

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2009

OPEN GARDENS DAY

The Conservation Society will be holding another Open Gardens day on June 27th. At present, the gardens which will be taking part are being arranged, and if there are any suggestions as to which gardens people would particularly like to see open, please ring Rodney Collinge on 885141. This year, there will be an additional feature, as it is intended to produce some very large historical photographs of how parts of Luddenden used to look in the early parts of the twentieth century, for example, the old smithy, opposite the Lord Nelson. There will be about twelve of these, and they will be set up next to the site, so that people can go round and compare present-day Luddenden with what it used to look like. If any firm or person would like to sponsor one of these photographs, please give Trevor Oaten a ring on 883179

MUSIC FESTIVAL

It has been decided to hold another free music festival (Fete de la Musique) this year, similar to the one held last year, although better weather is hoped for! Events will run throughout the day and evening, and acts are presently being confirmed. The event will be on June 20th, and anyone wishing to help on the day or have thoughts or comments that they would like to make can contact the organising committee on luddendenmusicfestival@email.com or alternately to write to the Festival organiser, c/o The Lord Nelson, Luddenden.

LUDDENDEN CALENDAR

Sales of the Luddenden Calendar have this year passed 1000, with 9 organisations benefitting directly, and many others eligible to apply for grants. The recent weather has given many the opportunity to take some fantastic winter photographs, so the Mayor is again opening a competition for photographs for including in next year's calendar. Photographs illustrating all the months are needed, and can be emailed to luddendenmayorscalendar@email.com or left at the Lord Nelson in an envelope marked Photographs, Angela Johnson, Luddenden Mayor. Please also include an envelope with your own address on, so the photographs can be returned to you.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been just one planning application since the last newsletter. This is for four detached houses at Brook Dene, Luddenden Lane (on land next to the Luddenden Car Park). Comments had to be with Calderdale by last Friday, 20 February, so the Society's emergency planning committee considered this and decided to raise no objections, as the land is classified as housing land. However, it was brought to the attention of the Society that one of the documents lodged was not correct, and this fact was notified to Calderdale.

In addition, the Society has also been notified of building work taking place in green belt at The Greave, Pineal Lane, Midgley, and we were asked to find out whether this required planning permission or not. This has been forwarded to Calderdale for investigation.

WHEELIE BINS

We have previously been informed that "most of Luddenden would not be required to have wheelie bins" when the new refuse system is set up. However, it now appears that Sita has surveyed the area, and suggested that **all properties** will have wheelie bins. Calderdale will wait for residents at each address to contact them if you feel this is not appropriate for your circumstances, discuss it with you, and they will remove the bin if this is decided. The Society is suggesting that anyone who feels that it is not appropriate in your case to have a wheelie bin should contact Calderdale on 0845 245 7000 and ask to discuss the situation. If there are problems, ask for them to ring you back, as they are legally obliged to do so.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This takes place over the next two weeks, and the Methodist Church have a Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th March from 10am until 12 noon, and are open as usual on Thursday evening March 5th from 7pm until 8pm.

NEXT MEETING

At our February meeting, we shall again be having a speaker, and Rodney Collinge will be giving a short talk on the history of the Midgley Pace Egg play, and then showing a film which was made in the late 1950s on the play by Peter Boocock. He was a very well-known local amateur film maker, and one of his full-length films was shown on BBC television. This film shows many scenes of the Calder Valley, Midgley and Luddenden at that time, and is now held in the Yorkshire Film Archive. For newcomers, the Midgley Pace Egg play is one of the best known Mummings Plays performed in the streets of Britain, here at Easter time, and is listed as one of the attractions of Britain by the English Tourist Board. The meeting is in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm** on **Thursday February 26th**.

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