

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

This year's Heritage Day took place on June 4th, when the theme of the day was leisure activities and Pastimes 1850—1950. In the morning, Mrs. Peggy Horsfield from Midgley firstly spoke about the games that children used to play, illustrated by recordings with older residents. She then went on to some of the organised games—soccer, cricket, tennis and also some of the older ones now rarely played. She also spoke of the many homely pastimes by which people entertained themselves before television came along. In the afternoon, Ian Dewhirst from Keighley entertained us with his accounts of the various ways in which the churches and chapels provided entertainment and education for the many people who then attended, and how there was something for people every night of the week. A number of people remarked that in many ways, today we are the poorer for the passing of many of these 'do-it-yourself' forms of entertainment, as they were 'active' pastimes rather than 'passive', as many of those today are.

There were as usual extensive displays of memorabilia, and the large photographs of 'old Luddenden' were again displayed around the village, The people present declared the day to be very successful, but unfortunately, the number of people present was well down on previous heritage days. Thanks go to all those people who helped, provided the refreshments, and Geoff Midgley at Dean House Farm for providing milk and cream.

LAST MEETING

Nigel Peterson-White gave a photographic presentation on work that the Conservation Society had done over the 40 years of its existence, and areas of the village where work was now needed. These were prioritised, and the Society will be holding work parties on these areas in the future. Anyone who would like to join in and help with this will be warmly welcomed, and should contact Trevor Oaten (883417).

A number of people came along specifically to discuss a planning application which had been submitted to Calderdale for the conversion of Mill House Barn to 8 apartments. The general agreement was that this was totally unsuitable because access from the road was on a blind bend, and it was just an accident waiting to happen. There were other technical reasons, and the Society has sent in an objection to Calderdale in line with the comments that were made.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are two planning applications which have been submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. The first is for replacement windows to 23 High Street. The present frames are rotting and they will be replaced by wooden double glazed windows. The second is for outline residential development of three dwelling on land at the rear of the old Methodist Chapel on High Street. The proposed 3 new dwellings comprise a 3 bed detached bungalow and a pair of semi-detached 3 bed two storey houses. The number of this is 16/00479/OUT, and any comments either for or against can be made to Calderdale Town Planning Department at Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax. HX1 1UN by 22 July

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

The commemoration of the death of James Morris Breeze took place at the War Memorial on 16th June. These are taking place for all the people who are named on the memorial, and as in the past, the circumstances of each man's death is read out, and the church bell tolled once for every year of their life. A ceramic cross is then planted in their honour. The next commemoration is this coming Saturday at 12 noon for Percy Odell. We do hope that you will be able to join us at the forthcoming commemorations. As before, if you know people who may be relatives of any of the forty five men, do please get in touch with Peter Hayes on 01422 884145.

PHARMACY FLYERS

Recently, most houses in the area have received a flyer from a pharmacy stating that they would deliver any medicines/pills prescribed by the doctor to them directly. This was **NOT** from our local pharmacy on Kershaw, and was an attempt by a large national organisation to take business away from the local one. We do not want our local pharmacy to close down, as the nearest alternative is Mytholmroyd, so please do not pay any attention to this firm, and if you have sent it in to them by any chance, please notify our local pharmacy on Kershaw that you wish to deal with them and not the large national one.

NEXT MEETING will be on **30th June** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.30pm**, **everybody welcome**.

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