

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2016

LAST MEETING

It was reported at the last meeting that all the final permissions have been obtained to erect a large stone at the bottom of New Road in front of the BT telephone box with the following wording on it.

WELCOME TO LUDDENDEN A CONSERVATION AREA

As the stone is very heavy, it will be quite expensive to erect it on site, but arrangements are now being made for this, and it will certainly be in place before the Heritage Day.

PLANNING

No new plans have been submitted to Calderdale Council for our area since the last meeting.

GARDENING CLUB COMPETITION

The Gardening Club is going to run 2 competitions over the 2016 growing season. For children, there is a tallest sunflower competition, and for adults the tallest runner bean. Seeds for these are still available in small packets on the Bloom group table at the top of High Street just below the old Methodist Church.

LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

Just a reminder that this year's Heritage Day will be on June 4th. The theme of the day is leisure activities and pastimes. The speaker in the morning will be Mrs. Peggy Horsfield from Midgley and in the afternoon we welcome back Ian Dewhirst. We are also hoping to have a special extra talk on the History of St. Mary's Church with special displays of photographs etc., as 2016 is the 200th anniversary of the present building.

Instead of the usual walk to illustrate the lectures, we are trying something different this year.



One of the popular pastimes of the 19th and early 20th centuries was **Billets**. This was a game very similar to knur and spell. The billet, which was almost the same shape and size as a sausage, was rested on the end of the billet stick, flicked up into the air and struck. The furthest distance was the winner. We intend to have a number of sticks and billets and give people the chance to try this. However, we would like someone to demonstrate this first, if possible, and if anyone is willing and able to do this, would you please contact Rodney Collinge on 885141 and leave a message if no-one is in, and I will get back to you.



NEXT MEETING will be on **28th April** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.30pm**, when there will be a slide presentation of **A walk up the Luddenden Valley in 1950**, showing the area at that time. starting out from Luddendenfoot Station. All welcome.

Luddenden Conservation Society

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