

Love Luddenden Newsletter

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Village News

Summer is now gradually heading towards the autumn and although our gardens are still looking good, we need to be looking towards next year. The "bloomers" have highlighted several areas that need attention and some decisions will need to be made as to what we can continue to do around the village in 2017.

Nigel and his team of volunteers have been working in the river again. The wood chips produced from all the saplings have been spread on the riverbank footpath over some of the muddier areas. The Bug House has been given some remedial repairs but the wooden pallets used are now starting to rot so a decision will soon need to be made over its future. It would be a shame to lose the house as photos have been used in several RHS publications and other magazines. The area around it has been trimmed and hopefully efforts will then be made shortly to burn and clear all the rubbish that has accumulated on the riverbank. Dialogue will then need to be made by all parties over what the future of this area is to become.

Recycling collections. Several people including myself have posted on Facebook that since Calderdale changed contracts with SUEZ they have not had a collection and also no response from the council apart from acknowledging there were problems. I was lucky as on walking round the village I found a representative from SUEZ parked up by the church. We discussed the non-collection issues and by the time I had arrived home our recycling had been removed. Since then I have received an email response from the Waste and Recycling Deputy Manager a Jamie Rossi-Stephenson (jamie.rossi-stephenson@calderdale.gov.uk) acknowledging there are ongoing problems. I have posted his response on the Facebook page.



Ada Brooks Trophy 2016

Judging has taken place this month, but we need to now print and post certificates before we make the announcement as to who this years winner is. We will also post the information on Facebook and in Septembers Newsletter.



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The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

Thanks to everyone who have placed items on the table. As summer progresses hopefully more excess fruit and veg grown by villagers will be available so keep checking when you pass.



Dates for the diary

Mayor Making

Saturday 10th September



Gardening tips for September

Keep deadheading and feeding your tubs, planters and things like dahlias to prolong the season. Pinch out the growing tip of your tomato's as it is unlikely any fruit that sets now will ripen. Dig up and store your main crop potatoes and bearing in mind what you have planted before in your veg patch plant spring cabbage and autumn onions sets. While the weather is still warm your runner beans will keep producing so keep harvesting them and blanche and freeze any excess. September is the time to plant new perennials and collect seed from your favourite plants for next year. Start cutting back perennials that have flowered and keep on top of the grass mowing. Start looking out for spring bulbs and plants.



Eric's View

On Friday 12th a large flock of Swifts were reported flying over the village. This possibly will be one of the last sightings this summer of these acrobatic birds as they are one of the first to fly south. A Heron is still regularly being seen in the river looking for trout. This appears to be as a direct result of all the clearance work undertaken, which has given this large bird plenty of space for take off and land. In my garden Goldfinches are busy visiting and feeding on the heads of teasels and other grasses. Even though there is now plenty of food for birds about in hedgerows and fields, please keep topping up your feeders so they know where to come when winter eventually arrives in the valley.



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