



Cragg Vale Community Association

Members' Bulletin No. 7 December 2008

Dear Members

A big thank you to everyone who came to/helped with/supported The Christmas Lights Party on 5th December following the Christingle Service! Wim's beer, Rob's mulled wine, the mince pies and cakes were enjoyed by all; Roger's piano playing and the encouragement of the carol singers had us all entering into the Christmas Spirit!

More events for Christmas:

- Children's Christmas Service at St John's on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
- St George's Square, Hebden Bridge at 6.00pm - carols around the tree with Hebden Bridge Brass Band - a really good community-spirited event.

There has been much activity in community association over the last two months: in addition to 2 full committee meetings various sub-group have been moving forward with their projects:

"Cragg Vale Remembered" - the 2009 Calendar - featuring photos from the Cragg Vale Local History Group archive - is now on sale (£6, 2 for £10) at the Church, the Hinchliffe, the Robin Hood, the Ark, Calvag, Dougie Mansfield's shop in Mytholmroyd, The Little Valley Brewery, or by phoning 885068, 883707, 884509. or email cvca@jsd.me.uk Many thanks to all the local businesses who have offered sponsorship.

CVCA Website (Cragg Vale Community.co.uk) is in the process of updating and development over the next few weeks - please bear with us whilst this takes place.

The History Group - has enjoyed an evening of "Reminiscences" in November, and in December 25 members were welcomed to a tour (by candlelight) of one of Huddersfield's secret treasures - Longley Old Hall.

Dates for your Diary:

January 15th Ian Dewhirst "Victorian & Edwardian Leisure" 7.30 at the Robin Hood, tickets with light supper (space is limited) £2.50 History Group members, £4 non-members, from 883707, 885068 or e-mail cvca@jsd.me.uk

21st February Glyn Lee "Mytholmroyd Past & Present"

19th March Nigel Smith "The Medieval Park of Erringden"

April Annual meeting + "A Race Through Time"

For more details please see the Cragg Vale noticeboard nearer the time.

Environmental improvements:

- **Green Spaces** - A sack of bulbs for planting has been shared between the Cragg Vale schools, with a few remaining to be planted in local open spaces. Plans are in hand for 'weed-killing' (HimalayanBalsam) next May and 'Feed the Birds' suggestions have been put forward



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- **Park Project** - At last there will soon be visible proof of all the time and efforts spent in the planning stages of the 1st phase of improvements - A Dart Activity Centre is the piece of equipment chosen and, weather permitting, installation is set to begin in January. Meanwhile the possibilities and practicalities of a composting toilet (a top priority from one earlier consultation) are being looked into.
- **Cragg Vale Spa** - Leeds University students are to make a start at the Spa in the new year, undertaking a site investigation, clearance around the Spa and mapping of the area. A water sampling campaign is anticipated, with samples taken from the Spa from the surrounding springs, in order to establish if the chemical properties of the Spa water are in any way different to other spring waters and to identify if any of these chemicals are associated with the traditional restorative. An historical investigation of the Spa is also planned, to try trace its origins, pinpoint the era when it was at the height of popularity, determine the architectural form of the Spa at this time and establish the boundaries of its likely use. If you can help with any information, please email cvca@jsd.me.uk
- **Cragg Vale Carbon Neutral Group** - has a vision to 'Make Cragg Vale Carbon Neutral' via supporting people in their own usage, to harness water power in the valley, and to have a 'flagship project'. The group is planning to have a big launch meeting in March. (contact Maggie at maggie@maggiesmallwood.com).

Following the 178 to 1 vote of support at the recent public meeting, **Kerbside** is continuing its campaign for recycling collection in Calderdale - which, as a social enterprise scheme, also assists disadvantaged unemployed people to progress into work. If you would like to help in any way (delivering leaflets, ideas for the campaign etc) please ring 881110, or express your views via email to Owen Williams, Calderdale's Chief Executive or Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. **If you are supporting Kerbside please remember to use just the black box** for your recycling, as only Sita is allowed to take items from the green box. Collection dates for this area for 2009: **Dec 27th 08**, Jan 9th & 23rd, Feb 6th & 20th, Mar 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th, May 1st, 15th & 29th.

Community Association Annual Membership for 2009 is due at the end of this month - please use the form below to renew your subscription, - still £3 per household or £1 for households ages over 60. It is likely that an increase will be proposed at the AGM.

To use **Cragg Vale Noticeboard**, please leave your notice at the Robin Hood and we will put it in place.

As always, all members have a voice in the Cragg Vale Community Association. If you have any requests, comments, suggestions or would like to volunteer your services, please get in touch with the current chair, Judith Hamlin, 884698, or email us via cvca@jsd.me.uk. You are all more than welcome to join us at committees meetings to listen in and to see what we are doing. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 22nd January** at the Robin Hood Inn at 7.30pm.



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Annual full membership - open to anyone either living or working in Cragg Vale:
over 16: minimum £3 per household
all over 60 years: minimum of £1 per household
Annual associate membership over 16 years (no voting right) £1 per person

Please renew my/our membership (1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009)

Signed

Address

Amount enclosed

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM AND SUBSCRIPTION TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR LISA CANRY, HINCHLIFFE BARN, CRAGG VALE, HX7 5TA

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If there have been any changes to the details you gave us last year please make a note below