

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2011

### BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Since the announcement of the village's victory in the Britain in Bloom competition, two things have emerged which will be the last word on this, but which are worth mentioning. The judges' report stated that "The village has fully embraced the Bloom ethos of sustainable planting, environmental improvement and *involvement of the whole community, who have achieved their goal of making Luddenden a bright, clean and lovely place for people to live in. A very worthy winner. Throughout the village the majority of properties were adorned with pots, baskets or containers, creating a very attractive and colourful display* " The judges therefore recognised that the whole village has been involved in the effort. We have always said that the main aim of entering the competition is to make the village a more pleasant place for all of us to live in, and these comments suggest that this is being achieved. Secondly, we have commented before on research that suggests that property prices of houses in villages that are Bloom competition winners are about 15% higher than those in other similar neighbouring areas. This was confirmed when the price of a house that was being advertised for sale rose by £10000 the day after the results were announced.

### LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the Society was the Annual General Meeting, and this year, all the officers were re-elected. A list of these is given at the bottom of this page.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An application has been made to Calderdale for permission to install a vertical flue to the roof at the rear of 4 Church Hill. Any comments can be made to the Planning Department. The following plans have been approved – change in design to French doors at 19 Bluebell Walk, and replacement windows at 1 Mill House.

### LUDDENDEN GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Luddenden Gardening Club will take place on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, when Sally Darlington, from the Incredible Edible Todmorden Group will be giving a talk on their organisation and the work they have done. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS

The Christmas lights will be switched on by Father Christmas, who will arrive in his horse-pulled carriage in the centre of the village Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Afterwards, he will be present in the Church to see children, and punch and mince pies will be available for grown-ups. Full details will be given in our next newsletter.

### NON-CONFORMIST CHAPELS OF THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY

Following the closure of the last chapel in the valley earlier this year, Rodney Collinge has produced a booklet describing all the seven chapels that used to be present. This will be of interest to all those people wishing to discover the local history of the valley, and can be obtained by phoning him on 885141.

### THE LORD NELSON

Congratulations to Debbie and Geoff on the review of the pub in the Yorkshire Post Dining section, which described it as a 5\* hidden gem, with stunning gardens, great views and meals at great value.

**NEXT MEETING** will be at **St. Mary's Church** at **8pm** on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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