

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2008

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting will be the second in which we have invited a guest speaker – in this case two. The speakers will be brothers Michael and Graham Newton, who will give an illustrated talk on the **Natural History of the Luddenden Valley**. This will be followed by them leading a guided walk up the valley the following Thursday, September 4th, in the evening, starting at 6.15pm, meeting outside the Lord Nelson. The walk will go up the riverside path, and people can join further up if 6.15pm is impossible for them. Both our speakers are very well-known naturalists and wildlife photographers, and the last talk they gave to the Society on the subject was extremely successful and very well attended, and a full house is likely.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no planning applications submitted to Calderdale for this area since the last newsletter.

The Society has now been informed by Calderdale that the Public Enquiry into the refusal by Calderdale to grant planning permission for a fence up New Road opposite the entrance to Carr Field Drive and above the new dwelling at Snail Quarry will be held on September 2nd, in the Town Hall at Halifax, starting at 10am. Anyone who wishes can attend the hearing and normally give their views.

An application to convert a barn at Ellen Royd Farm to 4 dwellings, which had been submitted to Calderdale just before the last meeting, and which it was not possible to discuss because no details had been obtained, was considered by the Planning Committee. The plan was objected to on the grounds that lack of a barn would prevent anyone farming there in future, or lead to applications to erect further barns.

WHEELIE BINS

The Society has received a reply from Calderdale to the representations we made concerning wheelie bins in the village. This indicated that bags would probably remain for most of the village, (where there is nowhere to put bins apart from on the footpath), with the possible exceptions of the three housing estates – Bluebell, Highfield and Carr Field (although this is not yet finalised). Any further news will be passed on as soon as we get any.

KERBSIDE/SITA

It has not been possible for Kerbside to come to an agreement with SITA (the French firm to which Calderdale have given the contract for waste collection) over the collection of recyclables. Kerbside, who have their headquarters at Luddendenfoot and employ mainly disabled people or many who have been unemployed for a long term, say they have sufficient funding to continue collecting until January. However, if people wish to support Kerbside rather than SITA, it is important that a Kerbside box should be used. SITA are collecting on the same day as Kerbside and before them, and will take anything that is not clearly in a Kerbside box or with one. The Society hope that local people will support disadvantaged local people rather than the shareholders of a French firm.

ALLOTMENTS SUCCESS

Following on from previous successes in 2006 and 2007, Eric Gaukroger has again been successful in the Calderdale Allotments Competition, and has been awarded second prize in the Upper Calder section. Congratulations to Eric.

St. MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Flower Festival will be held in St. Mary's Church on Saturday September 11th, from 11am until 5pm, and Sunday 12th from 1pm until 4.30pm. Refreshments will be served on both days. On the Saturday evening at 7.30pm, there will also be a concert by the Elland Male Voice Choir, just prior to them performing at Fountains Abbey the following weekend, so a good performance should be guaranteed.

GARDENING CLUB

Following on from the success of the Art Group which started meetings about two months ago, we have also been asked to see if we can find out if there is any interest in forming a Gardening Club. Activities would depend upon what people want, but it has been suggested as an example that there may be talks on "how to grow ...", various aspects of gardening, plant exchanges, competitions and visits to places such as the RHS garden at Harlow Carr or other places of interest. There will be a meeting in the Methodist Church at the junction of New Road and High Street for anyone interested on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8pm. Anyone not able to be present please ring Margaret Collinge on 885141 or to receive further details.

FAIR TRADE SALE

There will be another Fair Trade coffee morning in the Methodist Church (see above for whereabouts) on Saturday, August 30th, from 10am until 12 noon. As usual, there will be cakes and other home-made produce, plants and gifts. Entry is 50p including coffee and biscuits

NEXT MEETING of the Society will be held in the **Lord Nelson**, at **7.45pm on Thursday, August 28th. All are invited.**

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