

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2007

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A number of planning applications are currently with Calderdale. At the last meeting, it was decided to object to a plan to modify the planning application which had already been passed at land adjacent to 2 Bank Terrace. This would have created a much larger dwelling, and a separate large garage would have its wall close up to the footpath. It was thought that the earlier, less intensive plan was more suitable.

The people who had put plans in for the ex-junior school at the bottom of Old Lane addressed the Society and showed their plans for the building. It was generally thought that these were very sympathetic to the building, and no comments were forwarded to Calderdale.

Since that time, another plan has been put in to Calderdale to convert Kershaw House into 6 apartments. This time, there are no houses included on the surrounding car park, as with the previous plan, and much of the Inspector's comments at the appeal against the decision by Calderdale to refuse this have been taken into account. Any comments regarding this plan have to be with Calderdale by the 27th of April.

PLAYGROUND OPENING

The official opening of the new equipment on the playground at the bottom of Halifax Lane will take place on 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday weekend). It will be performed by Brendan Mowforth, Calderdale's Chief Recreations Officer, and it is hoped that representatives of all the people and organisations who donated the money for this, including representatives of Mrs. Murgatroyd's family who made a substantial bequest, will be present. The opening will be at 2pm, but there will be a children's entertainer from 1pm. There will also be a barbeque at the Lord Nelson following the opening.

RAINBOW GROUP

The girl's uniformed organisations in the village (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) are all extremely successful, with a huge range of activities for the girls. Unfortunately, the leaders of the Rainbows (the youngest group) are not able to continue after this summer, and unless new leaders can be found, the group will cease to exist. This would be a great loss to the village. If anyone feels that they could help in this respect, please go along on Wednesday evening to look at what is involved (6.30pm) and talk things over with the current leaders, who will continue to offer help and advice to new people.

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM INSPECTION

This took place at the beginning of April, and the village was looking at its Spring best. More details are given in the In Bloom newsletter, but our thanks should go to all those people who have worked so hard to make the village so attractive, including all those householders who put out pots, baskets etc. The main aim of entering the competition has always been to make our environment more attractive for us, and these efforts have certainly done this.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE

Another coffee morning will be held at the Methodist Church, at the junction of High Street and New Road (above the village) on Saturday 12 May, when Fair Trade goods will be on sale, as well as cakes, cards and plants. Entry is 50p, including coffee and biscuits. Over the last year, between £300 and £400 of sales have been made for this worthy cause, and it is hoped that villagers will again give this their support.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, April 26th 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

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