

LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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*A happy New Year! Grant that I, May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end, Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and laboured here, And made of it a happy year.*
~Edgar Guest – English Poet 1881-1959



News from the village

Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to everyone in this golden village of Luddenden. What a year it has been and now it's time to sign off with the final newsletter of 2011. Apologies to everyone who may have expected this through their doors but time constraints prevented it being ready for printing. Normal Service will resume in March.

The Christmas tree was put up on Sunday 20th November and a thanks goes to everyone who was involved in sourcing the tree and siting it in the center of the village.

Father Christmas arrived on a horse drawn carriage, as this year there was no snow so a sleigh was out of the question. He then switched the lights on and distributed gifts to local children in St Mary's Church. Thanks go to Rodney, the Conservation Society and St Mary's for arranging this event as a thank you to all villagers for supporting the Britain in Bloom Campaign.

Elsewhere around the village all flowerbeds have now been put to bed and leaf fall cleared. Spring bulbs have been planted in the car park to brighten the area. The team has also been liaising with Calderdale over their planting schemes for 2012.

Thanks goes to Calderdale for all their help and they have provided once again this year and in keeping the roads and drains clear of leaf fall this autumn. There are still a few jobs for the team to do but as with all gardening now it will be dependent on the weather.

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The 3rd Annual Home Christmas Wreath Competition 2011

This year Mrs. Anna Conway of Railes Cottage was the winner. Her eclectic mix of local festive flora and seasonal veg was both traditional and fun.



Mrs Anna Conway center being presented by Joan Oaten and Roland Mier of the Bloom Group with her prize of a Fair Trade hamper sponsored by the Conservation Society



Gardening tips for the winter months

Continue winter digging if the soil is workable and clear away any debris that could harbour slugs and snails.. Avoid walking on lawns as much as possible during winter. Listen to weather forecast and protect any precious plants with a cover of fleece. Move containers nearer the house to help prevent frost damage. Check pots and containers so they don't dry out but avoid overwatering. Brush snow off green house roof, conifers and large evergreens and hedges to avoid damage. Plan you garden for 2012 and order your seeds. In February cover your veg plot with polythene sheeting to help warm the soil. Prune standard apple and pear trees. During March start sowings lettuce, radishes, spring onions, leeks, broad beans, parsnip, early carrots in your warmed up veg plot but watch out for the weather and be prepared to cover them with clouches should the weather turn nasty.

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Dates for the diary 2012

Plants sales	to be announced
Easter Egg Hunt at the Lord Nelson	Saturday 7 th April
Yorkshire in Bloom Judging	to be announced
St Mary's Church Fayre	Saturday 16 th June
Luddfest Music Festival	Saturday 23 rd June
Jubilee Heritage Day	Saturday 30 th June
Ada Brooks Trophy	August
Mayor Making	Saturday 8 th September
Last Night of the Proms	Saturday 15 th September



Eric's View

From now until spring ensure your bird feeders are full of tasty morsels. Any left over Christmas cake or pudding can be broken up and placed on bird tables. Fat balls are a firm favorite on cold days but please remove the netting as that can cause problems for small birds.

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