

Cragg News

Cragg Challenge

On 23rd September the Cragg Challenge is back! Once again there'll be a range of running and cycling events to raise funds for charity.

The road will be closed from 9am until 2.30pm. Cycle climb starts at 9.15, Collinge Climb (School relay) at 10.15, 12 noon start of running events, 2pm Prize Giving. Lots of other things will be going on around the start/finish line, including stalls, entertainment, the Royd Ices Café and live coverage from Hebden Radio.

The organisers have worked to make it a great day for the community, any residents affected by the road closure who need to travel can make arrangements for escorted movement between 11:15 and 11:45. If it's essential for you to enter or leave the road closure, please register by emailing secretary@cragg15.uk.

The event only works with the support of individuals giving up time to help make it happen - if you could spare some time to help with marshalling, admin or registration, please email secretary@cragg15.uk

The organisers are extremely grateful for the continued support from last year's main sponsors: The Cragg Business Parks, First Group, Royd Ices, Unite and VBA, with additional support from Charnock Bates, The Co-op, Hebden Radio, The Robin Hood Cragg Vale, Tamannas and Walker Singleton - plus a number of individuals offering financial support too.

We just need the support of the weather now!

Bike Fun 'n Games

With help from Calderdale's Bikeability team the Community Organisation is running another 'Bike Fun 'n Games' event from 10am until 12 noon on **Saturday, 15th September** in the car park in front of the ARK nursery. This is a **free** event for children from 4 to

11years, beginners or learners are very welcome, balance bikes will be provided! Good fun, as well as learning about safety, is guaranteed. If you have children who want to take part, please let Marianne Hood know as soon as possible on 01422 885224.

AUTUMN

SEPTEMBER

Every Tuesday afternoon, St John's Church, 3pm - 4.30pm, 'Open Church' (come for a cuppa!)

Friday 7th September Broadhead Clough Volunteers needed: meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

Saturday 8th September Cragg Fest behind The Robin Hood, 1pm - 11pm, all ages welcome. Free entry

Wednesday 12th September Church Yard Tidy Up St. Johns Church 10am - noon

Saturday 15th September Bike Fun 'n Games, 10am - 12 noon, at the Ark. Free for children 4 - 11 yrs. Please register with marianne.hood@outlook.com, 885224

Tuesday 18th September Scottish Country Dancing 7pm St. John's Church Community Room, £4, all welcome!

Sunday 23rd September Cragg Challenge 9am - 2.30pm, cycle climb, running events, stalls, entertainment. Road closed from 9am.

Sunday 23rd September Calderdale Charity Tractor Run from Craggies to Hoo Hole Farm (pies and pints!) All proceeds to Calder Valley Search and Rescue

OCTOBER

Every Tuesday afternoon, St John's Church, 3pm - 4.30pm, 'Open Church' (come for a cuppa!)

Friday 5th October Broadhead Clough Volunteers needed: meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

Tuesday 23rd October Scottish Country Dancing 7pm St. John's Church Community Room, £4, all welcome!

NOVEMBER

Every Tuesday afternoon, St John's Church, 3pm - 4.30pm, 'Open Church' (come for a cuppa!)

Friday 2nd November Broadhead Clough Volunteers needed: meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

Friday 2nd November Cragg Vale Bonfire, 6.30pm (gates open at 6pm) in the field next to 'Springfield', Cragg Road.

Tuesday 20th November Scottish Country Dancing 7pm St. John's Church Community Room, £4, all welcome!

ADVANCE NOTICE! Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December - **Pantomime!**

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Calderdale Charity Tractor Run

Calderdale Charity Tractor Run is running for a 3rd year **on SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**. All entry fees and donations go to Calder Valley Search and Rescue, a volunteer-run charity. This team has served our community for over 40 years and we hope it will continue to do so for many years to come. This year the tractors take on a new route, starting at Craggies and finishing at Hoohole Farm where everyone will get the chance to look around 50 plus tractors and support vehicles while enjoying a pie and a pint!!

A big thank you to Brierley Hellowell for letting us take over one of his fields for the day and to Craggies, MUD, and Craggs Energy for their sponsorship. Keep watching Calderdale Charity Tractor Run Facebook page for more information.



From The Ark

Questions to ask a Nursery

Choosing a nursery can be an emotional decision. Most parents struggle with feeling a little guilty and everyone wants to choose the best childcare setting for their child. First impressions are important and a nursery should be clean, warm and welcoming with friendly, confident staff. Bringing your child with you on such a visit is a great idea as it will allow them to see the nursery, play with the toys and meet the staff. Here are a few suggestions of what to look for:

Ensure the nursery you choose is registered with Ofsted.

They should have their registration certificate on display and you can ask to see their latest Ofsted report or download a copy prior to your visit at www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report

What are the security measures of the nursery like?

How does the nursery ensure your child is cared for safely in the building and on outings? What procedures are in place to ensure only an authorised person may collect your child?

What else is included in the price?

Do the childcare fees cover nappies / wipes / milk / sun cream etc?

What sorts of meals are provided?

Are they freshly prepared and does the menu change regularly?

What opportunities are there for children to access outdoor play?

Is there direct access from the rooms? Does the environment promote healthy physical development?

Is the environment a happy and positive one?

This is something you can observe for yourself: Do the children smile at each other and the staff? Do the staff give the children plenty of positive reinforcement and praise? Are the children happy and well-occupied and is there a variety of play equipment for them to use with staff and independently? Do the staff smile and acknowledge visitors?

How are the parents involved in the nursery?

Does the nursery welcome visits from parents and encourage parents to become part of the nursery? Does the nursery have regular parents' evenings when their child's progress can be discussed?

For a full list of nurseries in your area contact your local Children's Information Service.

News from St John's Church

We are moving forward with the next stage of the reordering at St John's, as many of you will know we have had a 'makeshift' kitchen for the last year. We now have a catering oven/hob and hot water- installed in time to help with the catering for Doris's 90th birthday party! The next stage is to complete the kitchen with dishwasher, extra sink, cupboards and worktops to give us a catering kitchen suitable for any event and to install a kitchenette in the upstairs room.

We are really keen for the space in St John's to be used by as many members of the local community as possible, if you're not sure what the spaces are like come along on a Sunday or Tuesday afternoon (3 – 4.30pm) when we have 'Open Church' and have a cuppa and a look round.

Our upstairs room (The Crowther Room) is available for £15 an hour for up to 30 people, £20 an hour for 30 – 50 people. The main church space is available for £25 an hour. Both rooms can be hired for meetings, classes, events, parties etc. and there are discounts for regular users. Use of the kitchen/kitchenette is included. Please contact Julie and Geraint at stjohnscraggvale@gmail.com for more details.

If anyone would be interested in setting up/being part of a parent/baby/toddler group at St John's (or any other sort of group), please let Julie know at the email address above. Watch this space (and the Cragg Vale or Friends of Erringden Benefice Facebook pages, and church notice board) for exciting details of upcoming events for food lovers!

Church service Sundays at 9.30am.

Everyone welcome

Harvest Communion Service Sunday

October 7th, 9.30am

Contact us by email at

stjohnscraggvale@gmail.com or text 07443420907

Cragg Churchyard Tidy Up

Come and help us tidy up the graves [we have a Commonwealth war grave!] on Wednesday 12th September from 10-noon. Bring gardening gloves/secateurs if you have them. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided! Contact Jackie Scarf 07957619808 for more details.

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CRAGG MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Friday the 31st. of May 1894 fire broke out at Lower Mill, Cragg Vale (opposite the Robin Hood Inn) and soon assumed a serious aspect.

The mill was an old one, used for the manufacture of cotton. Carding, doubling and mule-spinning was carried on, there being 11,000 spindles. Much of the machinery was old, although the 219 H.P. engine was new, and the mill had its own Gas Making Plant. It was owned by the Company Messrs. Richard & Herbert Hinchliffe. Both principals of the firm had recently died in separate Railway accidents.

Although there was little chance of saving the mill, the Todmorden and Halifax Fire Brigades were called. The fire began at 4 o'clock and at 5.40 the Todmorden Engine arrived. The horses were in a very exhausted condition after their long and fatiguing run. The Halifax engine arrived 20 minutes after the Todmorden engine, having only received the message three quarters of an hour before.

Though the fire engines prevented the fire spreading to adjoining property they did not save the mill which at 9 o'clock was a smouldering mass of charred timber, broken machinery and twisted shafting.

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The cause of the fire was over-heating. The damage was estimated to be between £10,000 and £12,000, and was covered by insurance. Between 60 and 70 persons will be thrown out of work.

On Sunday the scene of the fire was visited by several thousands. Buses and Waggonettes were run from Todmorden and Halifax and the pubs did a roaring trade; all of them were crowded to their utmost capacity.

Cragg Vale Fell Race

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cragg Fell race on 27th June, especially Nick Murphy who flagged the route, Maggie Smallwood and Sean Topham who marshalled, Ed Talbot who ran, but also organised the bar, Geraint [who ran] and Julie Harris and everyone else at Cragg Church for the great refreshments.

Thanks to Little Valley Brewery for sponsoring all the prizes and beer for the bar. We raised around £580 towards a new fitted kitchen in Cragg Vale church [the current one is very temporary]. Over 80 runners took part, with the fastest finishing the 4 mile race in under 30 mins and lots commented on how friendly the race HQ was. I'm usually a bit short of helpers, so do please offer next year if you are free.

Jackie Scarf

CRAGG VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We provide tea and coffee at all our meetings in the upstairs room, St John's Church. We try to encourage the social as well as the historical, visitors are welcome at £3 a visit. Annual membership (April to March) is ONLY £10 for 8 meetings!

For more information contact
Jane Frechette 07733326866

UPCOMING EVENTS

20th September Kevin Illingworth
'Porches are not just for wellies'

18th October Anne Kilby & Frank Woolrich
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15th November Jean Illingworth
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