

## 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 years from 2010 to the present. In 2010, we had our first Luddenden Heritage Day. There were talks and walks on local history, and a big display of memorabilia, plus the large photographs of Luddenden 'as it was'. In September 2011, Luddenden was the winner of the village section of Britain in Bloom, a tremendous feat. At the beginning of 2012, the Methodist Chapel closed down, which was a great loss to the village. Apart from the loss of the last non-conformist place of worship in the valley, there was no longer a large hall in which organisations could meet, and girls guide organisations had to move out of the village. In 2012, the Society aided Calderdale greatly in producing the Luddenden Conservation Area Re-appraisal. This describes the village, and will be a guide for building development for many years to come, hopefully ruling out undesirable projects here. For the 2012 Heritage Day (and also 2014) the Society produced booklets entitled Down Memory Lane and Down Memory Lane Again, which gave great insights into the village in past times. In 2013, Debbie at the Lord Nelson won two Community Involvement awards, and was awarded £10000 which was spent on village projects. Finally, in 2014, the Society started on a World War 1 memorial project entitled The Hero from our Home, which will run until 2018. As an aid to visitors, seven boards describing the natural history of the Luddenden Valley were produced and these have been sited throughout the valley.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

There have been no new planning applications since the last newsletter. Applications for an outbuilding at Lower Holme House to be converted into a dwelling, and for internal changes at 49 Oats Royd mill have both been allowed.

#### **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 will be present at the event.

#### **WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT**

The next commemoration of the death of a World War 1 soldier as part of our World War 1 project is for Cyril Wormald Thomas on Monday 21 September at noon at the War Memorial, outside the Church. There will be a short service of remembrance, and everyone is welcome. 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](mailto:ww1@luddenden.com) or by ringing 885141.

#### **SOCIETY WEBSITE**

The Society has recently lost its website manager, and is looking for a replacement. We have still not had any volunteers to look after this, and if anyone is prepared to help, please contact Tony Hillyard (phone 886002) for more details. It would be a great loss if the website were to be closed down because of lack of helpers, and it plays a big part in our communication with people, both locally and far afield. Taking this on would be a very valuable contribution to make to village life, so please, if you feel that you could help with this, do come forward.

#### **WORK IN GRAVEYARD BY TEAMS FROM LLOYD'S BANK**

Recently, two teams from Lloyd's Bank have spent a day each tidying up in the graveyard, and we are very grateful to them and their organiser, Richard Gunn, for the excellent job they have done.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on **Thursday 24 August**, and will be in the **LORD NELSON INN at 7.30pm**. All welcome. This meeting will be our AGM, and will be preceded as mentioned above by the talk by Adam Lowe on Richard Bracken Farrar.

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