

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



40 years old!

As mentioned in our newsletter in May, the Conservation Society was formed 40 years ago on the 18th June 1975, and we have been taking a look at events that took place in Luddenden in each decade since then. In this newsletter, we will concentrate on the decade from 2000. In February 2000, plans were passed to allow 40 apartments on the east (bottom) side at Oats Royd mill. Later, after great opposition from Conservation Society to plans for 66 and then 48 apartments on the western side, permission was finally given for 40. In May 2000, Calderdale was finally forced to grant access along Dene View, Kershaw to land behind Carr Field. By a variety of means, however, Conservation Society was able to slow down the processes leading to planning approval, and eventually the land was re-classified so as to prevent housing development for the time being, (although not permanently). In April 2002, the car park along Luddenden Lane which had been constructed by the Society was opened by the Mayor of Calderdale, and shortly afterwards the British Hill Cycling Championships were held in Luddenden. In January 2003, the Society successfully objected to the sale of land at Chapel Street at the rear of the playground, arguing this was an integral part of the village centre. In June 2003, we had the first Luddenden Open Gardens, and the Society also became involved with applications to build on land behind British Furtex at the foot of the valley. At the end of 2004, the Society led the successful fight to keep the path past Box House open when it was declared a right of way. In 2005, the two heritage displays in the village at the bottom of Halifax Lane were created. Also in 2005, the Halifax Building Society stated that the property prices of houses in villages which had been successful in Britain in Bloom competitions were 23% higher than similar areas. In August 2006, Luddenden village was featured in a 30 minute radio programme entitled Lives in a landscape, and two years later, the first music festival, with international jazz star Bobby Wellins took place

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There have been two new planning applications since the last newsletter. One is for the change of use of land to the N.E. of 58 High Street as a garden, and the second for internal changes at 49 Oats Royd mill. As usual, any comments can be made to Calderdale Town Planning Department.

CELEBRATION DINNER

The Society will be holding a dinner on Friday, October 16th at Il Mulino's in Hebden Bridge to celebrate its 40th Anniversary. The cost, including a glass of wine will be £13 and all our friends and helpers are invited to come along. Booking can be made by contacting either the President or Chair (phone numbers below). The Mayor of Calderdale and our M.P. have both been invited to attend.

WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

The project, now being led by Tony Hillyard, has collected base information (census records, Courier obituaries, military records etc) about all the 45 men named on the War Memorial, and it has all been brought together into one place. We've now started working with relatives and residents, of the houses that they marched away from, to develop their stories in order to create a book as a permanent record. The next commemoration is for Cyril Wormald Thomas on Monday 21 September at noon. In addition, there will be a talk by Adam Lowe about Richard Bracken Farrar on Thursday 24 September at 7.30 (before the AGM). Adam came into possession of a ruler belonging to him, and this led him to carry out further research. If you'd like to get involved with the project, do come along to these events, contact us at ww1@luddenden.com or by ringing 885141, or visit our stall at Mayor Making on Saturday September 13th

GRANT FROM LUDDENDENFOOT WARD FORUM

The Society has received a grant from Calderdale Luddendenfoot Ward Forum of £500 to help in the development of an electronic trail walk in Midgley and Luddenden. The money will be used for path clearing and sign-posting. Many thanks for this.

SOCIETY WEBSITE

The Society has recently lost its website manager, and is looking for a replacement. If anyone is prepared to help with this, please contact Tony Hillyard (phone 886002) for more details. This plays a big part in our communication with people, both locally and far afield, and taking this on would be a very valuable contribution to make to village life.

NEXT MEETING will be on Thursday 27 August, and will be in the LORD NELSON inn at 7.30pm. All welcome. The September meeting will be our AGM, and any suggested changes to our constitution must be submitted to the secretary at least 14 days before the meeting.

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