

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



40 years old!

The last event in the celebrations to mark our 40th anniversary took place a week ago, when an anniversary dinner was held at Il Mulino's in Hebden Bridge. People that had been involved with the Society in the past, and who had helped in the setting up in 1975 were present, as was the Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor Lisa Lambert, and her Consort, Mr. Ken Lambert. The Mayor, in her speech, said that she was amazed at how much the Society had done during its existence, and commented that it was a great example for other similar organisations. She said that it was a great credit to the village of Luddenden that so many people were willing to volunteer their services in so many different ways, and hoped that others would continue to do this in the future. The President of the Society said that there were two reasons for having the dinner. The first was to celebrate the changes that had taken place in the village and all that had been done by the Society in that time. The second was to thank the people present for what they had done to bring about those changes, and to echo the Mayor in hoping that others would come along to continue that work.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There are two new planning applications since the last newsletter. The first is to fell one tree at Old Laithe, Bennis Lane 15/20143/TPO and the second is for an extension to a single storey outbuilding to improve domestic storage and create a studio at 14 Church Hill. Part of this will be under a zinc sheet roof. Comments can be made to the Town Planning Department, Northgate House, Calderdale by Friday 20th November.

WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

The commemoration of the death of the World War 1 soldier Cyril Wormald Thomas took place on Monday 21 September at noon at the War Memorial, outside the Church. There was a short service of remembrance, taken by the Rev. Martin MacDonald, and the church bell was tolled once for every year of his life. At the last Conservation Society meeting, we had an excellent talk by Adam Lowe about Richard Bracken Farrar. Adam came into possession of a ruler belonging to him, and this led him to carry out further research. Our latest steps have included visits to the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Museum to see what information they hold about the ten of the 45 who were in the regiment, as well as obtaining from findmypast.co.uk the few service records that survived bombing during WW2. We'll be having an updated display at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8th November and the next commemoration will be for Richard Henry Hallas at noon on Tuesday 24th November at the war memorial.

SANTA'S VISIT TO LUDDENDEN

We have again persuaded Santa to visit Luddenden on December 5th at 5pm. As in previous years, he has agreed to arrive in time for the switching on of the Christmas tree lights in the village (weather permitting) and he will then be moving to St. Mary's Church where he will be available in his grotto to talk to young children and give out gifts. For mums and dads (and all other grown ups), there will again be punch and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS WALK

The Christmas walk this year will take place on Tuesday, December 29th. More details in the next newsletter.

NEXT MEETING will be on **Thursday 29th October**, and will be in the **LORD NELSON INN at 7.30pm**. All welcome. At the November meeting, on the 26th November, Pathways Productions will be coming along to show the film they have made of the Luddenden Valley. Copies will be available for sale, and these will make excellent Christmas presents. Copies of our two previous booklets, *Down Memory Lane* and *Down Memory Lane Again* will also be available for sale.

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