

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



### NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

#### **LAST MEETING**

At the last meeting, some discussion was held on the topic of the Government sell-off of forests, and it was decided to send a letter to our MP, Craig Whittaker indicating our concern at this. We note that since then, the scheme has been dropped. The ten lightweight trestle tables which used to be owned by the Methodist Church are to be purchased by the Conservation Society, and will be available for use by community organisations for community functions. Anyone wishing to use them should get in touch with the Society.

#### **PLANTING, SCULPTURE AND ART WORK**

The Society is exploring the possibility of further planting in the village, and Trevor Oaten (883417) would be happy to receive any suggestions with respect to this. We are also going to explore the possibility of purchasing some sort of sculpture or art work to be erected somewhere in the village to complement the heritage displays at the bottom of Halifax Lane. Again, if anyone has any ideas regarding this, please also contact Trevor.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a planning application was submitted to Calderdale for a single garage to the west of 7 Church Hill, which the Conservation Society objected to. We have now been informed that this will be heard by the Calderdale Planning Committee this coming Tuesday sometime after 3.30pm at the Town Hall, and that the officers of the Council are recommending that planning permission be given. They have accepted that there are other legal issues involved, but pointed out that these are not planning issues, and that any legal issues will have to be resolved by the people concerned. We will let you know the result of this in our next newsletter,

#### **LUDDENDEN METHODIST CHURCH**

As reported in our last issue, the Methodist Church closed down after the last service on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. On 26<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am until 12 noon, the Church will be open for any local community organisations to buy any of the items belonging to the Church which have not previously been disposed of. From 12 noon until 2pm, it will remain open for any local people to purchase goods. Items likely to be on sale include pews, tables, crockery and cutlery (either as a memento or for use), other kitchen equipment, small children's chairs made of oak, adult chairs and many other miscellaneous items.

#### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING**

If you are one of the people who have grown accustomed to coming to the Methodist Church Coffee Mornings, then you will be glad to hear that these will be continuing in the future at St. Mary's, and in conjunction with St. Mary's Fairtrade stall. The first of these will be on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 1pm. Homemade cakes and jams will be on sale as usual alongside Fairtrade goods and gifts, Soup and bread will also be available if you wish to stay for lunch.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Society will be in **St. Mary's Church**, on **Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

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