



LAST MEETING

The last meeting was a business meeting with no speaker. Discussions took place regarding the Society website, which it was thought could do with upgrading, as it is often difficult for non-residents to find out what is happening in the village. This will be further looked at. It was also reported that recently, parking fines have been issued to owners of cars parked on the double yellow lines on both New Road and other areas in the village. The police are trying to have a clampdown on this, and advise residents to take care where they park.

The car park was also discussed at length. The large information board, and also the smaller ones at the bottom of Halifax Lane are in need of renewal, unfortunately the files containing the original pictures were not kept when the printers moved their premises, so new photographs will be needed. Offers to take suitable ones would be very welcome, please contact Rodney Collinge if you would be willing to help with this (phone 885141)

The perennial subject of dog poo was also raised, and Mayor Karen suggested extra bins and the provision of dog poo bag dispensers would help. The Mayor's group may have funds for this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application for a new garden room to the side of 80 High Street, in the centre of the village was discussed, but no objections were made to this.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

From the end of March, we continue to remember more of the men who gave their lives in WW1 with the next commemorations on:

 Saturday 31st March – Private Michael Joseph Kennedy (36) of Halifax Lane Fold and the Durham Light Infantry. He is buried on the Somme and had attended St Walburga's but is also commemorated in Luddenden Churchyard

Monday 2nd April – Private Frank Hewitt (25) of Halifax Lane and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment who is buried in Belgium. He had attended St James Church

Friday 6th April – Private John Edward Roach (22) also of Halifax Lane and the Duke of Wellington's, buried in France and attended St Walburga's

Thursday 12th April – Private Angus Robinson (18) of Thorney Lane and the East Yorkshire Regiment and worked at Murgatroyds. His relatives were prominent at the unveiling of the War Memorial in April 1923.

Do join us for these short commemorations (at noon) if you are able to.

TRIP TO LONDON

On March 12, a group of members visited the Houses of Parliament in London for a conducted tour, following invitations from the Speaker to voluntary groups. In the afternoon, we were able to sit in the House of Commons to watch the proceedings.

FUTURE EVENTS

May 19 Luddenden Heritage Day. Talks on Good 'uns and Bad 'uns, Interesting Residents of the Luddenden Valley by Rodney Collinge in the morning and The Shaping of the Landscape of the Luddenden Valley by Heather Ibbetson in the afternoon. Walks am and pm.

NEXT MEETING will be on Thursday March 22nd in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm. **Mr. John Rhodes will give a talk Conscientious Objectors in the Calder Valley in World War 1**



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