



Civic Society News

September 2023



Next Speaker Meeting

Thursday 14th September 2023

(note change of date)

In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm



Welcome to Hug on a Tray

We are a charitable organisation providing funding in order to supply free TV, tea and snacks to benefit Haematology patients and their families in St James's Hospital, Bexley Wing.

[READ MORE](#)



In February 2022 the BBC Leeds & West Yorkshire regional news did a feature on 'Hug on a Tray'.

We are so grateful for the added publicity this gave us and the video article really helps to communicate our cause and what it means to patients.

The article can be found on the BBC news website at 'Hug on a Tray: The Leeds charity supporting blood cancer patients'

BBC

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This month, we are delighted to welcome Lesley Noble, who will tell us the story of the Otley Based Group "THE HUG ON A TRAY GIRLS"

Non-Members Welcome £3 Admission

Dear Members,

Welcome to the start of our new year.... And we're beginning with an apology! We have had to make some changes to the dates in our Speaker Meeting Programme. So, those of you who paid up your membership nice and early and received your membership cards will be receiving an update through the letterbox. This will consist of a sticky back label with the revised dates printed in blue. Just peel off the backing and stick it over the previous dates. You will find a list of corrected dates here in the newsletter on page 4 and on the website: www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk
Add them to your diary.

We have some great speakers lined up this year, why not tell your friends and neighbours, they are always welcome to come along to Speaker Meetings as guests, but of course they might like to join the Society.

You may notice some small changes to how we organise our newsletters. Depending on what space we have, the "longer reads" will be towards the end of the newsletter or if space is limited there will be a summary, with the full article available via a link to the website.

Summer Party



Our thanks to local band Chill Pill for a great evening of music and dancing at the August Summer Party.

During one of the intervals, we took the opportunity to arrange for Vice Chairman, Roger Seddon, to present our former Chairman, Jim Robinson with a Civic Pride Award.

The wording says it all...

"A Civic Pride Award in recognition of Jim's chairmanship of the Society. He made a huge contribution to the Society and the village throughout his thirteen years in office. He was passionate about overseeing many new initiatives, developing a large and supportive membership, and working closely with the trustees and many other organisations. He leaves the Society in a strong position for the future."

This was one of the few times Jim was left a little speechless.

CIVIC SOCIETY'S 16TH BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILED

By Mike Bolton

As many of you will know, over a period of about 8 years the Civic Society installed 15 Blue Plaques in and around the Village. The last one was in the Summer of 2022 and there is a village trail that can be followed to find them all (a booklet is available from the Society).

Now there's a 16th plaque.

Don Barrett, the Society's President was presented with his very own framed 'blue plaque' in recognition of his work for the Society and, in particular as the retiring founder Chairman of the Heritage Group. The plaque was presented to Don at a recent meeting of the Group by the new Chairman, Dr Ian Cameron.

The Heritage Group promises Don that he will not be included on a revised blue plaque trail!



Autumn Fair

Yes indeed, we are already planning for the Autumn Fair – so here's the date for your diary.

Saturday 14th October 10 am – 12 noon.

There will be all the usual stalls, so it would be wonderful if you could put on one side any items you'd like to donate to

Cakes, Pictures, Raffle, tombola, Books and Jigsaws, Preserves, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Bottles

I'll just draw your attention to the first two items. **Cakes**, please if you could make a note in your diary to do a bit of baking for our Cake stall that would be wonderful. The second item on the list is new. **Pictures**, yes, we all have some nice pictures, some framed, some just mounted but they've been superseded by more recent acquisitions. Would you like to donate them to us to sell to a new owner at the Fair? If so ring Gill on 01943 839792 or email her on chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

Addingham Sports Day

You may remember that the inaugural Addingham Sports Day had to be postponed last year due to the Queen's funeral commemoration. This event is back for 2023 and will take place on Sunday Sept. 17th, giving villagers of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and games while also showcasing our fantastic local facilities and clubs.

This year's activities include netball and tennis on the MUGA, a 'parkrun' and exercise classes on the Addingham FC football pitch, table tennis and chess at the Scout Hut, pilates and yoga at the Memorial Hall and petanque on the petanque court. A full schedule for the day will be published on social media and posters around the village shortly. The event will also raise money for Sarcoma UK, the bone & soft tissue cancer charity.

All activities are entirely free so please do get involved! Please also make your families and friends aware too - it promises to be a great day. Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Addingham Beer Festival and Addingham Scouts.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in any capacity please contact Daniel Keating using Addinghamsportsday@outlook.com

Jumble Trail

Just a reminder about our Village Jumble Trail on **Sunday 24th September**. Chance to **raise funds for a charitable cause**.

Book a space for a table. The cost is £5. Visit our website and fill in the form: <https://addinghamenvironmentgroup.org.uk/jumble-trail-table/>.

Alternatively email aeg@addingham.info.

We are inviting you to sell things **directly outside your house**, and if you register before the **12th of September** we will put your location on a **village map** so that buyers on the 24th can find your stall.

If you live more on the outskirts of the village you may not receive as much footfall as more central village locations, so if you wish **you could book a space at one of our four hubs**, which include:

- (i) outside Plan-it-Earth;
- (ii) outside the Library/Old School House;
- (iii) outside the Scout Pavilion; and
- (iv) along eastern side of North St.

If you would like a **space to sell refreshments**, that would also be good, if not excellent!

Looking forward to a bumper event – more than a thousand pounds were raised in 2021 and 2022.

Please **forward the poster** to friends and neighbours far and wide and encourage them to come along on the 24th! Bargains galore!

Thank you, Rick

To be
included on
the map
register
your table
before 12th



Addingham.info Website

If you might think that you read about this website in last month's newsletter, you'd be right. However, we'd now like to let our members know that ACS is very proud to be the new "owner" of the website. Huge thanks to Don, our President, who ran the site for many years and has passed the ownership on to us. Trustee Gary Copping has given it a new look – thank you - It's a super website, do have a look and as Gary said in last month's newsletter, if you see anything to correct or add please get in touch.

Very simple to find, just type in Addingham.info or [click here](#)

Fancy some Art in Liverpool?

Member Sue Ross writes

"I have places available on a forthcoming coach trip to Liverpool on 22 September.

The cost is £22.

*There is the **opportunity to see the JMW Turner exhibition at the Tate.** £10 standard entry or £9 for seniors*

*We will visit the **Anthony Gormley figures on the beach at Crosby on the return journey.***

Anyone interested can contact me on:

07962 187533 or email susanroxanne@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Susan".



The Tate, Liverpool

Corrected Speaker Meeting Dates 2023 - 2024

14 th September	Leslie Noble	"Hug on a Tray"
19 th October	Dave Hardcastle	"The Mobile Police Museum"
30 th November	Ian Brand	"The Twelve Plants of Christmas"
18 th January	Colin Speakman	"Yorkshire" Ancient Nation, Future Province"
22 nd February	Addingham Environment Group	
21 st March	John Jackson	"Undercliffe Cemetery and its famous occupants"
11 th April	Colin Alderson	"Five Years Cooking at Buckingham Palace"
16 th May	Razan Alsous	AGM followed by "Yorkshire Dama Cheese"
20 th June	Geoff Budd	"The Trans Pennine Canals"
18 th July	Addingham Heritage Group	
19 th September	Tim Forman	"Twenty Amusing Years in Sales and Marketing"
10 th October	Chris Freeman	"There's more to Tenerife than Playa del Ingles"
21 st November	Charles Hartley	"Bargain Hunt"

Refill Pop-Up Stall at Mount Hermon Coffee Morning – open for business on Thursday 14 September! Jan Hindle

We have ordered our stock and have a great team of Environment Group & Civic Society volunteers ready to serve you! We will be running the refill stall from 10 am to 11.30 am at the Mount Hermon 'Coffee Pot'. We will be there on the 2nd Thursday of the month, so the dates for the autumn are: 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and 14 December.



Do put the dates in your diary, bring your empty containers for refilling and stop for a coffee too.

To encourage people to think about switching to locally produced, eco and people friendly products and to help reduce single use plastic, we are operating our stall on a not-for-profit basis, so you will find our prices very competitive. For example, our washing up liquid will be £2.00 per litre, compared to £3.06 per litre for Fairy Liquid at Tesco (price checked Tesco Online on 22 August). You can also buy as much or as little as you like depending on the size of the bottle you bring to refill.

Our laundry liquid, washing up liquid, liquid soap and shower gel is manufactured in the Aire Valley, uses plant-based chemicals and avoids ingredients found in many

household cleaning and personal care products that are harmful to the aquatic environment or thought to cause skin reactions and other health issues, such as phosphates, micro-plastics, sulphates and parabens. Read more on the Miniml website:

<https://minimlrefills.co.uk/>

We will also be stocking bars of soap and shampoo bars made by the Friendly Soap Company in Hebden Bridge: <https://friendlysoap.co.uk/>

We're grateful for all the advice and encouragement we've had from our friends at Plastic Free Silsden who run a busy monthly pop-up refill stall on a Saturday morning alongside the new 'Repair Café'. Also, to Mount Hermon for agreeing to accommodate us at their coffee morning.

Do contact us if you would like to know more or have any queries: aeg@addingham.info

[Please help spread the word to friends and family.](#)



Not for profit



Refill Pop-up Stall coming soon!

At the Mount Hermon Church Coffee Pot,

142 Main Street, Addingham LS29 0LY

2nd Thursday of the month

Open 10 to 11.30 am on:

* Thurs 14 Sept * 12 Oct * 9 Nov * 14 Dec *

Selling locally sourced, eco-friendly:

WASHING UP LIQUID * LAUNDRY LIQUID *

SHOWER GEL * LIQUID SOAP *

SOAP & SHAMPOO BARS

Why not drop by for a coffee,
and bring your empty bottles to refill?

A big thank you to our friends at Plastic Free Silsden Refill Pop-up
for their advice & encouragement
& to Mount Hermon for providing the venue.

ACS Photo Competition

Time to look back through your photos
and choose which to enter in our
competition

Send your entries to

aeg@addingham.info

CLOSING DATE

9TH SEPTEMBER

Details are on our website under Events
or click [here](#)



Some entries from previous years

Hilda & Kate

by Don Barrett

You may have heard that the Addingham photo archive was based on photographs taken or collected by Hilda Holmes and Kate Mason. However, you may not know who these ladies were.

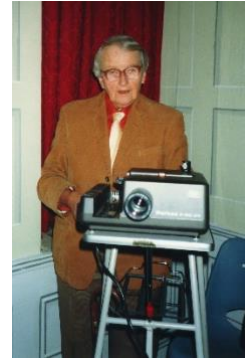
Hilda Holmes

Hilda and her sister Phyllis were the daughters of Grenville Holmes and lived in Hallcroft Hall on Ilkley Road and later moved to what is now The Rectory. Neither of the sisters married.

Hilda supported the Women's Knitting Circle which, after the war, raised money for the purchase and conversion of the former Primitive Methodist Chapel into the Memorial Hall. The sisters having inherited their father's wealth, Hilda gave a substantial amount to help with the conversion.

Hilda became a talented photographer and, with an interest in history, collected old photographs of the village and took many of her own. Hilda copied the old photos and made slides for use in the talks that she gave to the Civic Society and other organisations. This photo shows her preparing for one of these talks.

Towards the end of her life, Hilda gave her collection of photographs to Kate Mason.



Kate Mason



Hailing from Bradford, Kate came to Addingham when she married Tom Mason who farmed Reynard Ing farm on Cocking Lane. Kate became an expert farmer in her own right with a particular interest in dairy work and beekeeping – the photo shows her with a bee skep (hive) in front of the recessed 'bee boles' where they were kept. Kate and Tom had three daughters.

She became interested in history when struggling to decipher a bundle of old deeds, which led to her researching their 17th-century farm and then the history of the village. Kate taught a number of local history classes and gave talks for the Civic

Society as well as writing two books: *'Woolcombers, Worsteds and Watermills'* about the village textile industry and the classic history of the village *'Addingham From Brigantes to Bypass'*. She had prominent roles with the Young Farmers' Club and the W.I., as well as becoming President of the Civic Society.

Kate took photographs of the village, with particular emphasis on farms and farming, and she later gave her collection, together with Hilda's, to become the nucleus of the photo archive (photoarchive.addingham.info).

"I Remember When" – an Update.

Ian Cameron writes:

Last month I described the tremendous turnout for the July's Speaker meeting, hosted by the Addingham Heritage Group. We wanted to give you feedback on some of the immediate impacts. These include:

- New membership to the Addingham Heritage Group.
- Improvements to the Addingham Photo Archive through extra details and corrections.
- Additional sights to be included in heritage walks around the village.
- Use of the recorded memories and experiences in our next display.
- New research topics have been included in our future work programme.

So, thanks to everyone who contributed at the July meeting and for enhancing the activities of the Heritage Group.

And finally....

A Huge thank you to all our speakers, contributors to the newsletter, volunteers, and subscribers.

If you would like to include anything in your next newsletter, please ensure that you send it to me before Monday 25th September. Please note that going forward the deadline for entries to the Newsletter will be the 25th of each month and that I have a new email address. Thank you. Jane
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