

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

Just a reminder that this year's Heritage Day will be on June 4th, and will start at 10.15am in St. Mary's Church, which will be open from 9.45am. The theme of the day is leisure activities and pastimes, 1850—1950. 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 in which 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. There will as usual be extensive displays of memorabilia, photographs of 'old Luddenden' will again be displayed around the village, copies of our previous booklets will be available, as will refreshments both at lunchtime and throughout the day. For anyone even slightly interested in the story of how people lived in the past, the day is a must, and it has now been copied in other areas.

VILLAGE NAME STONE

As reported in the last newsletter, the village name stone is now erected 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

The Society would like to thank Jagger and Sons Haulage and Plant Hire of Luddendenfoot for sponsoring the lifting and placing of the stone. Also, thanks to those people from the Society who have been responsible for this project, particularly Trevor Oaten and Peter Layfield. There has been a four figure cost for this, which has come from the proceeds of special events such as the Open Gardens Day and Heritage Day, so thanks also to those people who have supported the Society in those.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are two planning applications which have been submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. The first is for Change of use and adaptation of existing barn to create residential development of 8 apartments, number 16/00193/FUL AT Millhouse Farm, Railes Lane, Luddenden. There is no date given on the Calderdale website for last receipt of comments or objections, but any should be sent as soon as possible to Planning Services, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN, giving the number of the planning application. It may be that given the amount of extra traffic that this will generate on a bad bend in a narrow road that people will wish to comment. The planning committee of the Conservation Society have not yet discussed this application, but will be giving it very close consideration shortly. The second application is for Proposed single storey rear extension plus second storey extension over conservatory at Upper Stubbings, Buttress Lane, Luddenden, number 16/00410/LBC and 16/00409/FUL. Further details of both can be obtained from the Calderdale website on <https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications/weeklyListResults.do?action=firstPage>

LUDDENDEN AND MIDGLEY WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

This year there will be four more commemorations of men at the War memorial of men who gave their lives a hundred years ago. The next two are James Morris Breeze (Thursday 16th June at 12 noon) and Percy Odell (2nd July at 12 noon). In the past, as part of the commemoration, we've planted wooden poppy crosses in the rockery to the right of the memorial, but we've discovered that, even when varnished and treated with wood preserver, they're regularly having to be replaced. Gillian Holt, a relative of Thomas Greenwood (the first of the forty five to be commemorated back in August 2014) and a potter, has very kindly offered to make ceramic crosses for us. These should survive the elements much better. Many thanks to Gillian. 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.

NEXT MEETING will be on **26th May** in the **Lord Nelson at 7.30pm, everybody welcome.**

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