

# LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade". ~ Charles Dickens author 1812-1870*



## News from the village

Welcome to the first of this year's newsletters, and yes it is a month sooner than advised due to popular demand. Apologies for the non-arrival of the December issue but unfortunately I couldn't get it to the printer on time. It was though available on the web site.

Belated congratulations to Mrs Anna Conway who was the winner of the 2011 Christmas Wreath competition. Her eclectic mix of local festive flora and seasonal veg was both traditional and fun.

After all the excitement of Britain in Bloom last year we have once again entered this years Yorkshire in Bloom competition. We can't rest on our laurels so plans are already afoot for 2012. In recognition of the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics, red, white and blue spring bulbs have been used in the tubs hayracks and planters. For summer Calderdale will be planting the cenotaph in the same colours but we will be going for a white theme.

Contact has been made with Calderdale to see how the present financial restraints will affect planting of communal flowerbeds. We have also discussed the possibility of splitting and dividing perennials in the memorial garden along with improvements to the area where the village Christmas tree is placed.

We will once again be holding two plant sales in the village to raise funds. Once again we will have a good selection of village grown perennials along with various tomato's, veg and salad plants all of which the team and villagers grow, and can if you have the space help cut down your food bills and provide some of your five day. A more comprehensive list of things available will appear in future newsletters as well as on the website.



## The ongoing problem of dog fouling

I've been contacted by several villagers complaining about the large piles of doggy doo's on the bridleway connecting High Street with the river walk. Let me say once again the problem is not the dog but the owner. Whoever owns this dog please clean up after your pet and dispose of the bagged waste responsibly. It is as said before a health hazard especially for children.

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## Gardening tips for March

With days becoming longer and warmer it is now time to spring clean the garden. Scrub and pressure wash patio's down. If it is dry enough mow the lawn on a high setting. Prune roses and tidy up overgrown climbers. Plan your summer displays. Start to sow hardy annuals and divide snow drops while they are "in the green" (in leaf). Plant gladiolus corms and lily bulbs. Decide what you want to grow in the veg plot and warm up the soil by laying some plastic over the bed to warm it up. Seeds that can be sown direct or under cover now include lettuce, rocket, radishes, spring onions, leeks, onions, broad beans. Parsnips, spinach, turnips and early varieties of carrots and peas.



## Dates for the diary

1 <sup>st</sup> Plant Sale in the Car Park	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plant Sale in the Car Park	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
St Mary's Church Fayre	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Luddfest Music Festival	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Heritage Day	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Mayor Making	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September



## Eric's View

Continue to feed the birds with a wide selection of food as they are now preparing to pair up and build nests. Species seen on or around my feeders this last few days include nuthatches, long tail tits, coal, blue and great tits, bull finches, robins and thrushes.

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