

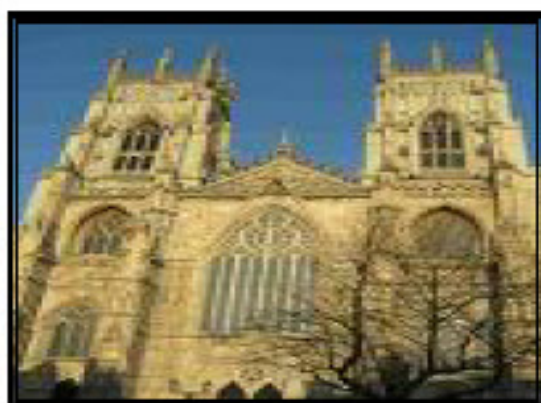


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YORKSHIRE FROM COAST TO COAST



How Great is Yorkshire. Come and listen to Stanley King, a man who has served Bradford for 38 years

This promises to be a fascinating talk by a man who has devoted the last 38 years to serving the people of Bradford, (his original intention was to serve for 3 years) as a member of Bradford Council, 1970-2008 and from 2000-2001 as Lord Mayor.

But, perhaps his greatest claim to fame was switching on the Addingham Christmas Lights in 2001.

***ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL
THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH. 19:30 HRS
MEMBERS PLEASE SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS
NON-MEMBERS WELCOME £1:00***

Chairman's Comments

The AGM on Nov.12th endorsed the new committee for the next 12 months. The net result was minus one member, in that Sheila Hamilton didn't come forward for re-election, & Catherine Snape was unable to do so as her husband, Harold, has recently had a major operation and his well-being is without doubt Catherine's priority. We wish Harold well for a good recovery. Many thanks to Catherine for all her good work for the Society, and all strength to her in supporting Harold through his recuperation. A hearty welcome to our new Committee Member, Margaret Fethney, a resident in Addingham for 17 years. It's good to have the team strengthened & I'm sure Margaret, like the rest of us, will do her utmost to serve the Society well.

We still require a Vice-Chair. Any offers? It is most important that someone comes forward to the committee as Vice-Chair with a view to taking on the Chairman's position in 12 mths time. I said at the AGM that I will vacate the post at the 2010 AGM. If no one fills the position I am told that constitutionally the Society will be unable to function.

It is an essential requirement to have a Chairman.

As ever, we hope all members will support the Society's talks & events and make the next 12 months a success. Start now by joining us at the Christmas Party on Thursday Dec.10th. At 19:30 hrs. We normally have approx. 70 people attending and we are already up to 68 so if you haven't obtained your ticket please do so soon (call Doug 831793) & look forward to having an enjoyable social evening.

So, with Christmas approaching fast, may I wish all our Members a very Happy & Rewarding time

John

Society & Village News

It is that time of the year when we publish next years program and hope that we have assembled an interesting line up of speakers plus some different activities. Our collectors will be delivering your new membership cards with the events programme and collecting your annual subscriptions. This year they are: £6:00 for a single membership and £11:00 for a couple at the same address.

Having enjoyed sponsorship for the newsletter, in the previous two years, from Skipton Building Society, we knew that the opportunity for achieving it for another year was a very remote possibility, as they have a 2 year sponsorship policy. However, we spoke to them and put in our application, together with a resume of our fund raising activity on the playground, and the news that we were anticipating completing it in Dec.2009. They didn't disappoint and awarded us £600.00.

THANK YOU-AGAIN- SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY

Sponsored Walk in Memory of Cancer Victim

James Dickens, of Addingham, will walk from Keighley to Colne to commemorate his cousin, Stephanie Sutcliffe, who lost a 3 year battle against bone cancer. She was awarded a Little Star award from Cancer Research UK for courage in the face of illness. The walk will start at 09:00am March 20th. at Keighley Campus Leeds City College. To sponsor James, call 07840 004592 or email james_dickens@hotmail.co.uk

The Childrens' Playground is no longer an item on the wish list but is fast becoming a reality. All the equipment has been received and is currently stored at the premises of our contractor, Pennine Playgrounds. But, if you had occasion to visit the Medical Centre, The Memorial Hall or just use the car-park you can't fail to have noticed that the area at the top of the car-park is fast taking on the shape of a playground. Despite the rain, Pennine have managed to install all the play equipment supports and we now have to wait for the concrete to cure before the equipment itself can be installed. The Space Net supports have to be left for at least 14 days before the very heavy 'net' can be installed. The next, critical stage is the laying of the Playtop surfacing. This can only be installed when the weather is dry and the temperature is in excess of 3 degrees. If all goes according to plan a completion date of December 19th, in time for the Xmas holidays, is a distinct possibility. *Well done everybody*