

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2007

OPEN GARDENS DAY

The Society held the Luddenden Open Gardens Day on Saturday, July 7th, from 12 noon until about 5pm. There were 16 gardens and allotments in this year's event (the largest number we have had) including show gardens, small gardens, mixed gardens, a wildlife garden and allotments. We were extremely lucky with the weather, as it rained a lot during the morning, but stopped at 11.30. By 12noon, the sun was shining brightly, which then continued throughout the afternoon. We had a large number of people going round the gardens, and we are very grateful to all the people who opened their gardens, and to Trevor Hoyle and Rick Painter who drove the minibuses all afternoon which ferried people around. Between £800 and £900 was made from the event, some of which was raised by Mr and Mrs Czainski and is being donated to Overgate Hospice.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the last meeting no objection was raised to the planning applications which had been submitted to Calderdale to fell a sycamore tree at 8 Carr Field Drive and replace with a wider variety of trees; to prune trees which have grown through the wires and to remove saplings at The Old Coach House, Dene House Lane; at Holme House Farm, Booth, where there were applications to fell 2 dangerous trees (a yew and a conifer) and to construct a porch extension; and at 14 Church Hill, to fit replacement windows (wooden) and repoint with a more suitable style of pointing. The application to construct a side extension to form a granny flat and dining room extension to the rear of 6 Bethel Terrace was referred to the small sub-committee which meets when a decision has to be made between meetings, as there were no details available for the meeting. The sub-committee decided unanimously to object to this on the grounds that it was not at all in keeping with the rest of the houses on Bethel Terrace.

There have been no other plans submitted since then.

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM JUDGING

This took place on Thursday July 12th. The village was looking in tip-top condition on that day, but there was no feed-back from the judges on the result of the inspection. All results will be announced at the beginning of September. As we have said before, however, the aim is not just to win awards, but to improve our village and surroundings for everyone's benefit that lives here. Going round the village now leaves us in no doubt whatsoever that this is happening every year, and all the people who have taken some part in this in any way whatsoever deserve our thanks for their efforts.

NEW ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

An advance notice from Linda Gaukroger – the next meeting of this group will be on Wednesday, 10th October at 8pm in the Methodist Church as usual. Linda has booked a First Aid demonstration as mentioned at the last meeting, so please put the date in your diaries if you are intending to come. Anyone else who would like to come will also be welcome. At the last meeting, we were introduced to our two new community support officers, who explained how they would be getting around the district much more than the single officer previously. Please have a word with them if you see them around.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, July 26th 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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