



Civic Society News

February 2025



Next Speakers Meeting
Thursday 27th February
In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

Professor Pippa Chapman

Soil scientist, University of Leeds

**“Climate change:
why do we need to plant trees and hedges,
restore peatlands and protect farmland soils?”**



Dear Members,

Welcome to your February newsletter. As usual there is plenty happening. Look out for news from the Film Club, the date for Debbie's Charity Soup Kitchen, a Snowdrop Event with Addingham Gardeners and don't forget your tickets for the panto, Beauty and the Beast. Read on for the details.

Best wishes
Gill

Our speaker this month is Professor Pippa Chapman. Pippa is a soil scientist from the University of Leeds and is joining us at the invitation of our Environment Group.

Pippa works in the interdisciplinary field of land and water management. Her expertise focuses around sustainable agriculture, soil health, water quality, peatlands and climate change. Her research has involved monitoring the impact of peatland restoration on water quality and greenhouse gas fluxes, evaluating the benefits of planting trees and hedgerows, including climate change mitigation, flood alleviation and biodiversity, and trialling and measuring the impact of changes in agricultural practices on soil health and carbon storage. She is the leader for water quality in the Yorkshire Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP) which works with partners to use environmental science to deliver solutions to catchment challenges, and champion for the Natural Environment Research Councils research programme on Freshwater Quality.

So, if you have any interest in or questions about soil - plant pot, window box, garden, allotment or farm this should be a fascinating evening – and don't forget it's **February 27th** (not 21st).



Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies (YHACS)

“Starmer Delivers a Sackful of Planning Packages”.

The winter edition of the YHACs newsletter has some interesting articles about the sorts of projects being carried out by societies across Yorkshire. But if you are interested in planning there is also an article by Chair, Margaret Hicks-Clarke, “Starmer Delivers a Sackful of Planning Packages”. Margaret provides a great summary of the recent government planning announcements with plenty of links to more detailed documents. If you'd like to read more, you can find the YHACs Winter 2024 Newsletter here:

<https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/YHACSNewsletterWinter2024.pdf>

Social Meal at The Fleece

Well, those places were snapped up quickly!

We have a full house for our Social Evening at The Fleece on February 6th.

If you didn't get round to booking, you could always contact Jayne and ask her to put your name on her waiting list. Details can be found [here](#) and Jayne's contact is: 07828 804633 or jaynehood@gmail.com

Here we are last July at the social evening after the summer trip.



Mike Bolton from our Heritage Group asks.....
How are your New Year resolutions going, or is that not a polite question to ask?

One of mine was that I should be sensible and sort out all those unused, and often unusable, things that haven't seen the light of day for a while - and often that means for quite a long while! But I'm told it's a therapeutic activity and will be cheaper than buying more storage space. The trouble is that it takes so long because there are all those mementos and photos that bring back memories and, like most people, I don't want to simply throw them out, especially where there is a story behind them.



In fact, a couple of postcards gave me pause for thought about what you might be thinking of letting go. Both were from the 1970's and showed idyllic scenes of Swiss mountains and glaciers. Googling those same scenes showed a very different scene today of course – the mountains had little snow and the glaciers were way off in the distance. Now, before you think I'm writing a piece for the Environment Group on climate change, what this reminded me was how much valuable historical evidence is tucked away and often forgotten in boxes and drawers.

So, when you get to New Year Resolution number 27 and start going through the photos and slides and bits of ephemera that we all tuck away, please give a thought to the future. Are these things that tell a story or show an important event in the life of our village? If so, the Heritage Group might want to add them to the Photo Archive to preserve that moment in time for future generations. Obviously, we're not looking to replace your recycling bin and there is a limit to how much we are able to collect and store, but if it is something that really does record a major change in the village or show something that is no longer there, it might be of value to us – and to future villagers.



The Middle School, as an example. Whilst going through the recent editing of the 1683 new images that we are looking to incorporate into the archive it was clear that we have very little on the Middle School, despite it operating for 21 years between 1979 and 2000 with probably hundreds of local children passing through its doors, and the school having a deep lasting and profound impact on the village. You may remember it opening and closing and maybe your children went to the school. If so, do you have photos of pantomimes, school events, yearbooks, school trips or other records of what it achieved? These are the kind of things that help build up a picture of the evolution of our village, its people and its institutions and which the archive wants to preserve for future generations.

So, if you have something you think might add to the story of our village, please let us know.

You can contact us at: addinghamheritagegroup@gmail.com

A (very belated) Happy New Year – and good luck with the remaining resolutions!

Mike Bolton



Our Civic Pride Awards 2025

Each year the Society presents a Civic Pride Award to a group or an individual who has made a significant contribution to the village or village life. For example, in the last few years Awards have been presented to David Rishworth for his tireless work at the Cricket Club, Panto and Drama, Phyllis Robinson for her dedicated work at St Peters, The Visor Army for their work

providing PPE to key workers during the pandemic and Mark Preston for his commitment to the community through his role as Postmaster.



We are now seeking nominations for 2025. We have already had a couple, but if there is a person or a group who you would like to nominate please email Jane, our Secretary and give the name of your nominee and the reason for your nomination. First closing date for 2025 is the 31st March. Contact Jane at: secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

Winter Warm Spaces

Debbie Thornton, Ward Officer for Ilkley and Craven has asked if we could remind residents about the local winter warm spaces.

The Addingham Hub The great majority of you will know that The Hub, above the Library on Main Street, in Addingham is a designated Warm Space. So, feel free to drop in, meet friends, enjoy the displays, ask questions or just have a coffee. It is open Monday to Thursday 9.m – 12 noon and on Friday afternoon from 1.45pm – 4.45pm.



Across the district there are Warm Spaces where anyone can go, for free, to keep warm. Please try to spread the word and share the information with anyone you feel may benefit. You can search the directory to find the nearest Warm Space. People can pop in, warm up, enjoy a free hot drink and have a chat. Just click on the link to search.

[Warm Spaces Directory - Cost of Living Bradford](#)

The nearest to Addingham are:

Silsden Town Hall, Silsden Methodist Church and The Silsden Hive Community Centre and in

Steeton it's St Stephen's Church, Steeton Methodist Church and Steeton with Eastburn PC in association with the Knit and Natter Group – The Hub

Ilkley Library, Christ Church, St Johns and Ben Rhydding Methodist.

Film nights

Doors open 7pm
Film starts 7.30pm
All seats £4 and byo refreshments



Friday 28th February

Mothers' Instinct

Is a thriller set in the 1960s and tells the story of two neighbours whose friendship turns into a deadly rivalry after a tragic accident

Friday 14th March

Speak No Evil

When an American family is invited to the country estate of a British family they met on holiday their dream trip unravels into a psychological nightmare.

Future Dates

Friday 11th April
Friday 10th May
Friday 13th June

The Film Club is setting up a mailing list. If you would like to keep up-to-date with what they are showing and/or provide any feedback, please contact them at:
addinghamfilmclub@gmail.com

ADDINGHAM PANTOMIME GROUP
PRESENTS



Beauty & the Beast

Addingham Memorial Hall

February 2025

Fri 14, Sat 15, Wed 19, Thu 20, Fri 21, Sat 22



www.ticketsource.co.uk

07771 531060



Put Your Events into the Village Events Diary

The Spring edition of the Village Newsletter will be dropping through letterboxes in March and as usual it will contain 6 months' worth of village events, but as we all know, things crop up and not everything ends up in the newsletter.

If you know of an event please ask the organisers to contact Wendy Green at The Hub. Wendy maintains a manual diary for us all to use and she will happily enter all village events. Her email is: admin@addingham-pc.gov.uk

This is a great way of avoiding diary clashes.

An electronic diary would also be a good resource for the village. We are looking into that – quite complicated to keep up to date...



You are invited to an elegant
Snowdrop Tea



**Saturday 8th
February
Mount Hermon
10am to 12noon**

**Free Entry
Tea/Coffee
Cake**

A Celebration of Snowdrops

Debbie's Annual Soup Kitchen

You are invited to
Debbie's Annual Soup Kitchen
Saturday 8 February 2025
between 11.30am and 2.00pm

Come along to
Springbank, 23 Southfield Road, Addingham
to enjoy soup, bread, tea, coffee and cake.



Donations are invited.
All proceeds will be sent to
St George's Crypt in Leeds, a charity helping
homeless and vulnerable people

A Huge Thank You to all our Speakers, Volunteers, Subscribers, and Contributors to the Newsletter.

Please send entries for the March Newsletter to Jane Welby before Saturday 22nd February.

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