

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

CHRISTMAS WREATH COMPETITION

This year's Christmas wreath competition was won by Joyce and Geoffrey Hirst, who not only designed and made their own wreath at their house on Carr Field, but also that of their daughter Sue at The Old Post Office on High Street. They were presented with a Fair Trade Christmas hamper, sponsored by the Conservation Society, by Roland Mier and Trevor Oaten of the society.

CHRISTMAS WALK

The Christmas Treasure Hunt walk was won this year by the Buchan and Taylor families' team. Many thanks to all the people who turned out on what was one of the worst days for weather in recent years. Despite this, the event still made a profit of £120.

VISIT TO LUDDENDEN OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

The visit to Luddenden of Father Christmas on December 14th was also very successful, with over 50 youngsters seeing him. As usual, the Conservation Society served Debbie's punch, soft drinks and mince pies; thanks to all those people who helped with this. We would also like to thank the young Midgley School scholars who sang Christmas carols in the Church for us (the lights turn on was abandoned due to the pouring rain), and the staff who came with them. In addition, we would wish to pass on our condolences to the family of the late Pauline Sheridan, who died shortly afterwards. Pauline has in past years provided the horse-drawn carriage for the occasion, and will be missed by many who used to see her riding around the district on her horse.

OLD GARAGE NEAR GOIT SIDE, BOOTH

Congratulations to Rachel Smith-Moorhouse who has managed to persuade Calderdale to demolish and remove what was left of an old garage between the end of Goit Side and the bottom of Cow Lane. This was not only an eyesore, but was also turning into a health hazard, with rats and other vermin often present there.

LORD NELSON COMMUNITY FUND

We mentioned previously the £10000 won by Debbie for community projects. Almost half of this has now been allocated for a defibrillator in the village, a marquee and lights (which will also provide an extension to the Midgley marquee), a new stone trough for the entrance to the village and to put on a cycling time trial next summer as part of the Tour de France celebrations. The provision of more playground equipment and other schemes are still ongoing. Again, congratulations and thanks to Debbie.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

The last newsletter gave a website to contact if you were living on the eastern side of the valley, and wished to express your interest in receiving superfast broadband. This was correct just before the newsletter went to press, but had then shut down. It is now www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk/public/register-resident-demand

NEXT MEETING

It was decided last year that in future, approximately every other Conservation Society meetings would consist mainly of films, talks or some other local attraction, with just a very short business meeting to follow. In the first of these, our **next meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday January 30th in St. Mary's Church** will consist of a slide show entitled **'The Luddenden Valley between 1900 and 1950'** This will show Luddendenfoot and the valley as it was during those times, with pictures also of some of the many activities which took place. Everyone welcome.



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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2014

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two new planning applications have been submitted to Calderdale Council since the last meeting. These are for a first floor extension to the rear at 4, Kiln House Lodge, Booth number 14/00049/HSE and for alterations to window on front and rear elevations and internal layout reconfiguration at 48 Oats Royd Mill number 14/00072/LBC.

The plan for a side extension at The Cottage, 4 Box Houses was discussed at the last meeting and no comments were made to Calderdale.

RIVERSIDE BRIDLEWAY TO BOOTH

At the last meeting of the Society mention was made of the poor state of the riverside bridleway running from the church towards Booth. Poor drainage allows water to stand on the path surface creating difficult conditions for walkers, and probably riders. At present the Gas Board are investigating a possible leakage beside the river at the junction of the bridleway with the path from the church so no remedial work on the surface will be possible until that problem is resolved. The Society is making enquiries as to how we might proceed to improve the condition of the bridleway.

CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN WORKSHOPS

The Council is now starting work on Part 2 of the Local Plan, which is the *Land Allocations and Designations Plan*. This will sort out which sites can be built on, and which will be protected from any development. The Council state that they are “keen to understand what people think should be included in the plan, and a series of workshops with local communities have been arranged. The events will give local people the opportunity to suggest possible new sites, and comment on potential sites which have already been put forward.”

The local workshop will be held at St. Michael's Centre, Erringden Room at Mytholmroyd on Wednesday, March 19th from 7pm until 9pm. As this plan will determine which sites can be built on for the foreseeable future, anyone with an interest in any land being either developed or not developed (such as the land between Carr Field and Dene View, which is designated as of medium term development potential in the draft plan) would be advised to go to the meeting.

LORD NELSON COMMUNITY FUND

A meeting was held to decide how to spend the £10,000 that Debbie (the landlady) won in the Enterprise Inns Community Awards competition. About £6000 has now been earmarked for a defibrillator, a stone trough for the bottom of New Road to go with the name stone that will be erected subject to planning permission being given, £1000 to provide equipment for the Youth Club at Kershaw, a marquee and lights to go around it. Another meeting will be held in 4 months time to consider further projects.

WAR MEMORIAL

Consideration is being given to providing two seats from the above fund to be sited around the war memorial. It is quite evident, however, that this plan is extremely controversial, and many people would prefer to see it remain as it is now. It was therefore decided that the next issue of this newsletter will contain a voting form so that everyone in the village can vote on the issue. The voting slips will then be collected from your house three or four days later. It was also decided that for any change to take place, it would need at least 70% of the vote to be in favour. If there is a vote for the seats to be provided, Calderdale Council, who own the memorial, would then have to be approached to give their permission.

NEXT MEETING will be in St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, February 27th. Everybody welcome.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. All the following have received permission for the development to go ahead: Demolition of existing residence and redevelopment to create new residence at Sunningdale House, Stocks Lane; Single storey side extension at 4 Box House, Old Lane; Division of existing dwelling to form new dwelling at Trough Farm, Stocks Lane.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AT GREAVE HOUSE FIELDS

We understand that some residents have recently received a letter from the council regarding the possible development in the future of the land above Carr Field at Greave House Fields. Residents who have lived there for many years will know that Conservation Society has been fighting this and has managed to get any such development turned down on numerous occasions dating back to 1987. The last newsletter mentioned this and a meeting which Calderdale were holding at Mytholmroyd last Wednesday, 19th March, to which people were advised to go. A member of the Luddenden Conservation Society did go along, and put forward the following case:

The Calderdale Strategic Land Availability Assessment shows 42 houses as being deliverable for construction in the short term, and 118 in the medium term (Greave House Fields 44, Tenterfields 74) in the Luddenden/Luddendenfoot area. Council figures show a demand in this area for 90 houses. The Greave House Fields site has a long history of applications for development, but this is considered by local people, and Luddenden Conservation Society, to be a buffer separating the village of Luddenden from Luddendenfoot. This stops the completion of a ribbon development from Luddendenfoot all the way to Midgley. As 116 houses can be obtained from short term sites and from the Tenterfields site together, there is no need for the Greave House Fields site to be considered for potential development preferably at all, but certainly until the long term.

We would advise Carr Field and Greave House Fields residents who are concerned by this to write to or contact Calderdale with your objections, preferably using the facts above in your letter (objections citing non-planning issues such as inconvenience to your house, lowering the value of your house, spoiling the view etc will not be taken into consideration, you must use planning issues such as those above). Contact Spatial Planning, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN or email to spatial.planning@calderdale.gov.uk

WAR MEMORIAL

We have now been advised that a further meeting will be held later in the year at which the provision of seats around the war memorial will be looked at again, so the vote we mentioned last month will not now take place and has been postponed. We will keep you informed of any further considerations of this.

CALDERDALE COUNCIL CITIZENS CELEBRATION AWARD

We have been notified that Calderdale Council will be offering awards for "either an individual, group or organisation that has undertaken outstanding voluntary work over a long period; or contributed to improving or making a difference in their community; or has been an exceptional neighbour". Nomination forms are available from Jae Campbell, telephone 264622 or email jae.campbell@calderdale.gov.uk

TOOLS FOR AFRICA

Members of St. Mary's Church have for a while been twinned with the Mara district in Kenya, and have been taking good quality tools or bicycles with them which have been donated here. If you have any of these, please contact Keith Rowe on Telephone 881166, who will gladly pick them up from you.

PETER LAYFIELD

Our chairman Peter Layfield has asked that his thanks and appreciation should go to all those people from the village who recently sent him letters of sympathy or were present at the funeral service of his late wife Lynne. This was a great comfort and very much appreciated.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be in **St. Mary's Church on Thursday, 27th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.** Mel Powell from Peel House Gate will be leading a discussion about a possible way of marking the 100th anniversary of the start of the first world war.

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NEWSLETTER –APRIL 2014

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one new planning application submitted to Calderdale since the last meeting, for a village name stone to be constructed at the lower junction of New Road with High Street, on the plot of land where the present flower bed and Luddenden name is situated. The number is 14/00188/FUL, and any comments can be made to Calderdale Town Planning at Northgate House, Halifax. One application has been allowed, that for a first floor extension to the rear at 4 Kiln House Lodge, Booth.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

There will be an exhibition in St. Mary's Church starting 7th August, and a special commemoration on the 10th August. Unfortunately, Mel Powell was ill and was unable to be present at the last Conservation Society meeting, when she was going to lead a discussion about one possible way of marking this anniversary. She will now be coming to the next meeting to do this.

CALDERDALE STRATEGIC LAND ASSESSMENT

We remarked in the last newsletter that Calderdale were carrying out a search into possible land which could be used for housing in the future. It was suggested at our last meeting that another alternative to land at Greave House Fields being used was land adjacent to the old Coach and Horses public house at Luddendenfoot, and the Society has also put this forward to Calderdale.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY INFORMATION BOARDS

There is not a great deal further to report on this at the moment, as the designers are looking for some suitable photographs to illustrate it with. However, it is still hoped to have some of these in place by late summer.

HERITAGE DAY 2014

Almost all the plans are now made for our third Luddenden Heritage Day this summer. It will be held on Saturday June 28th, and events will be either in or start from St. Mary's Church. In the morning there will be a talk by David Cant at 10.15am on **Houses of the Luddenden Valley**, followed afterwards by two walks – one led by David and will be on the topic of some of the houses, and another one on the **Key Buildings of Luddenden**, as described in the Luddenden Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, published by the Calderdale Town Planning Department. In the afternoon, there will be another talk by Ian Dewhirst M.B.E. on **Yorkshire Life between the Wars**. Previous visitors to the day will recall Mr Dewhirst giving a talk at the last Heritage Day two years ago, and we have had many requests for him to come again. After this, there will again be the two walks. A new addition to the day this year will be an Art Exhibition by David Sim, the well-known Midgley artist. These will be on display and for sale in the upstairs room. Another booklet entitled **Down Memory Lane Again** is being published, and this year contains amongst other things a diary written between 1911 and 1922 of happenings in Luddenden, memories of life in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, the 39th Halifax Boy Scout troop in the 1920s and 30s, and, to quote the Hebden Bridge Times – "Murder and Suicide at Luddenden, A horrible tragedy when a butcher plays havoc with his knife". As in the past, there will also be a display of local memorabilia around in the church, large photographs of the village sited at the point from which they were taken and lunches available in the Church. Please book this date if you have an interest in the village, and tell your friends about it.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in **St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, 24th April**. All welcome. If your copy of this newsletter does not reach you until slightly later than the meeting, many apologies. This is due to production problems with a computer, and not the person delivering it.

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LAST MEETING

Mel Powell provided a written summary and gave a presentation of her ideas of a World War one community history project for the Society. If you are a descendant of one of the many local men who died in the First World War and who is commemorated on a war memorial or Roll of Honour in Luddenden or Midgley, or if you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you. Luddenden Conservation Society is trying to trace relatives of local men who died in, or as a result of service in WW1 as the first steps in a new community history project which will form its commemoration of the centenary of that war. The aim is to link both those who still live in the local area and those who live further away with a four year programme of events, which will start in September 2014. Anyone interested in helping in the project can contact the Society at LCS World War 1 Project, Wesley Villa, New Road, Luddenden, Halifax HX2 6QZ, by email to WW1@luddenden.com or by phoning 885141. A member of the Society will then come and discuss the project with you in much more detail.

The Society was also advised that there are trees in the river, along from the village towards Brook Terrace, which need clearing, to prevent possible flooding. It was decided that a member of the Society would go into the river with the chain saw in the summer when the level is lower to remove these.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new planning applications submitted to Calderdale since the last meeting. The first is for replacement windows and rear door to 7 Church Hill, number 14/00449/LBC. The second for demolition of former pig sties and timber cabin at Greave House Barn, number 14/00515/LBC. Comments can be made to Calderdale Planning Department, Northgate House, Halifax. HX1 1UN. Permission has been given for the Society to construct a village name stone at the bottom junction of High Street and New Road

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JOHN VAUL

John (the secretary of the Luddenden Conservation Society) would like to express his gratitude for all the kind messages from the many people in the Society and wider village received on the death of his partner Claire, and to say what a great comfort they have been.

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

In the last newsletter, the email address for contacting the Society was incorrect – many apologies. The correct address is WW1@luddenden.com. The Society has now applied for a grant to fund this project. If you are a descendant of one of the many local men who died in the First World War and who is commemorated on a war memorial or Roll of Honour in Luddenden or Midgley, or if you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you. Luddenden Conservation Society is trying to trace relatives of local men who died in, or as a result of service in WW1 as the first steps in a new community history project which will form its commemoration of the centenary of that war. The aim is to link both those who still live in the local area and those who live further away with a four year programme of events, which will start in September 2014. Anyone interested in helping in the project can contact the Society at LCS World War 1 Project, Wesley Villa, New Road, Luddenden, Halifax HX2 6QZ, by email to WW1@luddenden.com or by phoning 885141. A member of the Society will then come and discuss the project with you in much more detail.

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HERITAGE DAY 2014

The Heritage Day held at the end of June was the most successful that we have held to date, and 100 people came to the talks and walks, whilst others also came to look at the exhibition of memorabilia on both the Saturday and also Sunday morning, when it was left out for the church service. Another new booklet, ***Down Memory Lane Again***, which was produced for the day, is also selling well. Like the last one produced two years ago, it had brilliant reviews in the Valley Life magazine, by Izzie Shannon – *"As before, it's the sheer scope and variety of heart-warming stories contributed by local people that make this such satisfying, entertaining reading. The book ends on a high note with a gripping story, in gruesome detail, reprinted from the Hebden Bridge Times in 1888, of murder and suicide in Luddenden. The book will certainly be enjoyed by present day readers."*

It is available from St. Mary's Church, Midgley shop, The Bookcase in Hebden Bridge or by ringing the editor/printer on 885141. It will make an excellent birthday or Christmas present for someone, but anyone wishing to purchase is strongly advised to do so before too long. With the last similar booklet two years ago, there was a rush of requests late in the year, and all the copies available were sold out.

LAST MEETING

Following a letter to the Society from Julie Mawby regarding parking in Luddenden, and particularly on High Street, the whole issue was discussed again. It was thought that cars parked along the stretch of High Street between the old Post Office and Stocks Lane were not too much of a problem, because they greatly slow down traffic coming down Stocks Lane. It was accepted that occasionally road rage incidents do occur there, but these were few and far between, and no-one had found it difficult walking along the narrow path there when traffic was coming. However, it was agreed that difficulties with traffic in the village most certainly do exist, and it was decided to get in touch with Calderdale and ask for a member of the Highways Department to come along to a meeting, and to explore whether a 20mph speed limit would be useful, and a one-way system around the village.

WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

We mentioned in the last newsletter that the Society is starting a project to find out more about the people named on the War Memorial in the village from this district who died during the first world war. The Society is currently working to pinpoint the addresses of these 45 local WW1 heroes, and then to find people to research and tell their stories. Firstly, the people who now live at the same house as each of the servicemen will be approached, or alternately any living relatives. The project will then equip participants with the skills and resources they need to do this.

A number of people have already come forward with some details, and a member of the project team will be coming round to talk to them, once the Society has found all the addresses of the former residences of the men. Actually finding these out is taking quite a time, but so far, about three quarters have been obtained. We will keep you informed of how the project is taking place.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following new planning applications have been submitted to Calderdale since the last meeting.

12, Lane House Grove 14/00858/HSE Two storey extension to rear. Waverley, Greave House Fields 14/00644/HSE Extension and alterations. Any comments can be made to Town Planning Department, Northgate House, Halifax. HX1 1UN

BREAK INS

Craig Lockwood has kindly sent a warning to people that a break in happened at a house on Highfield Drive recently. In addition, there have also been further break ins to people's garden huts in other areas in Luddenden, so please make sure that all your properties are well locked up during the summer months, and no windows/doors etc are left open. If you are in the garden, make sure that you can see any unlocked entrance to the house.

NEXT MEETING Will be in the **Lord Nelson** on **Thursday 31st July at 7.30pm. All welcome.** Please note the change of venue. Unfortunately, we have had difficulties with entry to St. Mary's recently, so our meeting will now be in the Lord Nelson.

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WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

The Hero from our Home – Luddenden WW1 Commemoration Project

Luddenden Conservation Society is trying to trace relatives of local men who died in or as a result of service in WW1 as the first step in a new community history project which will form its commemoration of the centenary of the First World War.

So far, the Luddenden WW1 Commemoration Project has managed to make contact with descendants of several of the 45 servicemen commemorated on the Luddenden and Midgley war memorial, but are still looking for more – so if you are a relative or know someone who is, please contact Luddenden World War 1 Project by email on WW1@Luddenden.com or on 01422 885141.

The project is now beginning to move to its next stage – of contacting the current occupier at each man’s old address in the village to ask them to ‘adopt’ the ‘Hero from our Home’ and to join us in commemorating him at key dates in the next four years. A special letter will arrive at the houses which the project team’s research has identified – so please keep a look out in the next few weeks to see if YOUR home has been chosen.

In addition, a cross containing a poppy and the name of each fallen hero will be planted in the grass around the village War Memorial on the centenary of their death, and a bell will be tolled, once for each year of their life. The first of these fallen heroes was commemorated at noon on Sunday, 24th August, just prior to you receiving this newsletter. Unfortunately, it was not possible to publicise this, as the exact means of commemoration were not worked out in time for the last newsletter. However, future commemorations will be publicised in advance. This ceremony commemorated the life of Private Thomas Greenwood, who died aged 32, of 21 Goit Side, Booth. In an obituary in the Halifax Courier, there appears to have been some mystery about how he came to be injured, but he went to the assistance of his Colonel who was injured and carried him to a temporary hospital. Before the war, he had been steward of the Working Men’s Club, and is buried at Mons.

CLOSED FOOTPATH AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH

Villagers will probably know that the top footpath into St. Mary’s was closed recently for genuine health and safety reasons. At least two people had fallen down the steps at the bottom of the path, and a recommendation had been made to the Church authorities that it should be temporarily closed until the situation there could be remedied. Quite a number of people had approached the Conservation Society about this, and a meeting has now been held between representatives of the Society and the Church, including the new Vicar, Reverend Ian Sparkes. Agreement was reached on a possible way of repairing the path, and the Society offered to provide a substantial sum of money (from activities such as the Open Gardens Day and Heritage Day) if this was agreed by the Church Council. It is now hoped that the path will again be able to be opened if these improvements are carried out.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications to Calderdale since the last newsletter, nor have there been any decisions on applications submitted previous to that.

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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2014

WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

The Hero from our Home – Luddenden WW1 Commemoration Project

The project is now well under way, and a grant of £1000 has very generously been given by the Community Foundation of Calderdale towards the costs. So far, over one third of the people named on the Luddenden War memorial now have people researching into their history, and each one will be remembered individually on the centenary of their death. The first of these commemorations took place on the 25th of August, and remembered the death of Private Thomas Greenwood at the battle of Mons, when he was fatally injured whilst trying to get his commanding officer who had been injured during the battle to safety. His great niece Gillian Holt of Midgley laid a poppy cross in his memory. A two minute silence was observed, the Reverend Martin MacDonald offered a short prayer and the church bell was tolled 32 times – once for each year of Private Greenwood's life.

The project is still looking for people to help with research into the project. Anyone who would like to become involved in researching the details of one of these men should contact Tony Hillyard on 886002. Full details will be given as to how to go about this.

CLOSED FOOTPATH AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We have not yet heard from St. Mary's regarding the closed path, but we are told that the Parochial Church Council meets this coming week, when the topic will be discussed. We will keep you up to date on the issue as we hear further information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one new planning application since the last newsletter, for two detached dwellings in the grounds of Thorn Bank House, New Road, number 08/00888/FUL Details from, and comments to, the Planning Department, Northgate House, Halifax HX1 1UN, to reach there by 30 September.

REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI

Graffiti on Stocks Lane has recently been removed by Calderdale. To report some that needs removing, you should contact Safer Cleaner Greener Services at Spring Hall Mansion, telephone 284431

DUMPING OF RUBBISH

The Conservation Society has had a number of complaints about rubbish being dumped on the cobbles of Chapel Street, by the flats at the old Working Men's Club, and also in one or two other areas of the village. Please, if you have rubbish to get rid of, see that it is done properly, and does not make an unsightly mess in the middle of our beautiful village. The In Bloom competitions are not just about providing beautiful floral decorations, but also about keeping our village clean and tidy, and we have consistently been praised for this over the last few years. We do have people coming to see our village because of these successes, so please remember if you are thinking of dumping that it takes a long time to gain a reputation, but only a short time to lose it.

ART GROUP MACMILLAN DAY EXHIBITION

The Luddenden Art Group are again having an exhibition of some of their work in St. Mary's Church on Friday September 26th, from 10am until 4pm. Coffee, tea and cakes will be served, and Fair Trade goods will also be on sale. All profits to MacMillan Cancer Relief.

NEXT MEETING Will be in the **Lord Nelson** on **Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Natural History of the Luddenden Valley Information boards which have been produced by the Society will also be on display. There is one large board and also five smaller ones which will be appropriately sited throughout the valley.

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2014

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new planning applications submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. The first is for conversion of garage to living space and alterations to driveway at 5 Bluebell Walk Ref No 14/01180/HSE, and the second to demolish the public conveniences at Luddenden Cemetery (which have been boarded up for a number of years now). Ref. No. 14/00676/FUL. Any comments can be sent to Town Planning Department at Calderdale by 21 November.

20mph SPEED LIMITS IN LUDDENDEN

A plan to introduce 20mph speed limits in all residential areas in Calderdale was approved by Calderdale Council on 21 May this year. The aim of the programme is to have 20mph speed limits on the majority of residential roads and streets in Calderdale by the end of 2017. Calderdale state that 20mph limits are "a positive way forward in the battle to reduce the number of vulnerable road users seriously injured in collisions and to help make the streets safer so more people choose to walk or cycle". Consultation will take place and speed limit orders and plans for this to take place will be advertised in the local press. The Conservation Society has been shown a plan of where the council is suggesting these limits will be in Luddenden. Basically, the whole of the village will be covered from the tops of New Road and Apple House Terrace at the northern side, above Highfield at the eastern side and almost to Luddendenfoot including Kershaw and Grove Crescent at the southern side. A map showing these will be exhibited in the Conservation Society notice board outside the Lord Nelson. It is presently intended that these limits will be introduced in April 2016. Anyone requiring further information can contact Bridget Kusyj or Sheridan Patterson of the 20mph Project Team at Calderdale.

St. MARY'S FOOTPATH

The Vicar of Luddenden, Rev. Ian Sparks has contacted the Society with the following information regarding the footpath which has currently been closed off due to safety reasons. *"The current position is that the Parochial Church Council has now discussed the suggested work to enable the path to be reopened. However before proceeding, it was felt that a further quotation be obtained from another firm with regard to the proposed railings down the steps and also that a professional inspection of the tree with the offending (i.e. protruding) root be undertaken. In addition community consultation is to be undertaken on the design of a gate. When we have some precise specifications we can follow the due process in seeking approval from the church authorities."*

Peter Alexander, Churchwarden at St. Mary's, has contacted the Conservation Society with the following information regarding the proposed gate mentioned by the Vicar. "The Church would welcome designs by residents and others who have an interest in the look of the village for a wrought iron gate at the entrance to the top path. The theme of the design is quite open – it could for example take up the war memorial and centenary of the beginning of world war 1, it could be based on a Yorkshire emblem or it could have a religious theme as examples. The winner of the competition will be invited to cut the ribbon re-opening the path, and will have the knowledge that the gate incorporating their design will be there for a very long number of years". Designs can be sent to Peter Alexander, c/o Luddenden Vicarage, 50 Carr Field Drive, Luddenden, Halifax HX2 6RJ, to reach him by December 1st.

BURGLARY UPDATE

In our July newsletter, we mentioned how break-ins had been taking place in the Highfield area. More recently, both houses and outside structures such as garden huts have been targeted in the Stocks Lane and Benns areas, and residents throughout the village are again warned to be vigilant and take every precaution they can to avoid this.

NEXT MEETING

The Society decided at the last meeting that we would return to the Church, as it is hoped that entry problems will now have been sorted out. The Society is very grateful to Debbie and Geoff at the Lord Nelson for allowing us to meet there whilst there were problems at St. Mary's.

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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2014

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one new planning application submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. This is for the installation of a vertical flue to the roof at the rear of 4, Church Hill, number 14/01330/LBC. Any comments can be submitted to the Planning Department at Calderdale by 19th December. One application has been agreed, to demolish the old toilets at the entrance to Luddenden cemetery.

VILLAGE FORUM AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

At the last meeting, it was decided that we should remind people that the first item on the agenda at our meetings is entitled village forum, where anyone can come along and raise any question or item that they wish about any concern or idea they may have regarding the village. At the annual general meeting, it was decided that the list of members of the society would be amended each year after the annual general meeting. There was no mechanism for removing the names of members who had died, moved away or not been along to any recent meetings. It was therefore decided that any member who had not been active within the society, or attended any meetings, for a period of three years would have their name removed from the membership list, although they could rejoin if they wished.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND VISIT OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

The Society will again be erecting a tree and lights in the centre of the village before Christmas. Father Christmas will be paying his usual visit to Luddenden on Saturday, December 13th. As in previous years, he will arrive at the Christmas tree in the centre of the village at 5pm, followed by a short period of singing carols. After this, Father Christmas will move round to St. Mary's Church, where he will be able to talk to and see young children in his grotto. Each child will be given a present, and punch will be available for adults, and tea, coffee or soft drinks.

The Christmas Treasure Hunt walk will take place on Monday, 29th December starting from the War Memorial in the centre of the village at 11am. For newcomers to Luddenden, this is a great way to get to know people, and for everyone to walk off some of the Christmas puddings. The route will be suitable for families with a push chair, and will be between 2 and 3 miles in length. There will be about 30 questions that you will have to find the answers to on the route, and afterwards, pies, pasties and peas will be available in the Church (paid for separately), along with other suitable home-made Christmas fayre. The charge is £1 per adult. We would also remind everyone that if you want a different present for some who has moved away from Luddenden, copies of our second (2014) publication Down Memory Lane **Again** are still available from either the Midgley Shop or by ringing 885141. We have also now got a few copies of our first (2012) publication Down Memory Lane available again.

CRIME IN THE VILLAGE

The recent crime spree around the village shows no signs of slowing down, and residents are warned to be very careful as Christmas approaches. In recent weeks, there have been 21 break-ins, and burglars have entered houses through unlocked doors, open windows or in one case by kicking the door in. In addition, many garden huts have been broken into, and even setts from the road have been dug up and stolen. There will be a neighbourhood meeting on Wednesday, the 10th December in The Lord Nelson at 8pm with the police attending, so please come along and show the police how concerned we are. Stored presents for Christmas are a great temptation, so do make sure that doors are locked and windows not left open, or that they are not left on show in cars.

WW1 COMMEMORATION PROJECT MARKS FIRST REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY OF WW1 CENTENARY

The Luddenden WW1 Commemoration project took an important step forward this month, as more than 30 local households received a hand-delivered letter with a brief history of the local WW1 servicemen commemorated on the Luddenden and Midgley War Memorial who once lived at their address, a packet of Flanders poppy seeds to plant in their memory, and an invitation to join in remembering them at the Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 9 November 2014. The project aims to ensure that each one of the 45 men named on the memorial has someone in his own home village to remember him as an individual during the four years of the centenary. The servicemen chosen this time were those for whom we have been able to establish an exact or nearby address which is still occupied, and research is continuing to match up the remaining names with a descendant or a local resident.

It was very encouraging to see such strong attendance at the service at the war memorial this year and so many expressions of interest in the updated display inside St. Mary's and support for the project. We would like to say thank you in particular to those people who let us know that they had come specifically because of the letter they had received and who have asked how they can support the project. We will be in contact with details shortly. In the meantime, we would like to ask anyone who received a letter and has not yet replied to return the completed form using the stamped addressed envelope we enclosed, or to let us know by email on WW1@luddenden.com or telephone on 01422 885141 if you would like to be involved with or kept informed of the project.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in St. Mary's Church on Thursday November 27th at 7.30pm. All welcome

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND VISIT OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

The Society has again erected a tree and lights in the centre of the village. Many thanks to Mr. Steven Barker of Midgley for donating this. Father Christmas will be paying his usual visit to Luddenden this coming Saturday, December 13th. As in previous years, he will arrive at the Christmas tree in the centre of the village at 5pm, followed by a short period of singing carols. After this, Father Christmas will move round to St. Mary's Church, where he will be able to talk to and see young children in his grotto. Each child will be given a present, and a donation of 50p will be asked to part fund the cost of the presents. Punch will be available for adults, and mince pies, tea, coffee or soft drinks. These will be provided free of charge by the Conservation Society, but anyone who wishes may make a voluntary donation for the Christmas Appeal by the Forget-Me-Not children's hospice. Children from Midgley School will again be singing carols both by the tree (weather permitting!) and in the Church. The Conservation Society is very grateful to the school and members of staff involved for coming along in this way. This is now the fourth year they have sung for us, and I'm sure it will be up to their usual high standard.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in St. Mary's Church on Thursday January 29th 2015 at 7.30pm. Mr. Mike Crawford from Hebden Bridge (an ex-resident of Luddenden) will be giving a talk entitled *Views on the eve of the First World War in Calderdale and Germany*. Everyone welcome. Mr. Crawford will give his talk and then this will be followed by a short business meeting of the Society.

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