

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2009

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since our last meeting, one application has been allowed – that to prune trees at Laurel Bank, Stocks Lane. The application to convert one large apartment to 2 small ones on the ground floor at Oats Royd mill (west side i.e. on the top side of the road) has still not been decided by Calderdale. There have been no further planning applications submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter.

PATIENTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Peter Layfield attended a meeting of the above committee which was held on Thursday last. A number of people had previously commented to the Society that they were having difficulty making same day appointments. Peter raised this, and was told that the practice has recently lost one doctor, and that they are having difficulty fulfilling all their commitments and surgeries. When someone rings in and asks for a same-day appointment, the urgency will be assessed before one can be given. The practice will, however, be interviewing for a replacement shortly, and it is then hoped that matters will revert to normal.

It was also stated that the practice has just received their first batch of swine flu vaccine a week ago. Patients will be called on a rota, with the groups which are at the most severe risk of contacting the flu being called in first. These are those with existing lung and heart conditions first, followed by children under five years old

CHRISTMAS WALK

As usual, our annual Christmas Treasure Hunt walk will be held just after Christmas, this year on **Tuesday 29th December**. For newcomers to the village, it is now an annual tradition in the village – this will be the 14th. It is an excellent way for all the family to walk off some of the Christmas indulgence, and is between two and three miles in length around Luddenden. The route will be suitable for pushchairs and young children, though stout footwear is advisable. There will be about 30 simple clues to find the answers to, and afterwards, pie and peas or home-made pasties and peas and traditional cakes and biscuits will be served. It is an excellent way to meet others, or to bring friends to, and normally attracts around 100 people. It starts from the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road at 11am, and the food will be served there on return.

METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING AND 'BACON BUTTIE BAR'

The Methodist Church will be holding one of their regular coffee mornings at which Fair Trade goods will be on sale on Saturday, December 5th. As usual, there will be Fair Trade gifts, cards and food, together with home-made cakes and drinks. You can now have a mid-morning snack or lunch here - bacon butties and cakes will be on sale. The times are slightly different because of this – it will **start at 10.30am** (instead of the usual 10am) and **finish at 1pm**.

Also as usual, Fair Trade goods only will be on sale on Thursday, November 26th from 7 – 8pm, before the next Conservation Society meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 26th**, at the **Methodist Church at 8pm**. The November meeting is one not to be missed. There will be a speaker, John Billingsley from Hebden Bridge, who will talk about Place Legends of the area. John is an extremely popular and well known speaker, and he will be talking about all the old legends and stories of the area, such as that associated with the large standing stone on Midgley Moor, Churn Milk Joan. Make sure you put this down in your diaries, as a good evening is guaranteed. There will, of course, be no meeting in December.

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