

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



### NEWSLETTER – JULY 2009

#### OPEN GARDENS DAYS

The Luddenden Open Gardens and Heritage Day took place in absolutely perfect weather on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 gardens and allotments open, with approximately equal numbers up both sides of the valley, and free transport carrying people around to them. In addition, there were 12 large, historical photographs on display of Luddenden 'as it used to be', sited at the place from which they were taken. Refreshments were served in some of the gardens, and the day was an outstanding success. Approximately 225 people visited the gardens, all of which were at their best and of outstanding quality. The Society is very grateful to all those people who allowed visitors in, and provided refreshments. In addition, the photographs were absolutely fascinating, and proved to be a real talking point, especially to locals. Again, thanks are due to all those who provided sponsorship for them. The Society may consider purchasing some more, and holding a heritage day of some sort next year, when they will all be on display. Together with the money made on plant sales by our Luddenden in Bloom team at the car park, a profit of £1402 was made on the day, which is more than twice the amount made in 2007. This will be used on Society projects around the village.

Mr and Mrs Czainski of Old Oats Royd also held an Open Gardens event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 11am until 5pm. A profit of over £500 was raised for Overgate Hospice, and they have asked us to thank everyone who came along for their support.

#### LUDDENDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009

The Luddenden Music Festival took place on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and as last year, the performances were free to all. Over 22 artistes/groups shared performance areas such as St. Mary's Church and the Lord Nelson, with a mix of musical styles. The day was again a great success, and the organisers should be congratulated for putting on such a fabulous and popular event. As mentioned in our newsletter after last year's event, we hope that this will become an annual event, and that enough people can be found to take part and help in the organisation.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The three planning applications mentioned for this area in our last newsletter – by D Dodd, 74 High Street – fell 3 trees (09/22020/TCA), P Cawkwell, field south of Woodlands, Mill Lane - Field shelter for sheep (09/00621/FUL), Mr and Mrs Beier, 11 Highfield Road - Porch to front elevation (09/00752/HSE) have not yet been decided by the Council, so there is nothing to report. There is one more, at Oats Royd Cottage, Dean House Lane for internal and external alterations in a listed building (09/00697/LBC). English Heritage has noted that "the proposed work is sympathetic to the building and its environment, and will cause no detriment. Some of the work will allow the building to be used as originally intended."

**NEXT MEETING** will be on **Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** at the **Methodist Church** at the top of High Street, **at 8pm**. The August meeting will have an outside speaker, who will talk about the history of the well-known King Cross folly, Wainhouse Tower, and its recent renovation and refurbishment.

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