



Cragg Vale Community Association Newsletter No 6: Summer 2009

Main Event: Traffic Calming Week



The residents and school children of Cragg have been working hard to slow down traffic on Cragg Road during a traffic calming week, 15th -19th June. We were able to borrow some traffic monitoring equipment to encourage drivers to slow down. The CVCA, who are also concerned about this issue, recently asked the Cragg school children to take part in a poster competition about road safety. The winning poster, completed by

XXXX from XX school (see insert) is now printed and displayed on lamp posts along Cragg Road. Let's hope this will raise awareness to the issue and make speeding commuters think twice and slow down! Well done to everyone who entered the competition – more information and details of the runners up can be found on our web pages www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk

<Placeholder - Add in picture from June 15th Traffic calming from Emma?>

CVCA Progress: Green Spaces

Himalayan Balsam Bashing Day - Sat 13 June and 18th July 10.00 - 12.00

We are holding 2 Community Himalayan Balsam bashing days (see picture to the right). All those fit and able, are invited to attend to help eradicate this large foliage. It grows from seed and is completely harmless. Please meet at the Cragg Vale Community Association notice board on Cragg Road opposite the Robin Hood Pub at 10.00am. Please wear sturdy foot – wear, long sleeve top, and bring along your gardening gloves, water and snacks. Maybe a sun hat if this weather is looking good!!!! Hope to see you all there.



Park Progress

Most people who use the park will be aware that the shelter is in a state of major disrepair, we are in consultation with the council parks department as to the future of the shelter and possible replacement. Everyone in Cragg will shortly be receiving a questionnaire from the council, asking for your opinion as to the shelters future. Please return these as soon as possible so we have a better idea of the action we need to take in regard to raising funds for its replacement or not.



Carbon Neutral - Want to see if you can SAVE money. Want to improve your green credentials. Want to do it easily. Then the Cragg Carbon Neutral Group has the answer. We've been given 9 energy monitors by the Energy Saving Trust to loan to people in the valley. They measure your electricity use Watt by Watt and tell you when you're wasting it rather than using it. Contact Tony Ottery tony.ottery@btconnect.com tel. 886366 if you'd like to borrow one.

History Group – Castle Carr Fountain visit

Cragg Vale Local History Group are offering a rare opportunity to see Castle Carr Fountain working! By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Scholefield, owners of the Castle Carr Estate, Cragg Vale Local History Group invites you to this amazing display, on **Sunday 5th July from 1.00pm**. The estate is not normally open to the public but we would be able to visit the ornamental water gardens, the reservoirs built for Halifax Corporation in the 1860s, and the site of the Castle. Well known local historians, Clive Lloyd and David Cant, will be on hand to give brief details about the fountain and about the Castle Carr house, sadly now in ruins. The event is being run in conjunction with the Oak Tree Foundation, a group of local volunteers who are currently raising funds to transport their next consignment of basic humanitarian aid to the sick, poor and needy children and their families in the rural areas of Romania. We are hoping for good weather – but the event will take place come hail or shine and is suitable for all abilities, necessitating only a short walk, with transport available for those with walking difficulties from the bottom car park to a point close to the Fountain. A one way system will be in operation on the rough track down from the entrance Gate House to the bottom car park. Please arrive in good time as the Fountain will be in operation at 2pm prompt and will only be playing for 15 – 20 minutes. **Tickets are £5 each, £12 for families** – please email cvca@jsd.me.uk or ring 883707, 884470 or 884509 for tickets and further details. To find out more about The Oak Tree Foundation visit www.oaktreefoundation.org



Dog Fouling

'It's by far the most frequent complaint I receive' said Jason Boom, Environmental Community Warden for Hebden Royd Town Council. 'Dog fouling and the irresponsible ownership of dogs is a complaint on a daily basis.' 'it upsets and annoys so many people, anyone who is out and about comes across this problem created by a few selfish dog owners who are not prepared to clean up after their dogs.' As the weather becomes better more and more people use our glorious open spaces yet this leads to a flood of complaints regarding dog fouling.

Hebden Royd Town Council has in the past given out free doggie bags to all owners but Jason feels that there are other obstacles to responsible ownership. When

challenging owners he regularly is knocked back with 'where do I put the bags'. 'Not everybody is aware that **all litter bins** can take dog waste, it has been like this in Calderdale for approaching 5 years, we have more bins than ever now please use them for all your waste it is really important', 'we have also been installing more signs to advise people of their responsibilities - see image'.

CVCA has recently petitioned for litter and dog waste bins and has received **2 new ones on trial**. But the message still needs to be passed onto dog owners they are there for them to use.

Located on the main road it is hoped they'll put an end to complaints.

Cragg Vale "What's on guide?"



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

Sat 13th June - Community Balsam bashing! See article on page 1

Thur 18th June - CVCA History Group - Professor Davies "Sport in the Calder Valley"

Sat 20th & Sun 21st June - Open Gardens weekend around Cragg Vale - *Gardens open 1.30 - 5.00pm. Weekend ticket £5.00 (accompanied children free).* For details contact Jean Smith - 882548

Sun 21st June - Marianne Hood OBE Special Celebration event in the Robin Hood. Everyone welcome.

Sun 28th June - Indoor/outdoor charity concert at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church Hall, Mytholmroyd. £5 donation or more in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Concert in the hall & music relayed to the new outside seating area. Licensed bar. Cragg Vale cellist Helen Thatcher is joined by some of her professional buddies to play quartet music incl Barber's adagio. Tel 07745 516234 for tickets or collect from Hole In T'Wall or Hotcakes in Hebden Bridge or on the night.

Wed 1st July - Annual Cragg fell race, 4 miles with only half uphill! Jun start at 18:30 & Sen 19:30

Fri 3rd July - St John's Annual Auction, doors open at 6pm

Sun 5th July - CVCA History Group visit to Castle Carr Fountain (see article on first page)

Sat 11th July - "Royd Gala" - the CVCA will have a stall so come and say hello.

Thur 16th July - CVCA History Group - a follow up meeting to the fountain experience, when Clive Lloyd & David Cant will talk about "The Castle Carr Estate"

Sat 18th July - Community Balsam bashing - Take 2 - See article on page 1

Thur 20th August - CVCA History Group - "Entertainment in Cragg Vale"

Announcements and Support



Parent and Child Group - which will begin the first Monday after half term (June 1st) at **The Old Sunday School, St. John's in the Wilderness**. The times are 10 am to 12 noon. It is for children aged 0-3 years. We have play, craft, a shared meal, songs and a story. Anyone interested can contact Sally Wilson, (Parent and Child Group Leader) on 07904 052 816. This group is in addition to our Friday group which also has some places available.

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

Attached Questionnaire - Please complete the attached questionnaire to support the CVCA plans for next year and the Carbon Neutral Group with their assessment of Cragg Vale's carbon footprint.