Cragg News

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WINTER 26/27

WINTER DIARY

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY:

Every Sunday 9.30am
Communion or Morning Praise Service, St. John's

Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm Community Hubbub, St. John's
Last Tuesday (after Hubbub) Whist Drive

Every second Monday 2.00pm Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association, St. John's

Every Fourth Monday 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Movement to Music, St. John's

Every Monday Wednesday & Friday evening 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Yoga, St. John's (see www.oervalesandhills.co.uk)

Every Friday 4.45pm - 5.45pm Chair Yoga, St. John's
(see www.oervalesandhills.co.uk)

NOVEMBER

Sunday 29th Nov Lantern Procession and Christmas lights switch on. Meet 5.00pm at the Robin – warm clothing and winter foot-wear recommended

Monday 30th Nov Christmas Market at the Robin

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st Dec Music Group contact martynk666@outlook.com

Friday 4th Dec Broadhead Clough Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard, tools and gloves provided. For information contact Helen Pedley YWT 886195

Monday 7th Dec Wreath Making, St. Johns, 7.00pm

Friday 11th Dec Christmas Cracker, St. Johns 6.30pm

Thursday 17th Dec History Group Christmas Extravaganza 7.30pm at St. John's

Sunday 20th Dec Carol Service St. Johns, followed by mince pies

JANUARY

Tuesday 5th Jan Music Group contact martynk666@outlook.com

Friday 8th Jan Broadhead Clough Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard, tools and gloves provided. For information contact Helen Pedley YWT 886195

Thursday 21st Jan History Group 7.30pm at St. John's

Wednesday 27th Jan Quiz Night at the Hinch, 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd Feb Music Group contact martynk666@outlook.com

Tuesday 9th Feb 7pm at St Michael's, Mytholmroyd.
Licensing of Revd Lizzie Reynolds as Priest in Charge of Erringden Benefice and the Parish of Luddenden with Luddenden Foot.

Friday 5th Feb Broadhead Clough Volunteers meet 10am at the reserve signboard, tools and gloves provided. For information contact Helen Pedley YWT 886195

Thursday 18th Feb History Group 7.30pm at st Johns

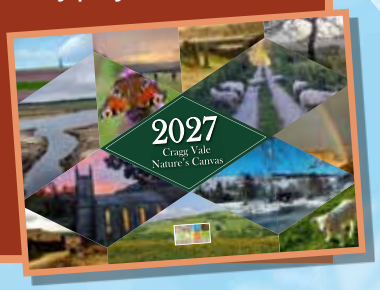
Wednesday 24th Feb Quiz Night at the Hinch 7.30pm

The 2027 CALENDAR

The 2027 Cragg Vale Calendar is now available form the usual outlets - Mytholmroyd Post Office, Robin Hood, St John's Church, Hinch and Craggies.

Costing still £6 each, they really are the best Christmas present you can buy, with all proceeds going to community projects!

A big **THANK YOU** to contributors and sponsors, you've helped to create another local masterpiece.



2026 TRACTOR RUN

The Annual Christmas Tractor Run will again take place on Christmas Eve, Starting at Bridgeroyd at 4.00pm then heading though Todmorden and Littleborough before heading up Blackstone Edge and scheduled to pass the Robin Hood Inn, Cragg Vale at around 5.00pm.



The full route and timings can be found on the facebook page (search Tractor Run 2026 Hebden Bridge) and proceeds will be going to Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and Candlelight Childrens Charity, so please give generously. The organisers are always looking for volunteer helpers (Marshals, Collectors etc) so if you'd like to help, please get in touch direct, by becoming a member of the facebook group.

Cragg Vale Community Association
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COMMUNITY *News*

By the time this newsletter lands, everyone will be buying their Cragg Vale Calendars (hopefully!), and planning for the big event.

As usual,there are plenty of community offerings throughout the period, from the Christmas market at the Robin, the candlelight procession and Christmas lights switch-on, the Christmas Cracker, on 11th Dec and the Christmas Extravaganza at St. John's Church on 17th Dec, and don't forget the Community Hubbubs each Tuesday, hosted by our lovely volunteers. There's our 2 super local hostelries – The Robin and the Hinch, some super christmas fayre up at Craggies farm shop, and then the tractor run on Christmas eve. So lots to do and look forward to, including a new vicar joining us in the new year, but please spare a thought for those who need a bit of encouragement to join in. Take a moment to look in on neighbours who might otherwise be feeling a bit lonely, and drag them along for some festive company – and remember, communities are not just for Christmas!

Take care everyone & have a lovely time.

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Forest School at the ark mytholmroyd

At The Ark Nursery, our focus on outdoor learning, through Forest School and Woodland Explorer programmes, encourages children to develop confidence and independence and self-esteem. They also become aware of limits, boundaries and challenge in their play. When children are used to playing outdoors, they are more likely to try new activities.

Using tools to dig helps to develop gross motor skills and co-ordination and at Forest School and Woodland Explorer sessions. During this damp time of year, the children love digging up mud for the mud kitchen to make delicious mud pies and cakes – with a sprinkle of twigs and leaves for decoration! Fine motor skill development can also be gained through squeezing, patting and mixing the mud with hands and fingers. Making mud pies allows the exploration of textures and establishes the basis of scientific reasoning as they change the variables such as the addition of less water. Mathematical language is also developed as children talk about size and volume. Whilst 'cooking' and 'baking' with mud, children engage in collaborative role pay, enhancing social and communication skills while recreating real life scenarios and extend them using their imaginations.

So, whatever the weather, we grab our coats and wellies and go outside - there's so much fun and learning to be had!



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BUSINESS PROFILE

We like to keep our local community and businesses connected, so this edition's Business Profile features **THE CRAGGS**, a local enterprise specialising in providing premises and storage facilities for a whole range of commercial activities....

ABOUT THE CRAGGS

The Craggs is a family business with its roots in the Valley. Ralph Thornber first launched the business in Mytholmroyd in the 1980's and since 2014, it has been taken over by his daughter Heidi Bingham and her brother-in-law, Dan, supported by their talented and committed management team.

Heidi tells us that The team is headed by Managing Director Jo, and knows every tenant by name rather than unit number, and when something needs fixing, Craig, Gary and Kev (our very own 'Mr Fix-its') are usually already on their way.

Today the operation covers four business parks in the Calder Valley, with serviced offices, business units, industrial and warehouse space and self-storage. Additionally, the Orchard Business Park, located in the centre of Mytholmroyd is growing, with brand new light industrial units and new self-storage units due to open in December.



THE CRAGGS' INVESTMENT IN MYTHOLMROYD

Heidi explains The Cragg Vale area and Mytholmroyd are home for The Craggs, so when local businesses mention to us that they want to grow without leaving the valley, we listen.

Local people are always at the heart of what we do. Our team genuinely care about the area and the spaces we create, and we continue to want to invest in this area. So if you've got a business that's ready for its next step, or just a garage that's got out of hand, get in touch on 01422 888450 or at info@thecraggs.co.uk and we'll show you round.

ROBIN HOOD INN



01422 885899

EARLY BIRD
12-4pm
Wednesday -Friday

MAIN MENU
4-8pm Weds -Sat
12-6pm Sun

Bar open 7 days a week

LIGHT UP THE VALLEY

The lantern procession on 29th November (hope you enjoyed it) marks the start of the Advent period, so the tree lights will be left switched on for the whole of Advent (until January 5th)

This year, we have been promised an additional tree by Hebden Royd Town Council which will also stand in the churchyard, hopefully bringing double joy for everyone who passes by.



CRAGG VALE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

EXTRACT FROM "CRAGG: IT IS A PLEASANT DALE"

RECITED BY THE AUTHOR, ELI BROADBENT OF LOWER PIKE LAW, TURVIN, AT THE SPORTSMAN INN, CRAGG VALE, APRIL 2ND, 1901

OH CRAGG! IT IS A PLEASANT DALE.
IT'S AIR IS FRESH AND SWEET,
WITH WOODS, AND FIELDS, AND RIVULETS PURE,
ALL RUNNING AT OUR FEET.

TO SEE OUR RURAL COTTAGES,
ALONG OUR HANDSOME ROADS;
OUR CHURCH IS BUILT IN ANCIENT STYLE –
THEY ARE ALL IN ONE ACCORD.

THERE IS A SCHOOL WHERE WE FIRST LEARN,
THE SOUNDS AND THEN THE LETTERS;
OUR LETTERS COME OUT UPON THE BOARDS,
PROVIDED BY OUR BETTERS.

ONE OF THOSE BETTERS –
HINCHLIFFE HINCHLIFFE BY NAME –
DEATH HAS REMOVED AMONGST US,
BUT TO HIS MEMORY WILL LONG REMAIN,
THE NOBLE WORK HE FOUND US ALL, DURING THE COTTON FAMINE REIGN.

THE LATE OWNER OF CRAGG HALL,
OUR TROTH HE DID ADORE,
AND HIS DEMISE FROM AMONGST US,
WE STILL DEEPLY DEPLORE.

YET, TO HIS MEMORY WE STILL FIND,
LADY STRICKLAND LEFT, BEHIND,
WHO, FOR PLEASANTNESS AND GOOD,
IS WELL WORTHY OF THE HEIRESS CRAGGIE-BURN WOOD.

OH! LONG MAY THIS LADY GOOD,
LIVE IN CRAGGIE-BURN WOOD,
WHERE WE HOPE HER LIFE IS,
ONE OF CONNUBIAL BLISS.

FOR SURROUNDED IN YON'D SHRUBS,
BY EVERYTHING THAT'S GOOD,
THERE'S THE THROSTLE AND THE THRUSH,
WITH THE BLACKBIRD IN THE BUSH, AND THE LINNET WHISTLING ON THE TREE.

NOW SHE'S THE OWNER OF YON'D MILL,
AT THE FOOT OF TURVIN HILL,
WHERE SHE EMPLOYS OUR MAIDEN PURE;
OH! LONG MAY HER FAME ENDURE.

FOR TO WATCH THOSE MAIDENS FAIR,
AS THEY TRIP ALONG YON'D WEIR,
SOME TO TWIST, DOFF, AND SPIN,
WHILE OTHERS PUT THE ROVINGS IN.

AND AS WE PASS THEM BY,
THERE'S A TWINKLE IN THEIR EYE,
AND IT SENDS THROUGH US A THRILL,
WHICH BENDS OUR STUBBORN WILL.

THERE'S OUR VICAR, MR BROOKS –
LADY STRICKLAND'S NOT O'ERLOOKED,
FOR ERECTING YON'D VICARAGE TO THE MEMORY OF HER SIRE,
IS A NOBLE ACTION WE ALL MUST ADMIRE.
THERE'S OLD WILLIAM GREENWOOD,
A TRUSTY COACHMAN, I AM TOLD,
HAS BEEN WITH MR HINCHLIFFE,
A HALF CENTURY OR MORE.

MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH MISS BALDWIN,
LADY HOUSEKEEPER OF CRAGG HALL,
IS ONLY OF RECENT DATE, YET A TALE I CAN UNFOLD,
OF THE SELF-DENYING DEVOTION ON HER MASTER SHE BESTOWED.

WHILE AT THE GRAVE-SIDE THE TEARS I ESPIED,
AS DOWN HER CHEEKS THEY DID GLIDE,
WHILE THEY LAID THE REMAINS,
OF HER LATE MASTER O' ONE SIDE.

THE VICAR, ALWAYS A PLEASANT LOOK,
AS HE COMES ACROSS YON'D BROOKE-
TO MINISTER AND INSPIRE,
IS HIS EARNEST DESIRE.

TO ATTAIN THIS NOBLE END,
LET'S ALL GIVE A HELPING HAND;
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, YOU KNOW,
YOU'VE ONLY TO JOIN WITH THE HERMIT OF PIKE LAW.

APOLOGIES – VERSES 18 – 31 HAVE BEEN OMITTED DUE TO LACK OF SPACE BUT THE FULL TRANSCRIPT CAN BE FOUND ON THE CVCA WEBSITE: WWW.CRAGGVALECOMMUNITY.CO.UK

IN CONCLUSION, I AM GLAD,
YOUR ATTENTION I HAVE HAD,
WHILE REPEATING MY SIMPLE TALE,
OF THIS YOUR PLEASANT DALE.

THIS DOGGEREL PRAY EXCUSE,
IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT'S RUDE,
FOR YOU ALL WILL, I TROW,
PUT IT DOWN TO THE BLUFF OF OLD ELI,
FROM PIKE LAW.

Staying Well

"Life is to be enjoyed, not just endured" is one of the many quotes around living a long and happy life, but it can be difficult to feel full of the joys of spring if someone is lonely or living with health related problems.

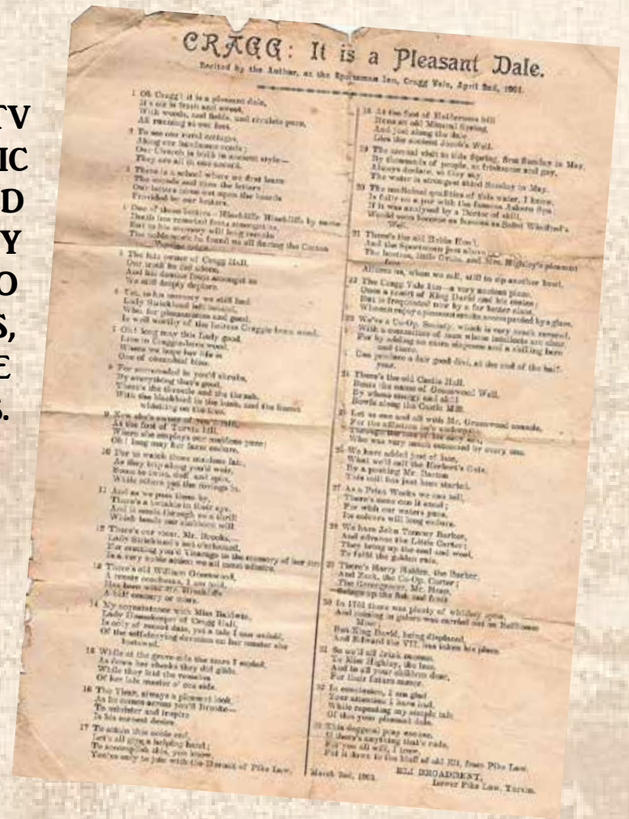
Cragg Vale Community Association, along with St John's church and the local hostelries provide a range of offerings throughout the year, and tries to link in with other organisations and initiatives to help enhance the lives of the the people in our community.

One such project is the Staying Well Team who work with adults in Calderdale to access hundreds of social and physical activities available in the community, knowing that people with active social lives tend to be happier and healthier. Getting involved in social or community activities can actually help to improve many health conditions.

You can access the service through their facebook site (look up Staying Well Calderdale) via the internet www,stayingwellhub.com, by phone 01422 392767 or email stayingwellproject@calderdale.gov.uk.
If you ask to join their mailing list, you will be kept up to date with various events and "healthy lives" support which may help you get your money's worth out of each day.

IN THE DAYS BEFORE TV AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DISTRACTIONS, PEOPLE USED GO TO PUBS AND ACTUALLY TALK TO EACH OTHER, TO GOSSIP, TELL STORIES, RECITE YARNS, VERSE AND SING SONGS.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH HOMESPUN ENTERTAINMENT, DATING BACK TO 1901:



CRAGG: It is a Pleasant Dale.

Recited by the Author, at the Sportsman Inn, Cragg Vale, April 2nd, 1901.

1. Oh Cragg! it is a pleasant dale,
It's air is fresh and sweet,
With woods, and fields, and rivulets pure,
All running at our feet.

2. To see our rural cottages,
Along our handsome roads;
Our Church is built in ancient style—
They are all in one accord.

3. There is a school where we first learn
The sounds and then the letters;
Our letters come out upon the boards
Provided by our betters.

4. One of those betters,—Hinchliffe Hinchliffe, by name—
Death has removed amongst us,
But to his memory will long remain
The noble work he found us all during the Cotton famine reign.

5. The late owner of Cragg Hall,
Our troth he did adore,
And his demise from amongst us
We still deeply deplore.

6. Yet, to his memory we still find
Lady Strickland left,
Who, for pleasantness and good,
Is well worthy of the heiress Craggie-burn wood.

7. Oh! long may this Lady good,
Live in Craggie-burn wood,
Where we hope her life is
One of connubial bliss.

8. For surrounded in yon'd shrubs,
By everything that's good,
There's the throstle and the thrush,
With the blackbird in the bush, and the linnet whistling on the tree.

9. Now she's the owner of yon'd mill,
At the foot of Turvin hill,
Where she employs our maiden pure;
Oh! long may her fame endure.

10. For to watch those maidens fair,
As they trip along yon'd weir,
Some to twist, doff, and spin,
While others put the rovings in.

11. And as we pass them by,
There's a twinkle in their eye,
And it sends through us a thrill
Which bends our stubborn will.

12. There's our vicar, Mr. Brooks,
Lady Strickland's not o'erlooked,
For erecting yon'd Vicarage to the memory of her sire,
Is a very noble action we all must admire.
There's old William Greenwood,
A trusty coachman, I am told,
Has been with Mr. Hinchliffe
A half century or more.

13. My acquaintance with Miss Baldwin,
Lady Housekeeper of Cragg Hall,
Is only of recent date, yet a tale I can unfold,
Of the self-denying devotion on her master she bestowed.

14. While at the grave-side the tears I espied,
As down her cheeks they did glide,
While they laid the remains
Of her late master o' one side.

15. The Vicar, always a pleasant look
As he comes across yon'd Brooke—
To minister and inspire
Is his earnest desire.

17 To attain this noble end,
Let's all give a helping hand;
To accomplish this, you know,
You've only to join with the Hermit of Pike Law.

18. At the foot of Hollycross hill
Stands an old Mineral Spring,
And just along the dale
Lies the ancient Lamb's Well.

19. The sacred shaft in this Spring, from Sunday to May,
By thousands of people, as Pilgrims and gay,
Always endure, as Clay say,
The water is strongest about Sunday to May.

20. The medicinal qualities of this water, I know,
To Tally on a par with the famous Askern Spa,
If it was analysed by a Doctor of skill,
Whether more bosom as found as in Dobel Winifred's.

21. There's the old Bible Hotel,
And the Sportsmen just above;
The Bottom, little Cross, and Mrs. Wrighty's pleasant home.

All comes on, whom we call, still to sip another bowl,
Down a record of King David and his sister;
But is frequented now by a far better class,
Whose only object's pleasant smiles accompanied by a glass.

22. The Cragg Vale Inn—a very modern place,
With a connection of most whose landlords are clear,
For nothing on earth shipcome and a welling here
And there's a fair good fire, at the end of the hall—
Use provides a fair good fire, at the end of the hall—

23. We've a Crofty Society, which is very much revered,
For finding us room shipcome and a welling here
And there's a fair good fire, at the end of the hall—

24. There's the old Castle Hall,
Round the mouse of Greenwood Well,
By whom many an ale I
Bowls down the Castle Hill.

25. Let us one and all with Mr. Greenwood wassail,
For the refreshing we've undergone,
Whose very much esteemed by every one.

26. We have added four of late,
What, we'll call the Mechanic's Gate,
By a posting Mr. Dawson,
Who built his post boss market.

27. As a Petty Works we can tell,
There's none can it excel;
For which our waters pure,
To orders will long endure.

28. We have John Conway Barber,
And whereas the Little Carter;
They have got the coal and wood,
To fulfil the golden rule.

29. There's Harry Holden, the Barber,
And Tosh, the Co-Op. Carter;
The Grocer's shop, Mr. Heap,
Endeavours up the fish and fruit.

30. In 1701 there was plenty of whitley spun,
And counted in pieces was carried out on Saddleworth Moor;
But Tom Bowld, being displeased,
And Edward the VII. was taken his place.

31. So we'll all drink success,
To King Highley, the less,
And to all your children dear,
For their future career.

32. In conclusion, I am glad
Your attention I have had,
While repeating my simple tale
Of this your pleasant dale.

33. This doggerel pray excuse,
If there's anything that's rude,
For you all will, I trow
Put it down to the bluff of old Eli, from Pike Law.

ELI BROADBENT,
Lower Pike Law, Turvin.

March 2nd, 1901.

RAMSDEN RACING

DOUBLE CHAMPIONS IN 2026!



What an incredible season for Ramsden Racing!

Father-and-son duo Steve "Rammy" Ramsden and Matty Ramsden secured the 2026 Road Racing Championship, continuing their hugely successful family racing partnership.

Matty then swapped the passenger platform for the handlebars, teaming up with Ben Stell to win the 2026 British F2 Sidecar Championship.

With impressive performances at Oliver's Mount, pole position at the Barry Sheene Festival and further race victories and winning the lap record at Darley Moor, 2026 has been a truly memorable year. Two championships, three talented racers & one very proud racing family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAMMY, MATTY & BEN

WHAT A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CRAGG VALE

After almost three and a half years of being in Interregnum (between vicars) we are delighted to announce that the Revd Lizzie Reynolds will be appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Erringden (the parishes of St John's, Cragg Vale and St Michael's, Mytholmroyd) and the Parish of Luddenden with Luddenden Foot (St Mary's).



Lizzie is currently Assistant Curate in the Calverley Benefice, she will be licensed on February 9th at St Michael's church, Mytholmroyd. She will live, with her family, at the vicarage in Mytholmroyd. Lizzie has a wealth of experience working with all ages in many different settings within the church and communities in general. She is very excited about having her own parishes to look after! She is looking forward to getting to know the three communities and is very enthusiastic about the future!

St John's social and fundraising calendar continues as usual. On December 7th we have our Wreath Making evening. This has become a bit of a tradition for a lot of people who see the event as the start of Christmas! It's not a formal workshop, we don't have a florist demonstrating what to do. It's a fun evening with drinks and snacks where you can make a beautiful wreath with the help of some written instructions, your own ideas and the experience of those around you!

On December 11th we'll be having our 'Cragg Christmas Cracker'. This is a lovely event with entertainment from Hebden Bridge Junior Band, a chance to sing some Christmas Carols, a tasty supper, a bar and the best Tombola!!

Tickets for these events will go fast so please use the contact details on the posters to book your place! Please book your tickets at least a week before the events so we know how many we are catering for.

If Carol singing is your thing, come and join us in church at 9.30am for our Carol Service on Sunday December 20th. There'll be mince pies for all afterwards.

If you have any questions about anything happening at church or about life events (weddings, baptisms, funerals) please get in touch with the Churchwardens at gjwsa2@gmail.com.

Thank you **Julie & Geraint Harris**
Churchwardens

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BROADHEAD CLOUGH

NOVEMBER 2026 UPDATE

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

The hot summer continued and drought has reduced apple crops, potato yields and berries for both humans and wildlife. As the temperatures drop, all wildlife looks for shelter and one way we can help is by not tidying up too much in the garden. We can clear paths, but leave the structural seedheads standing in our borders. This provides shelter for insects and food for birds. e.g. goldfinches love teasels and will generously spread their seeds freely for you. The RSPB now suggests we can feed birds during winter, but try to keep food dry, use hanging rather than flat feeders, and clean them weekly with hot soapy water.



Another great idea for creating shelter if you have lots of small branches and twiggy clippings is a "Dead Hedge". You need some sturdy poles to start, then push the ends vertically in two opposite rows about 50 cm apart and at 1 to 1.5m spacing. Then push the woody prunings between the stakes and tamp them down. As you add more cuttings, and longer branches, weaving in and out, it will form a continuous hedge. There are a couple of examples in Broadhead Clough where we have used them to prevent path erosion. You may be lucky enough to attract a hedgehog. They find a home in a pile of leaves, or logs, and keep some dense planting for foraging. Always check the area before strimming or lighting bonfires, and avoid pesticides.

Finally as the autumn gales begin, remember that a tree in full leaf can drop branches, or even fall, in stormy weather. One of the very large beech trees on the approach to the reserve snapped, leaving only a stump. Luckily it did not block access, but take care whenever a weather warning is in place, and regularly check your trees for overhanging branches, or signs of rocking around the roots.

The next task day is 27th November, and if you'd like to join a task day it's usually the first or last Friday of the month, but plans sometimes change. Either contact the Trust (01904 659570), or phone me.

Helen Pedley 07704032131

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MUSIC GROUP

The Music group continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, bringing some lively company and musical merriment, and providing a welcome alternative to sitting at home scrolling phones or berating poor quality tv ! Everyone welcome, talent is optional but a sense of humour is essential.

Contact martynk666@outlook.com for inclusion on the mailing list for regular reminders of meetings.

HUBBUB

Hubbub is still happening every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm.

It's a place where you can find a hot drink, cake and biscuits and some good company along with a variety of activities to do.

However, we do need more volunteers to keep Hubbub running smoothly. If you think you can help us, please get in touch with Julie (gjwsa2@gmail.com).

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