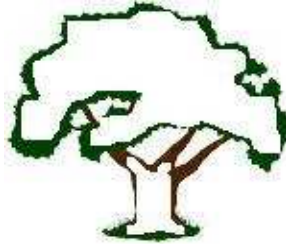


LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2007

LAST MONTH'S ISSUE

Apologies for the non-appearance of a newsletter last month. Unfortunately, the copier which produces these broke down in the middle of production, and it was not possible to print any out. (Hence also, the length of this newsletter!)

NEW CONSERVATION SOCIETY CHAIR

At the annual general meeting in September, the previous Chair of the Society, Peter Layfield, retired after three years. He has been succeeded as Chair by Trevor Oaten, who has served previously as Vice-Chair and also as Secretary. The Society thanked Peter for all his work over the last 3 years. He will continue to represent the Society on such bodies as the Hebden Bridge Medical Practice Patients Panel (more of this later).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has only been one planning application recently, to construct a fence behind the boundary wall of Snail Quarry (where the house is being constructed along the road into Luddenden opposite the entry to Bluebell Walk). Part of the fencing has already been erected alongside the footpath down New Road opposite the entrance to Carr Field Drive. The Society objected to this on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the Luddenden Conservation Area as it blocked distant views of the opposite side of the valley, was unsightly and did not really serve a useful purpose. A decision is expected shortly.

BRITANNIA APPEAL

The public enquiry into the appeal by Britannia against Calderdale's refusal to allow planning permission for more houses at the rear of those already constructed on the old British Furtex mill site will take place this Tuesday, November 27th, at 10am at Halifax Town Hall. The Society has produced fresh evidence as to why these should not be allowed, following the decision of the High Court to order a second appeal hearing after the first Inspector turned down the application earlier in the year. The Society intends to show that the entry to Burnley Road is totally against all recognised standards, and is extremely dangerous.

CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

As usual, the Society will be holding the (eleventh) annual Treasure Hunt walk on Friday, December 28th, starting from the Methodist Church at 11am. For newcomers to the village, this is a real village tradition, and will be between 2 and 3 miles, and suitable for pushchairs. There will be a number of questions to find the answers to, and pie and peas, home-made vegetarian options, flapjacks and other similar fare will be available afterwards. Normally, about 100 people have taken part, and it is an ideal way to shake off Christmas excesses, and get to know people if you are new in the village.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This year, the Mayor's fund has purchased some new Christmas lights, which will be put onto the tree in the centre of the village which will be provided and erected by the Conservation Society. There will also be lights behind the War Memorial and in the St. Mary's Churchyard tree. Some of the lights previously used will be available for a small fee to cover costs to anyone who wishes to put some lights up – ring 882206 if you are interested.

LUDDENDENFOOT SURGERY

Peter Layfield last week organised a meeting between a small group of people representing the Society, Kershaw residents and local users with the Hebden Bridge Practice manager to put forward concerns felt by people in the district at the gradual removal of services and the apparent running down of the Luddendenfoot surgery. The group was assured "quite categorically" that it was not the intention to run this down and eventually close it, and were given reasons for some of the changes which have occurred. The Practice Manager agreed to try to increase the number of surgeries from 4 to 5, hopefully starting in March (as the present timetable runs to the end of February). It was also pointed out that patients have often been told that they can only book appointments on the day. This should not be the case, and it will be possible again to do this. The group will meet with the Manager again shortly to hear the results of the discussion.

BROOKSBY AWARDS

The Society has been notified that nominations are invited for the 45th annual Harold Brooksby memorial fund award for any deserving individual or group of people who have given some special service over a period of time, in a voluntary capacity to the community, or have achieved some distinction which is deserving of nomination. A detailed, in-depth account of the work done by the nominee should be sent to Brooksby Award, 20 Lynton Grove, Bradshaw, Halifax HX2 9XN by February 28th, 2008.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

A Christmas Fair Trade Coffee Morning will be held at the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road next Saturday morning, December 1st, from 10am until noon. Fair Trade goods, home-made cakes and jams etc will be on sale, and there will be the opportunity for children to make Christmas cards and small Christmas gifts. Admission is 50p, which includes coffee and biscuits.

NEXT MEETING of the Society will be held in the **Lord Nelson**, at **7.45pm on Thursday, November 29th**.

Luddenden Conservation Society

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