

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Firstly, apologies for the layout, style and lack of adverts in this newsletter – this is due to a computer fault.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the last newsletter, there have been three applications to Calderdale. The first is for a change of materials for a rear conservatory at Shawcroft, Luddenden Lane (Number 04/01240/NMA), and two to prune and fell trees at 48 Carr Field Drive (Numbers 09/22043 and 09/20164). The latter has been put in after the appropriate discussions with the Calderdale trees officer. There has still been no decision on the application to convert one large apartment to two smaller ones at Oats Royd mill, first mentioned in October.

CHRISTMAS WALK

The 14th annual Christmas Treasure Hunt walk will be held on Tuesday the 29th of December, starting from the Methodist Church, just below the junction of High Street and New Road between 11am and 11.15am. As usual, it will be between 2.5 and 3 miles in length, and walkers will be given a sheet of 30 or so questions to find the answers to on the walk. Afterwards, there will be pies or home-made pasties and peas, home-made cakes and hot drinks available in the Methodist Church. This has now become a village tradition, and normally, approaching a hundred people will be taking part. This makes it an excellent way of walking off those Christmas puddings, and of making new friends if you are new to the village.

CHRISTMAS WREATH COMPETITION

The winner of the Christmas wreath competition held by the Luddenden in Bloom group, and sponsored by the Conservation Society, was Mrs Irene Brook, of the Three Poplars, New Road. Congratulations to Irene, who has now received her prize of a Christmas hamper of Fair Trade foods and goodies.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

In the absence of any Christmas decorations by Calderdale in Luddenden, the Conservation Society has again obtained a tree for the village centre, and lighting in the centre of the village. Thanks to all those people who dug up the tree, erected it and arranged the lighting.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 28th January, 2010 at 8pm in the Methodist Church**, with a sale of fair Trade goods by the Church from 7 – 8pm. The February meeting on the 25th of February will have a speaker on the topic of the Wainhouse Tower at King Cross.

Finally, may we thank all those people in the village who have supported the Society in so many different ways during the last year, particularly our newsletter deliverers, without who you would not be receiving this now, and wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.