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LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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Dear villager,

Due to the Christmas break, it has been some time since the last Newsletter, so here is a brief summary of the interim period.

Firstly the Society would like to thank Mr. Wilfred Manning for his most enjoyable talk & slide show which took place at the November meeting which described some of the more interesting characters & places around this historical area of Luddenden that we inhabit.

Secondly the Society would like to thank all those people who turned up for the Treasure Hunt which was held on the Wednesday after Christmas. About 40 people braved the cool weather & we are sure they were glad of the refreshments laid on at the end of their journey. The event resulted in a nett profit of £67.50 which will "swell" the coffers of the the Society for future worthy causes.

With regards to matters previously reported, we can inform you that the sale of the land adjacent the toilets has been put on hold & discussions are to take place within the Council as to its future use-the Society intends to present if possible to put forward the views of the local community. The additional houses that had been applied to be built on High St. have been refused, but the original 5 will still be built. Further to this, a man has been charged £500 for cutting down trees at the side of the river without permission!

* The meeting which took place in January included a discussion about future projects which would require some voluntary help & possibly the loan of some items of equipment:-

- a work group is to be got together for the first Sunday in March (3rd.) to help clean out the river through the village, so anyone who wishes to help may like to come along to the next meeting which will be held this Thursday (29th.) where further details will be available.
- a work group is to be got together, (possibly in partnership with the Calderdale Milestones Project, with whom the Society has been in contact with recently), to restore the Public Footpath from the village down to Luddenden Foot. Watch this space for further details!
- the Society is considering entering "The Best Kept Village Competition", (entered on a regular basis in the past). Again anyone who has any ideas or thoughts about improving the appearance of the village will be more than welcome at this weeks meeting.

The meeting this week will be a good time to attend as our Chairman Mr. Rodney Collinge will be giving a talk on the famous Midgley "Pace Egg Play" together with the showing of an old film, shot in 1960, showing many local people, the Play itself, & the local area as it was in "yesteryear". So please come along, all are welcome.

The dates have now been set for all the meetings for 1996 and are as follows:- Mar 28th., April 25th., May 30th., June 27th., July 25th., Aug 29th., Sep 26th., Oct 31st., Nov 28th.,
The April meeting will include a talk by Mr. Peter Thornborrow about the old houses of the Luddenden valley. The June meeting will coincide with a informative walk through the Luddenden valley lead by 2 naturalists.

Just a reminder then that this weeks meeting is on Thursday at 7.45 p.m.

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Dear villager,

The work group organised by the Society to clean out the river on Sunday 3rd. of March was a great success. A full skip load of rubbish was collected from the river, the Churchyard & the river banks from the end of the Cemetery to the junction of High St. & New Ln. The Society would like to thank everyone who turned up to help & to the kind gent who loaned us the litter tongs.

At the last meeting, the possibility of setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes was brought up-however after a lengthy discussion with an existing co-ordinator (from Bluebell Walk), it became apparent that the Society would not be able to set up a Scheme for the whole village but that individual " streets " would have to implement their own, with a nominated co-ordinator, liaising between that Watch area and the Police. It should be noted that statistics have proven that these Schemes do work in reducing the level of crime-in effect " passing it on " to an area not covered by one of these Schemes. So if anyone is interested in setting a Scheme up should attend any Society meeting where further advice & information can be given.

With regard to matters previously reported we can inform you of the following:-

- Best Kept Village Competition, West Yorkshires turn is not until 1997, contact has been made with Yorkshire Rural Community Society & the relevant forms will be forwarded.

- Sale of land adjacent toilets, the Highways Dept. are putting the together for converting this area into a car park & a meeting will be held on Wednesday March 27th. at which Local Councillors will be canvassing on the Society's behalf.

- Damaged wall adjacent river, this has been passed on to the NRA offices in Doncaster.

- Purchase of additional litter bins for the village, no reply from the Council as yet.

- Traffic calming measures, Stocks Ln., High St., & Luddenden Ln. may still possibly go ahead but it all depends on priority & funding.

- The Planning Application put in to build a small development in the village centre was turned down in January, however the applicant still has 6 months to appeal, so we must be vigilant if we want to retain this piece of open land in an already crowded village centre.

Further to this point of planning applications, you may not be aware that a Planning Application has been put in to develop the small field between Carrfield & Kershaw. The applicant has asked to build around 20 No. houses with the access to this land being via either Carrfield or from Kershaw Drive. If you have any objections to this development then you must send in your letters before Monday April 1st.(It appears that this piece of land may have been overlooked when the Green Belt area around the village was determined & therefore it may already be too late to overturn the " change of use " that has been applied for-but nothing ventured.....).

The Society is currently seeking a Minutes Secretary so if there is anyone out there who would like to help they would be most welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 28th. & will be at the usual time of 7.45 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel on High St.

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Dear villager,

Many varied subjects were discussed at the last meeting in March. Here is a summary of the main points.

Regarding the Neighbourhood Watch schemes for the area - a sub-committee has been set up to look into the possibility of setting these up within the village - a report will be available as soon as possible.

The Local Authority's Main Drainage Dept. has been contacted after having been passed back from the NRA.

The sale of land adjacent toilets topic is quite encouraging in that Technical Services have drawn up a paper for discussion on the options. Local Councillors are to meet with the Society for possible joint venture for creation of a car park. The Society would like to thank again Mr. Clive Horsman who at very short notice drew up plans and estimated costings for approximately 35-42 car park spaces and landscaping for perusal by the Local Authority with possible Pay & Display feature to go toward costs. The project was very well received by the Council and the Society was complemented for its community spirit. This was agreed in principle after very little debate and a full report will be given after the next couple of meetings. (- it may be possible to approach the Road Development Commission / Calderdale Tourism Board for grants to go toward the costs) A sub-committee has been set up to run this project in tandem with footpath to Luddenden Foot. The society have managed to purchase a bin and 2 No. park benches for the village. The latter to be positioned by the bridge in the centre of the village and 1 bench to replace the existing one on Midgely Rec and another to be positioned between Stocks Lane and Brook Terrace. These will be erected as soon as they become available.

We have received a letter back from the Council re - traffic calming which as stated before for this area will depend on funding but also on accident rates for the area - apparently the village accident rate is low but on hearing from various people at the meeting this is not the case. The Society feel that it would be beneficial if anyone who has had an accident or near miss or a car damaged etc due to speeding / dangerous traffic reports it to Mr. Ric Lihou at the address above.

Regarding planning applications the developer concerned with Spring Bank requested to attend the March Meeting to put forward his side of the story, but the Society decided against this. He has now applied for a further two houses over and above the five. The plans of which were brought to the meeting and these have been passed on to a structural engineer for perusal of the design. (It was felt from previous council meetings that the extra two houses would not be accepted by Council and another letter is to be sent to counter the application.)

Broad Flaggs - a letter of objection is to be sent to request reinstatement to original outline.

Greave House Fields - Planning application has been submitted for approx. 20 houses. This has been objected to by the Society and a petition has been organised independently to pass on to Council.

Path from Thorn View to Old Lane - not a right of way according to the Highways Dept., but the Society is to return forms to say that this has been an unhindered thoroughfare for over 20 years. Next work group will be held on Sunday 28th April to clear up area at High Street / New Road junction. Meet at paper shop at 10:00am. This month's meeting will be attended by Mr. Peter Thornborrow, who will speak about conservation in West Yorkshire with specific reference to Luddenden and Calderdale. All are welcome to attend.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April, at 7.45pm.

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Dear villager,

Due to holidays, there is not much to report from the Society's meeting from last month, however there are a few items to convey which may be of interest to you.

The person who professes to own the land adjacent the river in the centre of the village has applied to the Secretary of State to investigate his application for the development of this land. There is still doubt over whether this land is actually his, as he claims, but as it has been enclosed now for a long period of time, it will become rightfully his, within the eyes of the Law, if a period of 12 years has elapsed since it was first enclosed. The Society believe this "deadline" is imminent, as an old Society newsletter from 1984 shows a photograph of some of the villagers protesting next to the same stretch of land when the Local Council was proposing to erect some Public Conveniences, and it is believed that it was not long after this that this piece of land was enclosed. So if anyone has any further information on this subject which they think may be of help, could they please let the Society know about it.

There have been no other Planning Applications since the last meeting.

Some concerns were raised at the meeting about the re-opening of the Working Mens Club in High Street, i.e. with regard to noise levels of music and possible "rowdy" people leaving the premises late at night-especially at weekends when the new late night opening hours become Law. However, the Society felt that as the new club had not opened yet, it was not fair for the Society to pass judgement on it, and that only if this new club was having a detrimental effect on village life, and complaints had been received, would the Society then get involved.

It is only fair to point out that, at the present time there are 2 petitions circulating the village, one in favour of the club, and one against, so it is up to the individual as to which one, if any, they wish to sign.

At present the Society's funds stand at £149 82 (£288.00 having been paid out for a bench to replace the one that used to stand on the road between Stocks Lane and Brook Terrace.)

A work group is to be held this Thursday 15th. August, when there will be a general tidy up of the village, if you can bring along a plastic rubbish bag it would be appreciated. We have also decided to paint over the graffiti on the bus-stop on Luddenden Lane, paint and paint brushes will be made available, so any budding Michelangelo's and other willing helpers should meet outside the Lord Nelson at 7.00 p.m..

Last, but not least, the next meeting to be held will be our 1st. Annual General Meeting. After the meeting there will be a talk presented by Mr. David Fletcher MBE, who has recently stepped down from his post as a Government appointed Countryside Commissioner, and he will be giving a talk on Conservation issues in general.

The meeting will commence as usual at 7.45 p.m. and will be held on Thursday ²⁹~~30~~th. August in the Methodist Church hall

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At the end of August, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held, when new officials were elected as follows -

Chairman Rodney Collinge
Secretary Vacant
Treasurer Peter Kelly
Planning Applications Secretary Dilys Marsden
Newsletter Editor Steve Thompson
Fundraising Secretary Vacant

Rick Lihou was thanked for his services as secretary over the last twelve months. He has had to retire due to the pressure of work, and a new secretary is being sought. The job entails writing all the letters from the Society to bodies such as Calderdale Council, the river authority etc. These are followed up if a reply is not sent, and brought to the next meeting. Anyone who feels that they would be prepared to give some of their time in carrying out this very valuable service is invited to contact Rick on 884089, to discuss with him any further information required. Also, as funding is now so very important in terms of the activities to be carried out during the next year, (see below), anyone prepared to act as secretary of a fundraising committee is also asked to come to the next meeting. The Society has had to stop working in the past because nobody could be found to carry out these jobs. This has led to many undesirable developments, and we hope that people can be found to carry out these very important jobs within the life of the Society.

The speaker at the meeting was David Fletcher, MBE, from Mytholmroyd. David has just completed nine years as a Government-appointed Countryside Commissioner, the body responsible for determining Government policy on the countryside, and for the distribution of government grants. He remarked how glad he had been to see the re-emergence of the Luddenden Conservation Society, and praised the members on the work they had carried out over the last twelve months. He explained which government agencies were responsible for the various works carried out in the countryside, and the main issues arising both nationally and locally. A discussion and questions followed this.

The Secretary announced that a letter had been received from Calderdale offering, with certain conditions, the Council depot along Luddenden lane for the Society to try to convert into a car park, if funding can be found. It is obviously going to be of great benefit to the village if this can be carried out. The Society already has plans for this, so please come to the next meeting so we can start making plans for this and other activities, knowing that enough people are interested in these projects and we shall have enough interest to carry them through.

The next meeting is a business meeting, with no speaker, and is on Thursday, 26th September, in the Methodist Church Hall, starting at 7.45pm.

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At the last meeting of the Luddenden Conservation Society in September, a letter was received from Calderdale saying that the Council were prepared to rent the land at the end of Luddenden Lane by the toilets to the Society to see if we could find the money necessary to build a car park on it. To provide some of the money to go ahead with the project, it was decided to hold a number of fund-raising events. The first will be two car boot sales, before and after Christmas. Details of these will be circulated later.

The land in the centre of the village by the river car park was discussed, and it was reported that Calderdale had been sent full details which show that the Council own the land, and not the people who have tried to claim it as theirs. The latest information is that Calderdale are informing the land registry in Nottingham that the land is owned by the council, and producing the required documents to back this up.

The matter of Christmas lighting in the village was also discussed. The council are prepared to hire lights out to village groups, but at a great cost. It was therefore decided that the Society would be better off in the long term buying lights, and trying to add to them each year. A number of people have said that they will allow us use of power points to run them. It was therefore decided to make a collection for this purpose, and to buy strings of lights which will be put up around trees and along the sides of houses in the centre of the village. Each of these news sheets has an envelope attached to it, and we are asking for donations for this Christmas lights fund. The envelope will be collected on Friday night or Saturday morning this week by one of your neighbours or one of the members of the Conservation Society, none of whom will be under the age of 21, and all of whom will carry an identification. Please contribute towards this if you possibly can.

A work day was held by members of the Society during October, and a seat has been erected on the grass in the centre of the village, and two cast iron litter bins put up - one by the bridge, and one down the path from the car park. We are very grateful to the people who are emptying these each week before the binmen come, and replacing the sacks in them. There is a seat still to be erected at the edge of Midgley Recreation ground overlooking Luddenden. Again, we are grateful to the people who have given up their leisure time to do jobs like this for the benefit of all of us.

We would also like to give an early notice that we shall be entering the West Yorkshire Best Kept Village competition next year. The entry forms have been received, and we would urge everyone to try to do a little bit towards this in their own part of Luddenden. The Society possesses a shield donated in memory of one of our previous members for the person who has made the biggest improvement in their part of Luddenden over the last year. A group will look around the area over the next month, and we hope to announce the winner for 1996 at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be this Thursday, at 7.45pm in the Methodist schoolroom. The meeting will be discussing provision of a car park, and there will be a report on the situation with regard to development at Greave House Fields, and a meeting with councillors on that subject. There are a number of other topics on the agenda, and we hope that as many people as possible will come along and support us.