

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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LAST MEETING

There was a good attendance at the last meeting for the talk given by Mr. Geoff Budd on canals across the Pennines. He explained that there were three canals, the Rochdale canal from Sowerby Bridge and through the Calder Valley, the Huddersfield Narrow canal which goes via Marsden and the Standedge Tunnel, both to Manchester, and the Leeds-Liverpool via the Aire gap through Skipton. The latter has never closed, and the other two are now open again. The canals opened towards the end of the 18th century, but the construction of the railways shortly afterwards took much of the trade from them, and the Huddersfield canal in particular was never very profitable. All three are now very popular tourist attractions, both for boating enthusiasts and walkers, and his photos beautifully illustrated this. Thank you Geoff!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new applications since the last newsletter. The first is for a single storey extension to NW elevation of Old Riding Barn, (up Stocks Lane). The number is 19/00200/LBC and also 19/0199/HSE. The second is to form a structural opening within the kitchen and to remove the underside of redundant stairs and entrance lobby at Carr Well, New Road. The number is 19/00205/LBC. As usual, any comments can be made to Calderdale Town Planning Department

SALE OF LAND IN CENTRE OF VILLAGE (VILLAGE GREEN)

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Society discovered that there is a possibility that the land in the centre of the village belonging to Calderdale where the Christmas tree is placed may be sold into private ownership. Calderdale have assured us "that no decisions on what to do with the land are to be made imminently". However, further information has been discovered and we are hoping to meet with Calderdale officials at some point in the near future.



CAR PARK

We are sorry to announce that the Honesty Box in the car park has been broken into and cash taken from it. The box was made of half centimetre thick steel and the door into it was somehow forced open and then broken off. The constructor of the box (Mr. Steve Ellis of Elmar at Luddendenfoot) stated that absolutely massive force would be needed to break it, and it would certainly not have been done by children. If anyone has any information regarding this - either seeing suspicious activity there or any other information, please contact either Trevor Oaten or Rodney Collinge (Telephone numbers below).

FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Luddenden Open Gardens will take place on Saturday 29 June, and 15 gardens will be open, with some new ones. Our calendar of meetings for this year is as follows:

Meetings with a speaker

- Thursday 25 April: David Glover, Old Prints and Pictures of Halifax
- Thursday 29 August: Rodney Collinge, The Cragg Coiners
- Thursday 31 October: The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

Monthly meetings without a speaker will be held on Thursdays 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 28 November.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 26 September and Santa Day will be on Saturday 7 December.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 28 March** at 7.30pm in the Lord Nelson. **Everyone welcome**

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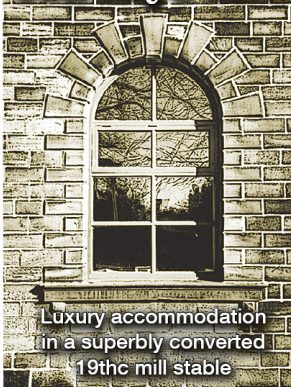
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