group.

The first event was the rehoming of beautiful Butterfly 42.....

Butterfly number 42 arrives in Addingham

Ilkley Gazette, Claire Lomax

12TH FEBRUARY ENVIRONMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADDINGHAM



Butterfly number 42 in Addingham (Image: submitted)

One of the most spectacular artworks created for last year's Bradford City of Culture was the installation of 99 beautiful marble butterflies, one of a series of new artworks created by artist Meherunnisa Asad with Studio Lél for the "Wild Uplands" landscape of Penistone Country Park near Haworth.

When the Wild Uplands event finished in October 2025, community groups across the Bradford district were invited to 'rehome' the butterflies. AEG's bid to bring one to Addingham was successful and, after consultation with Addingham Parish Council and with Bradford Council, it has now been installed in the Old Station Way wildflower meadow in the centre of the village. It is Butterfly no 42.

Rick Battarbee, AEG chair, said: "The Old Station Way meadow is the perfect site to show off the butterfly as it can be seen and enjoyed by everyone, and it represents the progress we've made over the last ten years, not just at this site but also across the village, working with our volunteers to increase wildflower abundance and diversity and attract pollinating insects, especially bees and butterflies."

99 Butterflies was inspired by Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish's haunting question: "Where will we go after the last frontiers? Where will the birds fly after the last sky?" Exploring displacement, sanctuary and longing, it was the work of Studio Lél, founded in Peshawar, Pakistan by Farhana Asad and now led by her daughter, Meherunnisa Asad.

The individual stone artworks that make the work 99 Butterflies were made of intricately hand carved pieces of pink and purple stone in the shape of butterfly wings.

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of other rehomed butterflies in the district AEG would like to hear from them to discuss the possibility of making twinning arrangements or even the creation of a butterfly trail. Improving habitat connectivity in the face of climate change is a central theme in wildlife ecology.

For further details about the Wild Uplands butterflies, see: <https://wilduplands.bradford2025.co.uk/artwork/99-butterflies/>.

For further details about wildflowers in Addingham, see: <https://www.addinghamenvironmentgroup.org.uk/wildlife/wildflowers>

For more information contact: aeg@addingham.info

Our February Speaker Meeting followed up as the second event, at which the group welcomed Diane Cooke from Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue in Otley. This was the perfect highlight as Hedgehogs were the subject for our very first project. Following on from Diane, Jan Hindle and Peter Haigh presented a summary of 10 years' worth of projects and achievements. Then to the future – thank you to all who attended for your thoughts and ideas.





Skipton Brass Concert
conducted by **Adrian Austin**
Celebrating AEG's
10th Anniversary
Memorial Hall, Addingham
Saturday 21st March, Doors open 7 pm
Refreshments courtesy of Addingham Beer Festival
Proceeds will go towards installing a bench and interpretation board on the Old Station Way wildflower meadow

In March we will be delighted to welcome Skipton Brass Band who offered to support the work of AEG with a concert – a huge thank you.

AEG's 10th Anniversary Concert
SKIPTON BRASS BAND
Have you booked your ticket?
There is only a handful left.... £10
pp
Contact Jackie Squire on:
aeg@addingham.info

**Ian Cameron and Jane Welby from our Heritage Group write:
Our Georgian confectioners. Part Four – A cake baking challenge**

To continue our story. There are over thirty different cakes featured in the provincial confectionary recipe books of the time. The names of many will be familiar, for example sponge cake, ginger cake, currant cake, tea cake and spiced cake. Many have place names, for example Salisbury, Shrewsbury, Tunbridge, Bath, Banbury and Yorkshire. Others are associated with events such as funeral cake, bride cake, wedding cake, christening cake. But what are these cakes like to cook, and to eat?

Well, there are challenges. The recipes have no temperatures or cooking times. The assumption is that baking would have been on a range cooker equivalent to an Aga, with terms like the “sharp oven” and the “middling hot oven”. There is also a lack of detail compared to modern recipe books, with an expectation that the reader is an experienced baker.

Even the base ingredients are a challenge, as equivalents are needed for “loaf sugar” (caster sugar) or raw sugar (demerara sugar). Also, our Georgian confectioners would not have used self-raising flour. Instead, Volatile of salts were used which was ammonium carbonate or smelling salts!

Jane has tried out two cakes – the Portugal cake and the Bath Cake (pictured left and right). The Portugal cake contains the ingredients of a modern sponge cake but with the addition of rosewater – and in quantities greater than used in present day recipes. No preserving agents are used but rather strangely the recipe claims that by leaving aside the currants, the cakes will last for six months!



The Bath cakes involved Volatile of salts. No quantities are provided and there is an assumption of working knowledge. But even using the measurements of Dr Oetker’s modern version, Jane’s eyes burnt on removing the cakes from the oven. So how did they taste? The Heritage Group were “volunteers” – and the verdict was a unanimous thumbs up. Against all expectations, the cakes were light and tasty with one member stating that these would go well with a cup of Yorkshire tea!

Next time we will ask how safe were the colourings used – what do you think will be the answer?

**Yorkshire Heritage Summit
in Barnsley on the 25th March**

Once again our Heritage Group will have a stand the annual Yorkshire Heritage Summit.

Approximately 40 organisations will be attending representing many aspects of Yorkshire’s culture and heritage.

This is an all-day event and visitors can attend the whole day or just part of it, with plenty to choose from, exhibitions, a wide range of talks and guided tours.

Scan the QR code to register.



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March 25 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Scan the QR code below and be the first to hear updates and news on the programme etc. Meanwhile, get the date in your diary and if you have any questions or require further information please contact heritage@theyorkshiresociety.org

BARNSELY YORKSHIRE HERITAGE SUMMIT 2026

Addingham Civic Society

SPRING FAIR

Addingham Memorial Hall

Saturday 18th April

10.00 – 12.00

Free admission



Raffle Tombola Jigsaws Books

Win the Easter Bunny Preserves

Heritage Cakes Environment Bric-a-brac

CraftShed Local businesses



Refreshments



ADDINGHAM FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Invite you to our annual
PANCAKE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7 March 2026
Addingham Memorial Hall
10:00-11:30

Fresh pancakes (gluten free available),
biscuits, tea & coffee.

Raffle, book & puzzle stall,
cake sale & crafts.

All proceeds will go to
Yorkshire Whiteknights Blood Bikes, a charity that
supports the NHS in delivering vital blood, plasma,
tissue samples and breast milk between hospitals and
hospices across Yorkshire.




Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust



Addingham Riverside Walking Group

We meet **every Tuesday 10-11.30am**
at the Addingham War Memorial (next to the Memorial Hall / Medical Centre)

Join us for a 1-2 mile flat gentle stroll, usually through the historic village and
along the paths by the River Wharfe, spotting a variety of wildlife including
kingfishers

More info: ☎ 01274 259190

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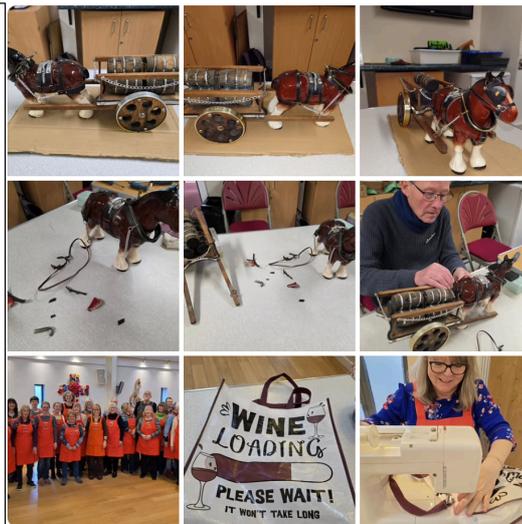
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Saturdays, 9:30 am - 12 Noon

17 January	18 July
21 February	15 August
21 March	19 September
18 April	17 October
16 May	21 November
20 June	12 December



The Thingery has moved to
6 Cunliffe Road, Ilkley.
To contact them:

library-of-things@climateactionilkley.org.uk

Addingham Allotments and Gardens Association

Date for your diary

Spring Show Saturday 11th April

10 am – 12 noon in the Memorial Hall




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