

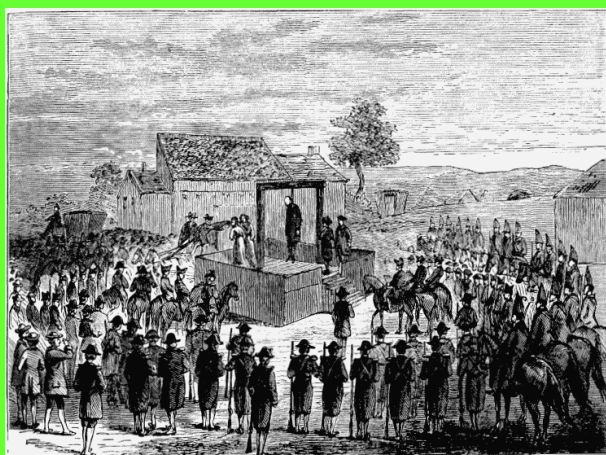


LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

LAST MEETING

At the last meeting in August, Rodney Collinge gave an illustrated talk on the Cragg Vale coiners, a gang of people who, in the late 18th century, clipped the edges of gold coins and then melted these clippings down. The liquid gold was cast into round, flat discs and then converted into forged coins. This became so common and carried out on such a large scale that the whole British coinage was becoming debased. Initially, the government ignored the problem, but once a government excise officer had been murdered by the gang, the whole force of the law was brought to bear, and members of the gang were caught, tried, found guilty and publically hung at York. The bodies of two of the gang were brought back to Halifax and as a deterrent to others were hung in chains for over a year on Beacon Hill until the birds had pecked away all the flesh and only the skeletons were left.



A Public Hanging



Hanging a Body in Chains

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications to Calderdale since our last newsletter.

LUDDENDEN ART GROUP COFFEE DAY

Luddenden St Mary's Art Group are holding their annual Macmillan coffee day on **Friday 27th September** between 10.00am. and 4.00pm. at St Mary's Church. There will be tea, coffee and home made cakes together with a small display of art and craft work. There will also be hand made cards, craft work and home made jams for sale to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everybody welcome.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Society will be the **Annual General Meeting** and will be in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 26th September**. Everybody welcome. At the following meeting on Thursday 31st October, Mr. Noel Coates will give a talk on The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and the Calder Valley Line. Mr. Coates is a very well-known speaker on the L and Y Railway, and the meeting is sure to be packed out, so make a note in your diary to come early.

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