

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2015

40 years old!

In June 1975, the first newsletter of the Luddenden Conservation Society stated that on the 18th of June, 1975, the Luddenden Conservation Society was formed by the amalgamation of the two groups then existing—Luddenden Action Committee and the Luddenden Volunteer Work Group. Other items from that newsletter included the following:

“At present, the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary’s are discussing the possibility of grassing the church yard. If anyone has any views on this, please contact the vicar.”

“The headmistress of the Luddenden Church of England Junior School, Miss Phyllis Oakley, has been awarded the M.B.E. for service to the community.”

Other highlights and notable occurrences during that time include the following

August 1975 ‘Baht’ meat week’ Granada TV week-long programme featuring Luddenden going vegetarian.

October 1976 Church yard grassed over by Conservation Society work group

February 1978 Society President Councillor George Smith receives O.B.E.

July 1979 Luddenden second in West Yorkshire Best Kept Village competition (first prize ever in C’dale)

October 1979 First of five series of ‘In Loving Memory’ filmed by ITV in Luddenden

April 1982 Oats Royd mill to close

1984 Interior of St. Mary’s church altered to give two floors, separate rooms and toilets at rear

1985 First Society fight to keep land behind Carr Field undeveloped. This still continues!

1985 Lindley’s nut and bolt factory closed down

1986 Society opposition stops Calderdale from selling land in front of houses in village centre

1989 Fire at Oats Royd

1994 Village school closes as new school built on Kershaw estate

1998 After a fight for this, Calderdale gives Society lease on the old Highways Depot to build a car park

1999 Village Post Office closes

2002 Village car park opened, with flower beds and display board on the Luddenden valley

2003 Society opposition drastically reduces number of apartments to be built at Murgatroyd’s mill

2005 Two heritage displays constructed to show off village’s past

2011 Luddenden first in village category of Britain in Bloom

2013 Conservation Area re-appraisal and management plan produced by Calderdale, helped by the Society

2014 World War 1 project started

2015 Display boards produced on The Wildlife of the Luddenden valley. Leaflet to follow shortly.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been three since the last newsletter, 15/00464/FUL for detached dwelling on land adjacent to Brook Dean, Luddenden Lane; 15/00332/HSE Two storey extension to side of 1 High Street Court; 15/20030 Fell tree to rear of 8 Spring Bank. Comments can be made to Calderdale Town Planning

FUTURE MEETINGS

Although the society has been in existence for 40 years, attendances have recently declined, and we would remind people how vital it is for the village that the Society should continue to function. At the May meeting, there will be a talk by Mike Crawford on Attitudes in Calderdale at the beginning of the First World War. There will be an outside speaker every other month, and a full list will be given in the next issue. Do come and join us, there are lots of things to get involved with, and everyone is welcome! Next meeting in St. Mary’s Church, Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm.

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