

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2009

### CALDERDALE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 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 have recently been having a public consultation on issues connected with this, and we have forwarded the views of the Society on a number of these, such as the levels of further building which should be permitted in our area, and the need to retain the surgery at Luddendenfoot. All these views are available on the Society's website at [www.luddenden.com](http://www.luddenden.com).

### CALDERDALE AREA FORUM

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, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, and a publicity leaflet from Calderdale is enclosed with this newsletter. Everyone 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> January (see below)**.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two planning applications since the last newsletter. The first is for a first floor bedroom extension over the existing garage at 5 Carr Field Drive, and the second is for the management of trees, including pruning and removal on land at the rear of Luddenden Methodist Church. These applications can be seen at Northgate House in Halifax, or on the Calderdale website, and any comments should be forwarded to Calderdale within the next few days.

### CHRISTMAS WALK

The annual Christmas Treasure Hunt walk took place on Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>, and between 80 and 90 people took part. The route went via Midgley School down to Upperfoot, on to Luddendenfoot and the Canal Bank, back to Luddendenfoot and up to Luddenden through the woods. This year's winners were Margaret and Barry Dyson's group, who were narrowly in front of three other groups. As usual, pie and peas along with other delicacies were provided at the Methodist Church, and £180 was raised for the funds of the Society. Thanks to all who supported us.

### NEXT MEETINGS

As mentioned above, our **next meeting** will be on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.45pm** in the **Lord Nelson**. Police Support Officer Edward Webb will be present at the meeting. PCSO Webb has been involved in a survey of traffic speeds in Cragg Vale, where motorists speeds have been clocked over a period of time with a radar gun. This is having the effect of slowing traffic down, and he will talk to us about this and be available for questions on other subjects.

At our February meeting, we shall again be having a speaker, and Rodney Collinge will be giving a short talk on the history of the Midgley Pace Egg play, and then showing a film which was made in the late 1950s on the play by Peter Boocock. He was a very well-known local amateur film maker, and one of his full-length films was shown on BBC television. This film shows many scenes of the Calder Valley, Midgley and Luddenden at that time, and is now held in the Yorkshire Film Archive. For newcomers, the Midgley Pace Egg play is one of the best known Mummings Plays performed in the streets of Britain, here at Easter time, and is listed as one of the attractions of Britain by the English Tourist Board.

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