

Cragg News

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WINTER
2018

Challenge Success



In September, the 'Cragg Challenge', well supported by residents, our schools, and businesses, successfully raised over £2,000 for charities and local organisations! In spite of weather forecasts predicting wind and rain, the sun shone and everyone enjoyed a really great day. Cragg Vale Community Association are very grateful to

Cragg15, who organised the event, for all their hard work and for their generous donation towards our projects. We are also very pleased the group will also be able to fund the provision of a defibrillator to be placed on the wall of the Robin Hood. Thanks again to all who helped make this such a successful event!

Cragg Vale Panto

Snow White and The Seven Locals will be performed at St John's Church on **Saturday December 8th** at 2pm and 6pm and on **Sunday December 9th** at 4pm.

Money raised is for the church. Refreshments will be served at the interval and tickets can be purchased from Pippa Maudsley or any other cast member, email pipmaudsley@live.com



WINTER

December

Every Tuesday afternoon, St John's Church 2pm – 3.30pm come for a cuppa and a chat

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

Saturday 8th December Calder Primary Christmas Fair 10.30 – 1.30pm in the Ted Hughes Theatre

Saturday 8th December 2pm & 6pm & Sunday 9th December 4pm 'Snow White and the Seven Locals' Pantomime in St John's Church, Adults £5, children £3, Family (2 adults + 2 children) £12. Refreshments Email pipmaudsley@live.com

Wednesday 12th December Community Association Music Group 7.30pm St John's Church, all welcome.

Friday 14th December 'A Cragg Christmas Cracker' 6.30pm, St John's Church with Hebden Bridge Junior Band. Adults £6, children £3, price includes mulled wine/juice & supper. Contact gjwsa@btinternet.com, 01422 885183 or any church member

Saturday 22nd December Calder Valley Fell Runners, Christmas Score Event St. John's Church, registration 8.30am – 9.30am. £10 per adult, £5 per child including food & refreshments

JANUARY

Every Tuesday afternoon St John's Church 2pm – 3.30pm, come for a cuppa and a chat

Wednesday 9th January Community Association Music Group 7.30pm St John's Church, all welcome.

Friday 11th January Broadhead Clough Volunteers needed: meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

Wednesday 16th January CVCA Annual General Meeting 7.30pm in the Robin Hood, entertainment & buffet. All welcome, FREE event

Saturday 26th January St John's Church between 11am and 1pm, Cragg Vale Local History Group invite all to view and share photos of life in Cragg Vale. FREE event

February

Every Tuesday afternoon St John's Church, 2pm – 3.30pm, come for a cuppa and a chat

Friday 1st February Broadhead Clough Volunteers needed: meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

Wednesday 13th February Community Association Music Group 7.30pm St John's Church, all welcome.

For more news and information see our website www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk

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News from the Ark



Play is serious! Whilst children play, they are learning so many things and developing new skills. Sensory play is fantastic for children in so many ways: they explore texture and smell, learn new descriptive language and words, share experiences and notice pattern, shape and measurements. Writing skills are also developed through sensory play. Sensory play is an enjoyable experience as they handle malleable materials and form sculptures.

Why not try the following sensory play ideas at home, perfect for a cold, wintery afternoon in Yorkshire!



Go for a wintery walk and collect small twigs to create an enchanted forest.

Replicate a magical snowy environment by creating your own winter wonderland using a mirror as ice and add cotton wool balls for snow and perhaps some snowflake sequins. Go for a wintery walk and collect small twigs to create an enchanted forest. You could even add winter or arctic animals, such as deer, rabbits or polar bears, to enhance the play, encouraging communication and understanding of the world by talking about different habitats, animals and environmental features such as the weather in different parts of the world.

You could create your own snow dough (mix corn flour with oil and glitter) so children can make snowmen or winter animals, learning so much through sensory investigation.

However, we may have plenty of real snow to explore this winter – get those hats and coats on and head outside, but don't forget the hot chocolate when you get home!

News from St John's Church

The Church is being well used by the Yorkshire Country Women's Association, Cragg Vale History Group, Parochial Church Council, Scottish Country Dancing group, the newly formed Community Association Music Group and by 'The New Cragg Players' for Panto rehearsals!

We are continuing to improve our kitchen facilities and hope to install a 'mini kitchen' in the upstairs room to attract even more groups to use the spaces we can offer. If you'd like to start a specific group or have ideas about something you think would be good to try, get in touch on stjohnscraggvale@gmail.co.uk We have lots going on over the Christmas period so come and join us for some or all of the services and events:

Sunday mornings – Communion Service 9.30am

Tuesday afternoons – Open church 2 – 3.30pm for a cuppa and a chat

Sunday 2nd December – Advent Carol Service 9.30am

Saturday and Sunday December 8th and 9th – Pantomime

Tuesday December 11th – Calder Pennine Scout District Carol Service. 6.30pm

Wednesday December 12th (every 2nd Wednesday) – Community Association Music group – 7.30pm

Friday December 14th – 'A Cragg Christmas Cracker!' from 6.30pm. A Christmassy evening featuring Hebden Bridge Junior Band, Christmas crackers, puzzles and songs/carols. Tickets Adults £6, Child £3 (includes glass of mulled wine/juice and supper) + donations bar and tombola (Tickets from 01422885183, gjwsa@btinternet.com or any church member)

Sunday December 23rd – Carol Service. 2.30pm. Carols and readings for all the family.

Monday December 24th – Christmas Eve Midnight Service 11.30pm

Tuesday December 25th – Christmas Morning Communion 9.30am

For more information, contact Julie on stjohnscraggvale@gmail.co.uk or keep an eye on the notice board by church and the Cragg Vale and Friends of Erringden Facebook pages.

Julie Harris - Churchwarden

Calder Valley Fell Runners

Christmas Score Event

On Saturday 22nd December, this is a foot navigation event, mostly on footpaths and quiet lanes. Start from Cragg Vale Church any time between 9.30 and 10am, score points by visiting checkpoints within the recommended time of 150 minutes. Points will be deducted for late return, and awarded for early return. Checkpoints are marked on the map provided. Registration is open from 8.30am. The cost is £10 per person for adults and £5 per person for children, and includes food and refreshments.

Money raised will go towards the new kitchen in the church. Children must walk/run with an adult. You are welcome to compete solo, in pairs or groups.

Please park on the main road below the old school. You are recommended to arrive 30 minutes before you wish to start. Last registration is at 9.30am.

CVCA Annual General Meeting

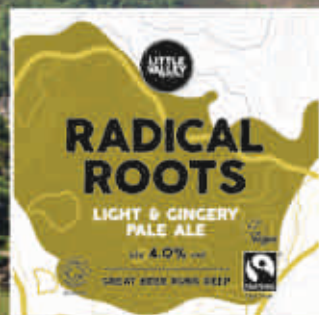
Everyone who lives or works in Cragg Vale is invited to the Community Association's AGM on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm in The Robin Hood. There will be entertainment and a (free) buffet. Come and find out about what we have been doing and help us put together a plan for the coming year.

Anyone interested in getting involved or joining the Committee is especially encouraged to come and join us!

For more information contact Marianne Hood. tel :01422 885224
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News from Calder Primary School



Calder Primary had 28 pupils taking part in the Collinge Climb as part of the Cragg Challenge weekend.

Children worked together in the school's relay team to pass a Cragg Vale Coiners baton all the way from Royds Ices to near the reservoir at the top of Cragg Vale.



This year they managed to beat the 2017 time, completing it in a record 35 minutes and 47 seconds!



For Remembrance this year, pupils made poppies from old plastic bottles and created their own cascade display. They also used their watercolour and shading techniques in art to make a beautiful display in school too.

Diary date: Saturday 8th December 10.30-1.30 Calder Primary Christmas Fair in the Ted Hughes Theatre

Pilates

Thank you to everyone who responded to the article in the Autumn newsletter. The use of the Church has been checked for suitability and has been approved so Pilates classes will start in the New Year! If you are interested, let Viv Hellowell know on 07769037908.



Broadhead Clough December 2018 update

Whilst I missed the August copy deadline for the previous issue, the natural world carried on unperturbed, responding to the weather rather than the calendar date. What a dry summer we had: the cows moved on and off the meadows; broods fledged in many of the new bird boxes; the swallows migrated here and away again, and bumper harvests of berries ripened. Now the leaves are falling, yet it's still very dry on the moors. Thanks to the CROWS team several new boardwalks have greatly improved the paths around the head of the Clough so even after winter rain it should be less boggy for routes on the tops to Stoodley Pike, Withens Clough Reservoir or Daisy Bank. I've missed a few task days myself and have returned to notice the new mesh tread on the steps (so that they are safe when mud or ice covered), and clearings where holly or bracken has been removed and turned into habitat piles. Whilst we try and physically manage the landscape, in reality we make little difference over time compared to the bigger forces in the ecosystem. However we can influence behaviour in other ways:

December: have a "Green" Christmas: decorate with foliage and paper chains or give wool and responsibly-sourced gifts rather than using oil or plastic.

January 26th- 28th support the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch to track bird numbers in your garden and which species are increasing or decreasing.

February: spot the signs of Spring with the "Nature's Calendar" project run by the Woodland Trust. This is all year round but ideal to report the "firsts" as they happen e.g. snowdrop, frogspawn or cutting the lawn!

If you want to act locally, our task-days are usually the first Friday of the month at 10a.m but watch out for January when we are delaying a week until Friday 11th for the first task day of 2019. Work gloves and tools are available, but especially in winter, bring a spare dry pair of your own gloves and come prepared for wet ground. We often finish early if the weather's bad but the reserve is sheltered from wind, and hot drinks and packed lunch keep us going.

Helen Pedley, 886195

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Life in Cragg Vale

Come and share your photos of life in Cragg!

Cragg Vale Local History Group invites you to a (free!) 'Scan to Save' event in Cragg Church on Saturday 26th January 2019, between 11am and 1pm, when we will be showing on-screen photos of Cragg, which people have already passed to us. Please come and join us on the day and bring your photos to scan into our archive, to create an ongoing record of life and times in our village. If you can't make it on the day, but have some photos, please contact us at **collingeroy@gmail.com** and we will collect the photos scan them and return them to you.

People



local people at the bar in the Hinch



A Group of Shooters

Places



The Old Vicarage under construction (1901)

Events



The Hinchliffe Cricket team 1980's



Tour de France

Schools



Pupils 1956



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Farming



Farming Family at Wood Top

Industry



Former Mills in the Vale

Wartime



WW1 Soldiers

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 December
Christmas Extravaganza

17th January
John Willis 'Variety in Wartime'

26th January
"Scan-to-Save" 11am - 1pm at St John's in the Wilderness Church. Bring your photos, old or not so old, to be copied "while you wait" and saved to the Cragg History Group Archive. Watch our presentation of photos already scanned.

21st February
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