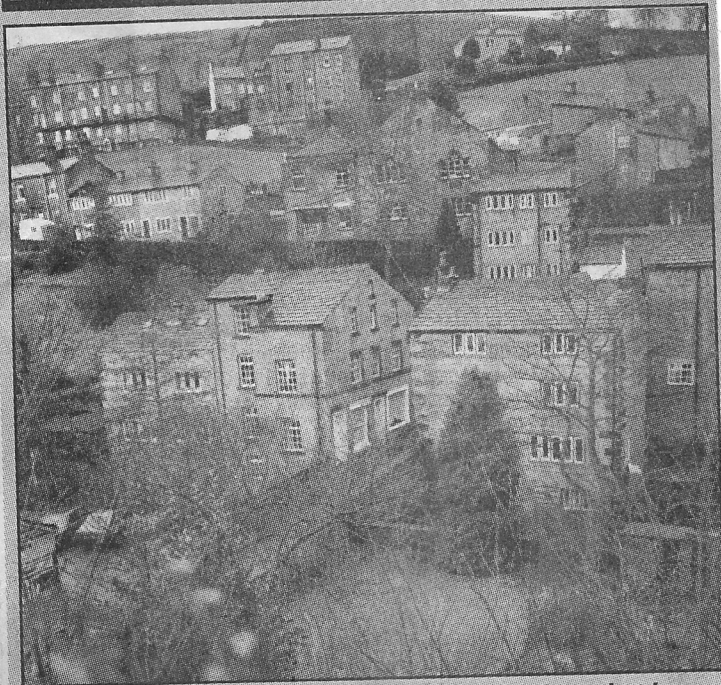


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THEY'VE MOVED ME AND MY VILLAGE!



Luddenden village. . . "How is it that a village that has existed through the reigns of 58 ruling monarchs can be wiped off the postal addresses in the whole world?"

WHERE has the village of Luddenden gone? For some months now I have been receiving junk mail addressed to East View, Luddenden Foot. I thought, well, south of Watford Gap they are a bit gormless.

Then I recently received some correspondence from Calderdale Council. It, too, had moved me, lock, stock and two smoking chimneys, to Luddenden Foot.

The village of Luddenden came into being in the early part of the 9th century when a Viking chief by the name of Loudon rowed across the North Sea, did a bit of pillaging, made his way through the Aire Gap and came over

East View,
Luddenden.

the hill and saw a beautiful valley.

He said to his mates: "Hey up, look at this. We've gotten nowt as peaceful and tranquil as this in Denmark. An' women are better looking an' have more colour in their clothes. I'm staying here."

He named the valley after himself, adding another "den" meaning "dene", a small valley with a stream running through. This stream is now the Luddenden Brook.

So how is it that a village that has existed from the time of King Egbert AD827, through the reigns of 58 ruling monarchs plus the two Cromwells, can be wiped off the postal addresses in the whole world?

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