

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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JOWLER DAM

The Society has found out that, following the collapse of part of the retaining wall of Jowler Dam two or three years ago, the Council now intend to make the area safe by greatly reducing the area of water in the dam by constructing a “cascading channel constructed with rock – filled baskets or gabions”. The existing path which crossed the retaining wall will no longer exist, as the channel will come down through the centre of this in a deep V shape, so a path will be constructed around the outside of the dam instead. The basic problem is that no-one has been able to find out who owns the dam, and consequently the repairs are having to be carried out and paid for by Calderdale. It is envisaged that the repairs described will cost in the region of £250 000 to £300 000. Although the Society felt at the last meeting that it would be preferable for the dam to be repaired as it originally was, a small committee of the Society who met with the Countryside Projects Officer (Edward Ashman) and the Calderdale Engineer to discuss the issue agreed that as it would cost between £750 000 and £1 million to repair in the original form, this could not be justified as Calderdale are still doing flood – prevention work in many parts of the upper Calder Valley to stop homes being flooded. The work will be done at a time to minimise disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife.

DELPH MILLS

The Public Enquiry to hear the appeal by Britannia Housing against Calderdale Council's failure to consider Planning Permission at Delph Mills for a further 30 houses will be held at the Town Hall, Halifax on Friday 8 September at 10 am. The Society has circularised all people who are directly affected or who wrote to object previously, and if you wish to make a difference to the outcome of the meeting, you can do so by either turning up at the Enquiry to support the objectors, or you can write to The Planning Inspectorate (For the attention of S Parkin), 3/18A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN to arrive by 1 September (any later and it will be returned to you) saying why you object to the plan.

RADIO 4 PROGRAMME ON LUDDENDEN

There will be a half hour programme entitled Life in a Landscape, about Luddenden, on Radio 4 during September. The programme starts at 11am on a Wednesday morning, but unfortunately, the BBC have not yet informed us which date it will be on.

MAYOR'S DAY

Mayor's Day gala and festivities are on Saturday, September 9th in the Churchyard and centre of the village. There are many attractions, stalls and activities, and all profits are for local causes, so come along and enjoy yourselves. The activities start at 12.30pm, the Mayormaking is at 2pm and auction and Punch and Judy at 4pm.

TROPHY WINNERS

Finally, congratulations to everyone who has won a certificate in the Ada Brooks trophy for the best house frontage, and particularly to Dilys and Richard Marsden, this year's winners. Congratulations also to Eric Gaukroger who was placed third in Calderdale's Todmorden area allotment competition (out of almost 40) for his allotment at the top of the graveyard. This is undoubtedly well deserved, except we are slightly at a loss to understand why Eric has been awarded the prize when all the work on the allotment this year has been done by Linda, his wife. Well done, therefore, Linda!

The **Next Meeting** is on **Thursday, August 31st, 2006 in the Lord Nelson at 7.45pm.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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