

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The last meeting was the annual general meeting of the Society, and all the officers were re-elected, as shown at the bottom of this page. The Chairman, Trevor Oaten, gave a report of the year's activities, highlighting the Society's objections to the Britannia planning application at Luddendenfoot and the fencing up New Road above Snail Quarry, our representations to Calderdale regarding the suitability of wheelie bins in the village, and of road safety in the village, and also representations over the Luddendenfoot surgery. He commented that although our case had not always been successful, it most certainly had been heard. He also commented on the decision not to enter the Yorkshire in Bloom competition this year, and urged as many people as possible to come forward and offer their help so that an entry can again be made in 2009. Mention is also made of this in the Bloom newsletter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There was only one planning application to consider, at Kershaw House for two new dwellings in the car park. These were very much in sympathy with the old house, and placed at the rear corners of the site. They were much in line with suggestions made by English Heritage, and the Society made no comments. Further applications have been made to fell a tree at 2 Carr Field Drive, to prune trees at 3 Highfield Drive and 27 Halifax Lane, and to convert Thorn Bank, New Road to two dwellings, including an alteration to the roof to form a third floor with roof lights. Any of these can be inspected at the Calderdale offices or online at the Calderdale website.

GARDENING CLUB

The gardening club is continuing to meet at the Methodist Church on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. The next meeting will be looking at the problems of combating attacks on plants such as cabbages and cauliflowers by cabbage white and other butterflies, and also the group has decided to undertake joint purchases of seeds and potatoes to cut costs. New members are very welcome. – ring 885141 for further information.

ART GROUP

The art group also continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10am, also in the Methodist Church. As well as doing their own art work, they have now had two trips away to view special exhibitions in Liverpool and Manchester. Again, any new members are very welcome – ring 883189 for further information.

FAIR TRADE SALE

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Methodist Church is going to be open for the sale of Fair Trade goods on the first Thursday of each month, from 7pm until 8pm. Entry will be through the top door, nearest to New Road. The first of these was held at the beginning of this month, and almost £70 of goods were sold in that time. Apart from being most worthwhile, the quality of the goods sold is absolutely excellent, and this coming month (4 November) there will be an emphasis on dried fruits of many varieties and other ingredients for making Christmas cakes, puddings and other festive fayre.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The November meeting will take place on the 27th November, and there will be films by Mr. John Orrell of Bingley. These will all have a local theme, and the speaker has been recommended by members of the Society who have seen his films a short while ago in Mytholmroyd. Please put this date in your diaries. Another date for diaries is the 29th of December, when the Society will be holding the 13th Annual 'Christmas Walk'. For newcomers to the village, this consists of a 2 – 3 mile walk incorporating a treasure hunt, and is suitable for pushchairs. It has now become a village tradition, and usually attracts in the region of a hundred people if the weather is reasonable (even last year, with rain and wind to combat, there were still about 60 intrepid people who ventured out). Afterwards, pie and peas and other home-made food is available at the Methodist Church.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held in the **Lord Nelson**, at **7.45pm on Thursday, October 30th**. **All are invited**. At the Annual Meeting, the Chairman thanked Debbie at the Lord Nelson for the food which she always puts on for our meetings, and presented her with some flowers.

Luddenden Conservation Society

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Officers: Rodney Collinge (President and Newsletter Editor); Trevor Oaten (Chair), Steve Thompson (Secretary); Tony Hillyard (Treasurer and Website Manager), Rick Painter (Planning Applications Officer), Jason Boom (Luddenden in Bloom)

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