LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



LAST MEETING

The last meeting was a short business meeting. The possible sale of the grassed area in the centre of the village was again discussed, and it was reported that the Society had found further information regarding this. We are attempting to discuss this with the appropriate department in Calderdale, and have been assured that there is no imminent decision being made regarding the land.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new planning applications since the last newsletter. 19/00345/192 is for the formation of an access to the highway at Booth Farm, which will enter the roadway just before the houses on the bottom side of the road. 19/20051/TPO is to fell 4 trees at 48 Carr Field Drive which are described as forming a tolerable risk of harm in a survey. Any comments should be sent to Calderdale by 7 May.

CALDER GREENING PROJECT

The Society has recently had meetings with Mr. Alec Boyd who is a Project Officer for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Work on a river restoration project that covers the mid-Calder and most of its tributaries including Luddenden Brook has recently begun, and the Society are hoping to work with Mr. Boyd. He will also be coming to talk to the Society at the May meeting.

CAR PARK

The honesty box in the car park has now very kindly been repaired by Mr. Nick Jackson of Midgley, to whom we are greatly indebted. It turned out that entry to the old one had been done by a grinder, obviously a professional job. It will in future be emptied daily.

GEOFF BUDD

We are delighted to announce that one of our members, Mr. Geoff Budd from Church Hill, was this year selected to receive a purse of Maundy Money from the Queen or her representative in a ceremony at the Chapel Royal, Windsor. This is a recognition of all the work that Geoff has done as a member of the Church of England and for charity, and we would like to offer him our congratulations, and we are sure those of the village.

PEACE GARDEN

The roses and other plants have now been planted in the peace garden at the entrance to St. Mary's church. Shortly, donors will be receiving a map of the garden and the position of the rose which they sponsored.

INFORMATION BOARDS

The information boards in the car park and alongside our heritage features at the bottom of Halifax Lane, which have been there since 2003, have now become very faded, and are being replaced. New ones have now been ordered and it is hoped they will be in place by the end of May.

FUNDRAISING FOR WOOD BANK SPECIAL SCHOOL

Our Chair, Trevor Oaten, and Treasurer, Tony Hillyard, are in a group from the Luddenden Mayor's Fund who will be walking the Calderdale Way (50 miles) over Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May. Sponsorship monies are going towards new hoisting equipment for Wood Bank School hall, to enable disabled pupils to better participate in hall activities. If you'd like to sponsor them, you may donate at https://smartgiving.org.uk/event/luddenden-mayors-fund-calderdale-way-challenge?backlight=luddenden, fill in a sponsor form in the Lord Nelson or contact Trevor or Tony. Thank you.

LINCOLN TRIP

The Society has organised a trip to Lincoln to see the castle and cathedral on June 11th. There are still four vacancies and anyone interested in going should contact Rodney Collinge by the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Lord Nelson.** Mr David Glover of Halifax will be giving an illustrated talk on prints and pictures of old Halifax. Following this at some time in the future, we hope that he will be able to come back and follow this up with photographs of Halifax in the 20th century. David has been before to talk to the Society, and we know that we are assured of an interesting evening.

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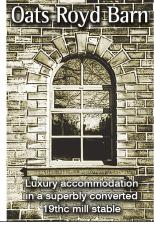
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