



Civic Society News

June 2024



Next Speaker Meeting
Thursday 20th June
In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

This month is presented by
Geoff Budd
'The Trans Pennine Canals'



This month we are pleased to welcome Geoff Budd

Geoff will summarise some of the transport issues faced in the early days of the industrial revolution and then go on to explore the history and development of each of the three canals built to link industry on opposite sides of Pennines.

Dear Members,

Many thanks to all those who were able to make it to our Annual General Meeting in May. At the meeting we thanked Mike Williams (treasurer) and Steve Lloyd (publications) who have now both stepped down from the trustees. We were delighted to welcome Seamus Bloomer as Treasurer and Chris Ensor who is taking over responsibility for our publications.

You will definitely need your diary at the ready this month, there is so much happening that we've made a separate section for What's On in Addingham.

But before we get to that here is this month's news.

Best wishes

Gill

The Yorkshire Heritage Summit, Hull



Ian Cameron and Chris Cobley, from our Heritage Group, attended the summit and spent much of the day in Hull Minster telling the world about our village.

Horn Crag Quarry

You may remember that ACS was granted Rule 6 status at the Horn Crag Inquiry at which a quarrying

company were appealing against Bradford's decision to deny their planning application to re-open the quarry above Silsden.

Our main interest related to the negative impact that the re-opening of the quarry would have on the ecology of Addingham Moorside.

We are delighted to announce that the appeal was denied.

Thanks to our Planning and Environment Groups for their input.



Stockinger Lane

If you have walked up Stockinger Lane by the New Town Allotments recently you couldn't help but have noticed the improvements.

Great job by Countryside Officer Richard Perham and his team.



What are our village wildlife trends?

You may be interested to know that our Environment Group produces a range of reports which record various aspects of their work. They have now been recording for sufficient years to begin to look at trends which hopefully, with everyone's efforts, will begin to look positive.

There are annual reports detailing the birds, bees and butterflies that are recorded in Addingham as well as reports that show the annual progress with the removal of invasive Himalayan Balsam.

The reports can be accessed via the [Wildlife tab](#) on the AEG website

Many thanks for the reports to Chris Acomb, Malcolm Secrett, Jan Hindle and Rick Battarbee.

Keeping you in the loop.... Almost inevitably I guess, we have had to take the decision to raise our subscription amount for the next membership year. Over the last few years, all our basic costs such as printing, room hire, speakers etc have gone up. This will be the first increase since 2017!

At the same time and after much discussion we have also decided to charge individual memberships rather than applying a different rate for couples. This seems much fairer all round.

So, in September we will be raising the membership subs from £9 per person to £11 per person.

We are not planning to introduce any other charges or changes to our programme so for example our speaker meetings, newsletters, new members meetings etc will remain free of charge to members, and our Community, Planning, Heritage, and Environment Groups will continue with their work to benefit the village.

We hope you agree that this remains good value.

There is no need to do anything right now, we will be sending our membership renewal information in the July newsletter. We really appreciate your support.



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:

***14 March *11 April *9 May *13 June *11 July**

***8 Aug *12 Sept *10 Oct *14 Nov *12 Dec**

Selling locally sourced, eco-friendly:

WASHING UP LIQUID *LAUNDRY LIQUID

FABRIC CONDITIONER

SHAMPOO *SHOWER GEL *LIQUID SOAP

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 Silsden Refill Pop-up for their advice & encouragement & to Mount Hermon for providing the venue.

Pétanquè

- Join us for a game of Pétanquè at the court by the War Memorial
- Tuesdays 10.30 – 12.00 starting on June 4th
- Finishing with lunchtime refreshments in a local hostelry
- No experience or equipment required
- Or just drop by any time with friends
- Boule sets for loan at The Fleece

As always, a massive thank you to all our speakers, contributors to the newsletter, volunteers, and subscribers.

If you would like to include anything in our next newsletter, please ensure that you send it to me, Jane Welby, before Sunday 23rd June.

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The Heritage Group



ACS Heritage Group

During the whole of June, our Heritage Group will host a display celebrating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day at the Hub. Find out about the extraordinary stories of those Addingham men who took part in the D-Day landings, the contribution of the village itself, plus what life was like for villagers in 1944.

See the planes, find out what was in a ration pack and much more.

Members of our group will also be in the Hub during the afternoon of the D Day commemoration on the 6th June.

No charge – do come along

ADDINGHAM'S D-DAY HEROES Continued from last month:

George Houston

But four days before D-Day another Addingham man had also been in action. On 2 June 1944 George Houston, an air gunner in Bomber Command, was flying in a 4-engined Halifax, P for Peter, LL287 from the Special Operations Executive aerodrome at RAF Tempsford in Bedfordshire. He had joined 138 Squadron there in November 1943 and begun active operations in January 1944, mainly over France and Belgium, but occasionally to Norway and Holland. On 2 June his Halifax was due to drop weapons and munitions to the French Resistance just prior to D-Day, so they might assist the invasion with guerilla warfare against the Germans. Unfortunately the plane was shot down by a German 88mm anti-aircraft gun. Three crew members were killed and a fourth badly burned. Only the pilot and navigator had known the plane's destination. Both were killed. Thrown clear on impact, George was wounded but could walk as far as a French farmhouse, owned by Madam Robineau. He was captured there by the Germans and imprisoned in Buchenwald concentration camp and then in Stalag Luft 3 at Sagan in Poland where he spent the rest of the war. What, one is bound to wonder, was the fate of Madam Robineau? A monument to the crash site was unveiled in 1998. George came to live in Addingham in 1976, while working for General Electric. He died eleven years after Les Chamberlain in 2012.

Hubert Prince Wall

Les Chamberlain and George Houston were lucky enough to survive the War, despite the critical parts they played in D-Day. Another Addingham man was not so lucky. Hubert Wall lived on Daisy Hill. Though he survived D-Day, he was shot by a sniper four months later on 11 October 1944 while building a bridge in Belgium, near Zeebrugge. Hubert was 29 and left a wife, Florrie, and two daughters, Bessie, aged 9 and Pat, aged 2 by then living at 21 North Street.

CHRIS COBLEY. With acknowledgements to:

Don Barrett, Richard Thackrah and Beryl Falkingham's "Addingham in World War Two" and Anthony Beevor's "D-Day: The Battle for Normandy".



**Our Summer Coach Trip
Thursday, 11th July
Shibden Hall and Dean Clough, Halifax
Members and their guests welcome
£20 incl Hall entry**



Depart 9.30 am from the Memorial Hall, Main Street and returning for 5pm

Dean Clough is a thriving 22-acre mixed-use mill complex, stretching half a mile in length and consisting of 16 Grade II listed Victorian mills. Once the home of Crossley Carpets, then the world's largest carpet manufacturer. It is now a community where people come to work, eat and drink, for culture, health and well-being, to shop, celebrate, recharge and even marry! Lots of shops, art galleries. Installations and exhibitions, cafes, and restaurants. Heritage and Art trails are available.

In the early afternoon we travel by the coach to Shibden Hall, dating back from 1420 and recently made famous by the recent TV programme 'Gentleman Jack'; a series about the diarist Anne Lister who lived in the Hall in the late 1800s. We approach the Hall using a small land train which will drive around Shibden Park.

We will leave Shibden to make our way back to Addingham for 5pm.

Social Evening

There will be an **optional meal** that evening at The Fleece, Main Street at 6.30 for 7pm. You are welcome to join the meal group even if you have not been on the coach trip.

The meal will be table d'hote style where diners choose two courses (at £22.50), or three courses (at £27) from a range of meal options, plus a complimentary tea or coffee.

Bookings & Enquiries

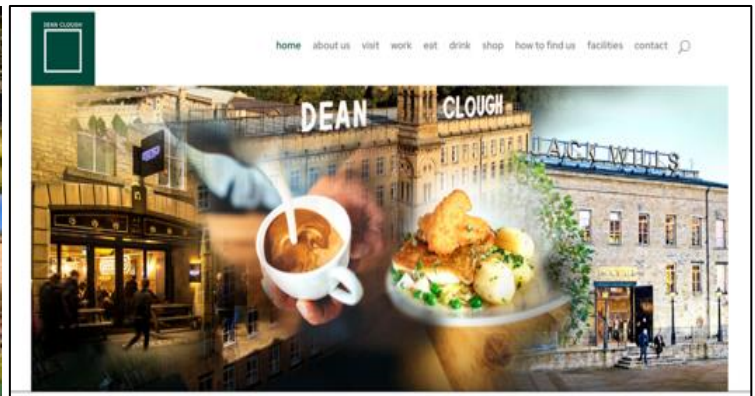
****Please book first with Jayne Hood 07828 804633 jaynehood@gmail.com ****

Payment in full for the trip:

- Bank Transfer Addingham Civic Society
Sort Code 05 05 30 A/C 34995727
Ref: Trip & Surname
- Card payment at the next Members' Meeting
- Cash in envelope clearly marked with the surnames & phone number.
Cash/Cheque through the letter box at 9 Main Street, or 10 Sawmill Lane

Payment for the meal: Non-refundable £10 booking deposit required.

Menus will be provided when you make an enquiry. The balance is paid direct to The Fleece on the night.



What's on in and around Addingham



80th Anniversary of D Day

Thursday 6th June

Displays in the Hub all day and continuing throughout June featuring:

- Four men from Addingham and the contribution of Addingham to the war effort
- Big book on the theme of rationing by Addingham Primary School
- Library window display

2 - 5pm Outside the Hub

- WI serving drinks and cakes
- 1940's music
- Visits from wartime characters

5.30pm-6pm Bellringing

6.15pm "Time of Reflection"

Led by Addingham Churches Together with Addingham Primary School at the War Memorial

7.30pm Addingham Singers

Music from the 1940's to the present day on The Swan Deck

ALL WELCOME

Friday 7th June 7pm Film Club: The Longest Day
(£4, Bring your own refreshments)



Wildlife Week events

Sat 22nd to Sat 29th June 2024

Sat 22nd 10.00 am - join in the **Environment Group wildflower growing session**. We will be pottin on wildflower seedlings, grown from seed collected locally. Meet at the Scout Pavilion, Stockinger Lane. *Take a plant home for your garden or window box.*

Sun 23rd 2.00 to 5.00 pm **Wildlife friendly gardening - open garden** at 9 Main Street, Townhead - drop by at any time through the afternoon.

Mon 24th 7.00 pm - Scouts & Guides Himalayan Balsam Bashing.

Tues 25th 7.00 pm - join **Addingham Environment Group & Wharfedale Naturalists** for a guided walk, **exploring our village 'wild spaces'**. Begins and ends at The Swan. Optional bat watching saunter to the river at dusk.

Wed 26th 2.00 to 3.30 pm - drop in at **The Environment Group Wildlife Friendly Allotment and help sow, plant out and harvest veg**. Newtown Allotment 8b, Stockinger Lane

Wed 26th 7.00 to 8.00 pm **Birdlife around the village - join bird enthusiasts David & Ann Austin for an evening stroll**. Meet at the end of Saw Mill Lane, near the CO-OP. *Bring binoculars if you have them.*

Thurs 27th 3.30 pm - **Picnic with nature crafts for children to celebrate the 'official opening' of Craven Crescent Green - a space for nature and people**. *Why not drop by on the way home from school.* Craven Crescent is on Green Lane.

Fri 28th 12 noon to 1.00 pm - Join local bee enthusiast **Maurice White** for a gentle guided stroll, identifying bumblebees and other pollinators in the **flowery delights of the Hen Pen and Old Station Way Meadow**. Meet at the Hen Pen Garden, Main Street (next to Addingham Community Library).

Sat 29th 10.00 am - 12 noon - drop by **The Environment Group Wildlife Friendly Allotment: Open Morning & Plant Stall**, Newtown Allotment 8b, Stockinger Lane.

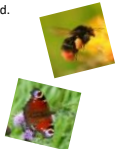
Sat 29th 2.00 to 5.00 pm - visit the **Climate Action Addingham display & wildlife activities** for children at the **St Peter's Family Fun Day**, Church Field.



Nature in crisis...

What can we do to make a difference?

Visit the [CAA website](#) for lots of ideas and further information.



ACS Heritage Group

Proudly announce the unveiling of a Heritage Information Board at Low Mill

Save the Date

Saturday 20th July

11.00 am



ACS SUMMER PARTY

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

TICKETS ON SALE IN JULY

CHILL PILL



Broughton Hall Community Events

One of our members has been working with Broughton Hall Sanctuary, Skipton to create a series of free events based on Rewilding and Nature Recovery at Broughton Hall. The events cover all sorts of activities. The details can be found on the Broughton Sanctuary [website](#)

