

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



LAST MEETING

The last meeting was quite a busy business meeting. The plan by Yorkshire Water to install a pumping system outside the lower gate to the church was considered and it was again agreed that it be opposed as strongly as possible, as it was not at all in keeping with the nearby War Memorial and 'Tommy' statue.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application, *number 19/01350/LBC for Installation of metal balustrade and door formed in existing roof to allow access on to flat roof for use as balcony* at the old Junior (St. Mary's) School was considered, and no objections were raised to this.

SANTA DAY

Santa Claus stopped off his travels in Luddenden on Saturday December 7th to switch on the Christmas lights. Afterwards, he went round to St. Mary's Church where youngsters were able to have a chat with him and receive an Advent Calendar. Midgley School young people again came to sing carols round the tree in the village for 15 minutes or so before Santa arrived, and then again in the Church for a similar period. As usual, there were mince pies, mulled wine for the adults and fruit juice. Donations for the Forget-Me-Not children's hospice in Huddersfield raised £180. We are very grateful to everyone from Midgley School for their part in this and also to Santa Claus for stopping off.

CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT WALK

This year, the Christmas Walk will take place on **Monday 30th December**, starting as usual from outside the Lord Nelson at **11am**. 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 and cakes along with hot drinks. There are always in the region of 100 people if the weather is fine, and it is a great way of walking off some of the Christmas food. The cost of the walk (not including refreshments!) is £2 for adults, children free.



Virgin and Child, St. Mary's

NEXT MEETING

The Society would like to thank all those people who have helped in so many different ways our activities over the past year, in particular all who deliver our newsletters, the officers of the Society and all our regular members who come along to meetings. Whilst our business meetings are not the most entertaining ways we could spend our evenings, it is nevertheless essential that the Society should not be allowed to disband, but continue to make sure that, for example, Calderdale does not sell off the centre of the village, and Yorkshire Water do not place a huge ugly box beside the War Memorial.

Most of our members are getting on in years, and it would be nice to have an influx of younger people, so come along and give the next meeting a try. It is on **Thursday 30th January at 7.30pm** in the Lord Nelson.

As in 2019, a number of meetings in 2020 will include a speaker. The first will be on **Thursday 27th February** when Kim Pearson will be giving a talk about the "Wainstall Waifs". These include the seven girls commemorated with "In Memory of Orphans Employed by I&I Calvert Wainstalls" in the isolated graveyard to the now-demolished Luddenden Dene Methodist Chapel.

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