

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## LAST MEETING

David Glover, the well-known Halifax Local Historian, gave a most enjoyable talk at the last meeting on Branwell Bronte and his circle of friends in the Luddenden and Halifax area when he was working on the railway at Luddendenfoot Station. The room was full with over 30 people present to hear the talk. We are now trying to put together a programme of talks for next year, but the first has already been arranged. Stephen Waring of the Halifax and District Rail Action Group will give the talk that had to be cancelled in June about the Calder Valley line, and plans for the improvements announced by the government. Mr. Waring will also talk about what the Halifax group see as further improvements needed if the government is serious about producing a 'northern powerhouse', particularly with regard to the relative amounts of money spent on transport improvements in London and the south compared to the north. This will be on **Thursday January 25th** in the Lord Nelson.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There is one new planning application which has been submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. This is for maintenance to overhead power line at Thorn View. As usual, comments can be made to Town Planning Officer, Northgate House, Halifax.

## DVDs OF BAHT (WITHOUT) MEAT WEEK

It has come to our notice that there is a slight fault on the DVDs of the Baht Meat Week, consisting of a very small amount of the pictures jumping in the middle of the DVD. This has been investigated, and unfortunately cannot be corrected as it is present on the original video recording that the DVD has been produced from. The people who have told us of this have said that it did not affect their enjoyment of the film, and because of the age of the video recording is quite acceptable. The Baht Meat Week shows the time in 1975 when a TV programme was produced showing what happens when a whole village is persuaded to go without meat for a whole week. These will also be on sale at the Santa day and the Christmas walk, or by phoning 885141. The DVD shows the time in 1975 when a TV film was made showing what happened when the whole village went meatless and vegetarian for a week.

## WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

WW1 Commemorations have continued during October, and the first joint commemoration was the best attended so far. Relatives of Clarence Hebblewaite Holt came from the Luddenden valley, North Yorkshire and the Midlands. Gillian Holt who has made all the ceramic poppy crosses planted that for Mr. Holt, and Luddenden's new Mayor, Karen Page, planted the cross for John Patrick Kelly. The next commemoration (at noon) on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at the war memorial is for Wilfred John Harding who was Curate of Luddenden before the war, married Mary Riley of Luddenden in May 1917, and was awarded the Military Cross.

Following a further commemoration on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, the project team will 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. Copying and photography of items will be able to be carried out there and then by the Halifax Society and will not necessitate anything being left with us.

## 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 December 2nd**. The Christmas treasure hunt walk will be on **Thursday 28th December**. More news of these in the next newsletter.

**NEXT MEETING** will be the postponed Annual General Meeting on **Thursday October 26th** at 7.30pm in the Lord Nelson. Everyone welcome.

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