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MIDSUMMER MADNESS

On the Longest Day, 21st June, on our Longest Hill, the Longest Cycle Climb and the Longest Choir will be entertaining Cragg Vale's residents, friends and visitors!

THE LONGEST HILL ON THE LONGEST DAY

Two weeks before Le Tour sweeps up Cragg Vale, local cyclists are planning to set a new record: the number of climbs of the hill that can be accumulated in 24 hours. Each 27 ascents is equivalent to climbing Everest!

Starting at 6pm on Friday 20th June and ending at 6pm on Saturday 21st June, "The Longest Hill on the Longest Day" will see cyclists riding in various combinations to ensure there is at least one rider on the hill at any time. They will count the climbs by collecting tokens (lego bricks!) at the top and posting the tally in a live running chalkboard format on the front of the Robin Hood Inn.

Based at the Robin Hood, facilities for keeping everyone going will be available for the full 24 hours. It promises to be another great carnival atmosphere. Anyone is welcome to come and add one, two, or as many climbs up the hill as possible. For more information, contact Jonathan Emberton Tel: 07792900971 jonathanemberton@gmail.com

THE LONGEST CHOIR

Members of the Association of British Choral Directors (abcd) conduct community choirs all over the country as interest in community choirs continues to grow. Yorkshire and East Lancashire choirs are promoting music in towns up and down the upper Calder Valley during the summer months with their choir leaders and directors. How would it be if they came together for a new type of event to celebrate Le Grand Départ of the Tour de France? At an abcd conducting event, the idea of the longest choir along the longest hill for the Tour de France took off in a big way. Currently over two hundred people have signed up to sing in Cragg Vale on June 21st!

At 11am on Saturday 21st June, led by Olwyn Pearce, conductor of 'Secret Singers Todmorden', choirs will gather in Cragg Vale Park.



The songs are available to learn before the day: abcd.yorkshire@outlook.com. Olwyn has wide experience of helping people find their voice and have fun singing. This will be an 'open access' event with no auditions or previous experience required. After a short practice the singers will cross the road at Twist Clough at around 11.30am to stand on the pavement. As the line gets into position, hopefully as far up as Cragg School (all local residents are invited to join in), singing leaders will start the songs going up the line in groups of six until the whole line is singing! The singing leaders will then bring the songs back down the line.

When the singing has finished, everyone is encouraged to go and enjoy the Ryburn 3 Step music and dance event at 2pm at the Hinchliffe Arms.
abcd.yorkshire@outlook.com



SUMMER EVENTS

JUNE

10th June Steiner School Open Day

2.30 - 4.30 All welcome: come and look round our lovely school - simple refreshments provided

10th June - 5th July Art Exhibition

Professional/experienced artists Robin Hood Inn:

15th June Father's Day

Hinchliffe Arms, book as soon as possible!

20th - 21st June 'Longest Ride on the Longest Day': 24 hour cycle event

From 6pm on Fri 20th: to 6pm on Sat 21st, Robin Hood Inn - facilities available for 24 hours

21st June 'Longest Choir' World Record attempt

Cragg Vale Park 11am (refreshments) from 11.45am along the pavement up to Cragg Vale J&I School Ryburn 3 Step
2pm at the Hinchliffe Arms: music and dance.

28th June Best Dressed Bike Competition

Robin Hood Inn at 2pm: Bikes to line up on the pavement opposite the Robin Hood to parade to Cragg Vale Park for judging at 2.30pm Prizes!

28th, 29th June 'Bunting Hanging' along the B6138 from the blue sign at the bottom of the hill as far as possible, including a length past St John's Church to The Hinchliffe Arms.

30th June Mytholmroyd Station Questionnaire

Deadline for return of the Questionnaire!

JULY

1st July Yorkshire Cycling Federation Open Hill Climb

Mytholmroyd to Blackstone Edge starting 18.30: sign on Mytholmroyd Community Centre 17.45 (Entry Fee £8)

5th & 6th July Open Studio & Café

Steiner School - local artists invited to display work. Contact Jan Taylor, 07504 693497. Drop work at school, Friday 4th July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

5th - 31st July 'Best of' Art Exhibition

Robin Hood Inn: the best five pictures from each of the 100 days of art exhibitions will be displayed for everyone to see. (NB: Local artists who would like to exhibit after July, please contact Elaine Simpson)

6th July Le Grand Départ of 'Le Tour De France'

Coming through our valley! B6138 closed to all traffic from 6.30am. Parking available at The Craggs Country Business Park

Turkey Lodge Tour Fest Turkey Lodge Farm 6am - 8pm. Food, drink and live music For information (from 9th June) www.littlevalleybrewery.co.uk

13th July 'Tour de Cragg Treasure Hunt'

Little Valley Brewery at 2.30pm the last 'Tour de Cragg' Treasure Hunt! Get a hill top view of the route the race took! Ends with special visit to the Brewery!



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NEWS FROM THE ARK

The staff at The Ark Day Nursery in Cragg Vale have always firmly believed in putting children first. Over the 12 years we have been open, we have been committed to providing exciting and stimulating experiences for the children and creating outdoor spaces for each room. Recently judged 'outstanding' again by Ofsted, The Ark provides high quality childcare in a beautiful countryside location. With a new Dedicated Baby Area providing a 1:2 staff:child ratio for children age 0-12 months and an established Forest School for outdoor fun and child development, the opportunities for play and learning in a stimulating environment are fantastic.

The nursery recently held its annual Parents' Evening and Parents' Week, when parents are invited to come and join in activities within the nursery. This was a great success with many parents coming to see just what their children get up to whilst they are with us. We are now looking forward to summer and celebrating the latest Ofsted report with parents and friends at the Family Barbeque. We will be saying goodbye in July to our Pre-school children who are graduating to 'big' school but are looking forward to meeting more new pre-schoolers in September. If you would like to come and see the nursery in action, please get in touch and we can arrange a show round for you. Equally, if you would like to work in an exciting, vibrant environment, why not get in touch?
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PARKING IN CRAGG VALE FOR LE TOUR

FREE PARKING ON 6TH JULY FOR CRAGG VALE RESIDENTS

You've probably already heard that our road, the B 6138, will be closed from around 6.30am on 6th July for 'Le Tour'. No cars will be allowed, all cars must be moved before 6.30am on Sunday 6th July! Cragg Vale Community Association realised finding somewhere else to park might present problems for many residents so we've been arranging alternatives. We've delivered a leaflet to every house along the road and tried to contact every resident. By now nearly everyone who needs somewhere to park has been allocated a space and their details have been given to the people who offered this free parking. Craggs Energy, at Craggs Country Park, are one of the organisations who kindly offered FREE parking for Cragg Vale residents on a fully secure site. There is still some space (FOR RESIDENTS ONLY) available. If you have not already given your details to anyone from CVCA, please contact Marianne Hood marianne.hood@which.net, Tel 01422 885224. You will have to park on the evening of Saturday 5th July between 6pm and 7pm (a mini-bus will run people back home) and get your car back after the road re-opens or before 10pm on 6th July.

PARKING FOR VISITORS

The Craggs Country Business Park on the top road have a safe, secure site available for all visitors. The site has CCTV and will be managed by a team of Marshalls throughout the day. Access will be available throughout 6th July from 5am but it will close for the race from around 11am, re-opening when the race has gone through. All cars will have to leave the site by 10pm on Sunday night. Tickets, costing £10, can be bought on-line. Full details are available via the website

www.thetourstage2parking.co.uk.

For any other information go to info@thecraggs.net or 'phone Jessica Wild 01422 888450

HELP NEEDED MARSHALLS WANTED!

Craggs need some Marshalls to help with the smooth running of the car park on the day of the Tour de France for a few hours early in the morning, around 4am, whilst all the cars get in and then again after the tour has finished to help the cars exit once the roads have re-opened. Four or five people are needed and Craggs are happy to offer a cash incentive for the help! If you are interested, please contact Jessica Wild, Project Manager, on 01422 888403 or email Jessica@craggsenergy.co.uk

BEST DRESSED BIKE COMPETITION

In order to continue our cycling celebrations, we will be holding a competition for the 'Best Dressed Bike' on Saturday, 28th June in Cragg Vale Park. Anyone of any age can enter and bikes can be decorated however you like with whatever you like - the only rule is that the bike must actually be able to be

moved! You don't have to ride it but the wheels must be able to turn and you must be able to wheel it along the pavement for the procession to the Cragg Vale Park. Bikes are invited to line up on the pavement opposite the Robin Hood Inn at 2pm and we will form a procession to Cragg Vale Park where judging will take place

OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND

Sat 5th & Sun 6th of July

Calder Valley Steiner School at The St Johns Centre are opening their doors over the Tour de France weekend between 11 - 4 each day, though they may close briefly on the Sunday as the tour passes by! The school plans to have a cafe for refreshments; a children's creativity corner and a quiet area (for rest & recuperation!). All most welcome.

Any local artists wishing to exhibit work please contact Jan asap on 07504 693497 / 886551 For further information see: www.caldersteiner.org.uk

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BROADHEAD CLOUGH — JUNE UPDATE

Spring has been lovely in the reserve this year. The bluebells were beautiful, the cuckoo was calling loudly, and we had 11 cows munching contentedly in the meadows. They were with us for almost 6 weeks and have grazed off the long grass and thatch that had built up. Some flowers should manage to bloom albeit a little late and then the cows will return to clear this year's growth before the autumn fungi. 9 people joined the rota- in pairs or as individual stock checkers- and we all enjoyed this new role.

Fencing the outer boundaries of the reserve was another big job completed this quarter. It began on the day of the Piano Porte, with the

help of a helicopter which you may have seen flying back and forth to lift all the stakes and wire mesh up to the top of the moor. The lower fencing around Parrock Clough was also finished, so the reserve is now stock proof from animals on the commons.

The next workday is June 13th when we will be clearing bracken from the marshes. Other summer dates will be posted on the web site <http://www.ywt.org.uk/volunteer> nearer the time.

Helen Pedley, 886195
www.ywt.org.uk

FINAL 'TOUR DE CRAGG' FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

We are holding our last 'Tour de Cragg' Treasure Hunt on Sunday 13th July. This Hunt will start from Little Valley Brewery, in Turkey Lodge Farm above Cragg Vale. You can drive and park at the Brewery or catch the 901 bus and take the footpath across the field. You will discover a little more about our history and heritage, and, if you are lucky hear the sky larks singing! Arrive at the Brewery

between 2pm and 2.30pm to collect quiz sheets. The route, which will take no longer than 1 ½ hours, is not too taxing but good walking shoes are recommended. Prizes will be handed out at the Brewery at around 4pm, so don't be late! For a final treat, you are offered a special visit to the Brewery (for all the family) to find out about how their award winning organic beers are made.

CRAGG VALE HILL CLIMB

1st July - 7pm

Yorkshire Cycling Federation are organising an Open Hill Climb (course V99 16 – Cragg Vale, 4.8 miles) on Tuesday 1st July, starting at 7pm. Entries, £8 as per the CTT Handbook or on-line on the CTT website, close on Saturday 21st June. This event is ONLY open to members of CTT affiliated clubs

Not a member of a Cycling Club? Not ridden in a Time Trial before? The Open Event will be preceded by a 'Come & Try It', event open to anyone. There is room for 30 riders, starting from 6.30pm. Sign on at the HQ – Mytholmroyd Community Centre from 5.45pm. Entry fee £2

For more information Tel/text 07887 622370
email yfccomps@live.co.uk
Twitter: @Cragg_Hillclimb

PROTECTING OUR MOORS

With the volumes of people expected at the big event there is concern about Moorland Fires. The police and Fire Brigade have asked us all to keep a close watch - any fire (NO MATTER HOW SMALL) must be reported to the police or fire brigade ASAP! Please could I also ask all Cragg Vale residents to keep a special eye out for suspicious vehicles looking to Fly Tip on the moors. Please report to me, Cllr Scott Trickett, the HRTC Council or Calderdale Council

MYTHOLMROYD STATION CAMPAIGN

The Mytholmroyd Station Partnership are campaigning for a station car park. Please complete the questionnaire with this newsletter and return by 30th June c/o the CVCA post box opposite the Robin Hood - or respond on line
www.mytholmroydstation.wordpress.com

Cllr Scott Trickett, CVCA Committee
Tel 01422 884909 mobile: 07824 597934

ARE YOU BUNTING FOR CRAGG VALE?

Our attempt to break the World Record for the longest piece of bunting is nearly upon us. To remind you, we intend to hang the bunting all the way up Cragg Vale to celebrate the Tour de France coming to our part of the world.

The dates to remember are:

June 14th and 15th - Judgement Day.

We will be hanging the bunting and measuring it in one of the old chicken sheds at Craggs Country Business Park.

June 21st and 22nd - taking the bunting down at Craggs and readying it to be hung the following weekend.

June 28th and 29th - hanging the completed bunting through Cragg Vale from the blue sign at the bottom of the hill as far up as we can go, including a length going down past St John's Church and to The Hinchliffe Arms.

July 6th: Le Tour! Bunting displayed for the world to see! - If there are any residents along the route who would not like us to hang bunting outside their property please let us know by leaving your details at The Robin Hood Inn.

We hope to be able to tell everyone if we **have** made the record or not as soon as we can but will have to wait for Guinness World Records to ratify it so it may be a couple of months after the measuring before we eventually know. Whatever happens, having the valley full of bunting is going to look absolutely fantastic.

Many thanks to everyone in Cragg for your help and support. **The Bunting Team**

CRAGG VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Coming up, our last meeting before the summer break on Thursday 26th June (the fourth Thursday in June), a visit to Higher House Cragg Vale, for an insight into its history – but, sorry, if you haven't already "booked", all places are taken!

On our return in September we will be hearing from our very own Shirley Daniel on The Hinchliffe family, part 2.

For as little as £1.00 per meeting you can be entertained by our many speakers.

Why not join us, we look forward to meeting you.

THIS YEAR'S DIARY

26th June Visit to Higher House, Cragg Vale (sorry, fully booked)

18th September The Hinchliffe Family part 2' with Shirley Daniel and Roy Collinge

16th October Salt's Mill and Saltaire with Maria Glott

20th November 'Stranger than Fiction' with Joan Laprell

18th December 'Christmas Crackers'

STAGE WINNER



NEW 'STAGE WINNER' BEER LAUNCHED BY LITTLE VALLEY BREWERY

NEW 'STAGE WINNER' BEER LAUNCHED BY LITTLE VALLEY BREWERY IN CELEBRATION OF BRITISH CYCLING PIONEER, BRIAN ROBINSON

Little Valley Brewery based in here Cragg Vale on England's longest continuous gradient and home to Stage 2 of Le Tour de France on 6th July, has launched a brand new beer in celebration of Brian Robinson, pioneer of British cycling and Yorkshire cycling hero.

At the launch at Brasserie Blanc in Leeds, one of the outlets where the beer will be stocked, the name of the beer was unveiled as 'Stage Winner' by master brewer and co-founder of Little Valley Brewery, Wim van der Spek. At the event, guest of honour Brian, and his wife Audrey, enjoyed a pint of the new beer along with members of the media and the beer and cycling community in Yorkshire.

Wim and co-owner, Sue Cooper, both keen cyclists, decided to brew this special beer to put the spotlight on Brian's great cycling achievements; from being the first Briton to complete the Tour de France in 1955, to the first to win a stage in 1958. The following year, Brian convincingly won a mountain stage of the Tour de France between Annecy to Chalon-sur-Saône, and in 1961 he was the overall winner of Le Dauphiné Libéré, an eight stage cycling race through this mountainous region in France.

The 'Stage Winner' name and the beer's red polka dot label and pump clip reflecting Brian's international road racing success and triumph in the mountains, and his love of the hills of Yorkshire.

Developed by Wim, 'Stage Winner', 3.5% ABV is both a cask and bottle-conditioned beer which has been brewed to create a light and refreshing taste; ideal for enjoying after a cycle ride or while watching the Tour de France as it races through Yorkshire!

It is a moderately hopped ale with a delicate level of bitterness. As with all Little Valley beers it is made from 100% organic agricultural ingredients, contains no additives, pesticides, or GM crops, and is certified by the Soil Association, endorsed by CAMRA, and approved by the Vegan Society.

"It is a real pleasure to be here today to celebrate the launch of Little Valley's 'Stage Winner' beer and be one of the first people to enjoy a pint of this refreshing ale", said Brian at the event. "Sue and Wim are as passionate about cycling as they are about their beer so it is no surprise that in the year the Tour de France comes past their brewery they have created a beer to celebrate cycling success. In July I'm sure we'll all be toasting the success of the Tour in Yorkshire with a pint of two of 'Stage Winner!'"

"Brian has always been a hero of ours," added Wim. "From the first time Sue and I met him we were truly inspired by his cycling achievements, and the fact that he is still such an active ambassador for the sport today. In this special year, when the eyes of cycling fans around the world will be focused on Yorkshire, it seemed fitting to put the spotlight on Brian's achievements with the launch of our new beer. We are delighted that Brian has given 'Stage Winner' his seal of approval!"



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