

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



### NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

#### LAST MEETING

At the last meeting, Gwynn Evans from Riding Head Farm came to talk about his production of Luddenden Valley country fruit wines. He explained how the business started, and how much of the fruit needed is grown on his land there. He also brought along samples of some of the wines to taste, and we can certainly echo Matt Baker's verdict of "delicious" when BBC Country File came to visit Luddenden a few months ago. If you ever are stumped about a present to buy for someone, you could do far worse than telephone Gwynn, who will deliver to you.

We also mentioned in our last newsletter that the Society had still not got anyone to act as secretary to the Society. We are extremely glad to announce that Cathryn Elgar from Thorn View has now volunteered to do this, and are very grateful to her.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There have been two planning applications since the last newsletter. These are to prune 3 trees and fell one tree at The Coach House, 10 High Street, number 16/20046/TPO, and permission to build a semi-detached dwelling on land N.E. of 1 Pin Hill Lane, Midgley (in green belt) number 16/00223/FUL. Any observations on these should be sent to Town Planning Department, Calderdale MBC, Northgate House, Halifax before April 7th

#### WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

After a pause in the project due to people having to withdraw, we are now at the stage where we would like to trace any relatives of the men named on the war memorial who may have photographs, letters, memories or stories of these men which have been passed down, and which they would be willing to share with us. We would like to hear from anybody at all—relatives or friends of relatives. If you are willing to help, please call Peter Hayes on 01422 884145 who will be willing to come and meet you as soon as is convenient for you.

#### A NEW COMMUNITY SINGING GROUP

Do you like to sing but don't want to join a formal choir? Would you like to sing in an informal group for fun and not have to travel far? If so, come and sign up to the Midgley/ Luddenden choir! The choir will meet in Midgley Community Room on Thursday evenings for one hour. We need a minimum of 10 members to make it viable.

The choir will be led by experienced musicians, Francesca Murray (Pianist) & Rhys Williams (Vocalist).

Please contact Francesca on [francescamurray@hotmail.com](mailto:francescamurray@hotmail.com) /

07542919931 / [www.fmurraymusic.co.uk](http://www.fmurraymusic.co.uk) if you're interested or require more information. The choir will be starting shortly after Easter.

#### 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 will be available in small packets from the beginning of April 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.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on **31st March** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.30pm**

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