

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2011

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one new planning application since the last newsletter, for alterations to windows at the rear and the side of 20 Railes Close. This has been turned down by Calderdale Council.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR OF LUDDENDEN

The following article is from the Vicar of Luddenden, Rev. John Harris. Following the riots in London, Manchester, Huddersfield and other places, he has been asked by the newsletter editor to give his thoughts on the situation as it applies to our own area here in Luddenden.

The recent social disorder in our major cities seems far removed from life in Luddenden. However, there have also been some worrying events here – shrubs dug up and stolen, burglaries, damage to cars and even the pointless destruction of flowers in bloom. Why do people do these things? Discussions in the media have included poverty, family breakdown, loss of fatherhood, lack of discipline in school, gang culture, and much more. But these things too are only symptoms and not the cause. Historically, our society has been established on clear Christian values. These values shaped our government, education, health provision, family life and judicial system. Even those who chose to live differently found it hard to argue against these values. But after several decades of attempts to remove God from society it's now really difficult to speak about right and wrong. Without God we can only speak from and for our own chosen position. Without God individualism always wins over community and the result is acquisitiveness and dishonesty at every level of society.

### CALDERDALE LOCAL HEALTHWATCH

As part of the changes to the NHS, there will be a new organisation for patients and users of health and social care services. In each local area there will be a service called Local Healthwatch which will support health and social care services by working with and listening to local people and their views. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Calderdale Council are holding workshops at Heath Training Centre from 2pm to 4pm about how these might work in Calderdale, and from 4pm to 7pm, anyone can drop in to add their own views. If anyone has any ideas or views about this or would like to find out more information, you are invited to either ring Sarah Manfredi on 393271, or email her at [sarah.manfredi@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.manfredi@calderdale.gov.uk)

### MAYOR'S DAY

The annual Mayor's Day event will be held on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. The event starts at 1pm and goes through until 4pm. The mayor making ceremony will be at 2pm, and there will be the usual auction at 3.30pm. This is always one of the most enjoyable days in the local calendar, and raises a large amount of money for local causes. The organisers hope that as usual, it will be well-supported.

### NON-CONFORMIST CHAPELS OF THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY

Following the closure of the Methodist Church at the beginning of the year, Rodney Collinge has written an 86 page booklet on the chapels of the Luddenden valley, all of which have now closed down. The first copies of this will be on sale, price £7, at Mayor's Day, and can be purchased afterwards also by ringing him at 885141 or at various local outlets.

### GARDENING COMPETITION

The Luddenden gardening Club will have a table at the Mayor's Day, and will be holding an open competition for anyone to enter. There are two classes for adults, **a box of 6 different vegetables**, and **a vase of garden flowers**, and one class for children **an animal made from different vegetables (not necessarily home grown)**. **Entries to be submitted to the Gardening Club table on the day.**

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Society will be in **St. Mary's Church**, on **Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. Sue Hoyle will be showing the presentation given to the Britain in Bloom judges, along with photographs of Luddenden throughout this year

Luddenden Conservation Society

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