

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the annual general meeting of the Society. The Chairman gave his report on the main activities of the Society over the previous year to August 31st 2018. He said the list of these showed how active the Society is - Heritage Day, Christmas walk, Santa Day, WW1 project and commemorations, Provision and lighting of Christmas tree, House of Parliament trip, Continued upkeep of the Car Park, Floral decorations by the Bloom Group, and much tidying up around the village. There had been 3 meetings with speakers, and we hoped to have these every other month during the coming year. We have not got much further ahead with conversion of the telephone box, and he hoped we could make this a priority in the coming year. The treasurer reported that the Society is in a healthy financial position. The Bloom group secretary reported that the best house frontage competition for the Ada Brooks trophy had been cancelled this year due to the abnormally hot weather, but the Christmas wreath competition would again be held. The officers shown at the bottom of this newsletter were re-elected.

Following the AGM, a short ordinary monthly meeting took place. It was reported that the scaffolding along Luddenden Lane by the toilets had been removed the day after a member had contacted Yorkshire water. Mention was made that large amounts of fly tipping around the village appeared to have come from a house dispersal. There is what looks like a brown leather settee down the banking in the car park; a TV screen, mattress, brown leather arm chair, carpet underlay in the car park and carpet underlay near the steps off New Road going to the rec. Also a Fridge freezer on Buttress. and other items dumped on Halifax Lane on the bend before the cobbled section. If anyone recognises this description and has any idea of where they have come from, please inform any of the officers of the Society.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There is one new planning application for installation of the 'Tommy' statue on land south of the war memorial (i.e. at the far right hand side of the rockery at the front of the war memorial). The number is 18/01041/FUL. This was described in our last newsletter, and any comments regarding it should be made to Calderdale Town Planning Department, Northgate House, Halifax before the 26th October.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

The last commemoration before Remembrance Sunday will be at the war memorial at noon on **Friday 26th October** for Private William Noel Ackerley (18) who lived at Providence Place. Do come along if you are able to; we expect to be joined by a number of relatives. This will bring the number of men so far remembered to 38, leaving 7 more, including William Noel's father William, to be commemorated in the years leading up to the centenary of the unveiling of the memorial on 29th April 1923.

There are no commemorations in November but at the **Remembrance Sunday** service at St Mary's on the **11th November** at 10am Tony Hillyard and Phil Radford will tell the stories of a number of the men. This will also be the centenary of the Armistice which ended the Great War. The new Tommy statue in the rockery below the memorial will be unveiled as part of the 11am commemorations. A plaque will explain the link to the Armistice with the following words from a local resident: "One hundred years ago, the strife was done and men looked through the mist and saw the sun". We will also be putting poppy crosses by all the graves in the graveyard which name a fallen soldier from either World War.

NOVEMBER 3rd BONFIRE

There will be a bonfire and fireworks at 6pm on **Saturday 3rd November** in the Churchyard, and BBQ food will be available. It has been arranged by the Church and supported by the Conservation Society and Mayor's Fund.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm on **Thursday 25th October**. We hope to have a speaker at the November meeting.

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