Thanks a bunch to all those who have supported Cragg Vale community in planting a huge sack of bulbs in Cragg. After all this cold, snowy winter it will be great to see the first signs of Spring coming through. The bulbs have been mainly planted in many of our green spaces in Cragg by the local Cragg Schools and friendly volunteers.

Special thanks must go to the children at Glen House Montessori School for sharing this picture with us. Amy Coaten (blue coat), Daniel Mateer (red collar) and Roger Scaife can be seen here braving the weather planting the bulbs donated by the community association. They should brighten up the side of the road in spring. Everyone had a great time!

**CVCA Progress: CV Carbon Neutral Group Launch**

**What is the Cragg Vale Carbon Neutral (CVCN) Group – I hear you ask……..**
The CVCN Group is a group of Cragg residents who are concerned about climate change and are keen to do something locally to address this global issue. The CVCN first started meeting in November 2008 and currently has 12 members.

**What is the aim of the CVCN?**
The long term aim of the CVCN group is to make the valley of Cragg Vale carbon neutral. We hope to achieve this through a mixture of supporting people in the valley in taking individual actions to reduce their emissions and community-based efforts to develop renewable energy & carbon sinks.

**Want to find out more?**
The Cragg Vale Carbon Neutral Group meets every month (usually the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month). The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th April in the back room of the Robin Hood Inn at 8pm.

A launch meeting is planned for the 20th March 2008. The Calder Valley MP, Chris McCafferty, will be speaking at the meeting and there will be lots of information about renewable energy and how we can reduce our carbon footprint. All are welcome. Please check out the Cragg Vale community website for more information.

**Competition Time**

It’s a lovely sunny day and Sean and Lucy are planting seeds in the garden. They’re having a great time digging in the soil and choosing what to plant. Some birds and insects are watching the children, do you know what they are? We painted two pictures of Sean and Lucy. We thought they were the same but now we’ve looked at them again, we’ve spotted that some things that are different! Can you help us to spot all differences?

There are 10 things altogether. Draw a circle around every difference you can find. If you’re stuck, here are some of the things you might want to look at: Colours, Patterns and Shapes Missing Items

**Joke**

What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

Ans: Spring-time
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CVCA site

We have spent some time and effort revamping the CVCA website www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk. Please take a look at some of the new inclusions such as the news page, sub group pages and a new photo gallery. We aim to update the site on a monthly basis to keep you all up to date. We will be sending out links to the news page regularly which will replace the emailed bulletins. Please let us know what you think and any improvement comments to Liz on 881182 or by email info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk

Spotlight on Local Business

The Robin Hood upstairs room is now open for functions – anyone interested in booking a party or event please contact Elva Wood on 883330.

The Traveller’s Rest Pub is offering Credit Crunch Basket Meals @ £6.95 (every day except Saturday) or Credit Crunch 2 Meals for Recession Proof £10.95 (Wed, Thurs and Friday 5 - 7pm). Check out our business section of the website for more information.

Award Winning Little Valley Brewery doing its bit to Support Fairtrade. The wholly organic brewery has now entered the world of fair-trade production with its most recent addition to its range of bottle conditioned real ales – the Ginger Pale Ale. The Ginger Pale Ale recently won its first big award – 1st Place in the Speciality Section at the Rotherham Oakwood festival in February.

Cragg Vale “What’s on guide?”

Wanting to get involved….check out the up and coming local events:

Thursday 19th March – CV History Group presents Nigel Smith “The Medieval Park of Erringden” from 7.30pm at the Robin Hood

Friday 20th March – The CV Carbon Neutral Launch event meeting at 7.00pm at Cragg Vale Junior and Infant School with local MP, Chris McCafferty speaking.

Thursday 16th April – CV History Group Annual meeting + “A Race Through Time”

Monday 4th May Annual May Day fete at the St.John’s Centre

Sunday 10th May Annual dock Pudding Breakfast

Sunday 16th/17th May Sunday school Anniversary weekend - (details to be announced)

Friday 3rd July St John’s Annual Auction

Announcements and Support

Cragg Dog Owners – please respect Cragg Park. There has been an increasing amount of dog fouling within the park. This is anti-social, & a health risk to everyone using the park, in particular our children. It is your responsibility to remove any accidents. Please use the disposal bin at the entrance/exit of the park.

Badminton Anyone? - If you are interested in joining a small informal Badminton "club" in Mytholmroyd on a Tuesday night, then please contact Roger Hellowell on 885329 or at goosebaron@hotmail.co.uk

Parent and Toddler Group - Cragg Vale school has started a new parent and toddler playgroup on a Friday morning alternate Fridays starting on 27.2.09. It will run during term times and will be held in the school hall. The contact people for it are Sarah on 882915 and Tess on 882926.

Open Appointments - The CVCA is currently looking for new committee members. If you are interested please contact our chairperson Jude on 884698 or at jude.hamlin@cvale.co.uk

Annual Membership due - please renew your £3 subs with any committee member. All donations welcome. As ever if there is something you would like us to cover then please send your suggestions to info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk