



Civic Society News

March 2025



Next Speakers Meeting
Thursday 20th March
In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

Denton Hall: Part 2

Join Nick Bailey and Sarah DeNurtcheylo
from Denton Hall to hear

“The Story so Far”

and

“Looking to the Future”



'The reawakened Walled Garden', in the centre of Denton Reserve;
felt artwork by Sheila Barton.

Dear Members,

I'm delighted to be welcoming Nick Bailey back to our March Speaker Meeting "Denton Hall Part 2" - Thursday 20th March. Nick will be joined by his colleague Sarah DeNurtcheylo. They will be telling us more about the Denton Reserve, its land management and how it is seeking to be an exemplary model that's better for people and planet.

We'll hear about the story so far, the opportunity, the vision, the intentions and the constraints.

After the coffee break, they will be looking at the coming 25 years, considering opportunities for local engagement, asking for feedback, ideas and possibilities and answering questions.



March is going to be a busy month for us. Our Environment Group will be supporting one of the Moorside residents with a large tree planting project, thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up.

We will also be organising an enrichment session for each class in the Primary School during National Science Week, some of our trustees will be attending a meeting for local Civic Societies with the Bradford Planning team, we'll be preparing final drafts for the Spring Village Newsletter and revving up for the Spring Fair which is early this year on the 5th April, plenty to keep us out of mischief. Read on....

And if anyone would like to be involved in any of our projects just let us know via:

secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

All best wishes

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More Dates for your Diary

Addingham Civic Society
SPRING FAIR
Addingham Memorial Hall
Saturday 5th April
10.00 – 12.00
Free admission

Raffle Tombola Jigsaws Books Bottles
Preserves Heritage Fashion Accessories
Cakes Environment Bric-a-brac Pictures
CraftShed Local businesses

 **Refreshments** 

Here's an important date for your diary, hope to see you at our Spring Fair in the Memorial Hall between 10 - 12.

After what seems to have been a rather long, cold, wet winter we're organising a Fair to lift the spirits.

If you can donate to our stalls, we'd really appreciate it, so all the usual candidates:

- Bottles of any sort
- Cakes and preserves
- Good quality Bric-a-brac
- Books
- Tombola prizes
- Pictures
- Scarves and accessories

All your donations can be taken to the Mem Hall on Friday 4th between 7 - 9 p.m. or between 8.30 - 9.30 on 5th.

Many thanks

Film nights

Doors open 7pm
Film starts 7.30pm
All seats £4 and byo refreshments
at The Memorial Hall



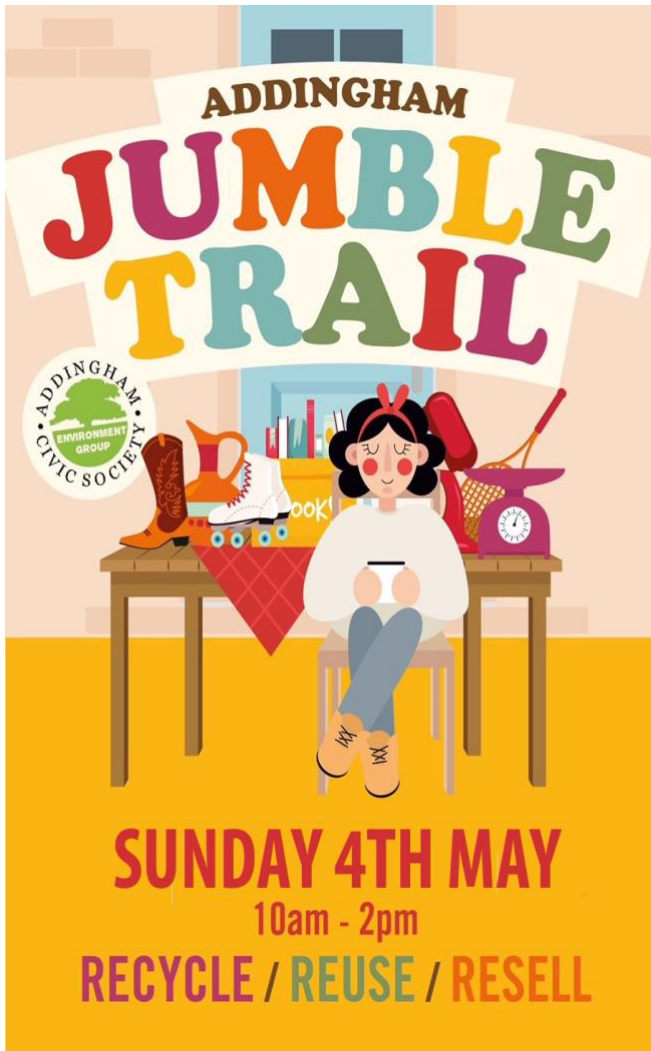
Friday 14th March

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



Recent Event

ACS February Social Meal at The Fleece

Thanks to trustee Jayne Hood for organising our February Social meal at The Fleece, a chance to brighten up a damp February with every place taken. We had a good catch up and a great menu. An enjoyable evening had by all. And thanks to the staff at The Fleece who were delightful.



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

Please send entries for the April Newsletter to

secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk before Tuesday 25th March.

LOCAL ISSUES



What's happening with the Co-op?

The good news is that in its usual way Addingham is pulling together. Our village organisation, Totally Addingham, supported by the Parish Council is taking a lead in co-ordinating the efforts of many of the village organisations to provide shopping alternatives while the Co-op is closed.



These are all being summarised in a leaflet that will soon be dropping through the letterbox of every Addingham household. In the meantime you can click [here to see the leaflet](#). As soon as all the details are confirmed we'll send you a link to the finalised version.

For our members, if you can't access the internet but you would like some help, contact us by telephone (01943 839792 or 07762 824800) and we'll be able to point you in the right direction.

As the Co-op doesn't own the Addingham building, the leaseholder is currently in discussion with the insurers. I think we have to be realistic, the Co-op isn't going to be open in the near future, but we understand that the Co-op management is committed to maintaining a Co-op with a cash machine in the village.

Our Parish Council is liaising with the police and the Co-op, and having spoken to our MP Robbie Moore we can confirm that he is also liaising with the relevant organisations at the highest level.

Ilkley Golden Butts Tip

Some of you may have seen this article but if not, it was posted on the BBC news website last Friday on the 21st February.

A quote from the article reads:

"The council is one of 30 local authorities across England to have been given "exceptional" financial support by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The city has been on the financial brink for the past two years and narrowly staved off bankruptcy last March following an emergency package from government.

Under the terms of the new cash settlement, the authority will be unable to sell off any of its community and heritage assets."

The last sentence above, highlighted in purple suggests that Bradford may not be able to sell the tip. To read the whole article click [here](#)

If you wish to contact Bradford about this the Leader of Bradford Council is Susan Hinchcliffe and her contacts are: susan.hinchcliffe@bradford.gov.uk Leaders Office City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY



Barbara Durack for the Heritage Group writes:

Classical Symbols in Addingham

Built in 1845 in the Egyptian revival style the Greenwood Mausoleum in the Methodist churchyard on Wesley Place in Addingham is a striking Grade II listed structure.

The fashion for the Egyptian style was stimulated early in the 19th century by the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt in 1798. Egyptian architecture, historically associated with the monumental commemoration of death, appealed to Victorian taste, being quickly embraced by designers and architects. Highgate Cemetery in London opened an Egyptian avenue between 1839 and 1842 which became a popular tourist attraction.

The Mausoleum has inwardly sloped or battered walls reminiscent of a pyramid. In ancient Egypt the pyramid had both a mystical and practical significance. The shape was thought to represent the sun's rays, believed to help the pharaohs' soul ascend to heaven and the inwardly sloped walls symbolised the mound from which Earth was created. Practically the pyramidal shape is the most stable structure for the least amount of material, making it ideal for building on unstable soil and in earthquake zones. Another Egyptian feature on the building are the corner ornamentations which appear to resemble Lotus buds. The Lotus, the national flower of Egypt, represents rebirth, creation, healing, life giving power, strength and resilience.

As well as utilising fashionable Egyptian features the Mausoleum features several symbols derived from other Classical cultures which had become popular in Victorian memorial art.



The monument is topped by an urn, the flame of which symbolises new life and undying remembrance. In ancient Greece the urn was a symbol of mourning since it was often used as a repository for ashes of the dead. Many religions believe that the body was turned to dust as the spirit floated away towards God. Cremation was not carried out in Victorian times, but the urn references ancient Greek and Roman cultures, where the dead were cremated. Victorians were demonstrating they were in tune with the Classics letting society know that they were cultured and knowledgeable.

Encircling the flaming urn are small Maltese crosses and a larger cross adorns the monument over the door surrounded by a wreath with trailing ribbons. Small wreaths also feature on the corner blocks on the roof. Laurel wreaths occur widely in funerary art deriving from both Classical Greece and Rome being symbolic of victory, distinction, eternity or immortality.

The eight-pointed Maltese cross was a popular motif in the mid-19th century and represents the eight Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew, and eight virtues - loyalty, piety, honesty, courage, honour and glory, contempt for death, solidarity towards the poor and the sick, and respect for the Church.

Two inverted torches surround each of the inscribed panels on two sides of the mausoleum, their flames signifying eternal life. Doors on the other two sides have an inward sloping trapezoid shape, again echoing ancient Egyptian architecture.

Annual General Meeting

15th May 2025



We are giving notice that our AGM is planned for the 15th May and will be followed by our speaker for the evening, Tim Barber who will be telling "Tales of a Yorkshire Tour Guide".

A trustee nomination form will be included in the April Newsletter, so you have a month to consider whether you or anyone you know would like to put themselves forward for a trusteeship. If you are interested do get in contact informally to hear more about the role.

Yorkshire Water – Untreated Sewage Spills

Some of you may remember that in our April 2024 newsletter we mentioned that the Yorkshire Water pumping station for Addingham had been included in the plans to reduce sewage spills into The Wharfe. Over the last few weeks, you might have noticed that work has begun. If you go down Ilkley Road towards Low Mill you will see the site on the left. The plan is to significantly increase the capacity of the holding tanks so that during high flow the dirty water will be held back.



Low Mill Village

Once the flow has reduced, the storage tanks can be released and the dirty water piped to the Ilkley sewage works. This will also mean that overflow sewage should only rarely be released into the old mill stream. The next steps will be to clean out the old mill stream..... we'll keep you posted.

16th January 2019

Citizen Science with our Environment Group

Our Village Becks

Just over six years ago our Environment Group, with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, carried out a practical study of our village becks. The outcome was probably much as expected:

“All becks are in relatively poor condition suffering from sediment and nutrient pollution in agricultural areas and from runoff from road surfaces and housing estates in the built-up part of the village. Town Beck and Back Beck are constrained by artificial channels through the village and Town Beck in particular suffers from multiple weirs and culverts that impede fish passage.”

If you would like more information about the Four Becks Project Click [here](#) to see a presentation given in 2018.

Six years on and it's time to monitor whether the condition of the becks is changing and, if for the worse can anything be done about it? The 17th February found our volunteer Beck Stewards again using their citizen science skills to sample the water.

They were testing for water temperature, pH and electrical conductivity, these are indicators of the health of the beck. But one of the key indicators of nutrient pollution, phosphorus, will be tested in samples sent to the University of Liverpool.

The next step will be during Climate Action Addingham Water Week (15th – 20th July) when our Water Team will repeat the sampling in summer conditions. What this space



17th January 2025

Many thanks to our 12 Beck Stewards, Volunteers and Citizen Scientists