

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**April 2017**



## LAST MEETING

The last meeting was a purely business meeting, with quite a number of decisions being made. Correspondence had been received from the Speaker of the House of Commons, stating that 13th—19th November is UK Parliament Week which is aimed at exploring what parliament and our democracy mean to people. The Society decided to organise a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, and our M.P. Craig Whittaker has agreed to set this up for us. It will take place on the 13th November, and will be open to anyone who wishes to go. Final arrangements will be made later, but we shall travel by train from Halifax, and have some free time in London before returning the same evening. Please get in touch with Rodney Collinge if you would like further information.

The Society also agreed to make a donation to CROWS (Calderdale Rights of Way Society) of £50 for more work on improving footpaths in the area. We are very grateful for the work they do on this, and they are always on the lookout for new members to join them in their work. If you are interested, email [crows-coop@outlook.com](mailto:crows-coop@outlook.com)

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. The application for a greenhouse to be erected at Peel House, Stocks Lane has been agreed.

## WW1 COMMEMORATIONS

Three commemorations of the deaths of local soldiers who



died at the Battle of Arras, and who are named on the local War Memorial, took place during the last month. These were of

Privates Matthew Ackroyd, Tom Summerscales and Herbert Murgatroyd. In each case, information about the men was read out, a ceramic cross was planted, and the Church bell was tolled once for every year of their life.

Short prayers were then said. The next commemoration, will be that of Willie Mitchell, on Tuesday, 25th April at 12 noon at the War Memorial opposite the Lord Nelson. From Bank Bottom, he was 29 years of age and has no known grave, but like the above three is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

On Wednesday 3rd May, this will be followed by a commemoration ceremony

at 12 noon for John Murgatroyd who lived at 57 High Street Court in the centre of Luddenden. Thanks to Calderdale Community Foundation for their financial support of the project.

## THEFTS

There have been a number of robberies in the village from outdoor sheds and huts. We have been asked to warn people of these, and to take care that everything is well locked up at night.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 27th in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm, when Mr. Rob Hamilton from the Halifax Great War Society will give a talk entitled 'The Amazing Mrs. Humphries'. At a time towards the end of Victoria's reign, when women very rarely ventured far by themselves, Mrs. Humphries, who was a Luddenden resident, became a notable explorer, and travelled all over the world in her expeditions.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** Last Thursday in the month, at 7.30pm in the Lord Nelson, with a speaker or film bi-monthly

**JUNE 29th** Mr. S Waring (Halifax & District Rail Action Group) "Network Rail & the Calder Valley Line". A talk about the future of the Calder Valley line.

**JULY 1st** Luddenden Village Open Gardens Day

**SEPTEMBER 28th** Mr. David Glover of Halifax will give a talk on Branwell Bronte

**DON'T** forget to check what plants and fresh produce are available on the plant table below the old Methodist Church at the top of High Street.



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