

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## LAST MEETING

The last meeting was quite a brief one, in which future activities of the society were discussed. The Society is holding a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, and in May holding another Heritage Day. The main topic for the morning session will be famous and infamous people of the Luddenden valley, which will look at characters such as a mediaeval Lord Mayor of London (Luddenden's own Dick Whittington), and infamous murders at the other extreme. This will be on **Saturday May 19th**, so put the date in your diaries.

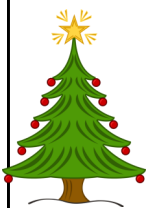
## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new planning applications have been submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter, nor have any previous planning applications been agreed or turned down in the same period. We have had one or two enquiries recently from villagers about when permission is needed for tree works, either demolition or trimming. Unless the diameter of the main trunk of the tree is less than 7.5 centimetres (around three inches), if the tree is in the Conservation Area, the matter should be referred to Planning.

## DVDs OF BAHT (WITHOUT) MEAT WEEK, AND THE FLOOD AND FIRE

Following on from the success of the Bah't Meat Week DVD, we've now created a DVD of material about the Oats Royd mill fire and major floods in 1989. This will be available at the Christmas Walk (details below), and from officers of the Society. It costs £5 on its own or along with a copy of the Bah't Meat Week DVD for £10 ( a £2 saving).

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS WALK



The Santa day on December 2nd when Santa Claus came to Luddenden was extremely successful, and we estimated that Santa spoke to a record number of children. We are very grateful to all those people who gave their time to help in so many different ways - Santa himself, making food beforehand and serving on the day itself, erecting and taking down Santa's grotto, and Midgley School choir who each year sing so well and create such a lovely atmosphere in the Church itself. Approximately £160 from the event was donated to the Forget-Me-Not children's Hospice. Thanks also go to all those people who yet again managed to obtain a Christmas tree, transport and erect it, and who are responsible for the lighting. Calderdale has never provided a tree for Luddenden, as in Midgley for example, it is always provided by the Society and local volunteers.

Finally, the **Christmas Walk** starts at 11am on **Thursday December 28th** from outside the Lord Nelson. For newcomers, the walk will be between 2 and 3 miles in length, and is suitable for pushchairs. There will be about 30 questions to find the answers to on the way round, and afterwards, refreshments are available in St. Mary's Church—pie and peas, home made pasties such as cheese and onion and home-made cakes, along with hot drinks. There is always a good turnout, in the region of 100 if the weather is fine, and it is a great way of walking off some of the Christmas food and meeting people. The cost of the walk is £2 for adults, children free, food extra.

## WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

WW1 commemorations are now completed for 2017 and the next one will be on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** for Gunner Arthur Wilcock of Duke Street and the Royal Garrison Artillery who was killed in action and buried in Belgium. A very big thank you to all who brought objects along to the Memorabilia Afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Photos were taken of medals, autograph books, linen items and a brass gift box (and tobacco contents) sent by Princess Mary to soldiers at the front at Christmas 1914. All these will prove useful for stories to be included in the book we're writing.

The **NEXT MEETING** will be on **Thursday January 25th** in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm. Mr Stephen Waring from the Halifax and District Rail Action Group will give a talk about the Calder Valley line, plans for improvements announced by the government, and the future of the line. Everyone welcome.

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