

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2009

### TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON NEW ROAD AND STOCKS LANE

We said in our last newsletter that traffic speeds were going to be checked with a radar gun around Luddenden at the beginning of May. Three checks were made, each of 100 cars, with two at the top and bottom of New Road and one towards the bottom of Stocks Lane. The results showed only a relatively small amount of traffic going over the speed limit, (between 5% and 12%) and none going over 40mph, much to the surprise of the people checking. We are told that a number of cars sounded very noisy, as though they were going very fast, but were not actually speeding. It is intended to carry out these checks again over the summer.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Of the planning applications previously mentioned, consent has been given by Calderdale to fell a tree in the Churchyard, for an extension at 2 Riding Head Lane, and for a detached garage at The Greave, Pinhill Lane. There has been no decision yet on the application at Thorn Bank, New Road. An application has now been made to convert existing farm buildings (a barn) to dwellings at Ellen Royd Farm.

### NEXT MEETING

At the next meeting, Mr. Alan Stuttard of Hebden Bridge will be giving a talk on his reminiscences of life in Hebden Bridge in the second half of the twentieth century. He will talk about his work in a textile mill, and the social and sporting scenes in Hebden Bridge in the those times. Mr. Stuttard is one of the most well-known raconteurs and story tellers in the Calder Valley, and was a well-known cricketer for many years. His tales are guaranteed to both enlighten and amuse, and he is in great demand as a speaker, so we hope that there will be a good turnout at the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road on **Thursday** evening, **May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm**. Entry is through the door next to the Old School House, and down the stairs inside, or through the main hall downstairs after 7.50pm through the bottom entrance.

### METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE SALES

The usual sale of Fair Trade goods at the Methodist Church on the first Thursday of the month will again be altered due to European elections in June. It will now take place instead on May 28<sup>th</sup>, the same evening as the Conservation Society meeting. Fair Trade goods only are on sale, and there is a wide range of both foodstuffs and gifts.

### OPEN GARDENS DAYS

We would like to remind people that the Luddenden Open Gardens and Heritage Day will be on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be 12 gardens open, from 12 noon until 5pm in most cases, with equal numbers up both sides of the valley, and free transport carrying people around to these. There are a number of gardens which have not been on display previously, and tickets will be available beforehand from members or by ringing 885141 at a cost of £3. Entry on the day is £4. In addition, there will be about the same number of large, historical photographs on display of Luddenden 'as it used to be'. These will be sited at the place from which they were taken.

Mr and Mrs Czainski of Old Oats Royd will also be holding an Open Gardens event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 11am until 5pm. More details in the next newsletter.

### St. MARY'S SUMMER FAYRE

This will be held at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

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