

## Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council Newsletter

### Weir Working Party Formed

THERE was a very encouraging response to the invitation in the last newsletter for volunteers to join a Repairs to the Weir Working Party to look at ways in which work to Crakehall Weir might be funded. The Parish Council has appointed Clive Butler, Peter Hudson, Martyn Mongan and Lionel Green or Alison Barnes as members of the Group. They will join Councillors Wilson and McIntosh Powrie and Parish Clerk, Anne Kind. John Wilson will lead the group and Nick Buck, as secretary of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, has offered to provide advice on an ad hoc basis. Terms of reference for the Working Party have been agreed and meetings of the group are being arranged. If you have any thoughts about potential funding sources please contact any member of the group.

All ideas welcomed!

### Crakehall / Langthorne in Bloom?

MANY people will have heard of the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom campaign but the RHS has recently reminded the Parish Council that their "It's Your Neighbourhood" campaign provides an opportunity for smaller community groups to also get involved. The scheme is described as an inclusive and non-competitive scheme for volunteer-led community gardening groups which are focused on cleaning up and greening up their local area. Groups are not judged against each other but they are visited by Britain in Bloom assessors who provide valuable feedback. A certificate of achievement is then awarded at one of five levels: Establishing, Improving, Developing, Thriving or Outstanding level. Further details and an Information Pack are available at:

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/Community-gardening/It-s-Your-Neighbourhood/New-to-its-your-neighbourhood/How-the-campaign-works>

### Newsletter News

FOLLOWING discussions at the last meeting of the Parish Council we're making a few changes to the newsletter.

**From 2012 the newsletter will be published three times a year:**

- 1 December – a Christmas / New Year edition
- 1 April – for Spring and Summer
- Mid / late September – for the Autumn

These dates give a better alignment to Parish Council meetings so that up-to-date news can be included and they also allow a better focus for each edition.

**For a trial period, the newsletter and [www.crakehall.org.uk](http://www.crakehall.org.uk) will be supplemented with a group on Facebook and a Twitter account** to try to provide some more pro-active and interactive routes for communication. We will post items of interest as they become available to us and members will be able to receive e-mail notification that an item has been posted. Members of the group will also be able to post items that they think will be of interest to others within the parish. You can sign up now at:

Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/251975454838167/>

Twitter – <http://twitter.com/#!/candlnews>

**We would like to produce a Parish Services Directory** to advertise services provided by folk living in, or offering services within, the Parish. Hopefully, this would be of interest to the providers of such services and other residents who might be encouraged to make more use of very local service providers. A Directory the same size as this newsletter, (2 sides of A4), could accommodate at least 12 adverts at a cost of, say, £5 per advert - each advertiser would need to produce their own copy. An alternative suggestion is to have each edition of the newsletter sponsored to cover the costs (around £10). If you're interested in either option, please contact us.

And finally we have some thoughts on **occasional special editions of the newsletter**. Examples might include editions written by, and focussing on, what it's like living in the parish if you are, for example: a young person, elderly or the parents of young children.

Another example might be occasional joint publications with adjacent parishes. The costs of these additional editions would be covered by income raised by advertising or sponsorship (as above).

So if you're interested in any of these ideas contact us at [chris.mcgee@talk21.com](mailto:chris.mcgee@talk21.com) or by phone on 01677 424436.

## Heating Oil – up to 5p / litre off! Interested?

WITH the escalating price of heating oil, community oil buying clubs are being set up all over the country. Cooperatives enable domestic oil to be bought in bulk – so lowering the price for individual purchases. Membership of clubs is free and, as well as individuals, churches, schools, village halls and other community buildings can join the scheme. The village of Brafferton, near Easingwold, has 240 members in its syndicate. A volunteer coordinator checks oil prices on-line based on the total volume needed by its members and then places an order on behalf of each household. Once the oil is delivered, the bill is paid directly by each householder to the supplier. Another cooperative operates around the village of Marton cum Grafton. Lots of details about how it works are available at: [http://www.marton-cum-grafton.org/oil\\_coop.htm](http://www.marton-cum-grafton.org/oil_coop.htm). Savings of up to 5p / litre are reported so if you're interested in trying to establish a Crakehall and Langthorne Cooperative let us know (at [chris.mcgee@talk21.com](mailto:chris.mcgee@talk21.com)) and if there's sufficient interest (and a volunteer to act as coordinator!) we could soon all be saving money! And remember that it's estimated that for every 1°C you turn down your central heating you'll save 10% in your energy bills!

### Villager Profile—Ian Schofield writes:

I was born in Bradford and brought up in Saltaire before buying my first house in Bingley. I met my wife, Tracey, on Rosebury Topping at a Duke of Edinburgh's Award event. We decided to move north and away from the cities of West Yorkshire and, after a lot of searching and gazumping, we ended up in Langthorne with a 'Project' which is still ongoing today. I started working life in 1979 as an Electrical apprentice and I'm still wiring today! My career has included involvement in Traffic Control in Leeds and all the Traffic Lights in North Yorkshire, Nissan at Sunderland on their robotic axle production line and then, to cut hours spent on the A1, a spell at Richmond Foods and Dalepak before finally starting my own business carrying out electrical testing and garden lighting / home automation. I won a gold award at Harrogate Autumn Flower Show for a show garden I was asked to light. Night times are taken up with stage lighting for bands like 'The Dunwell Brothers Band', 'ODi', 'The Toy Hearts' and local band 'Echo Chamber'. Time off doesn't happen enough but I love climbing, scuba diving, old VW's and, in the past, I was heavily involved with motorsport competing against the late Colin McRae - he won, but just by a little bit – and loads of club level stuff for Shipley and District Motor Club (climaxing with winning Driver of the Year). For my sins I am Chair of Governors for Hackforth Primary School and on Hackforth Village Hall Committee - challenging and satisfying, I have always believed in putting back what you take out of life. And still to come? The stage lighting is going from strength to strength, gardens need lighting and, of course, the Cullin Ridge on Skye still needs to be conquered. And Tracey says that sometime I need to 'finish the house'!!!!

### Dates for your diary

CRAKEHALL Primary School invites parishioners to:

- An assembly at St Gregory's Church to share their Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes on 11 November 2011 at 1.30pm.
- Their Christmas Play at St Gregory's on 15 December 2011 at 6.00 pm or on 16 December at 1.30 pm.
- And to their end of term assembly and carol service at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20 December.

**THE next edition of this newsletter will be available**

**on 1 April 2012—but updates are now available**

**via Facebook and Twitter.**

### E - b o o k s   f o r   f r e e !

Did you know that E-books and digital audio-books are now available from North Yorkshire County Council's new digital library. Hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction titles are available to choose from - you can download best-selling novels, well-known classics, self-improvement guides and much more. This new service is free with your library card - to get started downloading e-books and digital audio-books go to:

<http://northyorks.lib.overdrive.com/477039E8-D2A2-494D-B5F1-65432CC82F54/10/661/en/Default.htm>

### Crakehall School Whole School Topic

CRAKEHALL School's whole school topic at the moment is 'our locality'. So if any one has any interesting artefacts, memories etc the school would love to know about them.

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