

Tour de Cragg

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WELCOME

Welcome to the new-style newsletter from Cragg Vale Community Association to celebrate the Tour de France coming to Cragg Vale on 6th July next year



WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Longest Bunting up the Longest Hill!

Cragg Vale Community Association, local groups, schools, businesses and residents, aim to put Cragg Vale centre stage when the Tour de France comes here next year. We're attempting a World Record for the longest piece of bunting up the longest continuous hill in England!

We've received support from people, businesses and organisations not only in Cragg Vale and Yorkshire but also across England. Many groups including churches, schools, guides, brownies, Boys Brigade and the WI, are making 50m lengths and some people are working on smaller 10m lengths. We've held 4 workshops locally and are planning more. We're also setting up sewing circles over the winter period (see

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'Events'). The bunting must, to qualify for the record, meet specific measurements but information and templates are available to help.

The Weaving Shed in Mytholmroyd has donated a substantial amount of material and storage and several local craft shops are selling bunting tape at cost price. Some people are doing special commemorative bunting: - 18th birthday, wedding etc, and one person is making a special length

to celebrate the life of their late father. Unfortunately some of our test run bunting was stolen but we're determined to succeed and will put special measures in place for the actual judging next year.

If you, or any group's, businesses, or organisations would like to get involved and help with this record-breaking attempt, we'd love to hear from you! If anyone needs fabric, we can get it to you. You can contact us on: bunting@craggvale.co.uk

BIKE FUN AND GAMES!

Saturday 26th October

On the morning of Saturday 26th October, from 10am until 12 noon, a group of Bikeability Instructors will help to run a 'Bike Fun and Games' event for children from 5 years to 10/11yrs. It will take place next to the Ark at Dean Hey Farm in a safe, 'car-free' area, where there is plenty of space for the bikes. There will be a special track and obstacle course and some 'balance bikes' available for any young people just learning to ride.

Here is a chance for youngsters to improve their skills – and

demonstrate just how well they can ride and control their bikes. Maybe we will be able to develop our own 'team' for a future Grand Depart!! Everyone is welcome and parking for cars will be available. This special event will, we hope, be the first of several in the run-up to the Tour de France coming through our valley. It will be a fun morning for all the family, with some gifts and mementos for all the riders who take part.

In order to help us arrange this event, please let the Community Association Secretary Marianne Hood know if you are likely to be coming along and how many children will be taking part:

marianne.hood@which.net
or telephone 01422 885224

'TOUR DE CRAGG TREASURE HUNT' Sunday 27 October

Come and join the 'Tour de Cragg Treasure Hunt' on Sunday 27th October starting at 1.30pm from the car park at the Ark – where quiz sheets will be handed out! This free Treasure Hunt is for all the family, especially children. Along the route there are small bikes to spot, indicating a stopping place to solve a puzzle and possibly find small rewards! All you have to do is find each bike, work out answers to the clues and enjoy the hidden goodies!



You can start at any time – but the quiz sheets will be available to collect in the Ark car park from 1.30pm until 2.30pm and you must arrive at the Robin Hood pub, Cragg Vale, by 5pm with your completed answer sheets to be entered into the draw for a small prize.

The trail for the Treasure Hunt should take approximately 2 hours maximum. It includes some steady, but not too energetic, uphill walking - but the rewards are fantastic views from over Robin Hood rocks up and down Cragg Vale. See from on high the route the Tour de France will climb next July! The walk ends at the Robin Hood pub where refreshments are available with the Treasure Hunt prize draw at 5pm.

A short bus ride or walk down the hill can take you back to your starting point. Sturdy footwear is recommended for the stony and sometimes muddy tracks.

In the future issues, we will be offering limited advertising, a business directory and a spotlight on business feature.

This is a great opportunity for local business to tell local people and other local businesses about their products and services and to support your local area.

Please remember this newsletter is delivered to **all business** and private residencies in **Cragg Vale** and also over the coming year there will a **global spotlight** on Cragg Vale.

**CALLING ALL
BUSINESSES**

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Improving Internet Access and Speeds in Cragg Vale

For many who live in Cragg Vale the internet speed is dire. At our home in Cragg Vale Village, we currently enjoy a speed of 0.89 m.p.s.! This is despite a total of £530 million pounds being made available by the Government through Broadband Delivery UK to local Councils to improve the availability of good broadband access to rural areas. However only £3.1m has been spent so far.

The National Audit Office has described the rollout as a 'train crash'. The project has been hit by delays, including waiting for approval from European Competition

Authorities. This, as we understand it, has been caused by BT, OFCOM and other private contractors finding it difficult to work together! Both Fujitsu and Cable & Wireless pulled out because they were unhappy with the tendering process. Nevertheless despite the delays we believe that things are about to move in Calderdale. BT now have the contract to upgrade the system and are shortly to start work. That's the good news. What might be bad news is their decision about how they will prioritise the work, i.e. which geographical areas within Calderdale will receive it first and last. We believe Cragg Vale can make an excellent case for being dealt with expeditiously by BT.

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Not least because much of the infrastructure is already in place. Fibre runs up the valley as the posters on BT's street cabinets proudly display. One of the easiest ways for Cragg Vale residents to encourage BT to start spending some of our taxpayer money, is to express an interest on BT's Website. Please follow this link and fill in your details if you would like to support this lobby and help influence BT's decision: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>

Show your support by clicking on the link above if you would like to help influence BT's decision.

It only takes a few minutes and would be less if the internet speed was better! The benefits go without saying nowadays in terms of everything from running local businesses to educating our children. You can also lobby our local politicians. We've already contacted BT, our MP Craig Whitaker and Cragg Vale's Labour Councillor Simon Young, who was most helpful.

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CRAGG VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Here is the programme for the Cragg Vale Local History Society until April next year, usually held in the upstairs room of the Robin Hood pub, starting at 7.30pm

21st Nov

'Wainstalls Waifs'-
Kym Win

19th DEC

Christmas Extravaganza!

16th Jan

'wwws'- David Nortcliffe

20th Feb

The Story of Le Tour de France – Jonathan Emberton

20th Mar

Victorian & Edwardian Leisure – an evening with Ian Dewhurst

17th Apr

Update 2014 – 1st meeting of the 7th year of CVLHG

'Round Robin Autumn Spiral'

Cycle Ride – Sunday 27th October 2013

Following the first 'Round Robin' ride successfully organized last June, a 'Round Robin Autumn Spiral' is planned for Sunday 27th October.

The total distance for the route is 74km, with three circuits (the 'spiral'!) passing the Robin Hood, Cragg Vale, at 24km and 49km, allowing riders to 'bail out' after the first or second circuit if they've had enough or want some food and a drink!

The 'spiral' sets off at 11am from the Robin Hood pub in Cragg Vale, then goes up Blackstone edge, on to Baitings, then the Beehive, Mill Bank, Sowerby, Scout Rd, Cragg Vale (passing the



Robin Hood – 1st 'bail out' chance!), Blackstone edge, Baitings, Hollin lane, Cottonstones, Hubberton, Sowerby, Scout Rd, Cragg Vale (2nd 'bail-out' opportunity at the Robin Hood!), Blackstone edge,

Baitings, Blueball lane, Coal gate, Hathershelf, Scout Rd, Cragg Vale and ends back at the Robin Hood where tea, cakes and other refreshments are being provided throughout the day.

CRAGG VALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

FRIDAY

8TH NOV | Cragg Vale Community Bonfire

Once again the Church and CVCA will be holding a community bonfire for everyone in Cragg Vale on Friday 8th November.

It will be held, as in previous years, on the land beside Gordon Nelson's house (opposite the Old Co-Operative Building) and will start at around 6pm – but check the details on the posters that will go up the week before!

Everyone is very welcome – there will be lots of hot drinks, cakes and other food and lots of fireworks! Do come and join in this community event!

MONDAY

11TH NOV | Bunting Sewing Circle in the Robin Hood

Anyone and everyone is invited to join the 'Bunting Sewing Circle'. Starting on Monday 11th November, it will be held every 2nd and 4th Monday in the Robin Hood pub at 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

20TH NOV | November Special Bicycle Quiz

Once again we are going to have a 'bike-themed' quiz (more of a bit of fun than a quiz!!) in the Robin Hood pub at 7.30pm. This time, after the quiz hosted once again by Jonathan Emberton, there will be a chance to see and hear from Derek Browne about some vintage bikes and jerseys!

FRIDAY

6TH DEC | Christingle in Cragg Vale

The annual Christingle will be held in St John's Church on Friday 6th December at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited. Once again there will be refreshments and the grand 'switching on of the Christmas Lights' after the Christingle service!

CVCA 2014 CALENDAR SPECIAL EDITION

Welcoming 'Le Tour de France Grand Départ' on 6 July 2014. On sale from The Robin Hood, The Hinchliffe, Little Valley Brewery, Hebden Bridge Visitor Centre and other local outlets. Or email cvca@jsd.me.uk or telephone Margaret 885068 to get your copy.

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