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2014

Tour de Cragg



Produced by Cragg Vale Community Association.
"Our Aims and Objectives: to promote and encourage the Community Spirit within Cragg Vale; to safeguard the character, and preserve the history of the area; to improve the environment for all those who live, and work here. "And to welcome the Tour de France Grand Depart 6 July 2014."
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To celebrate and recognize that the Tour de France is coming through Cragg Vale next year, we have decided to put a cycling, or at least "bikes", slant on the 2014 calendar. You will be amazed at the versatility and inventiveness of our photographers. And of course, we have maintained the CVCA calendar tradition of showcasing our area in its amazing light. The calendar is on (cycling) track to be available much earlier this time – end of June 2013. Look out for posters advertising that it is available to be purchased. Or come

*along to the special Cycling events being organised for late
June/early July to buy your copy.*

Summer is here with wheels on it

It has been a slow start to summer but now it is here let us hope we have a few weeks of some more typical and average temperatures than we have had to date.



But we're glad to see that despite the weather the community has been busy working to get us together and celebrate as much as we can. The May Day fete, Tennis Club reopening and Spa day were all successes, with some beautiful weather, well done to all. We now see lots starting to happen around our proud involvement in the Tour de France next year. Great to see these have kicked off and I hope we are all enjoying taking part in bunting world record. Not heard about this then read on for some more. And don't miss out on the Hinchliffe Country fair - looks a great day for all the family.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. Unfortunately it is the last one in this style for now. We have been lucky to have great support in helping us to print this newsletter and therefore keep our costs to a minimum. But all good things come to an end and so we will be issuing a few 'Le Tour' special newsletters over the next year. Thanks to our sponsors for their support over the last 6 years.

Have a great summer.
Ciao



Tour de Cragg Challenge!

Events planned to celebrate this year's Tour de France

Plans are well advanced for the celebration of this year's Tour de France in anticipation of next year when the event will come to Cragg Vale!

3 events are planned for the opening 2 weekends of this year's Tour de France in Corsica.

- The first is a 100 km road bike ride from Don Valley stadium, Sheffield to the Robin Hood pub in Cragg Vale on the 29th June. This is actually the 2nd half of next year's Stage 2 of the Tour de France in reverse and an opportunity for amateur riders to get a taste of what the professionals will face.
- The second event is on the following day, 30th June, and involves a Round-Robin off-road ride from the Robin Hood pub in Cragg Vale to the Robin Hood pub in Peckett Well and back again - a distance of 45km over some challenging terrain.

Both the Robin Hood pubs in Cragg Vale and Peckett Well are on the route that the Tour de France will take next year and we thought it was an excellent opportunity to do some 'twinning' events between the two pubs that share not only a name but are very much at the heart of their two valley communities.

Both these events are for more serious riders and require participants to register with the organisers beforehand.

Registration forms are available at the Robin Hood pub Cragg Vale and by email to Craggvale2014@gmail.com.

- The 3rd event on the 7th July is a more light-hearted affair celebrating the fact that 12 months later will see the whole

hullabaloo of the Tour de France pass through Cragg Vale. It is a fancy dress Round-Robin walk with a French theme and is open to everyone. The French Fancy dress theme opens up a whole host of interesting possibilities, from straightforward beret and stripy jumper to the more adventurous, such as Napoleon!

Starting at the Robin Hood pub Cragg Vale, participants (hopefully in fancy dress) will walk to Hebden Bridge where they will catch a bus to the Robin Hood pub Peckett Well. The reason for this is the long stretch of road above Hardcastle Craggs which makes it difficult to walk in a large group (though the bridleway is available for those hardier folk who want to do the whole challenge on foot). After a sustaining beverage or two the route will be reversed and the group will return to Cragg Vale. We have kept details flexible enough that people can join at any point along the route or even do it the other way round if they wish. The main points of the day are to raise awareness of the Tour de France coming to our little part of the world and to have fun!

Further details of the walk are available by telephoning either Vernon on 07580 533330 or Judith on 01422 885173.

The arrival of the Tour de France in Cragg Vale next year will bring an unprecedented focus to the valley and over the next 12 months we hope to have a whole range of events that will celebrate and anticipate Le Tour.



TouR de Cragg



Let's Beat the World Record!
LONGEST BUNTING
Up the Longest Hill!

The current World Record for the longest continuous stretch of bunting is held by Torpoint Town Council. It was set in June 2012 and it was 2.93 miles - made for the Jubilee. That's about 19,650 flags.

We can do better than that!

We aim to beat the World Record with the longest continuous piece of bunting stretching up the longest continuous hill in England. And we aim to do it before Stage 2 of the Tour de France Grand Depart travels up this hill, through Cragg Vale, on Sunday 6th July 2014.

That's a lot of flags - at least 20,000 and probably more because the goal posts may have moved by then!!!

Can we do it? **We CAN - with your help.**

To join in the fun and do your bit for this exciting project please email your name, email address, the name of your group and your contact phone number to **bunting@craggvale.co.uk**

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TouR de Cragg

**Allez
Le Tour
des Vallées!**

Sunday 7th July 2013



French costume is encouraged!!!



Join a 'Round Robin' à pied and autobus!!

Celebrate the 2014 Tour de France, follow a section of the cyclists' route up and down our local valleys but by foot or bus. This 'Round Robin' tour offers the option to travel by local bus or on foot where possible between the **Robin Hood** pub in Cragg Vale and the **Robin Hood** pub in Pecket Well. Add a visit to **The Hinchcliffe Arms**, Cragg Vale; **The Shoulder of Mutton** and **Dusty Miller**, Mytholmroyd and **The White Lion** in Hebden Bridge. Choose your own destination to start and end your Tour. The choice of transport is yours – use the local A, B and C autobuses or travel à pied for part or all of the journey – details below. Come and join the local revellers in traditional French style as they anticipate the arrival of the Tour de France in July 2014.

Bistro and Beverages for those in need.

Suggested start is Robin Hood, Cragg Vale, 11.00am, all groups welcome to start elsewhere at different times!

Further information contact: Vernon 07580 53330 or Judith 01422 885173

Bus times (mins past hour) Ticket Hebden Bridger £2.80 Day Ticket



Starts or Returns	Bus	mins every hour	Walking route
Robin Hood Cragg Vale	C	47	By river or road to Mfroyd
The Shoulder My'd	C	54	By canal to Hebden
Hebden Bridge, Hope St or	A	12	Bus recommended to Robin Hood, Pecket Well
Commercial St	B	00	As above
Robin Hood PW	A/B	17/10	Bus recomm to Pecket Well and walk back via Blue Pig
Hebden, Hope St	C	35	By canal to Mytholmroyd
Mytholmroyd	C	39	By road, river or bus to RH

CAN WE CONTACT YOU?

Email addresses – if you aren't on the CVCA e-mailing list, please let us have your address – or update us if you have changed your e-mail address – our "register" has proved useful in lots ways, it has helped to keep everyone up to date with "hot-off-the-press" news and events not covered by the newsletter, provided a "lost and found" forum, has re-united pets with their owners etc. Please send us your address to info@craggvalecommunity.co.uk and we'll keep you in the Cragg loop.

Quarterly Recipe - Chicken Yum Sticks



Ingredients

- 2/3 cup or 165g of plain low-fat yogurt
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. hot sauce (lots on the market choose your favourite), plus extra to eat with the chicken
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 8 chicken breasts
- Lemon wedges (optional)

Method:

- Combine a few tablespoons of the yogurt with the brown sugar in a medium-sized bowl and mix until well blended.
- Add the remaining yogurt, hot sauce, cumin, garlic and salt.
- Cut each chicken breast half into 6 to 8 equal pieces.
- Add to the yogurt mixture and stir until well combined.
- Thread the chicken onto eight skewers. Place in a large casserole dish so that the marinade is covering the skewers.
- Chill for 30 minutes to 2 hours.
- Grill the kebobs over medium heat, rotating sides every few minutes, until cooked through, about 10 to 14 minutes total.

Serve with extra hot sauce and lemon wedges. Serves 6 to 8.



The poster is for the 'Tour de Cragg CHALLENGE!'. It features a large blue triangle on a white background, with a red triangle at the bottom. Two circular logos with a yellow cyclist are at the top corners. The text is arranged around the triangle, with 'DAY 1' on the left and 'DAY 2' on the right. A curved arrow points from Day 1 to Day 2. At the bottom, registration details and sponsorship are listed.

**TouR de Cragg
CHALLENGE!**

DO ONE OR BOTH!

FIRST WEEKEND OF THE 2013 TOUR DE FRANCE

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SATURDAY 29TH JUNE.
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CRAGG VALE HISTORY GROUP FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coming up on 13th June with the local Cragg Vale History Group is a fantastic visit to Old Cragg Hall with kind permission of our amiable hosts Steve and Angela Marchant. As numbers will be limited please let us know if you are interested in joining us, (*members free, visitors £3.00*)

We then have a summer break of two months to recharge the batteries. We set off again on the 19th September with an insight to the 'Hinchliffe' family history, part one.

Followed on 17th October with Cragg Vale's answer to 'The Antique Road Show' when we have a local speaker who will take a look at your own antiques and where possible give you some idea on its age and value. So bring along a piece of the family treasure, you might be surprised.

Broadhead Clough - June update



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust

The slow start to Spring continued. Our March workday was cancelled but in May we finally completed the repair of the final eight steps. We hope the stronger railway sleepers are going to withstand more use from many feet, and last for a few years! April was the right time for strimming rush and the cold winter had slowed growth down so we were able to blitz much more of it. With a team of six we have managed to trim and rake off all the dead reeds out of the central area in the top meadow closest to the heath habitat. With less grazing this year the bilberry is recovering well and now in flower.

It is only in the last couple of weeks that the bluebells have appeared, their flowers opening to release that delicate but unmistakable scent. However, a few weeks ago the strong wind carried smoke from the burning moorland around Cragg Rd and the A58 into the wood. The airborne threat felt very real, even though it was under control and a long way away from the reserve. The birds weren't singing: instead the wood was filled with the noise of alarm calls as if they were all on edge. Since the fire I've seen a pair of hares around the reserve and wonder if they have been displaced from their usual habitat.

Having this fire follow so soon after the blaze in 2011 is another real blow and not just for the twite our "at risk" Pennine finch. The South Pennines Fire Operations Group (FOG) has been formed from representatives from the fire services of Greater Manchester, Lancashire and West Yorkshire; the six South Pennines local authorities and Natural England and the landowners, Yorkshire Water and United Utilities, as well as private estates. FOG's spokesman said "The negative impact of wildfires across the moors is widely recognised, including the economic impact on farmers through the loss of grazing and the loss of habitat...but in addition we want to highlight the hidden dangers; the pollution, the release of carbon into the atmosphere, and the impact on people's health." The damage done affects people too.

The YWT has long recognised that wildlife and people's interests can go together. Its charitable objectives and activities are summed up as **"Yorkshire Wildlife Trust works for a Yorkshire rich in wildlife, valued and enjoyed by people."** During 2013 the trust is restructuring into more locally based teams to inspire, educate and encourage more local communities. We will be linked to the management team at Stirley Farm in Huddersfield, where wildlife, education and farming activities go hand in hand. It has also updated its website for all reserves to include other reasons for a family day visit. Our page now includes social history with The Coiners and the B6138 long climb for cyclists. Take a look at <http://www.ywt.org.uk/reserves/broadhead-clough-nature-reserve>

What do you value about Broadhead Clough? Why not post a photo or send in a sighting of what you see while you are here. Photography, fell running, birdsong - whatever you're interested in, it would be good to know and include it on our pages.

Summer workdays are 10am on :

Tuesday June 25th

Tuesday July 16th

Thursday Aug 1st

Thursday Aug 29th

Helen Pedley, 886195

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SUMMER HOLIDAY JOKES

1. What did the pig say on the beach on a hot summer's day?
2. What do you call a snowman in July?
3. Which letter is the coolest?

Check out the back page for the punch lines.

ON: Saturday 17th August 2013

At: The Hinchliffe Arms

Time: 1.00pm onwards



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Best pet judging starts at 2.30pm

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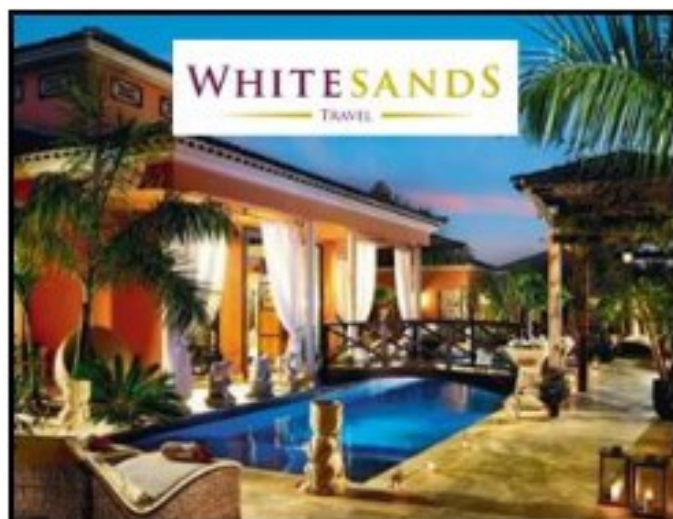
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News from St. Johns Church

In the last month, things have started to move ahead with the Church. Firstly we heard that the Diocese has approved our plans for the re-ordering of the Church. This means that we can completely re-vamp the interior of the

Church, removing the organ and the pews and liberating a considerable amount of space that will allow us to do everything that was done in the Sunday School, which is now the Steiner School, but with more capacity and total disabled access. We are at present finalising arrangements before putting the contract out to tender.

Secondly, the Bishop has appointed a new Priest-in-Charge for the Benefice of Erringden, that is St. Michaels, Mytholmroyd and St. Johns, Cragg Vale. She is Cathy Reardon, who is at present a Curate in Huddersfield, and will be moving into the Vicarage in Mytholmroyd and taking up the post in late July. Everyone at St. Johns is looking forward to her arrival.

Ed Talbot ++++++

29th JUNE - MYTHOMROYD GALA

Mytholmroyd Gala is a great day out for all the family with floats, entertaining shows, local stalls, tombolas, bouncy castle and rides, food stalls etc, etc. The CVCA has a tombola stall and wildlife boxes to sell - the money raised goes back into our funds to help us make this



newsletter, hold events like Spaw Day and fun days in the park, so please come and support us and the gala.

If you're having a "clear out" please save anything suitable for Tombola prizes -- let us know and we'll come and collect!

This year's Gala day is also the first day of the 2013 Tour de France! - look out for Cragg Vale plans through the year to celebrate the 2014 Tour passing through our village! info@craggcommunity.co.uk

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Little Valley hobnobbing with 'The Badger'



Brewing Knowledge, Love and Passion

Wim and Sue owners of our very own brewery in Cragg recently met Bernard Hinault - "The Badger" - (5 Times Winner of Le Tour) at the Welcome to Yorkshire offices in Leeds May 2013 while . Wim told Bernard that when he (Wim) was 13 yrs old Bernard cycled past his family farm on his very first Tour. Bernard remembered exactly where it was when Wim told him. Really great! I hope he tried Little Valley Cragg Bitter guys?



DON'T MISS CRAGG VALE OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND →

Spa Sunday:

What a beautiful day for a stroll down the river, a blessing and some good old dancing.

Here's a lovely picture of a great Spa day event in May.

Well done for everyone who joined us and enjoyed the day. Thank you.

St John's, Cragg Vale OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

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What's on Guide Summer.

Saturday 29th June - Mythomroyd Gala

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June - Tour de Cragg Bike Challenge

Tuesday 9th July - Luddendenfoot Ward Forum, Tuesday the 9th July 2013, 6:30 for 6:45pm start, Luddendenfoot Civic Institute, Station Road, HX2 6AD. Presentations: Health Watch Calderdale, Unplanned Care in Calderdale, Flash Flooding in Luddendenfoot

Saturday 8th July - Cragg Vale Yorkshire Country Womens Annual Walk. Meet @ 7pm at Myth Community Centre Car Park. Weather permitting, the plan is to walk along the canal pathway into Hebden Bridge & meet other (non-walking) members of the group at the White Lion for supper at 8pm.

Sunday 7th July - Les Tour des Vallees

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July - Cragg Open Gardens Weekend. Gardens open from 13:30 -5pm, tickets £5.

Monday 12th August - Cragg Vale Yorkshire Country Womens Meeting. Kay Shaw is our Speaker this evening. Subject: Cadet Nurse to Practice Nurse. Meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Church room at St. Johns.

Saturday 17th August – The Hinchliffe Country Fair from 1pm.

Monday 9th September - Cragg Vale Yorkshire Country Womens Harvest Supper - details/venue to be arranged.

Thursday 19th September - Cragg Vale History Group - an insight to the 'Hinchliffe' family history, part one.

Wednesday 16th October - Cragg Vale Yorkshire Country Womens. Ann Kilby is our Speaker this evening. Subject - Dawson City - The building of a reservoir.

Meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Church room at St. Johns.

Thursday 17th October – Cragg Vale History Group - Cragg Vale's answer to 'The Antique Road Show' when we have a local speaker who will take a look at your own antiques and where possible give you some idea on its age and

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