LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the time of writing this newsletter, the Calderdale website was not working, so we cannot say for definite whether there are any new planning applications or not, although there are not thought to be any. To make sure, it is recommended that you look on the Calderdale website at https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=weeklyList This will bring up the weekly lists, but to view, limit it to the Luddenden-foot ward.

LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

The Luddenden Conservation Society held their fifth Luddenden Heritage Day on Saturday, May 19th. The weather was perfect and a good number of people came along. There was a talk in the morning on some of the interesting personalities of the Luddenden area over the last 800 years, and in the afternoon one on the shaping of the landscape in the Luddenden valley. The large photographs of 'old' Luddenden were again on show throughout the village and a display of memorabilia inside St. Mary's. Thanks to all those people who helped in any way — refreshments, setting up the photographs and the display. A profit of around £450 was made from the event, and this will be used in our projects around the village, in particular the information board in the car park on the Luddenden valley is going to be replaced, along with some in the village, all of which have now badly faded.

'LUDDENDEN OPEN GARDENS'

The Society would also wish to apologise to anyone expecting to go to an Open Gardens event in Luddenden which was advertised on one of the local websites during the week before the Heritage Day, and was supposed to be on the same day as the Heritage Day. Enquiries have definitely shown that no-one in or connected with the Conservation Society had anything to do with this, and how it came to be so advertised is a complete mystery. Whether this was malicious or someone's error, it certainly caused some confusion, with a number of people ringing up for tickets shortly beforehand. Rest assured, there will be one next year!

BLOOM GROUP PLANT STALL

The annual plant stall at the end of May was once again extremely successful, and a profit of £910 was made. Thanks are expressed to all contributors to the stall. The proceeds as always go to purchase of the flowers which are planted around Luddenden throughout the year. Again, our thanks are due to the Bloom team who year after year make such a superb difference to the appearance of the village. Anyone (particularly newcomers to the village) who would like to help with the group will be warmly welcomed, and should ring Trevor Oaten on 883417.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

During July, there are three more commemorations, including a double one, which will bring the total number of men commemorated to 34 out of the 45 on the memorial:

Friday 20th July – Driver George Broadbent (24) of Scotland, Midgley and the Royal Field Artillery Saturday 21st July – Private Sam Binns (33) of Old Lane and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Left a wife and 7 children

Tuesday 31st July – Private Clifford Campbell (18) of Duke Street and the West Yorkshire Regiment and Lance Bombadier William Henry Wormald (21) of Thorn View and the Royal Field Artillery. We hope that relatives will be able to join us for two of the commemorations (at noon at the war memorial), and everyone is welcome.

OPEN THE BOOK

Every Monday in term time, a small group of volunteers start their week by reading a Bible story, which is part of an Ofsted - approved programme called Open The Book, at Luddenden Church of England School. We have recently lost one or two people from our team, and are hoping that we could attract more people to join us, either on a regular or an occasional basis. The time outlay is just over an hour. We meet for a quick rehearsal and then go straight to school to read the story, each taking different roles and at times asking staff and children to help.

If you have an hour to spend on a Monday morning, please either call John Evans on 881215, or email him at corvettejohn777@gmail.com, and he will tell you more about it.

PEACE GARDEN

The Luddenden Gardening Club over the last four years have been planting a 'medal garden' at the entrance to St. Mary's churchyard, with floral replicas of different war medals and information boards each year. At the end of the year, to celebrate the peace, they are going to plant a rose garden, using the rose named 'Peace'. If anyone would like to sponsor a bush, please contact Mrs. M Collinge (phone 885141) . The cost will be £20 and this will include a small plaque naming the person donating the rose, and/or who the rose is in memory of. if you wish.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th June. All welcome



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