



# Civic Society News

October 2024



**Next Speakers Meeting**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

**Twenty Amusing Years  
in Sales and Marketing  
with Tim Forman**



Tim comes from Skipton and uses his natural northern sense of humour to bring his original stories to life and entertain audiences with his personal experiences.



Hello All,

And happy October to you.

The first half of October is going to be busy for us. Our Speaker Meeting is early this month, on the **10<sup>th</sup> of October**, designed to fit in with the busy schedule in the Memorial Hall and followed just two days later by the Autumn Fair, more of that later. Hope you have the dates in your diary.

Our speaker this month is Tim Forman from Skipton. I'm especially interested as my parents ran a shop in Ilkley when I was young, and Tim will be recounting his experience in sales and marketing. I wonder if there will be similarities.

Here is what Speakers Corner says about Tim

*"Based around the first twenty years of Tim's career, and with quick and amusing references back to his school days he brings to life the world of sales and marketing with true stories of his own experiences which he relates to the audience through reference to the way they are sold to every day. Did you ever wonder about those sales campaigns, the successes, and failures, the good and the bad, the add on insurance and the cold calls? He will reveal all and more including the dog that chased the cat throughout a whole appointment and why it did it, the death claim that wasn't, the free gifts that were more popular than money invested, why he was called Justin for over 10 years, how he put Hull on the map and why ABCXYZ are the six most important letters in the speakers alphabet."*

Later in October I will be attending the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch for the Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies. We are a member of this very active organisation that brings together the societies across our region. Leeds Civic Society is acting as host and a very interesting programme has been planned for the day.

And now to our news and events.

With best wishes

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### Clarke Foley Vouchers

This autumn there will be a distribution of vouchers to the senior citizens of Addingham for men aged 65 and over and women aged 60 and over.

Collect your vouchers in

**Addingham Memorial Hall**

**on**

**Tuesday November 26th**

**between 10.00am and 12.00 noon  
and 1.00pm to 4.00pm.**

You will need to bring evidence to prove current residence in Addingham.

Notices will be going up on the village notice boards in early November.

### Another Date for Your Diary

#### 2024 Addingham Beer Festival

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October**

In the Memorial Hall

Go to their website

<https://www.addinghambeerfest.co.uk>

Or click [here](#).



## Addingham Civic Society Autumn Fair

Our **2024 Autumn Fair** isn't far away now, hope you have the date in your diary



**Addingham Civic Society**  
**AUTUMN FAIR**

 Addingham Memorial Hall   
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.00 – 12.00  
Free admission

**Raffle Tombola Jigsaws Books**  
**Cakes Preserves Scarves Heritage**  
**Gifts Nearly New for Christmas**  
**Win a bottle Toys Costume Jewellery**  
**Order your ACS Christmas Cards**  
**Stock up with some early Christmas Presents**

**Call in for some Refreshments**  
 **and a Chat** 

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12 noon**  
**in the Memorial Hall**

As ever we will be really grateful for donations of:

- Cakes and Preserves
- Books
- Jigsaws
- Bottles
- Toys
- Tombola prizes

And one or two new ideas with a view to getting organised for Christmas. So, we will be collecting the following:

- Scarves, clean and good condition
- Costume jewellery
- Nearly New for Christmas

The nearly new for Christmas replaces our previous bric-a-brac stall. So, we'll happily take good condition, or nearly new items that have a Christmas theme or would be suitable as a Christmas present.

There will also be an opportunity to order Civic Society Christmas Cards, some new designs as well as some old favourites will be available.

**See you there**

### Are You a Relatively New Civic Society Member?

If you joined the Society in the last year, we will be inviting you to a "new" members social evening. We are just finalising the details, and the invitations will be going out soon.....Keep a look out for your invitation.





## Ferry Cross the Wharfe

### Ian Cameron and Jill Riley

At sixty-five miles, the River Wharfe is the twenty-first longest river in Britain. But how to cross it? Other places had stone bridges, but not Addingham. Instead, there were fords at High Mill and Cocken End, at the boundary with Ilkley and, until replaced by a footbridge in 1896, there was a longstanding ferry. But what do we know about the ferry? The answer is not as much as we would like.



We know from maps that the ferry was based at top of North Street. The ferryman worked from a hut probably at the site of the shed on the left of the photo (above). There would have been a walk to the right down the steep slope to a wooden jetty by the river's edge. Here, there is still a substantial stone wall. Remarkably, a couple of rows of steps that would have led to the jetty were discovered, only a few years ago, at the base of this wall.

The ferry itself was run by the Robinson and Norris families. Looking at the river from both banks, and using the 1853 Ordinance Survey map, the crossing would surely have been the most direct route possible – just to the left and to the other bank in line with the farm. Most likely this was by a hand pulled cable ferry. The ferryman would have pulled an overhead tensioned cable that was connected to the boat by a rope. A similar example is still in operation on the River Wye, crossing to the Saracens Head Inn – photos of the ferry in action are on their website. In contrast, our ferry was said to have been used by Beamsley parishioners to get to St Peter's church.



We all know how fast the River Wharfe can flow, and in 1895, a group of Bradford men were spilled from the ferryboat into the river. One man was swept down river and only survived because he was able to swim. There had been calls in 1889 for a better crossing of the river but it was only in 1896 was the footbridge built, a little upstream from the ferry at a cost of £145 plus £25 for the footpath.

The era of the ferry crossing the Wharfe was over and while not immortalised in song in the same way as "Ferry Cross the Mersey", is nevertheless part of the rich history of the village.

# Climate Action Addingham



It's now two years since The Parish Council and The Civic Society launched Climate Action Addingham. We reviewed our progress last year at a sell-out meeting in the Memorial Hall and planning is now well underway for this year's review

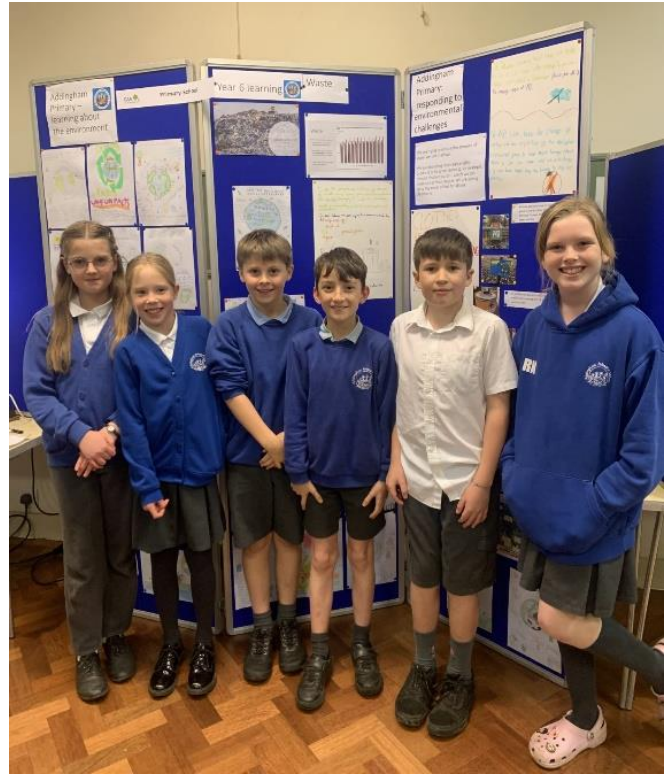
## “How Green is our Village 2024?”

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2 – 6 pm  
Addingham Memorial Hall

**Displays and talks by our Village Community Groups**

**The whole village is invited! All welcome!**  
For more details see our website:

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



### ‘Keep Your Eyes Peeled’



The Church Orchard is enjoying an unexpectedly rich harvest... of **small** apples! Due to the mild spring and subsequent wet weather the wonderful blossom all set, but the trees failed to drop as normal in June. Hence an abundance of small fruit - good for a bite or two, for juice and apple jelly and dexterous hands willing to peel a few to get an apple pie's worth.

And birds are also causing a lot of damage this year.

But nothing's going to waste as the composter needs filling for next year's veg beds!

**Fruit is being put out on Church Street, by the orchard, a couple of times a week for passersby to grab a handful.**

### Civic Society Christmas Cards 2024

This year we have a new selection of Christmas cards to order, and the good news is the price is the same as last year i.e. £1.50 each or 5 cards for £7.00 (including envelopes). The cards are all of winter scenes taken around the village by Don Barrett. Please click on the link below to see the new cards.

<https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/acs/index.php/society-publications/civic-society-christmas-cards-2022>

To order cards contact Chris Ensor by email: [christineensor1@gmail.com](mailto:christineensor1@gmail.com) or telephone 07984 014785



## Bracken Ghyll Golf Course

An Environment Group story of cautious optimism.....

In 2020 the Environment Group (AEG) was alerted to the presence of an invasive weed which was overtaking one of the golf course ponds. The water weed covered the entire surface of the pond, allowing no light to penetrate the water, hence limiting the survival of any pond life. With permission, an AEG Saturday morning volunteer team was allowed to rake out the offending Curly Water Weed, provided a member of the Club stood guard against flying golf balls. This session has been repeated each year since 2020 and this year, although the dreaded weed is still present (and probably will always be) the pond is beginning to look rather fine.



### Village Newsletter due soon

The Autumn edition of the Village Newsletter is due to drop through your letterbox in October. Don't miss it.

It's full of articles and information.

And the What's On pages are full of Village events over the next few months.



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

**Please send entries for the November Newsletter to Jane Welby before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

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