

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2016

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Both the Christmas Walk and the visit of Santa to Luddenden were well supported. For the third year running, it rained heavily for Santa's visit, and the Midgley School carol singing was transferred to St. Mary's. Many thanks to all involved from the school, and to Santa for being able to fit us in at such a busy time of the year for him. Apologies for the misinformation on the last 2 newsletters regarding the walk, where the date was correct, but the day wrong. Despite this, over 60 people turned out, and the winners were the Buchan family; congratulations to them. The winner of the Christmas Wreath Competition with a very well balanced design of natural material gathered from around the village was Fran Parker of High Street Court. Congratulations to Fran. The picture shows her receiving her prize of a Christmas Hamper of Fair Trade goods, sponsored by the Conservation Society



PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There have been a number of new applications and others decided. *New Applications with closing date for comments to Calderdale.* 1. Clunters, Halifax Lane - Demolish Conservatory and replace with single storey extension 16/00022/HSE. 19 February 2. The Old Coach House, Mill Lane - Fell 2 trees 16/20005/TPO. 29 February 3. 3 Bluebell Walk - Conversion of garage to living space and alteration to driveway to create 2 parking spaces 9 February 4. St. Mary's Church 2 additional handrails 15/01353/FUL 9 February *Previous applications which have been decided* All the following were approved 1. Extension to outbuilding at 14 Church Hill. 2. Fell tree at Mill House Farm. 3. 2 storey extension at Kiln House Lodge, Booth.

OBITUARY

The Society was very sad to learn of the death of Eric Gaukroger on the 11th January. Eric and his wife Linda have lived in the village for many years, and Eric was one of the village 'characters'. Most days he could be seen walking through the village over to his allotment, and on the hillside above New Road with his dogs. Over the last ten years, Eric and Linda have won the local Calderdale Allotments Competition several times, including last years, and it has been an inspiration to many. He was always ready to stop and chat, and will be missed. Our condolences go to Linda.

LUDDENDEN HERITAGE DAY

The date has now been fixed for the fourth Luddenden Heritage Day. It will be on Saturday 4th June, and the theme for this year will be Sports and Pastimes 1850—1950. In the morning, there will be a talk by Mrs Peggy Horsfield of Midgley on sports and pastimes in the valley, and in the afternoon, we are very pleased to be able to welcome again Mr. Ian Dewhirst M.B.E. who will give a talk on Victorian and Edwardian Church and Chapel Life. In addition there will be the usual selection of guided walks, display of memorabilia and also large photographs erected throughout the village of 'Luddenden as it was'. More details will be available nearer to the time, but please put this in your diary if you are at all interested in the history of the area.

NEXT MEETING will be on **THURSDAY 28th JANUARY**, and will be in the **LORD NELSON at 7.30pm.**

The FEBRUARY meeting on 25 FEBRUARY will have as guest speaker GWYNN EVANS from Riding Head farm who will give a talk about his Luddenden Valley wine making business, and bring along a few samples. It may be recalled that when BBC Country File programme visited the area two years ago, Matt Baker described the wine as delicious, so note down this date and come and see for yourself.

APOLOGIES FOR LACK OF ADVERTS ON THE BACK. WE ARE HAVING PRINTER PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT.

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