

# Cragg News

## CVCA Annual General Meeting

Everyone who lives or works in Cragg Vale is invited to the Community Association's AGM on **Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm** in The Robin Hood. There'll be a 'Cragg Vale Quiz' (with prizes!) and a free buffet. Find out what we've been doing and help us put together a plan for the coming year. New Members are most

welcome! Anyone interested in getting involved or joining the Committee is encouraged to come and join us! Please let the Secretary, Marianne (marianne.hood@outlook.com) know if you are interested. If you are not already a member of CVCA, please see our website for the membership form or contact Marianne.

## Spaw Sunday's back!

'Spaw Sunday' with our Community Picnic is back on **Sunday 8th May** and, as always, everyone of any age, is welcome! You can either join the walk, 2.30pm from St. John's Church, or join us at the Spa (down the tarmac path signed 'Spa Laithe Farm' off Cragg Road opposite the entrance to Cragg Vale Park) at 3pm for the picnic, blessing, music and dancing with Ryburn Longswords.



This community event is free of charge. For details, contact Marianne Hood at marianne.hood@outlook.com

## Spring '22 Treasure Hunt

On **Sunday April 24th** we're holding the 'Cragg Vale Treasure Hunt' again. Starting 2.00pm at St. John's Church it's free and it's for everyone! Collect a quiz sheet, follow the route marked by little bikes, answer the questions and find 'treasure' along the way! The trail, less than 2 hours, is not too energetic but we can't guarantee the weather so wear sturdy footwear as the ground can be rough and muddy! Return to the Church by 4.00pm to enter completed quiz sheets into the prize draw. At St. John's you'll be able to get drinks, cakes, and biscuits. For further information, contact CVCA Secretary Marianne Hood marianne.hood@outlook.com

## SPRING DIARY

### March

**Every Tuesday** Open Church 2pm - 4pm for a cuppa and a chat!

#### Tuesday 1st March Music Group

Meet 7.30pm, details from martynk666@outlook.com

**Friday 4th March Broadhead Clough** Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

**Saturday 12th March Whist & Beetle Drive** 3.30pm St. John's Church

**Thursday 17th March History Group** 7.30pm St. John's 'Remembering Cragg Hall'

**Tuesday 29th March CVCA Annual General Meeting** 7.30pm, Robin Hood, with 'Cragg Vale Quiz' and Free Buffet – all welcome

### April

**Every Tuesday** Open Church 2pm - 4pm for a cuppa and a chat!

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

**Saturday 9th April Spring Quiz** 3.30pm St. John's Church with food, £4 adults, £2 children, £10 family group

**Thursday 21st April History Group** 7.30pm St. John's 'The Luck of the House'

**Saturday 23rd April Dock Pudding Breakfast** St. John's 9am – 12noon

**Sunday April 24th Treasure Hunt** 2pm, St. John's Church for route and quiz sheet - return by 4pm. Refreshments at Church. Free event for all ages

### May

**Every Tuesday** Open Church 2pm - 4pm for a cuppa and a chat!

**Friday 6th May Broadhead Clough** Clough Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

**Saturday 7th May Barn Dance/Ceilidh** 7 – 10pm, St. John's Church, includes supper (tbc)

**Sunday 8th May Spaw Sunday** Meet 2.30pm, St. John's Church, walk to Spa for Community Picnic with Ryburn Longswords 3pm – free event for all

**Thursday 19th May History Group** 7.30pm St. John's 'The Royal British Legion Great Pilgrimage'

**Friday 27th May Broadhead Clough** Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard. Contact Helen Pedley YWT: 886195

– June 4th & 5th – Village Jubilee Celebrations – see newsletter for details



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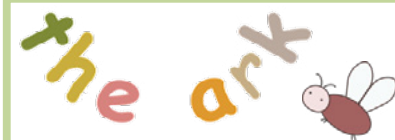
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# News From The Ark

At The Ark Nursery the children love spending time outdoors, whether in the gardens on site or at our Forest School. We are very lucky to have so much beautiful nature on our doorsteps and we spend as much time as possible outside, exploring our local environment.

As spring approaches we will soon be looking for signs of new life, whether plant spotting or new baby lambs in the fields. In February the nursery took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Week and the children loved trying to spot birds and see if they could identify them. Tuning in to the sights, smells and sounds of nature is beneficial for your child for improving attention and focus abilities.

We placed bird feeders on the room windows so all the children could watch for birds from inside the building too!



Not only did the children create some fabulous bird pictures, they even made their own binoculars.



At Forest School we took advantage of the beautiful weather and lay down and listened to the birds in the trees. The children used binoculars and bird books to see what they could find. The children mixed a great bird food concoction and placed it on fence posts and hung fat ball feeders that we made at nursery for the hungry birds.



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# News from Calder Primary

We raised £1,215.05 for Overgate Hospice with our Reindeer Run in December and collections at our Nativity concerts. A fantastic total which will help our local hospice's vital work.

Our Reception pupils celebrated Chinese New Year by listening to the story of the Chinese Zodiac and learning about how the new year is celebrated. They then worked together to build a Chinese Dragon and performed a dragon dance together!

Our Year 5/6 Pupils have been learning about the Cragg Vale Coiners as their history topic this term. They have visited Bankfield Museum to see the Coiners' artefacts and taken part in a workshop there to learn more about crime and punishment. One pupil brought in a commemorative coin that her mum had received for helping with the recent filming about the Coiners and

another researched her family connection to David Hartley too!

Our Year 3/4 pupils have been learning about predators and prey in their science lessons and got to meet some stick insects as part of this which was very exciting!







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## RUDD LANE: UPDATE

After a long campaign by a local resident, Yorkshire Water will be doing some remedial work on Rudd Lane, mainly on the areas adjacent YW's land. YW said:

*"YW will be undertaking works to divert land water away from Rudd Lane. This will include, cleaning out a drainage ditch at the westerly end at the top of Rudd Lane adjacent to Withens Lane; cleaning away soil from the end of the cross drains where they discharge onto the land to the south side of Rudd Lane and renewing a land drain to catch the land water where it runs through a section of wall on the northern side of Rudd Lane."*

*The final piece of work will be to rectify a poorly repaired culvert and reinstate the area around this.*

*In addition to the drainage work, the section of lane which is YW responsibility to maintain will have the surface repaired where damage has occurred. This area extends from the car park 379 yards east down Rudd Lane.*

*Once we can see how effective the work has been at diverting land water away from the Lane we can determine if any further works are required."*

Discussions are ongoing about road repairs further down the lane. A map showing the details of where the repairs will be is available to see on the CVCA website at [www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk](http://www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk)

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## Music Group

Cragg Vale Music Group has resumed its meetings, gathering on the first Tuesday each month for an evening of music and merriment. Everyone is welcome, enthusiasm and a sense of humour are more important than actual musical ability. Keep an eye on the website [www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk](http://www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk) for updates, and if you'd like to be included on the mailing list for reminders, please drop a line to [martynk666@outlook.com](mailto:martynk666@outlook.com).

## Bus Petition

The petition, with over 600 signatures, was presented to Calderdale Council by Cllr Scott Patient on Wednesday 9th February. In the light of Calderdale Council's declaration of a climate emergency, their recognition of the importance of public transport and commitment to reducing car usage for short journeys, we hope they'll help us persuade the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to ensure we get a reliable bus service to meet our local needs, including getting to and from schools, colleges, work, shops, and pubs!

# Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

From 2nd to 5th June 2022 we'll be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. St John's Church and Cragg Vale Community Association want to work together to put on events for everyone. If you are willing to help with any of these proposals, please get in touch with Julie at [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com).

### Portrait of the Queen competition and exhibition

Submit your own portrait of Queen Elizabeth II in any medium but no bigger than A4 in size. Please put your name, age (so we know which category to put the portrait in!) and contact details (email address and/or phone number) on the back. Get your portraits in by Sunday 29th May:

- Post (or deliver in person) to 'Portraits', c/o J Harris, 19 Caldene Avenue, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, HX7 5AJ
- Leave at St John's Church on Tuesday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm or Sunday mornings between 10.40 and 11am.
- Leave at the Robin or the Hinch.

All entries will be included in the exhibition which will be open on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June from 10am – 4pm. Winners announced at the Exhibition

### 'Dance Through the Decades' Saturday June 5th 6pm – 10pm, St John's Church

An evening of dancing to music from all decades of the Queen's reign (with supper) 6pm – 10pm. Perfect for everyone – come on your own or with friends, in a couple or family group. Children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents - we need you all to show us the dances and moves from your dancing days! We'll need an idea of how many people will be coming (for catering purposes) so let us know on [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) – we'll put reminders out on Facebook/notice boards nearer the time. We need help with this one! Does anyone in the village have or know someone else who has the equipment needed to provide the music for such an event? Or can you suggest someone who does this for a living who we could approach?

### Village Garden Party, June 6th, 12noon – 2pm, St John's Church Grounds

Come and join us to be part of what is hoped to be the biggest celebration in UK history with as many people as possible taking part across the country! Bring a picnic and blanket (there'll be some tables and chairs too) - we'll provide cake and soft drinks along with garden games to play. Come in fancy dress if you like (not compulsory!) If the weather is bad, we'll move the event inside church!

## Cragg Vale Calendar News

A big "thank you" to all local businesses who sponsored this year's calendar, all proceeds go back into community projects. A few copies are left for sale at a discount, please contact [calendar@craggvalecommunity.co.uk](mailto:calendar@craggvalecommunity.co.uk)



We're already looking at ideas for the 2023 calendar, and have suggested a theme of Cragg Vale - Its Highways and Byways. This should again enable us to showcase the very best views of our lovely area, so please be "happy snappers" whilst you are out and about - send to [martynk666@outlook.com](mailto:martynk666@outlook.com) and please take in "landscape" format.

# St John's Diary

Every Sunday  
Service 9.30am - everyone welcome

Every Tuesday  
Open Church 2pm - 4pm  
Come for a cuppa and a chat!

Saturday March 12th  
Whist and Beetle Drive!  
3.30pm for 4pm start

Late March  
Something Crafty!  
To be confirmed

Saturday April 9th  
Spring Quiz 3.30pm for 4pm start  
Adult £4, Children £2,  
Family (2+2+) £10  
Food included

Saturday April 23rd  
Traditional Dock Pudding Breakfast  
9am – 12noon (last orders 11.15am)

Saturday May 7th  
Barn Dance/Ceilidh includes supper  
7pm – 10pm (tbc)

Saturday 4th June  
'Crossings' Exhibition  
10am – 4 pm  
(part of HB Arts Festival)

Saturday & Sunday  
4th & 5th June  
Village Jubilee Celebrations

For more information email [gjwsa2@gmail.com](mailto:gjwsa2@gmail.com) or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18013/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18013/) and/or keep an eye on the 'Cragg Vale' or 'Friends of Erringden Benefice' Facebook Pages and church and community notice boards for further details nearer each event.



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# FIND A NEW HOME FOR THE CRAGG SCHOOL MOSAIC

Can a new home be found for the unique wooden mosaic which was created to mark the 100 years anniversary of Cragg School? It was designed by local artist Trevor Cowland in 1987, and put together by the pupils at school at that time. The mosaic has the school as the central feature, with lots of other interesting elements depicting Cragg Vale through the ages. The mosaic is 6.5 metres long and 0.75 metres high, which will require a large length of wall to accommodate it. However, it could be quite easily be cut down into 3 or 4 smaller pieces.

The developers who are currently converting the former school into housing, don't want to see the mosaic destroyed, and they would like it to a new home preferably within the local community.

If there is anyone interested in giving it a home or who can think of a suitable place to put it. Or anyone who can remember helping to make it please contact:

**Roy Collinge at [collingeroy@gmail.com](mailto:collingeroy@gmail.com),  
or phone 07803298363**



## CRAGG VALE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the upstairs room, St John's Church. With tea and coffee at all meetings, we encourage the social as well as the historical. Visitors welcome at £3 a visit -or become a member, £15 for 10 meetings. For more information contact Margaret 07900 00 4766

### 17th March "Remembering Cragg Hall"

Another chance to hear the talk originally given by Shirley Daniel and Roy Collinge. The Cragg Hall Exhibition will also be displayed.

### 21st April John Billingsley

"The Luck of the House" a talk on protective practices.

**19th May Wayne Ogden**  
"The 2018 Royal British Legion Great Pilgrimage 90 event" (2000 RBL members were taken to Ypres and the Somme to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the 1928 pilgrimage where 11000 veterans, widows and orphans were taken to the Great War battlefields)

\*The book, Remembering Cragg Hall, is on sale at £8. Please contact [history@craggvalecommunity.co.uk](mailto:history@craggvalecommunity.co.uk) or telephone Margaret 07900 00 4766 for details.



**SPOTLIGHT ON  
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A look at the talented entrepreneurs and local businesses in Cragg Vale.

## CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

It's lovely to share Cragg with visitors from near and far - but where do they all stay? Well, we've got a highly recommended caravan/campervan site and a popular rural camp site, so let's meet the people who run them: Linda, from Leeds, runs the Caravan and Motorhome Club site at the bottom of Cragg Vale from March to November. She and her husband live onsite in their caravan managing the site for 5 hours a day [3 weeks on, 1 week off] The site has 42 pitches next to Cragg Brook and has been running since 1972. Remember when it was called Lower Clough Foot? Now it's been renamed after the nearest town: Hebden Bridge to make it easier for visitors to locate!



## AARON'S CAMPSITE

Aaron [known as Iggy] owns Aaron's Campsite, at the top of Cragg, on the Sowerby side. He's a born and bred Cragger, his family home was the adjacent Pitts Farm and lots of his family still live in Cragg. The campsite is booked via the Pitchup.com website and encourages families who want a traditional camping experience in beautiful scenery. The site, which has been running for 8 years, is spread out over 4 small fields and includes a caravan and shepherd's hut to rent. You can also rent a fire pit [old tractor wheels!] and wood for a small fee. The little shop sells pop and ice cream. Iggy is hoping to get an alcohol licence and use the rustic barn he built himself, for weddings and celebration parties. He'd love to encourage local bands and musicians to come up and play.



## TEAM RAMSDEN – LOCAL RACING SIDECAR TEAM COMPETING ON THE BIG STAGE

Local Cragg-based father and son sidecar team Steve Ramsden (better known as "Rammy") aged 59 and Matty Ramsden, aged 28, have been racing since 2012. So far, their best results have been 2nd in the British Formula 2 sidecar championships and 4th at the Isle of Man TT races. It will soon be the 2022 race season, with some big meetings coming up including Isle of Man on 28th May – 11th June.

There'll also be three race events (dates tbc) in Scarborough organised by Cragg Vale's Andy & Wendy Hayes, via Oliver's Mount Racing Ltd.



The Team's progress can be followed via facebook – search for @Ramsden Racing The Team would really appreciate some local support and sponsorship. Individual donations are always welcome or support can be given via the 100 club. For £5/month (£60 per year), there's a draw on the 1st Sunday every month for the chance to win £100! Around 7pm, at the Robin Hood Pub, the draw is live on Facebook. There's also a special Christmas draw with additional prizes. For more information, please email Rammy E: ramsdencragg99@yahoo.com or T: 07931484050



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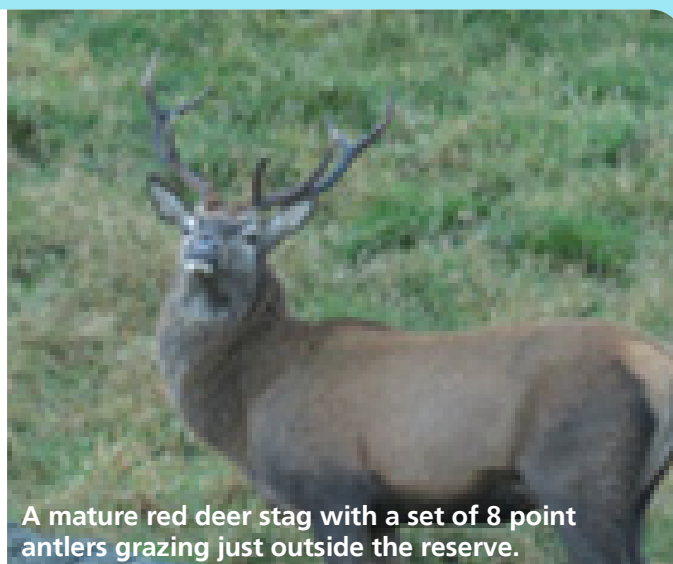
## Broadhead Clough Spring 2022 update

"Give seas a chance"

You may have seen on the news that film crews have been active in Calderdale filming movies and TV dramas. This includes a TV adaptation of "The Gallows Pole" book telling the story of our Cragg Vale Coiners. Although actual filming is being done elsewhere, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are working with CROWS (the Calderdale Rights of Way Service) to improve the route, which is already gaining popularity due to the "Cragg Vale Coiners Walk." We've seen a few book groups coming to visit who weren't used to map reading or kitted out for the challenges of Pennine landscape. Legally Broadhead Clough is protected as a SSSI due to its wet woodland, and YWT classify the reserve in the "Wildest" category. It's an offence to damage it, which is easily done when the paths are soggy after wet weather and is why bicycles are not allowed to use the footpath. Whilst we aren't intending to change its character we hope to make it easier to follow, and lessen the damage on sections of the path that could get muddy due to increased footfall. We've already replaced the rotting boardwalk at the entrance, but please bear with us if you see work parties creating more boardwalk over drainage channels or the odd step or two.

**30% is the bare minimum that nature needs to start recovering**

Also at entrance level we've been clearing more of the self set holly from what is the best bluebell slope. There are now several brash piles across the slope which should make great habitat for blackbirds and wrens. Our volunteer who refurbishes the bird boxes discovered that Storm Barra had blown over one of the "hosting" oak trees. Luckily the box hadn't hit the ground and was undamaged, so could be re-positioned on an adjacent tree. Another unexpected surprise was to see a mature red deer stag with a set of 8



A mature red deer stag with a set of 8 point antlers grazing just outside the reserve.

point antlers grazing just outside the reserve. Once only found in Scotland this shows how competition for territory is changing animal behavior.

The Wildlife Trusts are calling for at least 30% of our land and sea to be connected and protected for nature's recovery by 2030. 30% is the bare minimum that nature needs to start recovering but we are far short of this and need your help to turn things around. Perhaps you could sign their petition or make a donation? Making more space for nature to become abundant once again will give our struggling wildlife the chance to recover and also restore beautiful wild places - places that store carbon and help to tackle the climate crisis. Calderdale Council is starting a new project to grow sphagnum moss, funded through the National Lottery Climate Action Fund. Moss collected from RSPB Dove Stone nature reserve is now at Manor Heath Park in Halifax, where volunteers and the local community will help trial different ways of growing it in a nursery setting. When the moss is ready, it will be planted in suitable sites around Calderdale to restore damaged moorland that currently emits carbon.

Task days at Broadhead Clough are the first Friday each month, so March 4th, April 1st, May 6th and also May 27th as the June date would fall on a bank holiday. We start at 10a.m. Check the weather before you set out: will it be waterproofs or sun screen? Also bring a hot drink and food to last for the time you intend to volunteer. You might wish to add hand sanitizer and anti-bac wipes to your bag. All tools are provided, and gloves if required.

Helen Pedley, 886195

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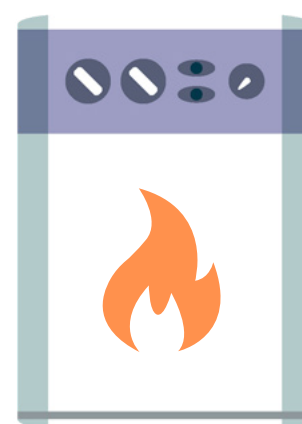
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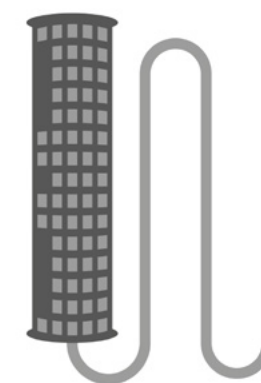
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