

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and there were two changes to the officers of the Society. Peter Layfield has retired as Chairman, and his place is being taken by Trevor Oaten, who was previously Vice-Chair. The new Vice-Chair is Nigel Peterson-White. The outgoing Chair, in his report, commented on how colourful the village had looked this year, both from Bloom Group displays, and the many fantastic floral displays at the front of houses. The treasurer reported that takings from the Honesty Box in the car park are almost one quarter down on those of the previous year, even though it appears to be increasing in use. A new sign has been erected in a bid to encourage more giving. The Bloom Group reported that a lot of work has been done on the river, removing fallen trees. The outgoing Chair finished by thanking the secretary and other officers for the work they had done during the year

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There is one new planning application which has been submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. This is for a 2 storey side extension at 7 Carr Field Drive, number 17/01278/HSE. As usual, comments can be made to Town Planning Officer, Northgate House, Halifax, to reach there by 28 November. An application for an extension at 19 Carr Field Drive mentioned in a previous newsletter has been permitted.

## 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 Tree Lighting and Santa visit on Saturday 2nd December, 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).

## WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS



WW1 Commemorations have continued during November, and there are three coming shortly: on **Saturday 25th November** that of Leonard Brooksbank, on **Thursday 30th November** that of Michael Roach, and a day later on **Friday 1st December** that of Gladstone Crowther. On **Saturday 25th November**, the project team will also be holding a **memorabilia afternoon** in the Lord Nelson, with Rob Hamilton of the Halifax Great War Heritage Society. Do come along then if you have WW1 memorabilia which you would be good enough to show to the project team, or would possibly like to find out more about. We plan to write a book about the men from Luddenden and Midgley who lost their lives during WW1, and would greatly appreciate any photographs, newspaper items or other material which could be copied for inclusion in the book. If you miss this, but have such items, Tony Hillyard would be pleased to hear from you at [ww1@luddenden.com](mailto:ww1@luddenden.com).

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS



The Santa day, when the Christmas lights are switched on and Santa Claus comes to Luddenden to meet children will be on **Saturday 2nd December**. The lights will be switched on by Santa at 5pm in the centre of the village by the bridge, and Midgley School Choir will sing carols. Following that Santa will be seeing young children in his grotto in St. Mary's Church, when the school choir will again perform, and mince pies, punch and fruit juices will be served free of charge. Each child who sees Santa will be given a small present. There will be a basket for donations, and all proceeds will be given to the Forget-me-Not children's hospice. The 23rd annual **Christmas treasure hunt walk** will take place on **Thursday 28th December**, starting at 11am from outside the Lord Nelson in the centre of the village. 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.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on **Thursday 30th November** at 7.30pm in the Lord Nelson On **Thursday 25th January** 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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