# CALDERDALE HERITAGE WALKS

# **Newsletter - Mid December 2015**

### Items from our AGM

We had our annual business 'inquest' in November and we're pleased to report that we had a successful year with good attendances. This means we can keep the price at the same figure for 2016. We also discussed a few new ideas for next summer onwards - but more on those a little nearer the time.

# Weather problems

November turned out to be a weather nightmare so far as our walks were concerned! For the <u>first time ever</u> two consecutive walks did not happen. On 15th the Police closed the main road into Todmorden, many of the sites we'd have visited were flooded and our Guide was simply unable to get there. We consoled him, reminded ourselves that in a dozen years we'd only cancelled about 5 walks, and this was a freak situation.

HOWEVER, a fortnight later there was absolutely torrential rain again and the Heptonstall walk did not take place. Please don't say to yourselves that these CHW people can't be relied upon! We really do everything possible to ensure that our walks take place. But on those occasions it just was not meant to happen!!

## Our website.

Unfortunately that got a little behind in Nov. due to technical problems – apologies for that. But it is OK now.

## **December/ New Year walks**

We have a walk on Dec. 13th. at Sowerby Bridge. Then, if you need a little exercise with added historical interest over the holiday period, we have walks for you during the Boxing Day weekend and at New Year.

#### **January**

We have a trio of walks across Calderdale from east to west at Elland, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.

# February / March

On 14<sup>th</sup> we have our easternmost walk of all starting from Bailiff Bridge (and extended to see Lower Wyke Moravian church). Then we look at some good houses on the outskirts of Halifax on 28th. Thereafter there are walks every fortnight in March. It's all listed in full on the website and in the printed programme.

# **Private party walks**

We're already getting enquiries re possible bookings for next summer. Might a group with which you're involved be interested?

## Walk starting points

We get a very occasional comment when someone had a problem finding the starting point. So we've been looking at how we might improve that. The techno-types amongst our Guides suggest including post code details in the programme for less obvious locations. The less-technical amongst us have been told that cars and many mobile phones also understand post codes. It's a wonderful world we live in !!

#### **Looking forward to summer (i.e. April onwards)**

We start planning summer walks in January, the final version has evolved by early February, then it is printed and by early March we're into the distribution phase – so 'stay tuned'!

Thank-you for your support and we wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY YEAR IN 2016

