

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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LAST MEETING

Mr. John Rhodes gave an excellent talk at the last meeting on Conscientious Objectors in the Calder Valley in World War 1. The infant Labour Party was growing at the time, and many members of this were of a pacifist leaning. The party was particularly strong in parts of the Calder Valley, particularly Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge, so areas like this had many more applications for conscientious objection than other areas where there was not a strong foothold for the party. Luddenden and Luddendenfoot were both some of the latter areas, and there was only one conscientious objector from Luddenden who nevertheless went to war and acted as an orderly and stretcher bearer.

Many thanks also to Maria Mills who volunteered to take photographs for a replacement information board in the car park. We shall be starting on this project shortly.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application for a new garden room to the side of 80 High Street, has been approved, and there are two more this month. The first is for Mill House Farm, Railes Lane, Luddenden, number 18/00362/LBC and is for change of use and conversion of the existing barn to create four apartments. The second is for a glazed porch to front and widening of existing driveway. These will be discussed at the next meeting. Comments should be made to Calderdale by 11th and 2nd of May respectively.



WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

The last month was busy with four commemorations, with relatives joining us for two of them. The next will be on Tuesday 1st May and is for Lance Bombardier John Bolton of the Royal Garrison Artillery. The Mayor's committee has proposed the erection of two 'Tommy' silhouettes on the far ends of the wall in front of the memorial. This is inspired by the "There but not there" 2018 Armistice Project. All the local organisations and Calderdale council's Conservation officers have expressed support for the initiative. Any comments to the Mayor's Committee c/o The Lord Nelson.

LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

The fifth Luddenden Heritage Day will take place on May 19th. Talks on ***Good 'uns and Bad 'uns, 900 years of Interesting People from the Luddenden Area***, by Rodney Collinge in the morning and ***The Shaping of the Landscape of the Luddenden Valley*** by Heather Ibbetson in the afternoon. Large photographs erected in the village again of 'Old Luddenden' Walks am and pm to illustrate talks, Large display of memorabilia, Refreshments and lunch throughout the day. All events in St. Mary's Church.



'MASS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT'

A number of people have asked about the mass housing development in our area, as mentioned on one of the Calderdale council election leaflets. Whilst this may be the case in some areas of Calderdale, it is certainly not in the Luddenden area. The only sites mentioned nearby for possible development are Greave House Fields and Kershaw House. As explained earlier, it is extremely doubtful if either of these sites will ever go ahead. In the wider Luddendenfoot area, development is suggested at Victoria Terrace, Tenterfields and John Naylor Lane, two of these which the Conservation Society suggested were much better possible sites than Greave House Fields for example. In addition, it has been stated that development of brownfield sites (ones previously developed and now derelict) should take place before greenfield sites.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th April. All welcome

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