Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter, a joint production by the Parish Council and the Civic Society, delivered by hand by volunteers to every house, pub, club and business in the village at least twice a year.

In just these last few months, much has changed – our plans for renovating the Old School, the opening of new public facilities at the pavilion on Stockinger Lane, the reopening of the Craven Heifer, and the launch of the Civic Society’s Community Awards Scheme – to name but a few.

Perhaps most importantly, our Neighbourhood Plan is coming together, with a full village consultation on the first draft due to take place soon. This is your opportunity to decide what our community is going to look like for the next decade - read on inside.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, and sharing our news and activities.

Contact us if you’d like to contribute an article for our next edition, or if you’d like to advertise with us.
Volunteers to join the team distributing copies to all households always welcome! clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk

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We are now into the second year of producing our joint newsletter, and it looks as though the special edition from last summer has set the standard and become the new norm!

Elsewhere in this edition, we have reports on the many activities going on around the village, like the Civic Society’s Environment Group projects, the development of our Neighbourhood Plan, and the Blue Plaque heritage project. The Parish Council is pleased to be supporting and encouraging all these initiatives driven by the hard work of residents and volunteers, including members of the council, who give up their spare time, just like any other village residents, to work with the different groups around the village. Together with other council representatives, I serve as a trustee of the Community Library, and a number of other councillors serve on voluntary groups such as the Allotments Association and Environment Group. As chairman of the council, I am often able to act as a link between the council and village groups, such as Addingham Gala, Totally Locally and the Becks group, and I meet regularly with our neighbouring Parish Councils and with our Bradford ward representatives to advance Addingham’s interests. Of course, as everyone knows, the annual Christmas event is run by the Parish Council, and I am delighted to see how well-supported this is, with so many of you turning out this year to come together as a community for the dramatic switch-on of our Christmas lights. At least the weather was relatively kind to us this year!

The Council is working hard to progress a number of other projects - the Old School capital project and others, such as the development of sports and leisure facilities in the village. Now that we can run the MUGA, the sports pavilion and the amenity field all together for the benefit of the community, we have exciting plans to promote their use for everyone in our village. We are also progressing our work with Bradford liaison and highways officers and with the local police on road safety matters and a range of other community priorities.

We continue to carry out a lot of work behind the scenes to maintain the village assets owned and managed by the council. Thanks especially to our village lengthsman, Richard Mulligan, who also doubled up at the end of last year as our chief marshal at the Christmas Lights Switch-on event. We can now look forward to Spring and Summer events in the village - see our What’s On section for full details. Please make every effort to come to our major open event on the Neighbourhood Plan on 9/10 March, and let’s together think together about what we want the village to look like for the generations ahead.

Catherine Coates, Chair of the Parish Council writes:

If anyone is interested in contributing to the work of the Parish Council, there are lots of ways to get involved. All the councillors are democratically elected to serve the community for a four-year term, and the next elections are to be held in May 2019. Time to start thinking now if you’d like to stand for election and join us!

But you don’t have to be a councillor to help out in the village. Whatever your interest, we can put you in touch with other voluntary groups, or the Parish Council can support you in developing a new initiative to improve things for Addingham villagers. Get in touch with me, or with any of the other councillors, or with the Clerk, or simply come along to any of our meetings and find out what we do.
Here we are again, with our 3rd Village News, doesn’t time fly! It’s another bumper edition and of course a big joint effort with our friends at the Parish Council and I’m sure you’ll enjoy reading it.

So, what’s been happening since our Summer edition? Our Environment Group and the Village’s Neighbourhood Plan Forum continue to work very hard and we should all be grateful for their efforts: read more about each later.

We presented Don Barrett with the Society’s 2017 Civic Pride Award and in December granted Honorary Life Membership of the Society to 4 Members (Joan Horsman, Barbara Hustler, Jane Scott and Jonathan White) for past services ‘above and beyond’. We provided funds to two Village Organisations under our ‘Community Awards Scheme’. Read on for more details, including how to apply this time round.

Our 8th Blue Plaque was unveiled in Low Mill, and the renovation work to our ‘adopted’ BT kiosk on Church Street is all but complete before it becomes a Village Information Point. Excellent.

We met up with John Grogan our MP before Xmas and had a useful and frank meeting about a range of topics affecting our Community; we’ll certainly be having regular dialogue with John.

Our Social events are important to our members and the Autumn Fayre was the highlight (our Fayres have become big events on the Village calendar), closely followed by our Xmas Party where we were entertained by the Heritage Boys, and in November a Ceilidh which was just a tad different.

The big event coming up is the Neighbourhood Plan ‘Village Open Day’ on the 9th and 10th of March. Look out for the unveiling of our next Blue Plaque in April, and you can learn a little more about this project later in this Newsletter. Our Spring Fayre is on the 7th of April and the Summer Trip on the 6th of July, so a couple of things to look forward to. Watch out for news of the Society’s latest project...... under wraps at present. We will continue to help and support our other local organisations in the Village, and we’re also rallying behind the Parish Council to support their plans to continue developing the sporting and recreational facilities in the Village.

Perhaps you should join us? Over 25 have done so, since our last edition. Wow!!

Ring me on 01943831476 or email me at chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

Take care. Jim.
Neighbourhood Plan - Next steps

The Parish Council’s Neighbourhood Plan Forum has been working hard over the last few months and now the Plan has reached a critical stage where we are getting ready to present the latest information to the village for comments.

Local Issues and Concerns - all the comments and concerns raised by local residents in previous consultations (several hundred) have been typed up, collated and used to guide detailed work on the Plan topics.

Environment - every area of publicly - accessible open green space in the village (such as Manor Garth, St Peter’s Church Field and the garden areas along Main Street) has been assessed to identify its environmental, wildlife or historical value to the village and its importance to residents. This was assisted by a questionnaire survey to which over 100 residents responded, highlighting how much they used the different areas and how important they feel they are. The Forum has now prepared a list of areas suggested for formal protection as Local Greenspace in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Housing - every site on Bradford Council’s list of potential housing sites (apart from those in the green belt see below), along with a couple of new sites, has been assessed against 22 separate criteria. The Forum has now identified Acceptable and Unacceptable Housing Sites - where the Forum feels new housing could be developed sustainably and without significantly harming village environment, or where development would be less desirable. Estimates have also been made of the number of houses that could be accommodated on these sites.

Green Belt - a number of possible housing sites identified by Bradford Council lie in the green belt around the village. Planning legislation states that Neighbourhood Plans cannot alter green belt boundaries - this can only be done by the relevant Local Authority. Therefore such sites have not been assessed by the Forum, as it would not be possible for the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate any green belt sites considered acceptable for housing. Bradford Council is however consulting residents of the village (and other parts of the District) on a major review of green belt boundaries this year; it is essential that residents have direct input to this exercise.

Local Business and Economy - a detailed questionnaire has been circulated to all local businesses to identify issues of concern and ideas for improvements of particular importance to the business community. Around 40 businesses responded and the results are being used to develop policies in the Plan which will support the local economy and improve the business environment.

Traffic and Parking - from the huge number of comments received, these are clearly major issues for residents, as they have been for several years. The Forum has examined these in detail but it is clear that there are no easy answers - more work may be required, and any further ideas from residents will be welcomed.

Work on other topics - Heritage, Community Facilities, Infrastructure - is still on-going and will be developed further in the coming weeks.

All this work is being drawn together into a “draft Preferred Options Neighbourhood Plan” and the Forum wishes to present the latest information to the village and obtain further views and comments. So make a date in the diary:

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For further information on the Neighbourhood Plan at this stage, please visit www.addingham-pc.gov.uk or contact clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk
Addingham Medical Centre

Find out more about the Medical Centre, and meet the Doctors

The original medical practice in Addingham used to be run from a terraced house on Main St. The new centre opened in September 2009, following the appointment of Dr Suleman in 2006, and a great deal of hard work on his part, together with the Parish Council, in driving forward a successful outcome for the project. The new centre has since gained an excellent reputation for the services it delivers.

Dr Adil Suleman is married and has 3 children aged 16, 15 and 10. He tells us that he relaxes by walking in the Dales - he’s even met several patients at the top of Whernside and Pen-y-ghent! He has also climbed Ben Nevis and Snowdon and is planning to climb the three national peaks, Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours in 2018. He has always wanted to ride a motorcycle, and he thinks that riding a motorcycle gives you a sense of freedom which you don’t get from a car. One of his New Year resolutions is to pass his motorcycle driving test in 2018.

Dr Bearpark, who joined the practice in summer last year, is also interested in motorcycles, and he assures us that by hook or by crook he will get Dr Suleman through his motorcycle test by the end of 2018! He has two very old Italian motorcycles which need a lot of work, and in spite of all the time he spends on them, they seem to breakdown more frequently than he’d like. He also has one newer BMW motorcycle that he never touches and that works perfectly.

Dr Bearpark lives locally and has family in Wharfedale. He has worked as a GP and a GP Trainer in Leeds for many years before developing an interest in the management of drug and alcohol problems whilst working at a Keighley practice.

He explains to us that he swims against the current tide in health care by believing that small, family general practices can provide high quality, patient-centred and, ultimately, very cost-effective care to a community, and should be a core part of the health service.
Farfield Meeting House to get Blue Plaque

Addingham Civic Society is proposing to add a blue plaque to Farfield Quaker Meeting House. The earliest surviving Quaker Meeting House in Wharfedale, Farfield was built in 1689 by Anthony Myers, the owner of Farfield Hall. A successful yeoman farmer, he had become a Quaker in 1652 in the very early days of the Quaker movement. Quakers were dissenters from the Church of England, believing that they needed no priests to mediate between them and God, who was available as an inner guide to anyone who opened their hearts.

As early as 1666 Anthony gave a plot of land at Farfield to act as a burial ground for the Quaker community and, as soon as it was legal to do so, extended the plot and built a simple one-roomed meeting house there. The building is of rough stonework with a slated roof and shaped stone blocks forming the doorway and the mullioned windows: it is very similar to a simple cottage of the period.

Inside the meeting house there are some original oak benches and the minister’s stand with its carved balusters. Friends worshipped here for just over 120 years until the meeting was moved to a hired room in the grounds of the High House at Addingham. There are records of over 100 people being interred in the burial ground, largely in unmarked graves, as was the Quaker custom. The simple stone tombs of the Myers family, who died between 1688 and 1740, are an exceptionally rare survival.

The abandonment of the meeting house is the reason for it remaining largely in its original state - without lighting or heating and with nothing but a flagged floor and its roof open to the rafters. It remained in Quaker hands for a further 140 years until in 1953 it was put up for sale and was then luckily spared from conversion into a holiday let by its purchase by a group of four preservation-minded Quakers. Finally it passed into the hands of the Historic Chapels Trust (www.hct.org.uk), the present owners, as their first property.

Today the meeting house is cared for by a group of local people on behalf of the Trust and is supported largely by the generosity of visitors. It is open every day - all are very welcome - and it is again used for worship in the summer months. One of the reasons for installing the blue plaque is to encourage more visitors. Why not plan to take advantage of a spring or summer’s day to walk along the Wharfe to Farfield and take some refreshments to enjoy in the peace of the burial ground?

Yoga Club

After the article that appeared in our last newsletter, the Yoga Circle have had a surge of interest and have decided to re-introduce their special offer. Margaret Scott writes:

“We have been delighted to welcome several new people to our group. This means that we should have enough money to cover our costs and don’t have to increase the price of a session. If you pay for sessions individually they cost £6 each, but if you pay for a half or whole term it works out at only £5 per session. The hall is spacious enough to accommodate a few more people so if you are interested in yoga please come along at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in term time.”

Contact Margaret Scott on 07914 700 538.
The Civic Society's Environment Group

Rick Battarbee reports on the Group’s progress and plans for the future:

Global problems need global solutions, but global solutions need to be implemented locally. In the Environment Group we ask the question “How green is our village?” and “What can we do individually and as a village community to make a transition to a more sustainable lifestyle for the benefit of ourselves and nature?”

We had a very successful year in 2017. Our group is now approximately 100 strong. Many volunteered their services to pick up litter, tackle invasive Himalayan balsam, manage open green spaces and plant wildflower seed. We forged links with other groups in the village most notably the Scouts, Beavers and Brownies and organised a very well attended Environment Day. We also set up a number of long-term projects on Biodiversity Recording, on Wildflowers and Pollinators and on the Village Becks (the 4Becks Project). These will all continue in 2018.

Plans for this year include:

- A war on plastic pollution - involving volunteer litter-pickers to patrol our side streets, paths and open spaces, and a campaign in the village to encourage less plastic use and more re-cycling.
- A village hedgehog census - hedgehog populations have declined massively in the UK and hedgehogs are now quite rare in the village. How many remain? Where do they live? What can be done to help them? This is a project led by the First Addingham Brownies but needs everyone’s help.
- Eliminate Himalayan balsam from the parish - much done already, much more to do, especially in Town Beck and Lumb Ghyl Beck. We will be looking for volunteers in the summer.
- Wildflowers and pollinators - help us manage some of our village green spaces to encourage wildflowers and attract bees and butterflies, and volunteer to grow wildflower in pots in your garden to be planted out later as plug plants. We can provide you with seed and instructions.
- The 4Becks project - join our growing band of beck stewards to help our project on flood risk, habitat restoration and pollution prevention. Learn to identify plants and animals that live in our becks.
- Trees and hedgerows - we need to be protecting trees, planting new trees and restoring hedgerows to create better wildlife habitats, help to control flooding and store carbon. Can we collect local seed and grow some of our own trees? Where can new woodland be created? We are likely to lose our ash trees. Can we start to replace them now?
- Local energy group - how can we reduce carbon emissions in the village, what capacity is there for further energy efficiency measures by householders or organisations, what capacity is there for increasing the use of renewable energy? Why are there so few houses with solar panels? Volunteers interested in energy needed! Help us develop a strategy.
- Environment Day, June 30th, 2018 - this year we will follow the same format as last year with displays and activities in the morning in the Memorial Hall and a guided environment walk in the afternoon. Offers of help to prepare the event would be gratefully received.

If any of these plans interest you and you would like to help please contact Rick Battarbee (r.battarbee@ucl.ac.uk, 01943 839792). Remember nature volunteering is good for your well-being and mental health. And don’t forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter or check out our website http://environment.addingham.info/
Addingham Brownies and Guides

**Gill Moon explains:**

Girlguiding has two brownie packs and one guide unit in Addingham. The Guide Unit was established in 1915 and records show a brownie pack running from 1954. Brownies is for girls aged 7-10 years old. They follow a programme called the Brownie Adventure which is about trying new things that teach girls about themselves, their community and their world.

They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new skills, play games, explore other cultures and have outdoor adventures. Brownies can also go along to pack holidays, day trips and sleepovers. As well as following the Brownie Adventure programme, girls follow their own interests and work on badges related to things they want to know more about.

Guides have an exciting and varied programme too. It is designed to inspire and challenge girls from ages 10-14.

As a Guide, a girl can take part in lots of exciting activities at regular meetings, special events and trips away. Guides choose to work on different badges and awards which help them to learn new skills and try new challenges.

As well as offering opportunities and challenges to both the brownies and guides, the Leaders ensure that the girls have plenty of fun.

Both Brownie and Guide Leaders feel it is important to support other Village organisations and events. Brownies regularly enter the Gala Parade and every November, we all attend the Remembrance Service at St Peter’s Church and the War Memorial. We raise funds for important charitable causes both locally and nationally and, in turn, are very grateful to other village organisations and local businesses that support us in many ways.

For more information or to put your daughter’s name on the waiting list, please see our contact details at the back of this newsletter. We always need new leaders too, so if you are wondering whether this could be you, why don’t you contact us and see what’s involved?
It’s panto season

The panto season may be over for another year...

There’s been a pantomime performed in the village since 1975, with the first recorded production in 1905 with a performance of ‘Bluebeard’! The Pantomime Group involves almost 100 people from in and around the village, and, with a junior chorus of 25 children and young people, a principal cast of adults and previous junior chorus, it aims to include anyone who wants to try their hand at being on stage. The show wouldn’t happen of course if it wasn’t for the backstage crew! There are set builders, scenery painters, makeup artists, dress makers, chaperones, ticket sellers, writers, choreographers, directors and musical directors - it really is a wonderful community group that’s open to all! The group is always looking for help with productions both on and off stage, and anyone who would like to be part of it should contact the group by emailing Maz at info@balloon-world.co.uk. Performances are held each year during February half term, and tickets go on sale from January! It’s always a fantastic evening out and we’re sure you’ll have a great time - oh yes you will..!!

And Addingham Drama Group presents

Addingham Drama Group is a thriving group of amateur drama enthusiasts. We perform two plays each year in Spring and Autumn at the village’s Memorial Hall. Alongside performing plays, we hold regular social play readings which are a great way to get to know new material over a glass of wine with friends. We run trips to other local groups’ productions alongside other social events.

Our Spring 2018 production will be Last Tango in Whitby by Mike Harding; a funny and poignant play focused around a group of pensioners on their annual coach trip to Whitby. The dates of performances are listed in the What’s On section at the back of this newsletter. Look out for tickets when they come on sale nearer the time.

We are always looking for new members; whether actors, front of house or backstage, so please get in touch if you’re interested, either via our Facebook page or by contacting the group’s secretary, David Tomlinson on 07960 970087.
Addingham Allotments and Gardens Association

Carol Hindle updates us after the Annual General Meeting held in January:

“We welcome our two new recruits to the committee! Time will tell if we can hold our own and encourage more of the new allotmenteers to join us - get in touch if you’re interested – you don’t have to wait until the next AGM!”

Looking ahead, the Association has some interesting events coming up - see the What’s On section for full details. The Association is also hoping to arrange a trip to a National Garden Scheme garden in Cumbria and on to Levens Hall sometime in mid June/July. Watch out for posts on our website and on Addingham Quack.

Public Services in the Village

The Parish Council is often contacted by residents who wish to report a problem with roads, pavements or street lighting. Whilst the Parish Council does provide a range of services in the village, many of the services which can result in problems are actually provided by Bradford Council. We are of course always happy to help residents deal with problems, but in many cases, it is often quicker for residents to refer matters direct to Bradford themselves. So, who does what?

We are responsible for:

- some aspects of village maintenance, relating to Council-owned land and buildings, and litter control in the main part of the village (services carried out by the village lengthsman),
- allotments for rent,
- public toilets at Sugar Hill and at the Sports Pavilion,
- organisation of events for key public celebrations, such as Remembrance and the Christmas Lights Switch-on,
- maintenance and upkeep of the Library and the Old School Room,
- recreation facilities at the Pavilion, amenity field and Multi Use Games Area,
- maintenance and upkeep of the Nature Reserve off Silsden Rd, and its footpaths and seating,
- representation of Addingham residents’ views by participating in consultations and reviews being carried out by other bodies,
- scrutiny and comment on planning applications to help encourage appropriate development in the village;
- provision of public information and liaison activities within the community.

Bradford Council is responsible for:

- Education,
- Council Tax and Business Rates,
- Refuse Collection,
- Highways and Road Maintenance (including potholes, pavement cracks, blocked drains, street lights and parking),
- Housing,
- Environment Control (including planning services, noise nuisance and fly tipping);
- Social Services.

Enquiries and reports of faults in these areas may be addressed direct to Bradford Metropolitan District Council on 01274 431000 or via the website www.bradford.gov.uk - from the Home page, click on Report It Now, select the online form from the list for the issue you want to report, and complete it.

Christmas Lights Switch-on Event 2017
Old School - Community Library and Council Offices

The Parish Council works on the new project to repair the Grade II listed building on Main St.

The Library is still in residence in its temporary home in the portacabin at the rear of the Memorial Hall, and the contents of the Old School are still in storage.

So, what is happening with the project to refurbish the Old School on Main Street? Well, it may not be obvious, but a great deal is happening behind the scenes. The Parish Council, owner of the building, has had new plans drawn up to repair and refurbish the building, and we are at the stage of arranging capital funding to have the works carried out.

There is still some way to go, as we need to apply for grants for some of the funding, and we need to make sure all the necessary permissions are in place to work on a listed building, but we will be starting works just as soon as we can. We are hoping that the new building, when finished, will have an internal staircase and toilet, improved disabled access to the upper floor and a new door into the Library on the ground floor. It will also be decorated throughout, and completely refitted with new windows and heating. We will end up with a community asset we can all be proud of, fit for modern use as an information and heritage hub, incorporating library and meeting place in the heart of the village.

For more information as our project develops, check the Council website.
Blue Plaques

1. Mount Hermon Wesleyan Reform Chapel
2. The Old School, 1668
3. The Great War 1914-1918, Southfield Terrace
4. The Ancient Parish Church of St Peter
5. Low House 1663, former home of William Brear
6. Addingham Poor House, 1666
7. The Mill Close, Dawson Crossley Field, 1685-86
8. Penny Hole, Low Mill, 1787 (not shown)
Legend

1. St Peters Church
2. Memorial Hall/Library
3. Medical Centre
4. Playground/MUGA
5. The Fleece
6. Social Club
7. Catholic Church
8. Mount Hermon
9. The Crown
10. The Swan
11. Post Office
12. Methodist Church
13. The Sailor
14. The Craven Heifer

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Addingham Primary School

The School tells us how they said “thank you” to Addingham with their “Thinking of you…” project.

Towards the end of 2017, we delivered over 60 cards to thank different members of our community for their service to others. We hope that these cards have brought happiness to the recipients. The children loved being able to express their thanks to our community members. It was so hard to choose the most creative design / inspirational message from each class.

The winners were presented with a special personalized doodle book (donated by Georgina’s mum Y3) for their wonderful designs.

Congratulations to Oliver (6), India (Y3), Kiera (R), Livvi (Y4), Hannah (Y2), Eirlysiane (Y5) and Heidi T (Y1).

As you can see (from a selection of the designs below) all of the handmade cards with handwritten messages were beautiful.
Community Safety Matters

In August last year, the Police held a “Surgery” in the village. They were taken on a conducted tour of village “hot-spots”, and this was followed by a general discussion forum in the Memorial Hall, attended by members of the public and representatives from the Parish Council and the Civic Society. This was a hugely useful opportunity to bring together many of the safety issues which concern many of us - speeding, parking, and access around the village for disabled people, to name but a few. Indeed, one of our Ward representatives, Andrew Mallinson, agreed to pursue with Bradford council the issue of trying to improve the provision of dropped kerbs on some pavements. We hope to see some changes as a result of this exercise soon.

A number of residents who attended the surgery were interested in setting up Cold Calling Zones to deter unwanted doorstep callers and traders, and we have looked into the procedures for this. Cold Calling zones can be set up in streets where nuisance callers and doorstep crimes have been reported, or where elderly and vulnerable residents are feeling anxious or threatened. If residents feel they need to have a zone set up, they would first of all need to organise a written consultation, involving volunteers distributing a letter to all householders in the street or area, and then collecting their responses. If a majority of the responses are in favour of having a zone, then we would organise the delivery of stickers and leaflets to residents. Notices would also be erected at the entrances to the zone, advising that only reputable traders are allowed to contact the properties in it. The zone is also added to Google maps. The cost of the scheme is £1.50 per property, and funding for this would have to be in place before a zone can be launched. Some zones can be funded by the Police, where there have been incidents of reported crime, but in many cases, residents choose to fund a scheme themselves. If this sounds interesting, then why not get together with your neighbours and investigate it further.

The Police have also attended many of our Council meetings recently and provided us with helpful information on protecting vehicles and property from petty crime. We have started to circulate details on Addingham Quack, the Council’s Facebook page, and there is also information on our website. A particularly useful publication is the “Little Book of BIG Scams” which includes 10 golden rules to help you avoid being taken in by fraudsters. Go to our website to see the booklet. www.addingham-pc.gov.uk

We hope that this surgery will be the first of many more in future. We will publicise the dates and times of future sessions so more residents can attend. In the meantime, we will continue to follow up safety concerns and other community issues with our Ward Representatives, and also with our local MP, John Grogan. John will be holding 6 Saturday morning surgeries at Addingham Memorial Hall in 2018. If you would like to book an appointment please call his office on 01535 681433 or email john.grogan.mp@parliament.uk stating your name, address, phone number and a short summary of the issue.
This walk starts and finishes at the Memorial Hall and is about 3km long. Walking is very easy, mainly along dry public footpaths.

**Points of interest**

0. Start and finish
1. Hoffman Wood Field
2. Church Field
3. Old Bridge
4. Dalesway Footpath
5. Dawson-Crossley Field
6. Viewpoint to the Moorside
7. Bridge 55
8. The Richard Smith Oak
9. The Saw Mill Pond
New public facilities at the Memorial Park

The Parish Council is delighted to announce the completion of new public toilets at the Memorial park (opposite the MUGA), and further plans to improve sporting facilities in the village.

Provided in response to residents’ requests for public facilities in this part of the village, for families using the play-park, for children playing on the MUGA and amenity field and for people shopping nearby, a new toilet block has been built by the council. When it is ready for public use, hopefully in March, the new toilets will be opened daily by the Council’s Lengthsman, who apart from fulfilling many other tasks in and around the village, also looks after the public toilets on Sugar Hill.

Funds for the new building were taken from capital reserves, retained by the Parish Council for capital projects of benefit for the village.

The new toilets are part of an ongoing project by the council to improve the Memorial park area. Last year, the council facilitated the resurfacing of the MUGA (having taken over ownership of the facility from the Civic Society), and organised the provision of new seating and picnic benches by the play-park.

In 2018, this project will continue with plans to develop public sporting facilities in the village. The council is working with the Football Club to help them access grant funding and get the amenity field drained. Everyone will see the benefit of this, from dog-walkers to the organisers of the annual Gala, and from the children using it for a kick-about after school to the children’s groups using it for holiday sports and activities.

Alongside this, the council is planning to open a new public changing room in the Pavilion. The new extension to the end of the building not only provides space for the new toilets, but also a much-needed storage unit for maintenance and play equipment. Although most of the Pavilion building is tenanted by the scouts and local football club, part of the indoor accommodation is now retained for use by the council. The room is currently being used for storage, primarily of stock belonging to the Library, until the Old School is reopened. When this space is freed up, the council will offer it as a public changing room for users of the MUGA and amenity field.

Groups may book, free of charge, to use the MUGA and indoor facilities by contacting wendygreen21@gmail.com. The council is also offering use of play equipment for the MUGA – netball posts, tennis nets and balls – which can be booked out for use by groups using the MUGA. Groups wishing to use it are asked to make separate arrangements with the Lengthsman to have the storage facility unlocked for their session – details will be provided by the Bookings Clerk on booking.
Malcolm Keeble reports:

Blue Plaques are part of an ambitious plan to produce and publish a new “Village Walk” linked to eight country walks radiating out from it and ultimately a “Village Archive”. Its aim is to enhance the village experience for both residents and visitors and information will be available on the village website (addingham.info).

Blue Plaques were initiated by the Civic Society and carried forward with the help of the Parish Council. They either showcase notable buildings in Addingham or recognise village residents who have made a significant contribution to society over the years. For example, the first plaque was located on English Heritage listed Mount Hermon Chapel and also commemorates William Kendal Gale who established 250 churches and schools in Madagascar between 1908 and 1935. A total of 12 plaques are planned of which eight are in place (see the map for their locations) and the remainder should be completed by the end of the year. Publication of the new “Village Walk” (incorporating the latest Blue Plaques) and the eight country walks is scheduled for early summer.

There are also currently two information boards located in the village and the Civic Society is planning one or two more to supplement the Blue Plaques, with the first one likely to be located at High Mill. They are more challenging and costly to produce but the aim is to have them all in place by the end of next year.

Looking further ahead, as parts of the Village Archive already exist, particularly photographs, we have the basis for a wonderful longer term project to record and display the village heritage.
Civic Society Community Awards

In Autumn 2017, we announced the launch of our Community Awards Scheme. Following the launch, we are delighted to report that we have provided funds to two village organisations.

- Southfield House Gardening Group
  Over the last three years this group has been working hard to improve their gardens. Now, with the aid of their Civic Society Award, the group will be able to add the final touches with some much-needed garden furniture. So, we’re looking forward to some better weather when the furniture will be unveiled and the residents will be able to sit out and enjoy the fruits of their labours.

- Addingham Active Retired Group
  We are also really pleased to be able to give support to the Active Retired Group; a fantastic organisation that, over the last twenty six years has provided a wide range of weekly activities, speakers, trips, and social events for the older members of our community. They meet in the Memorial Hall on Monday afternoons and, we’re sure, would be delighted to welcome new members.

So now, Spring 2018, we are announcing the second round of awards and calling for applications.

If you are aware of any village groups, societies or individuals who might benefit from one of our awards then please pass on the details.

There are three types of awards, two for groups or organisations and one for individuals.

Groups and organisations may apply for
- Up to £1500 over three years, or
- Up to £500 for one year.

Individuals may apply for
- Up to £500 for one year.

Further details and/or an application form are available from:
Addingham Civic Society Treasurer, 9 Main Street, Addingham LS20 0PD.
Tel: 01943 839792 - Email: treasurer@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk

We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

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info@the-fleece.com
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Addingham Women’s Institute

Ann England tells us all about the Institute:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Mount Hermon Chapel on Main Street at 7.30pm.
We have approximately 40 members, with a real mix of characters, ages and professions.
We meet for friendship, the opportunity to build new skills, take part in a variety of activities and have fun together.
In our meetings over the past year we have experienced hypnotherapy, tasted sweets from the oldest sweetshop in England, seen a fantastic hearing dog for the deaf in action and were astounded by a local magician.
We have had afternoon tea whilst cruising on the canal and had a musical theatrical treat at Ilkley Playhouse.
Next year we will be shown how to perfect our make-up, see how hats are made, hear how to swim the channel and learn new skills from a master baker.
If you feel you might like to join us, please contact Ann on 839293 or just turn up at a meeting - we’ll be very pleased to see you.

Dingham Dashers

The intrepid ladies of the Dingham Dashers rounders team are going to start their practices and games again in April.
Lucy Hall tells us about the team: The Dingham Dashers have played 3 seasons now, each season running from April to September. Last summer was the best season yet! Playing against other local teams, we won 11 of our matches, drew 2 and lost only 7, racking up a total of 248 rounders and 119 catches. The season title of Man of the Match, as voted by the opposition, went to Francesca Hall and Tracie Lodge, and the Players’ Player as voted by teammates was awarded to Francesca Hall and Kate Charlesworth.
The team practises on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. If you fancy having a go, contact Lucy on 07904 345480, lucyh955@gmail.com.
Local businesses and services

Cooke Cars - Taxi Service - 01943 839395 / 07931 225346
Lime Kiln - Quality Hand Made Furniture, Bespoke Kitchens - Townhead Trading Estate - 01943 830099 www.limekilnfurniture.com
Cutting Line - Unisex Hair Salon, 98 Main Street 01943 830409
Addingham Newsagents - Newspapers / Lottery / Post Office / Cards / Sweets - 01943 839968
H & J Adams - Hardware, Gifts & Garden Sundries 141 Main Street - 01943 830257
Addingham Sandwich Shop - Fresh Sandwiches, hot & cold snacks, paninis, tea & coffee, bread - 01943 830257
Wharfedale Kennels & Cattery - Plus Grooming & Microchipping, Addingham Moorside - 01943 831892
Andrew Green - MOT / Exhausts / Servicing / Tyres / Batteries. Townhead Trading Estate - 01943 839735
Stephen Gill - Plumbing Services, from a dripping tap to fully fitted bathroom - 07850 318300 / 01943 831364
S K Hall & Son - All Building, Roofing and Stone work. Call James on: 07504 619383 or Stephen on: 07890 995857 Email: jkhall.jh@gmail.com - www.sk-hall.co.uk
RJP Services - General Property Repairs and Handyman - 07703 476392
Joe Tetley - All Aspects of Joinery - No job too small joe.tetley@gmail.com - 07969 458057 / 01943 831396
David C Thompson - Painter & Decorator. Dedicated to High Quality Workmanship 01943 830392 / 07790 549255

Addingham Fruit Liqueurs - Home Made Spirit based fruit liqueur - 01943 830533 / 07968 962955 fiona@addinghamfruitliqueurs.co.uk
Balloon World - Balloons for every occasion 07711 529945 www.balloon-world.co.uk
Justine Bradley-Hill Millinery - 07962 177733 www.justinebradley-hill.co.uk
Twenty Watt Lampshades - Designer Drum Lampshades - 07810 543950 - www.twentywatt.co.uk
Rowlands Pharmacy - We can order, collect & deliver your prescription FREE of charge from all local GP Surgeries - 01943 831462 - www.rolandspharmacy.co.uk
Sue Ross Art Classes - Sue Ross Art Classes. All welcome from complete beginners to experienced artists. Wednesdays and Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Addingham. Ring Sue on: 01943 831093 or 07962 187533 Email: susanroxanne@hotmail.com
DGL: Suppliers and installers of quality windows and doors 01943 830379 dglilkley@oulook.com www.dgl-ilkley.co.uk
Addingham Cricket Club welcomes you on matchdays between April and September. Quality cricket, bar and food. Contact Peter on 0773 433 1481
Lumb Beck Farmhouse B&B Mrs FW Croft, Lumb Beck Farmhouse, Addingham Moorside: Bed & Breakfast in restored 17th Century Manor House with award- winning garden. Tel: 01943 830400 Email: lumbbeckfarmhouse@btinternet.com
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If you’re buying, selling or letting in Addingham, choose the BEST!
Groups which hold weekly or bi-monthly meetings are listed in full in the first section only, where the pattern of regular sessions is indicated.
For further details on any of the events/meetings listed, please use the contact information on the Voluntary Organisations listing on p.24

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Voluntary Organisations and Groups

**Addingham Civic Society** - Contact Chairman Jim Robinson - Chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk
Visit the Civic Society’s website: www.addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk
Addingham Environment Group. Contact Rick Battarbee r.battarbee@ucl.ac.uk or 01943 839792

**Addingham Garden Friends** - Contact Chairman Shirley Bolton - Shirleybolton1@viginmedia.com or Vice-Chairman Chris Taylor - chris-al@tiscali.co.uk

**Addingham Anglers** at tony_brady@hotmail.co.uk

**Active Retired Group** - Contact P Mirfin at p.mirfin@btinternet.com or tel 01943 831919

**Addingham Pre-School** - Contact info@addinghampreschool.org

**Art Classes** - Contact Susan Ross susanroxanne@hotmail.com - Tel: 01943 831093 / Mob: 07962 187533

**Bowling Club** - Contact - Karen Twist at karen_twist@sky.com
Tel: 01943 466524

**Brownies and Guides** - 1st Addingham Brownies contact 01943 831687 - addingham1brownies@hotmail.co.uk
2nd Addingham Brownies - Contact 07795 261451 addingham2brownies@hotmail.co.uk
1st Addingham Guides - Contact 01943 839637 1staddinghamguides@gmail.com

**Ceilidh Club and Pilates** - Contact bowen.ilkley@me.com

For **Churches in Addingham** (St Peter’s, Methodist Church, Mount Hermon and the Roman Catholic Church) - Contact Addingham Churches Together m-norris@hotmail.co.uk and for the **Wednesday Club** contact: Margaret Pratt on d.pratt197@btinternet.com

**Cricket Club** - Contact Chairman Peter Etchells on 07734 331481 - peteretchells06@gmail.com
Mark Robinson on mrobinson@alexika.com - Or use the web site address mail@alexika.com - the Club’s website is at www.alexika.com
For the **Junior Section**, contact the Secretary on 07930 151722 or 07582 413966 - LHastings277@gmail.com or walton.addingham@viginmedia.com

**Film Club** - Contact Dawn Brady on dawn.brady@nhs.net

**First Responders and Heartstart** - Contact Emma Turner addinghamcfr@gmail.com - Or ring 07811 2013036 or check the Facebook page
For **Heartstart first aid courses**, please ring the Medical Centre on 01943 830367

**Drama Group** - Contact the Secretary, David Tomlinson or Chairman, Jane Aldridge on 07557 196756 - tomlinsoner@hotmail.com

**Gala Committee** - Contact Angela Hutton on 07835 022644 - addinghamgala@gmail.com or angela.hutton@gmail.com

**Gardens and Allotments** - Contact Carol Hinkle at lang_bar@tiscali.co.uk and visit the website at www.addinghamaga.org.uk

**Keep Fit** - classes are run by Susan Ross (see details above under Art)

**The Library in Addingham** - contact Carol Hinkle on lang_bar@tiscali.co.uk or email addinghamcommunitylibrary@live.co.uk
For activities at the **Memorial Hall** and for the **Beer Festival**
- Contact Richard Hunter-Row Richard.Hunter-Rowe@rexel.co.uk
For general enquiries and to book the Memorial Hall, contact wendyg21@gmail.com

**Music Group** - Contact Chris Skidmore chris_skidmore@waitrose.com

**Panto Group** - Contact Charles Arrowsmith on arrowsmithch@bv.com or Richard Hunter-Rowe (email address above)

**Rounders** - Contact Lucy Hall lucy_h955@gmail.com; also for the Addingham Ladies Team (Dingham Dashers) 07904 345480

**Scouts, Cubs and Beavers** - Contact Maz Jennings 07711529945 or addinghammakela@yahoo.co.uk

**Table Tennis** - Contact Tony Richardson on chantonia@talktalk.net

**WI** - see contact details above under Art

**Yoga** - Contact Margaret Scott on margaret_scott10@gmail.com or text to 07914 700538

**Youth Centre** - Contact Lisle Richardson on lr@richardsonelectrical.co.uk