

Cragg Vale Community Association Annual General Meeting and Chinese New Year Celebration:

**Friday 31st January 2014, 6.30pm,
In The Robin Hood Pub, Cragg Vale**

We're planning once again to have a special social event and 'Jacob's Join' for our Annual General Meeting. This time, as the Chinese New Year starts at the end of January, we are planning to have that as our 'theme'. We will provide some refreshments but ask everyone to try to bring along some nibbles to share.

New Committee Members Needed

Some of our current Committee Members (in law, our 'Directors') have served since we first set up in 2007 and now want a bit of a break! We've celebrated many successes over the last 6 years but there's still more we'd like to do – and so we need some help please!

You will have seen details of the community activities we are planning for 2014, in the run-up to the Tour de France coming through our valley, but we still need to try to tackle issues you told us

about such as speeding traffic and the need to improve footpaths and make sure our history and heritage is promoted. The purpose of the Committee is to make sure CVCA runs properly. The Committee are responsible for setting the policies and priorities for action – but much of the day-to-day work is carried out by small groups of people set up as 'sub committees' such as the History Group and the 'Tour de Cragg' group

We're proposing to have quarterly Committee meetings, to make it easier for people to get to the meetings. All Committee members are protected from financial liability through our status as a 'Company Limited by Guarantee'

If you think you could spare some time to help us, please let our Secretary Marianne Hood OBE know marianne.hood@which.net or just come and volunteer at our AGM

Special Resolutions For The Cragg Vale Community Association Annual General Meeting

The Committee of Cragg Vale Community Ltd are proposing some amendments to

the CVCA Articles (constitution) to help us to run more effectively. The present Committee Members believe it will be more efficient to:

- have a smaller Committee of 9, with co-options from time to time if any additional expertise is needed
- to reduce the number of Committee Meetings required each year to a minimum of 4, not 6 (This doesn't prevent the Committee holding additional meetings if necessary but should help prevent the problem of holding a meeting for the sake of meeting!)

Cragg Vale Community Association acts as an 'umbrella organisation for several groups that we have set up as sub-committees. 'We want to make sure that these groups will continue to have two-way links with the main Committee and will comply with any rules for CVCA. We are therefore also proposing an amendment to:

- require the membership of any Sub Committee to include at least one Committee Member

For more information contact:
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PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF CVCA LTD

(1) Special Resolution 1 (re existing Article 24)

Current Article 24

24 Composition of the Committee

The Committee shall consist of:-

[a] Four Officers: Chair, a Vice Chair, Committee Secretary, and Treasurer

[b] Up to 11 Other Committee Members elected from the membership.

Proposed Amendment

Article 24 [b] of CVCA Ltd shall be amended to delete the number '11' and replace by the number '5'. The Clause shall now say: "Up to 5 other Committee Members"

(2) Special Resolution 2a (re Article 31)

Current Article 31

31 Regulation of Business and Quorum

The Committee shall meet, adjourn and otherwise regulate its business as it may decide but shall meet no less than six times each year. Unless the Committee decides otherwise, no less than three members of the Committee who must be Officers of the Committee shall be a quorum.

Proposed Amendment

Article 31 Regulation of Business and Quorum shall be amended to delete 'but shall meet no less than six times a year' and replace with 'but shall meet no less than four times a year'

(3) Special Resolution 2b (re Article 31)

Article 31 Regulation of Business and Quorum shall be amended to delete 'no less than three members who must be Officers' and replace with 'no less than four members of the Committee of whom no less than two must be Officers'

(3) Special Resolution 2b (re Article 31)

Current Article 35

35 Delegation of Powers

The Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of any persons that the Committee shall think suitable. The Committee may make, amend and revoke regulations for the purpose of defining the membership, functions and powers of any sub-committee, which shall report its acts and proceedings to and conform to any regulations imposed by the Committee.

Proposed Amendment

Article 35 Delegation of Powers shall be amended add, after 'any persons that the Committee shall think suitable' the following words: "but shall include no less than one Committee Member"



2014 EVENTS

APRIL

Spring Tour de Cragg Treasure Hunt and 'Bike Fun and Games'

Further details will be given in the Spring Newsletter

27TH MARCH – 5TH JULY

Celebrating 100 days of Art & Culture for the Tour de France

There will be four exhibitions of work by people of different ages, including children, in Cragg Vale in the Robin Hood pub in the 100 day cultural festival in the run up to the start of the Tour de France

4TH MAY

'Spaw Sunday' Annual spa blessing

Procession from the Hinchcliffe Arms led by Ryburn Longswords across the fields to Cragg Vale's spa for a 'blessing' and more music, dancing and a picnic. All ages, meet at St John's Church at 2pm

20TH JUNE 21ST JUNE

Cycle Challenge: the Longest Hill on the Longest Day

For 24 hours from 6pm on Friday 20th June to 6pm on Saturday 21st June, you are invited to join other riders on a continuous climb up and down our continuous hill! If you can join for an hour or two, or fancy trying to keep going for the whole 24 hours, we would love to have you with us!

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★ CRAGG VALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENT A ★

CHRISTMAS ROUND ROBIN

A 74km spiral road ride, starting and finishing at the Robin Hood Inn Cragg Vale at 9:00 on Saturday 21st of December. The ride also passes the Robin Hood at 24km and 49km So is suitable for all abilities! The Robin Hood Inn will be serving Coffee and Cake

This is a 're-run' of the original 'Spiral' planned for 27th October. As many of you will know, the Cragg Vale area was hit by a tornado, late in the afternoon on Friday 25th October. The devastation left in its wake with trees uprooted, branches and whole trees lying in the road, meant that it was not likely to be safe for cyclists for several days! However, assuming that this was a 'one-off' event, we are going to try again! Starting at 9am the route is the same as before (set out in our Autumn Newsletter) Robin Hood pub in Cragg Vale, on to Blackstone edge, then to Baitings, the Beehive, Mill Bank, Sowerby, Scout Rd, back to Cragg Vale passing the Robin Hood (1st 'bail out' opportunity), Blackstone edge, Baitings, Hollin lane, Cottonstones, Hubberton, Sowerby, Scout Rd, Cragg Vale (2nd 'bail-out' chance!), Blackstone edge, Baitings, Blueball lane,



Coal gate, Hathershelf, Scout Rd, Cragg Vale, and ending at the Robin Hood where refreshments are being provided throughout the day!

NEW CYCLE CHALLENGE: THE LONGEST HILL ON THE LONGEST DAY

Two week before the big Tour de France weekend, we are aiming to get as many people as possible cycling up and down our hill over the 24 hours of the longest day.

From 6pm on Friday 20th June to 6pm on Saturday 21st June we would like to have riders on the Cragg climb continuously.

If you can join for an hour, or two or try to keep going for the whole 24 hours, we

would love to have you with us!

Students and parents from Calder High will be joining us as part of the school's celebration of the Yorkshire Tour.

Each complete ascent will be marked by collecting a marble from the line at the top of Cragg. After dropping it at the Robin Hood, we will chalk up the tally and see how many we can get in total over the day.

How many Everests can we climb? One Everest is 27 times up the hill!

We will have support from the Robin Hood pub, providing food, drink and a place to catch a bit of sleep.

For more information contact Jonathan Emberton 07792900971.
Craggvelo@gmail.com



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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

16th Dec | 5pm

Carols at the Hinchcliffe Arms

The community come together to sing carols.

FRIDAY

20th Dec | 7.30pm

Christmas Flowers and Carol Concert, St John's Church

Buffet and entertainment, £5

SUNDAY

22nd Dec | 9.30am

9 lessons and carols, St John's Church

22nd Dec | 5.30pm

Carol singing round the village

meet outside the Robin Hood at 5.30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE

24th Dec | 4pm

Crib Service at St John's

24th Dec | 11.30pm

Midnight Communion service at St John's

CHRISTMAS DAY

25th Dec | 9.30pm

Christmas Day Communion at St John's

CELEBRATING 100 'Days of Art & Culture' FOR THE TOUR DE FRANCE IN CRAGG VALE

We are planning to hold four exhibitions of work by people of different ages, including children, in Cragg Vale, in the Robin Hood pub, in the 100 day cultural festival in the run up to the start of the Tour de France.

There will be four categories for each of these exhibitions: Photography, Work by Children, Work by Amateurs, and Work by Professionals/Experienced people. Each category will run for 25 days: 27th March to 20th April, 21st April to 15th May, 16th May to 9th June and 10th June to 5th July. The children's exhibition is expected to be after Easter. The best work from each will form an exhibition to run from 6th July to the end of the Tour itself

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed with the planning and organising of this exciting event. If anyone can spare some time and wants to help make it happen – or if you have other ideas for it, please email Elaine Warwick-Simpson at ews@craggvale.co.uk and she'll arrange to meet you and have a chat about it.

MYTHOLMROYD STATION

Mytholmroyd Station Partnership is inviting people to join a Steering Group to oversee the development of the Mytholmroyd Station Building. There's an opportunity for the local community to take control of the old station building. At this stage Mytholmroyd Station Partnership are seeking active interest from community groups and individuals who might have a use for some the space within the building.

The Station Partnership is hoping to create a Steering Group from the local community that will become a Station Development company Limited by Guarantee.

The following Weblog gives further details of the Plan:
<http://mytholmroydstation.wordpress.com/>
If you are interested in joining the Steering Group, please let the Station Partnership know by 31 January:
myt.station@btinternet.com

TOUR DE CRAGG TREASURE HUNT

In spite of the wind and rain over 20 people turned up to take part in the 'Tour de Cragg' Treasure Hunt Walk'. Everyone managed to find the little bikes and the hidden treasure, which was enjoyed by the adults as well as the children proving can't go wrong with chocolate! Everyone also reached the Robin Hood safely in time for handing in their quiz sheets, although we did



get a bit worried by one group who set off in the rain and who finally returned after getting distracted by the views and children enjoying Robin Hood rocks!. Although all who took part had a go at answering the questions, no-one managed to get a full set of correct answers so a prize draw was held for first and second prizes – with very many thanks to Craggs Cakes and Little Valley Brewery!.

This event proved to be very popular so CVCA has agreed we will organise two more 'Tour de Cragg Treasure Hunts', one in the Spring and one at the start of the summer. We have been offered the opportunity for 'Treasure Hunters' to call in at Little Valley Brewery so that might have to be part on one route and we think a visit to the Hinchliffe Arms is also likely to be appreciated – so that may be part of another route. Look out for the Spring Newsletter for further details

BIKE FUN AND GAMES

Children and parents began arriving early for our very first 'Bike Fun and Games' event at the Ark on Saturday 26th October. It was a good job that so many did set off early as Cragg road was closed thanks to all the fallen tress left behind in the wake of the tornado that hit us late on Friday afternoon!

The Ark opened up their building for us to brew up for the refreshments – and to provide some welcome shelter for the parents from the wind and some

showers, although the children did not seem to be bothered!

The youngest ones used balance bikes to take part in their own events but everyone took part in the specially requested 'time trial' at the end! The Bikeability Instructors were excellent and everyone learnt a bit more about looking after their bikes and about how



to stay in control – especially as they manoeuvred around the obstacle course! Our thanks go to the Bikeability Team from Calderdale Council and to Jo Brock and her staff at the Ark.

In response to the demand from the children we will run another event in the Spring when the weather warms up a bit!

HOW IS THE BUNTING GETTING ON?

The Logistics Committee has been to Craggs Energy to survey the shed to be used for storage of the bunting and the final measurement for the World Record attempt. It's an excellent space, and we're very lucky to get it.

The measurement of the bunting will take place at Craggs Energy over the weekend of 14/15 June, and the hanging will be on the weekend of 21/22 June. Helpers for both events will be very welcome.

This means bunting should be delivered for checking by 31 May 2014 requests for bunting to be hung in a particular place should be in by 30 April.

We are also still holding drop in 'Q & A' sessions at the Robin Hood Cragg Vale on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 7pm.

If you have any completed lengths of bunting please drop them into the Robin Hood marked with your contact details, including if you want it returned, or hung in a specific spot.

Sew - a - thon



Word of Mouth held a 12 hour 'Sew-a-thon' from 9am on Sunday 8th December to give people who can't sew the opportunity to get involved.

We need as many people as possible to get involved to break the current record, made by Torpoint Town Partnership for the Queen's Jubilee and it stands at 4715metres.

If you would like any further information, please just drop us an email at bunting@craggvale.co.uk

EVENTS AT THE STEINER SCHOOL

The Steiner School, next to St John's Church, has seen some changes over the last term. There is a new teacher for Class 1, caring for a number of children in our lovely new space. The ground floor has been divided to create two new classrooms, one for Willow Kindergarten and the other for Class 1. They look absolutely lovely and the children are settling down nicely in their new spaces. On a lovely clear, crisp Autumn day our school, families and friends came together to celebrate Michaelmas. This is our harvest festival, a time to give thanks to the earth for her bounty and a chance to

subdue our inner 'dragons' before Winter's arrival. After a story about Archangel Michael and the dragon, the children led us in a merry procession around the churchyard, culminating with songs and dragon bread shared with the whole group. As part of the celebrations we collected several baskets of beautiful produce, which this year were donated to 'Barnardos Cornerstone Project, which supports families living in Calderdale, West Yorkshire. The service works with and alongside children, young people, and families with the purpose of helping them have a positive experience of childhood and family life



SUPPORT FROM LITTLE VALLEY BREWERY



Little Valley Brewery continue to be staunch supporters of the Cragg Vale Community Association and once again donated some of their beer as prizes for our Tour de Cragg Treasure Hunt Walk. Sue and Wim were visited in November by Brian Robinson, Britain's first man to have completed a stage of Le Tour in 1958 and then another the year after. He's 83 years and still on his bike. He had heard of Little Valley and their cycling connection and made the journey with his cycling pals. Sue said "It was completely unexpected, lovely and we were very touched"

They haven't completed their plans yet for the visit of 'Le Tour' to Cragg Vale on 6th July but a special beer is being planned.

THE SPECIAL BIKE QUIZ NIGHT!

On 20th November cycling enthusiasts – and interested observers – gathered in the Robin Hood for the 'Special Bike Quiz'. The evening consisted of an introduction from Jonathon Emberton from Cragg Velo, followed by Derek Browne who gave a talk about the history of the six bikes on display, one from each decade, apart from the 60's, from the 1930's to 1980's.

Derek talked about when and by whom the bikes had

originally been ridden and he explained the innovation and evolution of pieces of equipment, especially the gearing – one of which had everyone, including Derek, just a little baffled about exactly how it worked! He interspersed his talk with stories of local cyclists and their exploits. After an hour or so we took a break while Derek encouraged the guests to explore the bikes (there wasn't really room to try riding them!) and

chatted informally to everyone present. Then Jonathon hosted a fun quiz based on Derek's talk. The evening was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The bikes are due to become part of an exhibition at Banksfield Museum, which we think will be in time for the 100 days cultural festival heralding the Tour de France in Yorkshire.

CRAGG VALE LOCAL SOCIETY HISTORY

Well here we are again at another year end. The History Group of Cragg Vale has had yet another year of interesting and informative speakers, ending the year with our annual extravaganza on 19th December to celebrate Christmas

NEW YEAR

In the New Year we are looking forward to a full diary why not come along and join us

16TH JAN

"WWWs" with David Norcliffe

20TH FEB

The Story of the Le Tour de France with Jonathan Emberton

MARCH 20TH

Victorian & Edwardian Leisure with Ian Dewhurst

APRIL 17TH

An update Meeting: 7 years of Cragg Vale History Group!!

We hope to see you there!

FROM CLLR SCOTT TRICKETT

Many of us in Cragg Vale have been passionate for a long time about traffic road safety through our valley. A few years ago we managed together to get the limit reduced to 30mph through the village which was a great step forward.

Calderdale are now running an area-wide questionnaire about 20 mph speed limits. It would be good to have people living in Cragg Vale fill in the form and return by the end of January, or alternatively fill it in on line.

www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/consultations/speed-limits/index.html

Please spend a few moments to have your say. The closing date is 31st January 2014

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One of the many businesses in Cragg Vale supporting the Community Association and our activities is 'Craggs Cakes Ltd'. Any of you who were lucky enough to sample some of the 'Spaw Sunday' cake or who shared a piece of the 'Tour de Cragg' treasure hunt prize cake will know just how delicious these cakes are!

Craggs Cakes Ltd, set up in 2008, is owned and run by Josie Pemberton-Clarke and her husband. Marianne Hood, company secretary for CVCA went to talk to Josie to find out a bit more about the business and why she chose Cragg Vale.

Josie said that, like her Mum, she had always baked. When her Mum went to cake decorating classes, she went with her and got hooked, but "there are only so many cakes you can bake and eat yourself"! Friends were always asking Josie to make cakes for them so in 2007 she went on a course 'How to set up your own business' at the Elsie Whitley Centre in Halifax. Josie explained that there is a lot to do and learn in setting up your own business, but "if it is something you believe in and you have real passion, that's what's important"

Josie and her husband, who prefers doing baking to going to Farmer's Markets, chose Cragg Vale because "it is a fantastic location, it's quiet, near to where we live and we've been able to get it set up exactly as we wanted!" They now employ another lady to help with the baking as Josie has to 'juggle' the time she spends baking and decorating cakes with delivering to shops, restaurants, cafes, delicatessens and markets from Howarth to Huddersfield! This is in addition to the special food events, festivals and Farmers' Markets – and Josie will be at the Farmers' Market in Hebden Bridge every Sunday from now until Christmas!

In response to questions about changes since they first set up, Josie said she hadn't expected to have stalls at Farmers' markets but now there is much more interest in and demand for local produce. She enjoys talking to people and getting feedback and this helps her 'tweak' what they produce. For example, they now make a lot of 'powerbars' without nuts – and they discovered you can't sell Parkin in Lancashire, they just don't know what it is!



Baking takes place seven days a week and is mostly to order except for cakes such as fruit cakes which have a longer shelf-life. Their range includes gluten-free, vegan (in response to requests from customers), 'special' cakes for weddings and birthdays, and specific cakes for specific customers. Josie said which cakes are most popular seems to depend on the area: in Cragg Vale and Hebden Bridge lemon drizzle is very popular and so is carrot cake. Ginger cake sells well as does Raspberry, Blueberry and Lime. One slightly strange change in popularity, or lack of it, is Cherry Madeira cake. They used to make a lot but demand has fallen and as this cake does not have a long shelf life they have dropped it from their range. Josie said they only use the best quality ingredients and they keep a keen eye on trying to source things as locally as possible.

I asked Josie if they have any plans for the visit of the Tour de France and (apart from hiding in a dark room with a towel around her head!) she said they are hoping to join up with Little Valley Brewery and maybe a couple of other Cragg Businesses to produce 'hamper bags' for people watching the event. However, the focus at the moment is Christmas and the Farmers' Markets – and they have just produced, for the first time, a special ginger biscuit 'Christmas Tree'!

If anyone wants to order any cakes, Craggs Cakes Ltd can be contacted on 07788 600 810, or email craggscakes@3-c.coop. You can visit the website www.craggscakes.co.uk or why not drop in to the Farmers' Market on Sundays from now until Christmas in Hebden Bridge and chat to Josie.

CALLING ALL BUSINESS

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.

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