



**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7.30 pm Memorial Hall**

**SPEAKER MEETING**

**NON-MEMBERS WELCOME – ONLY £3**

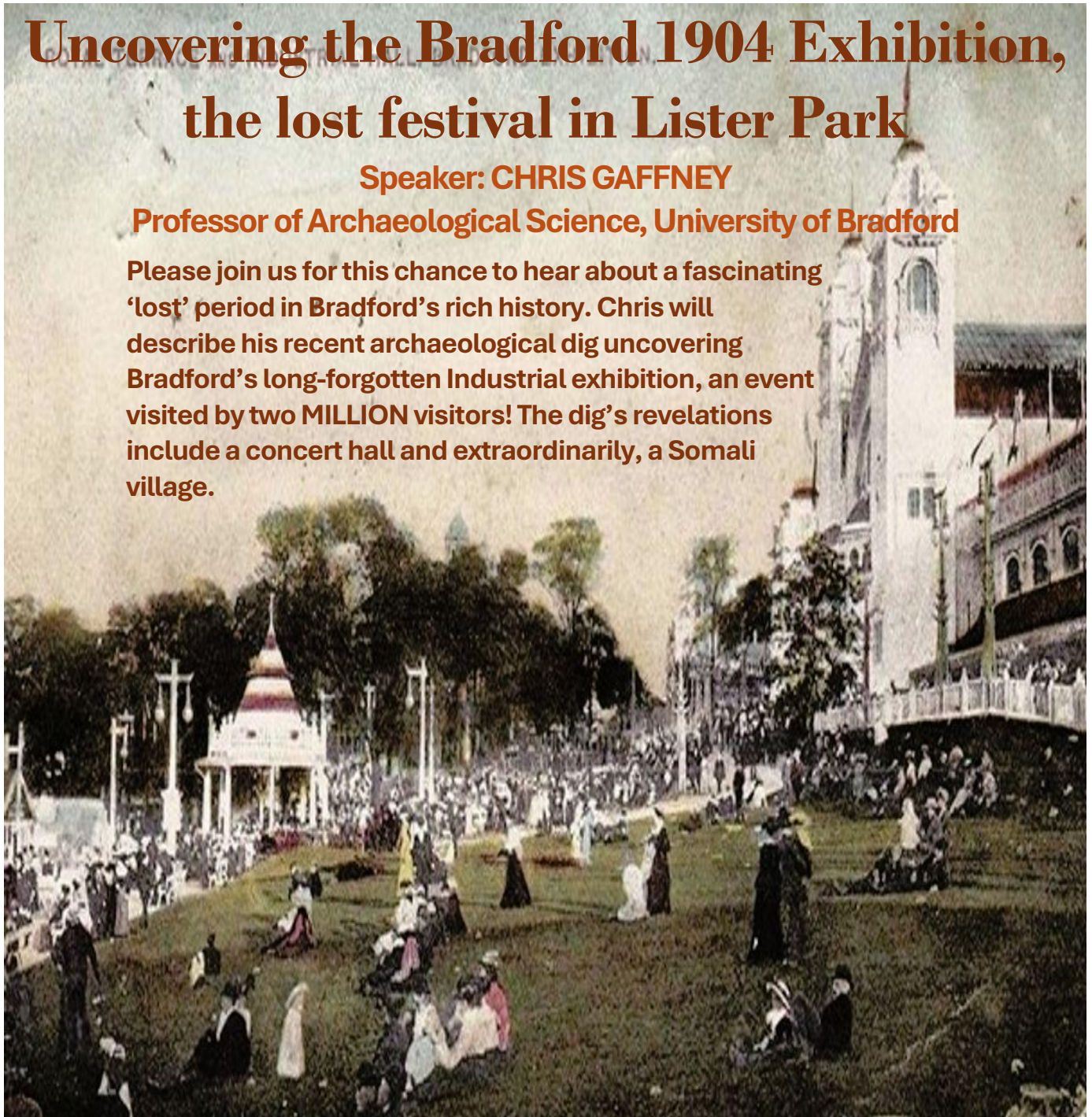


## Uncovering the Bradford 1904 Exhibition, the lost festival in Lister Park

**Speaker: CHRIS GAFFNEY**

**Professor of Archaeological Science, University of Bradford**

Please join us for this chance to hear about a fascinating 'lost' period in Bradford's rich history. Chris will describe his recent archaeological dig uncovering Bradford's long-forgotten Industrial exhibition, an event visited by two MILLION visitors! The dig's revelations include a concert hall and extraordinarily, a Somali village.



Pictured is Lister Park where the exhibition ran for 6 months marking the opening of Cartwright Hall within its grounds.

Dear Members,

**Books** – only Fiction or Children's please!

**Tombola**

Good **bric-a-brac** - suitable for Christmas Gifts

**Toys**

**Jigsaws**

**Preserves**

And....**CAKES, BUNS and PASTRIES!**

Welcome to Autumn and with it comes the preparation for our **Autumn Fair on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12noon.** Come and bag a bargain, try for a win on the tombola and raffle, and enjoy a cuppa, cake & a catchup! As ever we welcome your kind donations. We will be setting up at the Memorial Hall **on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> between 7 – 9 pm** so that would be a great time to bring any donations along. Alternatively, from 9am on the Saturday morning.

**Hope you can make it.**

Thank you to all who have **renewed their membership** for this coming 2026 – 27 year. It's a steal at £11 per person! **In case you've yet to pay, please send bank transfers or set up an**

**annual standing order to:** Addingham Civic Society (Virgin Money) **a/c no.** 34995727 **sort code** 05-05-30 **ref:** first 3 letters of your surname followed by the last 3 digits of your postcode.

**You can also easily pay directly via our website** - here's the link: [Pay Membership Online - Addingham Civic Society](#) . **Alternatively** pay at a speaker meeting or post a cheque/cash through no. 9 Main St. letterbox.

**Monies, as you will know, are put to very good causes. Thankyou!**

Read on for news and upcoming events, especially our Heritage Group's speaker event this month. A fascinating account and not to be missed.

**Best wishes, Gill**



**Featured on  
The Antiques  
Roadshow &  
Digging for  
Britain!**

**Planning Application 26/02592/MAF**  
**Proposal: Development of 55 houses**  
**Address: Main Street Addingham**



**There is still time if you wish to respond to this planning application** just click **this link** . It will take you to the Planning section of our website. There you can find:

- The link to the application on the Bradford Planning website where you can make your own comments.
- Background notes about the application which you may find helpful.

## Addingham Heritage Embroideries

For all of October, during normal Addingham Hub opening hours, you will be able to see and enjoy our beautiful photographic exhibition illustrating the Addingham Heritage Embroideries.

But on just two Saturdays we will be exhibiting the actual coverlets. As these 4 pieces date from C18th or earlier, to the late C19th this is a unique opportunity to come and see them up close.

Please don't miss it!

**OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> 11am-3pm**  
**SPECIAL SATURDAY OPENINGS**



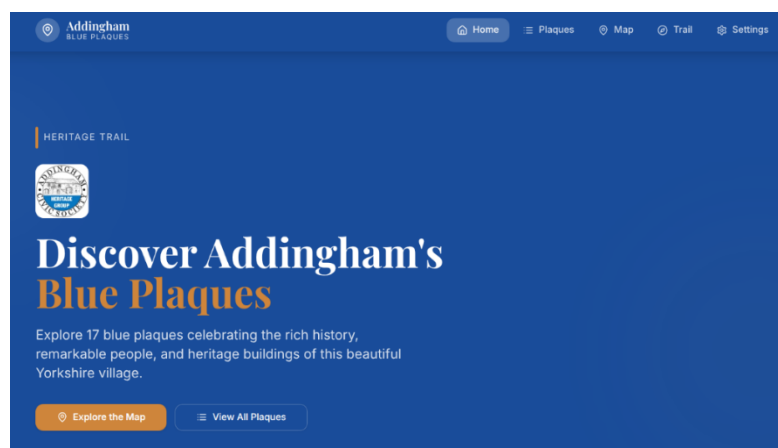
## Discovering History One Plaque at a Time: The Addingham Blue Plaque Trail App

*written by Gary Copping*



In an age where our phones can guide us almost anywhere, Addingham is using technology to bring its rich past to life. **The new Addingham Blue Plaque Trail app** transforms a leisurely stroll through the village into an engaging journey through centuries of local history.

**Addingham is a place where history is woven into almost every street. Ancient buildings, former mills, churches and cottages all have stories to tell.** The Blue Plaque Trail was created by Addingham Civic Society and the Parish Council to celebrate these stories, highlighting people, places and events that have shaped the village over generations. Now, with the dedicated app developed by Addingham Civic Society Heritage Group, exploring this heritage has never been easier.



**Rather than relying on a printed leaflet, visitors can simply open the app and let it guide them around the village.** Interactive maps help users locate each blue plaque, while detailed information, photographs and historical background reveal the significance of every stop.

**Whether you're a first-time visitor or a lifelong resident, the app offers fresh insights into familiar landmarks.**

**One of the app's greatest strengths is its accessibility.** Walkers can explore at their own pace, stopping whenever something captures their interest. Families can enjoy a shared outdoor activity, history enthusiasts can delve deeper into Addingham's fascinating past, and visitors can discover hidden corners they might otherwise have overlooked.

**The trail showcases the remarkable variety of Addingham's heritage.** From historic homes and places of worship to former schools, businesses and notable residents, each plaque represents a small chapter in the village's story. Together, they create a vivid picture of how the community has evolved over hundreds of years.

**The route is walkable, taking in attractive streets, green spaces and many of Addingham's most recognisable landmarks.** Along the way, there are opportunities to pause at local cafés, independent shops and pubs, making the trail as much about enjoying the village as learning about it.

**FULL TRAIL** 7.4 mi / 11.9 km  
**MEDIUM TRAIL** 4.4 mi / 7.1 km  
**SHORT TRAIL** 3.7 mi / 6 km

**The Addingham Blue Plaque Trail app demonstrates that heritage doesn't have to stand still. By embracing digital tools, the village has created a resource that is informative, accessible and enjoyable for everyone.** Historic photographs allow users to compare today's streetscape with scenes from decades ago, while clear, easy-to-read descriptions provide context without overwhelming the reader. It's a reminder that local history is not confined to museums - it exists all around us.

**History is often closer than we think - and in Addingham, it's only a few steps, and a tap on your phone, away. Downloading from Google Play or Apple App Stores is not required!**



**Simply scan this QR code to go directly to the app.**

**This QR code for the app** is also on our website [addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk](http://addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk) & The Parish Council website under [Community](#) and our sister website [addingham.info](http://addingham.info)

## **ADDINGHAM BEER FESTIVAL OCT 2026**

### **BEERS, CIDER, GIN & RUM & WINE**

*free soft drinks for your designated driver*

**Fri 2<sup>ND</sup> eve: 18.30-23.30** great Pizza by The LA

**Sat 3<sup>RD</sup> pm: 13.00-17.00**

Drake and Macefield Pie and Peas & **Danny's Quiz**

**Sat 3<sup>RD</sup> eve: 19.00-23.30**

**live music** ever-popular Charlie Acky & food by **The Swan**



**TICKETS only £15 per session** which includes: 4 tokens for 4 x ½ beer. Additional tokens only £2.50 each. Monies raised go towards local and worthy causes and since 2011 we've donated

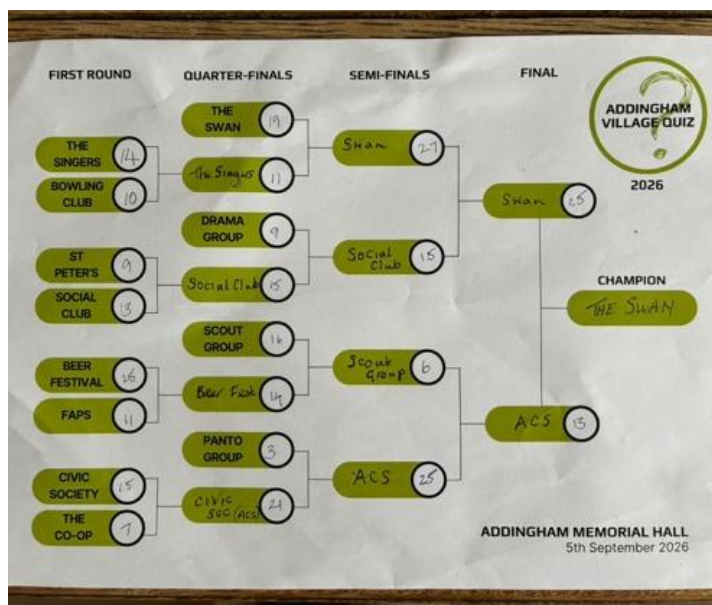
almost £100,000! [Tickets 2026 | My Site](#)



**WELL DONE TEAM. Quiz Runners Up!**

**THE VILLAGE QUIZ 2026** Many thanks to Mark Gregory and the Village Quiz organisers for such a great evening. Our team, Carol, Chris, Fiona and Gerard did us proud, winning three rounds against The Co-op, Panto Group and Scouts. Just beaten to the buzzer in the final against The Swan. Congratulations team Swan you did it again.

**And an amusing note – Carol won back the Runners-Up Shield for the Civic Society that she won twenty**



**years ago! That's a pretty impressive record Carol.**

# Celebration of Harmony

The Addingham Singers  
Harissa  
The Lost Embers

ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL, MAIN STREET,  
ADDINGHAM, LS29 0LZ

**10 OCTOBER**  
**7.30PM**

TICKETSOURCE.COM/THE-ADDINGHAM-SINGERS

**An uplifting evening of feel-good and harmonious music featuring The Addingham Singers alongside guests Harissa (a Leeds-based choir) and local band The Lost Embers, raising money for the Airedale A&E department. Refreshments will be served.**

**Tickets just £6 to £8 plus small booking fee  
Book via [Ticket Source.com/The-Addingham-Singers](https://www.ticket-source.com/The-Addingham-Singers)**

*Our President's October Poser!*

**GATEHTRH (3,5) and BUTHHE (3,3)** can you unscramble these places in the Addingham Parish ?! **September Answers: CHAPEL STREET and THE SWAN**

**Addingham Civic Society**

# **AUTUMN FAIR**

Addingham Memorial Hall

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**



**10.00 – 12.00**

**Free admission**



**Raffle Tombola Jigsaws Fiction**

**Cakes Preserves Heritage**

**Gifts Local Honey**

**Order your Christmas Cards**

**Stock up with some early Christmas Presents**

**Call in for some Refreshments and a Chat**

