



Cragg Vale Community Association Newsletter No 4: Christmas 2008



Main Event: CHRISTINGLE & CVCA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARTY AND FESTIVE BAKE OFF

It's that time of year again, when we bring some festive light into These dark months. The annual switching on of the Cragg Christmas Tree lights will take place this year on Friday 5th December following the Christingle Service in the grounds of the St John's Centre in the heart of the village.



The whole village is welcome, along with any 'friends of Cragg' you might wish to bring. The party will be free to attend but drinks, including lovely warming mulled wine and hot food will be available to buy. Thanks to Little Valley for donating some organic beer for this event.

This year will also be the inaugural Cragg Vale Festive Bake Off. We want all of the village's home bakers to take part. So, if you are a master of the mince pie, a gingerbread genius or a Stollen specialist bring along a tray of your seasonal treats to be judged by the expert panel. There will be small prizes for the winner and two runners up. Please let Rob know on rob.shaw@fourspaterrace.plus.com if you would like to enter the Bake Off competition.

The finale of the proceedings will be the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at approximately 6.30pm with festive songs and carols. Song sheets will be provided. So wrap up warm, limber up your vocal chords, grab your lanterns and join us for the true start of Christmas in Cragg.



CVCA Progress: Park

The CVCA Park Project has been making real progress over the last few months. We have received a grant for £5,000 from the for the Calderdale Community Foundation to support our development and improvements in Cragg's park in addition to the swings for the benefit of children and others in our community. 3 quotes for the new play equipment have been received and are displayed in various locations around Cragg - Children of Cragg School - Montessori and the Ark. Any comments and preferences can be made to cvca@jsd.me.uk or phone Michelle West on 886479. There will also be a consultation evening to listen to your suggestions and choose the equipment on November the 20th at the Robin Hood at 8pm.



Competition Time

Spot the difference

Can you spot the 8 differences between the snowman pictures. Please send your answers to cvca@jsd.me.uk and the first 3 correct replies win a festive prize. Good Luck.

Ho Ho Ho

Who looks after Elves when they are poorly?

Ans: The National Elf Service



Next CVCA update coming soon....

If there's something that you'd like us to cover then send your suggestions to cvca@jsd.me.uk





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Calendar

Many thanks to all our sponsors for supporting the 2009 Cragg Vale Remember Calendar. The calendar, produced by the CVCA in conjunction with Cragg Vale Local History Group depicts many interesting images of Cragg from the past. It's now on sale in all of the Pubs in Cragg Vale. If you would like to buy a Calendar, a bargain @ £6 or 2 for £10, please contact us at 884509 or 885068, or our email cvca@jsd.me.uk. There will also be a stall at the Christmas Lights Party and School Fete



John's Farewell: Many Thanks

Our local postman John Howker, has now retired. John was touched by the show of appreciation and sent us this letter:

Dear friends of Cragg Vale,

Just a few words to say thank you and to say how much I appreciated the many gifts and cards you gave me on my retirement from Royal Mail. I have enjoyed my time delivering mail to you all in Cragg. My wife and I are thinking of buying a summer house to while away the days when we get some summer? So we will put the donations to good use. Once again thank you very much and my wife and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours Sincerely John & Susan.



Cragg Vale what's on guide?

It is a busy time of year, here's a summary of some of the key Cragg events:

Saturday 29th November – Cragg Vale School Christmas Fete – CVCA Calendars on sale!

Monday 1st Dec – CV Carbon Neutral meeting – all welcome Robin Hood from 8pm

Thursday 4th Dec – CV History Group trip to Longley Hall, Huddersfield, arrive just before 7pm

*******MAIN EVENT*******

Friday 5th Dec - CHRISTINGLE & CVCA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARTY AND FESTIVE BAKE OFF, St John's Centre, Cragg Vale from 5:30 pm to 7pm.

Friday & Sat 12/13th Dec – Christmas Panto, St John's Centre from 7:30pm

Wednesday 24th Dec Children's' Christmas Eve Service, St John's Church from 4pm

Thursday 15th January – CVCA History Group presents Ian Dewhirst MBE on "Victorian & Edwardian Leisure"

Saturday 21st February - CVCA History Group presents Glyn Lee on "Mytholmroyd Past & Present"

Announcements and Support



Road Safety - We are meeting with the Community, Police, the head teacher from Cragg School and road safety officers to progress road safety in Cragg

Cragg Vale Carbon Neutral (CVCN) launch coming soon. Watch this space!

Cragg Builders for the support with putting up the Christmas lights and **Hebden Royd Town Council** for the lights.

Annual Membership due - please renew your **£3** subs with any committee member or come to our Christmas Event on the 5th December. Donations welcome

THE CVCA WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

