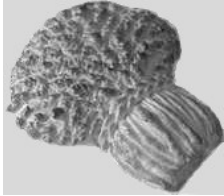


## Folklore Calendar – August



1st August is Lammas Day, and was Thanksgiving time (Harvest time) in Britain. The name comes from an Anglo-Saxon word Hlafmaesse which means Loaf Mass. The festival of Lammas marks the beginning of the harvest, when people go to church to give thanks for the first corn to be cut. This celebration predates our Christian harvest festival



### From the village

Now that the plant sales are over the team have been busy making preparations for the delivery of the new stone entry sign. This has meant the removal of the remaining “bedstead” planter at the junction of New Road and High Street. All the spring bulbs along with the soil have been re-cycled in the borders of the car park to help enhance this area. The wooden planter, which was life expired was cut up on site and also recycled.

We are now awaiting notification from Marshall's who have generously donated the stone that the engraving has been completed. Once this has been received, and as a result of conversations with Calderdale, an approved contractor will undertake the work to place the stone and trough at the entry into the village. The stone trough will then be planted with perennials and spring bulbs.

A review has also been undertaken of all the wooden planters in the village as it has been noticed that one that is outside the old paper shop is in need of repair. Hopefully this can be repaired, but if not a decision will need to be made on what we do next.

An application has been made to the Woodland Trust who is giving away various size tree packs, which are to be planted by schools or groups to commemorate the start of the First World War. If we are successful sites around the village will be identified and the trees planted. Should any teachers or groups want more information please visit the Woodland Trusts website

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees) or email [communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk). Applications must be made by the 4<sup>th</sup> September and the packs will be sent out in November.

Ada Brooks Trophy judging has now taken place and we will be announcing this year's winner in the next newsletter. Thanks to all villages who have continued to make the village bloom and even though we have not entered any competitions this year we are still receiving compliments from visitors on what a lovely village Luddenden is.

A very warm welcome to the Reverend Ian Sparks, the new priest in charge of St Mary's. The bloom team will shortly be sending an invite to him to meet our group and to discuss what our objectives are.

Finally we have been asked to remind villagers and visitors to clean up after their dogs as fouling in certain areas on the village has for some reason started again.



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## Gardening tips for August

This month is usually one of the hottest of the year. It is also traditionally holiday time so don't forget to enlist someone to water your patch. To prolong the flowering season, regularly deadhead and feed your annuals in pots, planters and hanging baskets. A boring but essential job in the garden is to regularly hoe your borders and veg patch to keep on top of the weeds. Harvest everything. Keep picking your vegetables while they are young, this will encourage further cropping. Excess can be given away or frozen. All tomatoes need regularly watering at this time whether in or out of the greenhouse to avoid blossom end drop. Keep removing side shoots on cordon toms and tie in when required. Continue to sow quick maturing crops until the end of the month such as lettuce. Start planning for next year by planting out onions sets, spring cabbage and winter spinach. Collect seed from your favourite perennials and sow in trays for next year. Mow the lawn regularly but don't use any feed, as vigorous growth now may not stand up to a harsh winter. Spring bulb and plant catalogues are now available so find time to sit in the garden and start planning for next year.



## Dates for the diary

St Mary's WW 1 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service  
Ada Brooks Trophy Judging 2014  
Mayor Making Day  
St Mary's Remembrance Sunday Service  
St Mary's Crib Service and Midnight Mass  
Conservation Society Christmas Walk

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Results August  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December



## Eric's View

Birds are still visiting my feeders on a regular basis. Most of them are the young of starlings, jackdaws and robins who have been brought to the garden by their parents. Honeybees have now joined the various bumblebees and butterflies, which must be due to the number of high nectar bearing perennials growing especially the *Cephalaria Gigantica*, which they appear to love. Like my friend Derek our wildlife reporter I've not seen any young blackbirds, but I'm hopeful that there has been a successful nest or two nearby as for several weeks I've seen adults with their beaks full of insects. I also think it's been a good year for squirrels as from my window I've seen several playing about in the trees at the top end of the cemetery. Derek has also seen a Kingfisher in the village so that's something to look out for. Don't forget to check the website for this month's blog

