

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2008

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Mr John Orrell of Bingley showed an excellent collection of films to the last meeting, which were greatly appreciated by all those present.

CHRISTMAS WALK

This is a reminder that the **Conservation Society Christmas Treasure Hunt walk** will start from the **Methodist Church** at the junction of New Road and High Street on **Monday, December 29th at 11am**. As described in the last newsletter, it is between 2 and 3 miles in length, and consists of about 30 clues to look for on the way round. For newcomers, it is a good way of getting rid of some of the Christmas excess, and there are pie and peas, and other simple home-made foods available in the Church afterwards. Normally, there will be in the region of 100 people doing the walk, and it is also a good way of getting to know people.

CALDERDALE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

At present, development in Calderdale is guided by the Calderdale Unitary Development Plan. This is being replaced in 2011 by the Local Development Framework, which will show the way in which Calderdale intends to develop the area from that time onwards. They are currently having a public consultation which runs until 5pm on Friday, 2nd January. Key questions they are asking concern where future housing (the government have set a target of 650 new homes per year in Calderdale) should be concentrated, where new employment and leisure facilities should be situated, whether any open spaces or green belt should be released for development, where sites for gypsies and travellers should be sited, and the number of jobs Calderdale should aim to provide. A number of guidance booklets which go into these questions in detail have been produced, together with a sheet on which comments can be made, although it is emphasised that these must be returned by 2nd January. The booklets available from Calderdale are on Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy (which places are most important), Green Belt Review, and Sustainability in Development, and can be obtained by telephoning 392206.

CALDERALE AREA FORUM JANUARY

We have mentioned previously that Calderdale have started a system of 'Area Forums', which "are open events for those who live, work or have an interest in the area". They "give you a chance to hear about and discuss issues that are important to you". The next will be held on Thursday, 29th January at 7pm at Luddenden Dene School, with refreshments available from 6.30pm onwards. The agenda includes the following – young people in the upper valley, community management of local facilities, sustainability and energy efficiency, any topic you may care to raise. Anyone is invited, and we would like to encourage anyone interested to go along and raise any concerns that you have. This meeting does, of course, clash with the normal date of the **Conservation Society**, so as a one off, it has been decided to **change the date of the next meeting to Thursday, 22nd January**. This will also be publicised in the next newsletter, but please make a note now if you usually come along to meetings.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Finally, the Society would like to wish all in the village a very happy Christmas and New Year. Many of us, whether employed, looking for work or retired, will have concerns over the recession taking place, but we hope that everyone will be able to find something of the real spirit of Christmas during these coming days.

NEXT MEETING

As mentioned above, this will be on **Thursday, January 22nd at 7.45pm** in the **Lord Nelson**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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