

LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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*When hoarfrost trees in lunar light, fine chandeliers blaze crystal white,
Hedgerows trimmed with cobweb pearl, ermine drifts the night in swirls,
The morning shakes cold feather down; kingdoms cloak an eider gown,
Garden furrows sharp winds hone, rusty spade king robins throne,
Deep in the woods the red stags bay, on that regal winters day. Andrew Fox, That Regal Day*



News from the village

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2012. Despite the weather causing havoc in the garden there has been several bright moments during the last 12 months, such as the Queens Diamond Jubilee, The Olympic Games and Luddenden winning another Gold medal in Yorkshire in Bloom. The team are still undertaking work around the village to ensure everything is put to bed until spring. The car park has been tidied up, the Winding Wheel Garden given a good cut back and thankfully Calderdale have sent round a team to clear most of the leaf fall.



Now like all gardeners at this time of year we are now winding down for winter so the next newsletter will be in March 2013. On behalf of the "bloomers" may we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in our campaigns and wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Christmas Wreath Competition 2012

This will be judged in the next couple of weeks so you still have time to create your own hand made wreath. The winner will once again receive a Fair Trade Hamper donated by the Conservation Society and this will be announced in their newsletter and on the website where instructions on how to make your own decoration are available.

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Volunteers

We are still looking for more bloomers to help around the village next year. If you can spare a few hours a month then contact the team. Don't forget Barry Dyson on 0777 199 7405 is also looking for more help for his cemetery group.



Gardening tips for winter

Prevent pots becoming water logged by raising them off the ground to aid drainage. Pot feet can be found at most garden centres or use broken bricks. Make sure water butts are not too full as the plastic will split due to expansion should they freeze up over the coming months. Don't over water plants in the greenhouse or cold frames. Harvest Brussels sprouts after a frost, as they always taste better. Re-cycle your Christmas tree.



Dates for the diary

Father Christmas at St Mary's	Saturday 15 th December 5pm
St.Mary's Christmas Carols at The Lord Nelson	Tuesday 18 th December
St.Mary's Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 23 rd December
Christmas Treasure Hunt Walk	Friday 28 th December 11am
Christmas Wreath Competition 2012	December



Eric's View

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Several flocks of fieldfares and redwings have been reported around the village so look out for them feeding on the various hedgerow fruits on your walks. The best advice I can give for the next few months is to feed the birds. Fat balls, fruit such as apple and pear slices, wild birdseed, nuts, Christmas cake and Pudding will be welcome by our hungry feathered friends during the winter. Don't forget a shallow dish of water as well. I'm looking forward to some Dreamies and Cat Nip in my Christmas stocking!