



THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

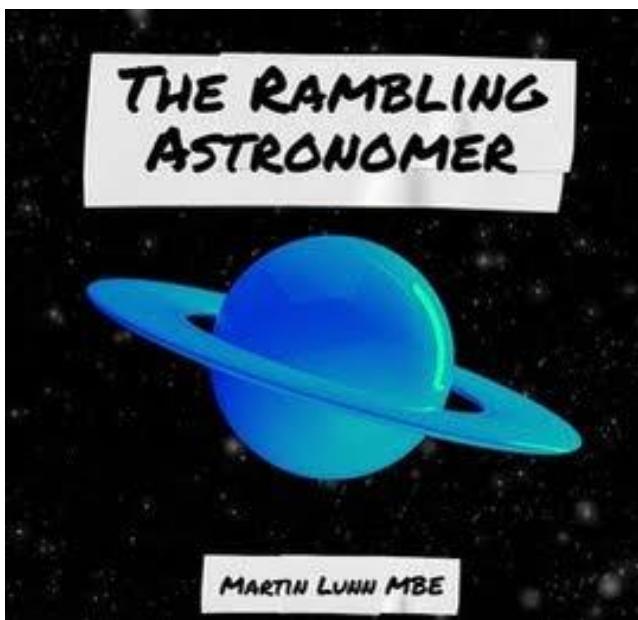
7.30 pm Memorial Hall

SPEAKER MEETING

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME – ONLY £3



HOROSCOPE TO TELESCOPE



The terms 'astronomy' and 'astrology' are often mixed up! Astronomy is the science of everything beyond the atmosphere of the Earth, while Astrology is a non-scientific practice using the positions of the planets and stars to try to show how they influence our lives.

Both subjects were studied by astronomers and astrologers until around the year 1700, when it was then recognised that astronomy was a science and astrology was not.

This is the story of how the two subjects, once so close, grew so far apart.



Our September Speaker: Martin Lunn

Dear Members,

September is the beginning of our new membership year. Thank you to all who have renewed, and for those who haven't got round to it there are lots of ways to pay. Many thanks for your support! **2026 – 2027 Membership Year: Subs remain at just £11 per person.**



Here are the payment details:

A/C Name: Addingham Civic Society

A/C Number: 34995727

Sort Code: 050530

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

Once we have received your renewal you will receive your 2026 – 2027 membership card through your letterbox.

Renew your membership by

Clicking [here](#) **OR**

- * at a speaker meeting
- * by Bank transfer or standing order
- * Cheque or Cash to No. 9 Main Street
- * Popping into The Hub with your cheque, card or cash on one of these September dates:

Friday 4th 2 - 4pm

Monday 7th 9.30 - 11.30

Thursday 10th 9.30 - 11.30

Wednesday 16th 9.30 - 11.30

Friday 18th 2 - 4pm

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at our September Speaker Meeting on the 17th when Martin Lunn will be considering Astronomy versus Astrology. Sounds out of this world!

Best wishes, Gill

Our Summer Extravaganza went with a swing!



Many thanks to Mark Gregory for hosting our Summer Extravaganza!

An evening of music, Singo Bingo and general knowledge.... Oh, and a little dancing to finish off... great fun.

Our President's September Poser!

AEEETTRSPCHL (6,6) and NETHAWS (3,4) can you unscramble these places in the Addingham Parish ?! August Answers: LORD ADDINGHAM & CRAVEN HEIFER

FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS are being rolled out across the Bradford area from this September. BINS WILL BE COLLECTED WEEKLY.

Bradford Council will provide you with a small kitchen caddy, with liners and an outdoor food waste bin. **They will have a lockable lid** to reduce odours and keep the contents secure from insects and other pests.

The external food waste bin is smaller than a standard wheelie bin so there should still be space for it with your other bins. **The waste goes to be processed by Anaerobic**

Digestion which means it is broken down by micro-organisms in a way that mimics human digestion! This enables it to be turned into Biogas, a form of renewable energy and Digestate, a nutrient-rich fertiliser used on farmland.

Even if you don't produce much food waste, do still put it in your food waste bin.

Please continue to follow existing guidelines for recycling or general waste bins as NO packaging, liquids, garden waste or oil can go in with the food waste.

YOUR FOOD WASTE BIN COULD TAKE A LOT OUT OF YOUR GENERAL WASTE...

- **Leftovers — uneaten food you have scraped off your plate**
- Ready meals that have passed their use-by date (***without the packaging***)
- Raw and cooked vegetables, including mouldy/off produce and peelings
- Coffee grounds, tea bags and tea leaves

... INCLUDING ITEMS NOT COMPOSTED AT HOME OR ON THE ALLOTMENT!

- **Bones AND Raw or cooked meat and fish**
- Bread, pastries and cakes
- Grains and pulses, such as pasta, rice, lentils and beans
- **Dairy goods eg. cheese.** Eggs and Eggshells
- **Unwanted pet food** left in your pet's bowl

Important Newsflash – PLANNING APPLICATION WITHIN THE VILLAGE

- ! A Planning Application (**26/02592/MAF**) has been lodged to build 55 houses on Addingham Greenbelt, adjacent to the Cricket Ground, within the “Village Conservation Area”.
- ! This is the 5th speculative planning application lodged in Addingham in recent years with more anticipated.
- ! These applications rely on **the lack of an updated Bradford Local Plan**, and an **inadequate housing Land Bank** coupled with the **new Government planning category – GreyBelt**, designed to release land from GreenBelt for building.
- ! Bradford has stated it will publish the next stage of its Local Plan later this year with sites providing for the 200 houses Addingham must provide over the next 15 years.
- ! **Alongside a wide range of specific objections Addingham Civic Society has opposed these speculative applications** because they do not conform to any strategy and they deny the community the chance to see, compare and comment on all the sites that Bradford will be proposing.
- ! **The timescale is short, all comments to Bradford by 16th September.**
- ! To see the full application and **lodge any comments** [Click here](#) and/or **make your views known to the Parish Council via The Hub or email clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk**

Beck Steward Extraordinaire

Well, **Maire O'Donnell**, what are the Beck Stewards going to do without you? Maire has decided it's time to step down from her 9 year role as Beck Steward. She and her beck partner have been looking after the top end of Heathness Beck where it runs through Heathness Ghyll, down through the golf course and to the bridge across to Acre Fold becoming Back Beck. I wonder how many tons of rubbish, Himalayan balsam plants and golf balls they have removed over the years?

We published the first part of Maire's beck diary in October 2025 and so almost a year on here is Part 2. Fascinating as ever.



THANK YOU MAIRE for your diligence and hard graft. You're a hard act to follow!

Diary of a Beck Steward

Maire O'Donnell is one of our Environment Group beck stewards who patrol for litter and invasive plants, such as Himalayan balsam, and recording the presence of wildflowers and wildlife. Here Maire writes about her outings on May 1st and 22nd with Sylvia and Peter:

"We started at the top of the beck as it comes out from under the bypass. As we arrived, we startled a Mandarin duck which took off into the woods as we approached. I have not noticed one that far from the river previously.



There were small pieces of black plastic in parts of the beck, two plastic food bags,



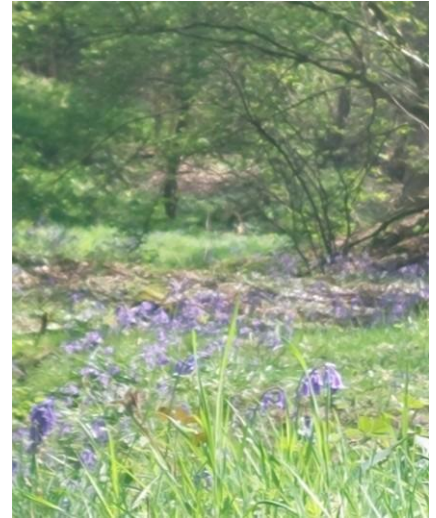
one in the water, another on the side of the beck.

A white plastic bucket was in the middle of a leaky dam, degraded to the extent it had to come out in pieces. **A car tyre was found in mid-stream. We left it *in situ* as it was too heavy to pull out. We wondered if it had been rolled down from the Skipton Road wall for fun. We informed the landowner.** Later in the day I walked up the left side of Skipton Road to check if there were more tyres, or fly tipping, but none was seen.

Sadly, but also happily as it was early in the season, we pulled out three small Himalayan balsam plants which were growing in gravel in the bed of the beck.

We managed to walk down through most of this upper part of the beck along Heathness Ghyll until near the Skipton Road bridge where the foliage prevented access. We had to view what we could from the field above. It appeared to be clear apart from two bits of litter, a bottle and a flask which must have been thrown over from the road.

As usual, we experienced the wonderment making our way through these beautiful woods and along the beck enjoying the warmth of the day with friends. Trees were coming into leaf, wildflowers covered grassy areas and along the beck sides: wood anemone, forget-me-not, bluebells, lesser celandine, wood sorrel, and speedwell. Thanks as always to Mrs Haggas for permitting access to the beck.



We continued our inspection on Friday 22nd May, starting on the golf course just below the bridge under Skipton Road, which we accessed through the thick undergrowth from the path around the 18th Tee. We were thus able to observe the beck looking upstream back towards the bridge, as well as downstream. **The area appeared clear of litter and balsam as far as we could ascertain.** However, for most of this stretch we were unable to get a close view of the bed of the beck or see under overhanging vegetation so there may well be golf balls in the water or balsam and litter in the deeper recesses.

Downstream trees and bushes obscure much of the beck but from the path close to the 17th tee we spotted one small balsam in the water and collected two small pieces of plastic waste.



Thanks again to Sylvia and Peter for their interest, assistance and hard work, especially among the thick and somewhat prickly “under” and “over” growth which we are becoming experts in trekking through!
Maire

We were also unable to access or see the part of the beck which flows between the houses on School Lane and the bottom part of the golf course near the 16th Hole. However, **the last part of our stretch can be viewed from the field across the beck from School Lane.** Apart from one householder still tipping grass cuttings over the wall onto the side of the beck and very near the low water level, **the beck appeared clean and litter free.**

WHY IS OUR CHURCH CLOCK BLUE? *written by Barbara Durack*

The west tower of St Peters, Addingham has two relatively large, bright blue clock faces. Blue church clocks are to be found throughout England although no reliable count of the total exists.



The clock on the church tower dates from the 1840s and is the work of a local clockmaker, William Cryer of Carleton, near Skipton. Other Cryer clocks exist in Burnsall and Carleton.



The clock faces have an octagonal outline and roman numerals in gold. Anecdotally it is Henry VIII we have to thank for this striking colour scheme. He is said to have decreed that English churches follow God's command to Moses in the Bible (Exodus Chapter 39) that he should make Aaron an ephod (a ritual garment worn by a priest) in blue with gold bells.

This then became a specific instruction that church clocks should be 'blue with signs upon them in gilt'. Unfortunately, no firm evidence exists for this story. The colour blue does have a Christian symbolism being long associated with the Virgin Mary and Heaven, and also conveying dignity to the church façade.

The blue colour on the clock faces is Prussian blue (also known as Berlin blue, Brandenburg blue, Parisian and Paris blue). It is a dark blue pigment produced by oxidation of ferrous ferrocyanide salts. Prussian blue was created in the early 18th century and was the first modern synthetic pigment. Because it was easily made, cheap, nontoxic, and intensely coloured, Prussian blue quickly attracted many applications, being adopted as a widely used pigment in oil paints, watercolours, and dyeing.

Deep blue gives a high contrast with gilded hands and numerals on a clock, making it legible in poor weather from a great distance, even in poor light. Blue absorbs less glare than white and provides good readability from varying angles. The pigment also resists fading and weathering better than many early pigments in other colours. Combining the blue pigment with primers and varnishes provided protection from corrosion of the metal clock face. Blue and gold colours were widely adopted by the Victorians because they worked well and were cost effective. Repeated use of this colour scheme by respected firms set a visual convention that was copied for new clocks and in the restoration of existing faces. The convention still exists to this day.

The blue and gold colour scheme was incorporated as part of the recent restoration of the clock faces in the Elizabeth Tower of the Palace of Westminster, more widely known as 'Big Ben' - although strictly speaking it is the bell that bears this name. Completed in 1859 the original colour scheme of the architect



Elizabeth Tower and Palace of Westminster, Summer 2024
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Charles Barry was blue and gold. This was later replaced by black paint in the 1930s to disguise the effect of pollution. The restoration work revealed that there had been six different colour schemes over 167 years since the clock was installed, but now the original Victorian colour scheme has been recreated.



**£5 Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start
ALL WELCOME! BYO**

**FRIDAY 11 SEPT
SONG SUNG BLUE (12)**

A joyous musical drama based upon a true story proves it's never too late to follow your dreams!

Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson star as married couple Mike & Claire, two down-on-their-luck musicians who form a Neil Diamond tribute band, Lightning and Thunder.



FRIDAY 9 OCT THE GOOD BOY (15) A powerful psychological thriller

FRIDAY 13 NOV 500 MILES (12A) A feel-good road trip for two young brothers

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Addingham Environment Group would like your help in recording the aquatic wildlife seen in and around the river and our local becks and ponds. These include brown trout and other fish, otters, Daubenton's bats, amphibians (such as frogs, toads and newts), dragonflies and birds (such as dippers, grey wagtails, kingfishers, grey heron, egrets, mallards and moorhens). **Please contribute to our records by completing the simple contact form on the Aquatic Wildlife page on our website www.addinghamenvironmentgroup.org.uk OR email us smkenny08@gmail.com** describing what you have seen and confirming the date and location. Thankyou!

BAT WALK TUESDAY SEPT 29th 7.15pm

Addingham Environment Group invites you to join their annual community bat walk. Pictured is a bat monitor – come and learn how this device registers bat movements!

Please meet outside **Addingham Primary School at 7.15pm**. We will be walking from Bridge 55, down Back Beck Lane, along Bolton Road, down High Mill Lane and along the riverside path to the suspension bridge. **Please wear suitable footwear and bring a torch if you have one. We look forward to seeing you!**

PS. In the event of rain, we will postpone the walk.



A bat monitor – come & hear the bats!



ADDINGHAM VILLAGE QUIZ

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The Swan are the reigning 2025 champions — can your team knock them off their perch?

SATURDAY
05 SEP 2026

ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

BAR OPENS
6:30PM

FIRST ROUND
7:00PM

SPORT HISTORY GEOGRAPHY SCIENCE NATURE FILM MUSIC
ART LITERATURE FOOD & DRINK GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & more!

ONE MORE TEAM NEEDED

RETURNING TEAMS 8 TEAMS · BACK TO DEFEND OR AVENGE

THE SWAN

2025 CHAMPIONS

PANTO GROUP

2025 RUNNERS-UP

DRAMA GROUP

2025 SEMI-FINALISTS

SCOUT GROUP

2025 SEMI-FINALISTS

CIVIC SOCIETY

2025 QUARTER-FINALISTS

BEER FESTIVAL

2025 QUARTER-FINALISTS

BOWLING CLUB

2025 QUARTER-FINALISTS

SENIORS CRAFT GROUP

2025 QUARTER-FINALISTS

NEW TEAMS 3 CONFIRMED · 1 SPOT LEFT

ST PETER'S CHURCH

SOCIAL CLUB

SINGERS

YOUR TEAM HERE?

FANCY IT?

Part of a village club, society, or local business? Rally a team of four and give us a call — we'd love to have you.

Contact Mark Gregory · 07928 829773 · markyouroccasion@gmail.com

TEAMS OF 4 · FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

Not on a team? Come along and watch — everyone's welcome.

There'll be a raffle on the night, with all proceeds to the Addingham Beer Festival Worthy Causes Fund.

No tickets needed

Just put this date in
your diary - **5th**
September - and
come along to the
Mem Hall and
support our Civic
Society team!

AUTUMN DATES FOR POP UP

10 SEPT 8 OCT 12 NOV 10 DEC



Not for profit



Refill Pop-up Stall

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:

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*14 May *11 June *9 July *13 Aug

*10 Sept *8 Oct *12 Nov *10 Dec 2026

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ANTI-BAC SURFACE CLEANER

SOAP & SHAMPOO BARS

Drop by for a coffee,

& bring your empty bottles to refill

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

*OUR AUTUMN FAIR * OCTOBER 17TH * SATURDAY*

I can hardly believe we are thinking about our Autumn Fair.

But yes! It's coming round quickly. So if you are having a clearout we would be delighted if you could put some items on one side for us. It's all the usual items, here are some to be thinking about:

FICTION BOOKS / JIGSAWS / TOMBOLA PRIZES / BOTTLES
GOOD QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
and of course, nearer the date CAKES, CAKES and MORE CAKES!

Addingham Beer Festival 2nd & 3rd October
2026

Tickets can be purchased from the website:
addinghambeerfest.co.uk

