



# Civic Society News

September 2025



**Next Speakers Meeting**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm**

**Non-Members welcome £3 admission**

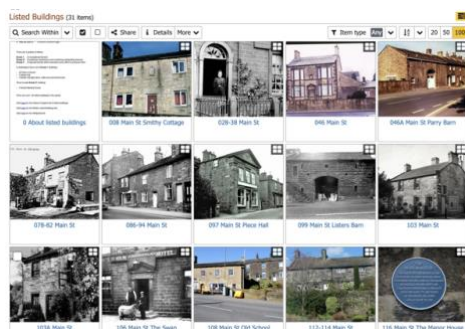
## Civic Society Heritage Group

### Confectionery, Death in Addingham and Listed Buildings



Hear about the sweets and cakes made in Georgian times by Addingham confectioners.  
Which colourings were dangerous?  
Taste some cakes made from the recipe books of the time.

We will delve into rare, curious and mysterious deaths of the past.



We will also explore the listings and scheduled monuments of the village.

Dear Members,

**YHACs** Towards the end of July, ACS hosted the regional association of civic societies (YHACs) for their summer meeting. This was a first for us and I think we broke some records. There were 30 for the Friday evening meal at The Fleece, 20+ took part in the Saturday morning walks and there were over 50 for the talks and meeting in the afternoon with representatives coming from as far afield as Hull, Ripon, Whitby and Doncaster.

I would like to thank our trustees and members who helped organise the walks and talks and in particular, trustee Jayne Hood, who put on a wonderful lunch for over 50 people.



**Summer Special** August tends to be a quieter month for the Society, but we did manage a great Summer Special with Route 65.



**Please Note the Change of Date for the Speaker Meeting in October. This is now Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**2025 – 2026 ACS Subscriptions** September is almost here and with it the beginning our new members' year. So, if you haven't yet paid your membership don't forget..... The details are below.

***You can also pay at a drop-in session*** between 10.00 – 11.30 am at The Hub, here are the dates.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Read on, there's lots happening in September.

With best wishes

Gill

## 2025 – 2026 Membership Year

Subs remain at £11 per person.

You can renew your membership in the usual ways, via the website, at a speaker meeting, BACs or standing order, cheque or cash to No 9 Main St.

Here are the details:

**Account Name:** Addingham Civic Society

**Account Number:** 34995727

**Sort Code:** 050530

**Reference:** The first 3 letters of your surname and the last 3 digits of your postcode.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### The Village Quiz Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September *Have you secured your tickets yet?*

**ACS has entered a team**, and we wish them lots of luck. All the details are on the poster and if you click on the QR code you will be able to book your free tickets.

### The Addingham Patient Participation Group (PPG)

**Coffee Morning**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00 am – 12.00 noon**

- The Addingham Patient Participation Group (PPG) are holding a coffee morning at the Addingham Surgery on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 – 12.00 a.m.
- Staff from the surgery will be available to give an update on the services provided.
- Also attending will be Healthwatch (Bradford District and Craven Health) who provide insight into the needs of local people.

**Everyone welcome and refreshments will be provided**



## ZERO CARBON WEEK

20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September

During Zero Carbon Week Climate Action Addingham will be highlighting some of the things that can be done to reduce our carbon footprints.

Click on each of the headings below to read more about the topics or type this website address into your browser:

<https://www.climateactionaddingham.info/objectives>

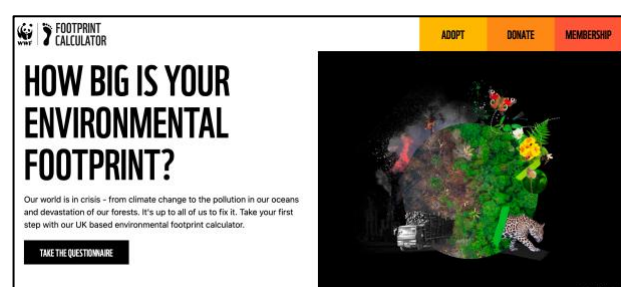
### Zero Carbon Objectives

#### Carbon and Energy

1. [Reducing personal carbon footprints](#)
2. [Insulating our homes better](#)
3. [Decreasing fossil fuel dependence for home heating](#)
4. [Increasing renewable energy generation](#)
5. [Flying less](#)
6. [Switching to electric vehicles](#)
7. [Walking and cycling more](#)
8. [Using public transport](#)
9. [Increasing plant-based diets](#)
10. [Sequestering organic carbon](#)

### Your own Carbon Footprint

Your household carbon footprint can be calculated using the World Wildlife Footprint Calculator. Just click [here](#)



There are two Addingham City of Culture events left in the 2025 calendar.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30 pm at**

**Addingham Memorial Hall**

Don Porritt lives in Addingham and has worked in a variety of creative design roles at The Studio in Menston since 1967. His work is internationally renowned and has included Jewellery and Silversmithing, Industrial and Graphic design. He has created corporate and private commissioned silver pieces, emphasizing the artistic and sculptural qualities of the metal.

This presentation promises to be a fascinating insight into the work of a master craftsman.

**“how **do** you create a  
design in silver?”**

**DON PORRITT**



**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**7.30 pm**

**Free Admission**

**ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL**





Take photos of your hobbies or things you've made that you are pleased with.  
Send them to John so we can share the amazing range of skills and talents in Addingham

November and December

**John Fontana Invites you to "Share your Skills" in a Photo Exhibition**

*"As part of the City of Bradford Year of Culture 2025, I am inviting all Addingham residents to send me their photographs that represent their involvement in crafts and 'culture'.*

*These might be photographs that you are pleased with, but could also be photos of paintings, knitwear, cakes, and garden achievements or any other hobby of which you are proud.*

*Throughout November and December, the photographs will be shown in a continuous loop on the screen in the village Hub. This will be an exhibition, not a competition and you can send in as many as you like.*

**So, do send me your photographs** (in JPEG file format), along with a few words of explanation for each image. Your explanation will be shown alongside the photograph. Feel free to add your name or not.

Here is the email address for entries or any queries. [sharewiththevillage@gmail.com](mailto:sharewiththevillage@gmail.com)

My idea is to show, in photographs, the broad range of skills of Addingham people.

Thank you."

John Fontana



## STOP PRESS Change of Date

Our October Speaker Meeting date has changed to

**Thursday October 23rd**



**You're invited to:**

**Auction of Promises**  
**23rd October 2025**  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)  
Entry by donation to Martin House Children's Hospice.  
Wine and hot drinks available.  
Memorial Hall, Main Street,  
Addingham, Ilkley, LS29 0LZ  
Enquiries and donations: 07828804633

For more information on The BIG Challenge scan the QR code or visit: martinhouse.org.uk/TheBigChallenge

Think **BIG**, have **FUN**, be **CREATIVE**

All proceeds to  
MARTIN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

## PROMISES

Your promises could be something you can offer that doesn't necessarily cost money. We've already collected some wonderful donations but we need plenty more. Make your charity donation promises this year towards Martin House and Back the Build.

It's about donating time or services.

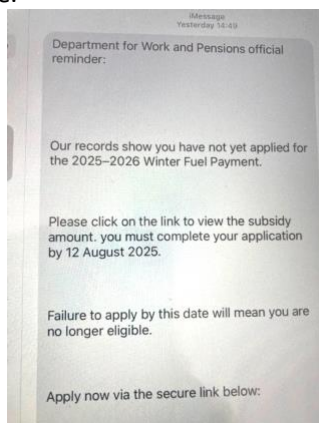
**Promises** such as:

Make a cake/dinner/afternoon tea. One hour's gardening. Grass cutting. Club membership, Classes for craft/music/art. Hairdressing Floristry. Dog walking/grooming Pony rides. Massage. PT. Fishing. Sports coaching. Show tickets. Gardening. Plant donation. Event tickets. Meal vouchers. Cottage rental. Wedding dress experience. DIY. Cleaning. Holiday pet care. Hotel vouchers. Pamper vouchers. Car wash. Taxi service. Bicycle maintenance. A guided walk.

You can choose the value, how and when to honour your promise (after 23<sup>rd</sup> October)

## SCAM BE AWARE

Please be aware that scams are circulating on Social Media implying that you have not yet applied for your Winter Fuel Allowance. These are incorrect, do not respond to them. There is an example of a scam message here.



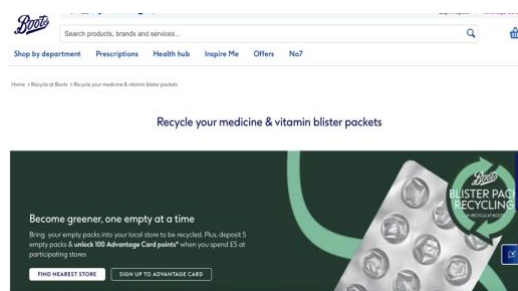
All the correct information can be found on the government website [here](#).

## Recycle Your Blister Packs

You can now recycle your Blister Packs at Boots.

The Ilkley, Skipton, Keighley and Otley stores are all taking part.

Just click [here](#) to go to the Boots website and register.



## Methodist Church Hall Updates

### Premises Sale Update September 2025



Following a period of discernment the decision to sell our current building and site was made in May 2023. The primary reasons behind the decision to sell, include the state of disrepair particularly the need to re-roof, the age profile of the congregation and that current projections predict a cash deficit within the near future.

Prior to the premises being marketed we had provided the reasons for the decision to sell to the Parish Council, our Hall User Groups and the Civic Society and have provided updates.

Following authorisation from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, and to comply with Bradford Council Planning criteria, the premises have been marketed for Community Use for a 12-month period since 28th June 2024 but no bids have been forthcoming.

Separately, we were advised by Bradford Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 that a local charity had nominated our premises as an Asset of Community Value. The application was approved allowing a Moratorium Period during which an intention to bid for the premises could be registered. On 30<sup>th</sup> July Bradford Council confirmed that it had received no notification from a local eligible charity group of an intention to make a bid for the property and that "you are free to dispose of the property as you wish".

To ensure that we continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission we are working with our selling agent to ensure our ability to dispose of the premises as soon as legally possible. This includes the submission of a Pre-Application Enquiry to Bradford Council to explore change of use options for the premises.

In the meantime, we continue to explore how and where within the village we can continue to worship and witness as a Methodist presence in our community, but not as property owners.

With Kind Regards,



Revd. Shannon DeLaurel  
Methodist Minister of Addingham Methodist Church

## SAVE OUR HALL

### For the community

Please attend an open meeting at the  
Methodist church hall on Chapel  
Street at

**7 pm, Wednesday  
10 September**

**A unique and irreplaceable asset.  
Venue for Christian worship, social  
gatherings, youth groups, adult  
classes in creative arts, fitness  
training, sport, children's parties,  
lectures and with potential for so much more**

**In the words of Joni Mitchell, "Don't it always seem to go  
that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone"**

**For more information contact Susan Ross:  
07962 187533/01943 831093  
susanroxanne@hotmail.com**

### **ADDINGHAM FRIENDSHIP GROUP** (Formerly Addingham Wednesday Club)

Come and join us for our very varied  
programme of events for  
2025/2026.

We meet on the first and third  
Monday of the month in  
St Peters Church Hall, Addingham at  
2:30pm, commencing 6<sup>th</sup> October  
2025

New members and guests are always  
welcome.

For further details and a list of  
speakers, please contact:  
Margaret on 01943 830935 or  
Annie on 07885159259

**Thank you to all our Speakers,  
Members, Volunteers  
and Subscribers to the Newsletter.**

**Please send entries for the  
October Newsletter to  
[secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.](mailto:secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk)**

**[co.uk](http://co.uk) before**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September.**



## Addingham Parish Footpaths

Footpaths perform an important part of our heritage in Addingham. From the boundaries to the south on Addingham Moorside to the north at Farfield, and from the west at Marchup on Silsden Road to the east at Cocking End, signposts and waymarking (yellow arrows on a white background) define clearly where our rights of way exist.

Footpaths were often created in times past by isolated farming communities across the Moorside whose only realistic way of getting to the village was by walking. Thus developed a network of paths that still exist today. The Dales Way, which runs from Ilkley to Bowness in the Lake District, passes through our parish and remains ever popular. Bradford Council is responsible for maintenance issues which are carried out by the Countryside Service with which we usually have an excellent relationship.

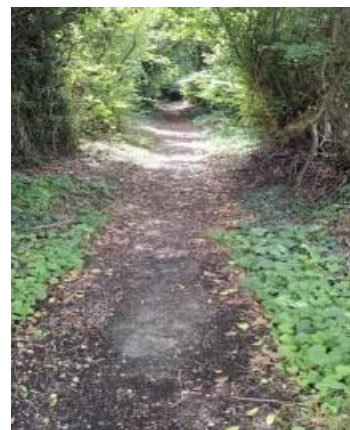
The Definitive Map shows where Public Rights of Way exist and is a statutory document conclusive in law and alterable only by legal order. Bradford Council therefore has the obligation to maintain our local footpaths; it makes sense to consult and agree with land- owners, local residents and other user groups such as The Ramblers thus avoiding dispute and confrontation.



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How well do you know your parish?

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Do you know where these two photos were taken?  
Answers next month!

Catsteps, Cuckoo Nest, Nudge Hill, the Roman Fort, Small Banks — can you locate them on the local OS Map, or more likely nowadays by using Google Maps or one of the numerous walking apps? Do you know where the Millstone Quarry is, or the Quaker Meeting House? If physically able, visit these places on foot. Local publications appeared pre- bypass in the early '90s with Alison Armstrong's Country Walks Around Addingham, A Landscape through History, updated in 1998, and more recently in our President Don Barrett's book, Walks Around Addingham, which can be purchased from the Civic Society or Amazon. A self-guided walk on the Moorside (Environment Group) and an Addingham Geology Trail (Will Varley) may interest you too.

The Blue Plaque Trail, very much an important part of our village heritage, essentially stays within village boundaries including High and Low Mill and can easily be walked in sections over several outings at a leisurely pace. Our Society will advise on all these.

Jonathan White (Look out for next month's piece!)

### Help to identify the Addingham Birds

Following our July Speaker Meeting in which Chris Acomb outlined the variety of birds that we see in Addingham, a member suggested that I let people know about a particularly good Bird App for your smart phone.

It is called **Merlin**, and the app logo looks like this.

The app is free and is run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

The great thing is that this app helps you identify birds.

Users can record bird sounds, upload photos, or answer simple questions about size, colour, and behaviour to get a list of likely species. The app provides detailed information including photos, sounds, range maps, and expert tips, and it can track your sightings to create a personalised bird list.

