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James Woods flies the flag in Sochi

Well done to Crosspool skier James Woods, who represented Team GB in the Winter Olympics in Sochi. James overcame a hip injury to finish fifth in the Men's Ski Slopestyle.

Items wanted for Crosspool Summer Fayre

Do you have any unwanted prizes, gifts or bric-a-brac that might be suitable for the Crosspool Forum Summer Fayre tombola or one of the stalls?

If so, please get in touch on gmdmailbox2009-online1@yahoo.co.uk. We can collect if necessary, or they can be dropped off locally.

An invitation to all those that have a garden!

Last year we enjoyed walking around our neighbours' gardens getting to know people better. We shared flowers and vegetable growing successes and failures, lots of cups of tea and coffee and wonderful buns, cupcakes and scones. We also got to know about people's hobbies from vintage cars and hens to brewing beer and narrow gauge trains as well as art and music. So we would love to invite you to join us this coming year to celebrate what is good in your garden with the neighbours- whether it is something that is growing, a great view or a hobby that you think folk may like to share just for a day. And all this to raise money for your chosen charity. (All ticket money shared between the gardens and anything you personally take from your refreshment sales or hobby donations are yours to send to your chosen charity.) Whilst the forum will have its nominated charities for the festival week, this is an extra opportunity to support other local and national charities and all this without even leaving home.

Open Gardens is on **Saturday 28th of June 2014**. Closing date for applications is around the end of the Easter holidays so that the printing can be done in good time.

Contact Lindsey Beagles on 0114 2301041 or email: lindseybeagles@gmail.com if you're interested and would like more information.

CROSSPOOL FORUM

Open Meeting Friday 25th April 2014 7.00pm
St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool
Local councillors, the police & council officials will be on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

For Guest Speaker, keep your eye on the Spa notice board

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SYPT: West—SERVICE 51

Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my disappointment in the service we received yesterday (February 3rd, Tuesday) on the 51 route towards town.

I arrived at the Vernon Terrace bus stop (no 37021141) at 9.00 am, hoping to catch the bus scheduled to reach there at 9.06am. There was already one lady waiting and she had been there since before 9.0'clock. The 9.06 bus did not arrive and despite three busses heading towards Lodge Moor no bus came down Manchester Road until about 25 minutes past 9 when a double decker bus came, marked 'not in service', followed about 3 minutes later by a single decker bus which was full and did not stop. Eventually we were able to board 60690 at 9.35am.

It is totally unacceptable for a service which purports to be 'about every 10 minute' to keep customers waiting for over 30 minutes.

The outward route has recently been altered in the West Street area to improve the journey times. This is all very well but what are the drivers doing with this extra time?

May I suggest an Inspector is stationed at the Lodge Moor terminus for a week or two to ensure the timetable is adhered to?

Yours sincerely

Mrs Marguerite Jackson

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Crosspool Computer Courses

Computer courses for beginners and the more advanced are expected to continue from the start of the March school term 2014.

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Crosspool Chipper

The fragrance of a real Christmas tree certainly adds something to the character of a trimmed up home at Christmas. However, they can be somewhat of a problem when traditionally the time comes, in the week following New Year's Day, for the tree to be taken down and discarded.

Thanks to Paul Rushby at Direct Travel, a team of Crosspool Forum volunteers and the generosity of Andrew Fisher (Complete Tree Solutions) and his team, all of who had kindly donated their time, the Crosspool Forum was able to do their bit to help our community and environment.

As a result from 10am on Sunday 5th Jan residents of Crosspool, taking advantage of a designated recycling drop off site kindly provided by Direct Travel, deposited some 200 Christmas trees for recycling. The afternoon saw the pile of Christmas trees, amassed on the forecourt, reduced to a lorry load of mulch chippings.



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Men's Magnificent Meals

This innovative cookery programme ran successfully twice at St. Columba's in 2013, and thanks to funding from the South West Sheffield Community Pot we are able to offer it again this year. The course aims to help men develop their confidence in cooking healthy meals using fresh ingredients. Experienced tutor Dawn Young believes that cooking and eating should be fun and sociable - so course members work together to cook a meal and then sit down around the table and enjoy eating lunch together. No previous knowledge is assumed. Participants learned to chop an onion to make sauce for pasta on week one, and by the end of the course were serving up paella and beef bourgignon! Feedback from participants has been hugely positive.



We ask participants to pay £42/£21 according to their means. This covers the (subsidised) cost of six two hour sessions. Sessions run on Friday mornings from 10.30 - 12.30 in St. Columba's kitchen which has been recently extended and modernised to catering standard.

The course is being evaluated by the Food Science Department at Sheffield Hallam University. Courses begin in February and April 2014. Pre-booking is essential: ring Kate Hill, administrator, on 267 0006, or email st.columbas@hotmail.co.uk.

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A Hero on Horseback

One of the nearest places to Crosspool which had a definite link to 'The Great Sheffield Flood', the 150th anniversary of which will be marked at Bradfield in early March with events, exhibitions and a special service at the beautiful hilltop church of St. Nicholas, was Low Ash Farm at Stubbing, situated twixt Loxley and Worrall. Dating from the mid 1600's, the place has been altered from time to time including major structural work a few years ago, for a period of some fifty years from the early 1830's, it was also in part, used as a Boys' Boarding school, to which, for their education, lads came from all parts of England.



Low Ash Farm, Stubbing Lane, Worrall, Nr. Sheffield

While currently researching the fascinating history, of what eventually was to become known as "Low Ash Boarding School conducted by Mr Linley," I discovered a name among the pupils, 45 of them from as far away as Blackpool and Northampton, which sounded familiar - FOUNTAIN. A certain Stephen Fountain was the guest preacher at the 1863 annual 'Sermons' of Hollow Meadows Methodist church, obviously a lay preacher. His background too was delved into, and this Belper Derbyshire-born man, then in his forties, was in fact one of the principal contractors working on the building of the Dale Dike reservoir at Low Bradfield. He had several children, and one of them was perchance called Stephenson. The name which appeared on the Census Return for 1861 as at aged 13, being one of the boys under Mr Linley's tuition. The Linley family, during construction of the reservoir, were housed in temporary accommodation near to the actual site and the children taught at nearby schools. Young Stephenson being sent to Low Ash for a couple of years and then joined the rest of his family in the Thornsett area. (...cont.)

A Hero on Horseback...continued

It was while they were there, that within virtually hours of the now completed 'dam' coming into full operation, the disaster struck. A 30ft section of the embankment wall gave way, allowing over a short space of time, for some 500 and more million gallons of water to start their devastating journey to Sheffield and beyond.

Long before that happened, and during the evening leading up to the disaster, strenuous efforts were obviously made to prevent what was classed as England's greatest calamity of the time happening. They included the very urgent despatch to Sheffield of someone on horseback to bring out the Water Engineer, John Gunson to inspect the situation. The rider chosen was none other than the now 17 years old Stephenson, who accomplished his mission after a mishap on route, resulted in the saving of many lives at Low Bradfield and Dam flask village, where had to dismounted near the Barrel Inn to repair a harness fault. After which he made a quick call into the nearly full pub and warned of the impending danger. As a result of the 'teenagers' visit many, many lives were saved by folk moving to higher ground, cattle with them and what few possessions they could carry. All will be familiar with the account of the disaster.

Some twelve months later the Fountain's moved to Australia, with the exception of Mum, who had died while at Bradfield. Not so many years ago one of the mini-buses which served the Bradfield area was given the name Stephenson Fountain. The farm's still there and visiting it brings quickly to mind the thanks of so many families to virtually Wadsley district educated Stephenson.

Joe Castle Jan'2014

Children's Christmas Party

The Crosspool Forum hosted its 3rd annual children's Christmas party on the 15/12/2013 at St Columba Church.

Visitor numbers increased this year as 28 children brought along moms, dads and grandparents for an afternoon of fun. Party games were played all afternoon with a short break for refreshments and nibbles which were generously donated by the local Spar in the precinct. The party atmosphere grew as the afternoon progressed.

The organisers apologise for withdrawing the face painting. This was because the children were too engrossed in the party games it was deemed unfair to ask them to sit still for face painting and miss out on the spot prizes on offer.

At 3.15pm jingle bells were heard and a special guest appeared in a red suit, white beard and wellingtons and started handing out presents to our young guests and getting chocolates in return from the excited recipients. Thank you to Father Christmas for stopping off during his busy Xmas schedule.

A big thank you also goes to all the helpers and organizers that made this year's Christmas party so festive, and to the Crosspool Pet Shop for selling the tickets for the event. Without all your help we could not have hosted this fun filled event.

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Crosspool Women's Institute (CWI)

CWI would like to thank the local community for supporting our pre-Christmas coffee morning held at St Columbas Church at the end of November 2013. The support we received was tremendous and the donations generous. My thanks go to our own WI members who worked so hard behind the scenes; who contributed generously to the coffee morning and to everyone who enjoyed our homemade cakes and mince pies! We raised just over £695 from the coffee morning and our Christmas raffle and in January, members voted to top this up from our own funds - making a grand total of £1000. This money will be donated to the Cancer Support Centre and Comfort Funds at Weston Park Hospital.

As we move into our second year - CWI has an interesting programme for 2014. In February we have a practical session on Indian Head Massage from Dawn McCurdy (17th) and Mike Spick is taking us through the A-Z of Sheffield (24th). You can pick up a programme at Stephen Hill Church or at the café - Lounge@Crosspool or find more information on our Website: **www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com**

CWI meets twice a month at, St Columba Church on 3rd Monday at (7-9pm) and Stephen Hill Methodist Church on the 4th Monday (1- 3pm) of each month. Visitors are always assured a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. Anita Reynolds (CWI President)

Email us on: crosspoolwi@live.co.uk or follow us on [facebook.com/CrosspoolWomensInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/CrosspoolWomensInstitute) or [Twitter@crosspoolwi](https://twitter.com/crosspoolwi) or just ring for a chat our secretary Liz – (07403 281609 or me, Anita – (07984 408148 (Charity No: 513917)

Remembered

I'm sure regular visitors to the Crosspool Pharmacy will recall Julie Kay and her willingness and readiness to assist with those little things that mean so much.

Braving illness for so long, Julie will be deeply missed by her very dear friends and colleagues but never forgotten for the happiness and comradeship she brought to their and everyone's lives whilst she was here.

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The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, formed in February 1979, is part of the global family of Rotary International and works under the motto of "Service above Self through its work in both the local community and with projects worldwide. Our aims, like all Rotary Clubs, are to make a difference through helping others using our skills and available time.

Typically we raise monies for a number of charities (£15,000 in the past year) with a mid-year Charity Golf Day, Charity Sponsored Walk, and a Christmas Raffle that we run on behalf of smaller charities who would not be able to fund one of their own. There's a good chance that you have seen us at one of the local supermarkets where we man bucket collections (thanks to all of you who have stopped to contribute). In September, in aid of St Luke's, two of our braver members raised over £500 by completing a "Triple Whammy" challenge at Magna, Rotherham, involving a Zip Wire, a 150ft climb and abseil, and a plunge off a 150ft platform with just the incredible force of the Powerfan to ensure they floated down to land softly.

We give our time, where we are able; in the past few years we have planted over 10000 bulbs and 300 trees in various sites, including schools, parks and verges, along with "tidy up" sessions on footpaths and other green areas. We man the car park at the Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre, join Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice's band of volunteers at the Sheffield half-marathon, and help St Luke's Hospice Summer Fayre. November/December is a busy time for us as we give around 60 man days of effort to Samaritans Purse, a charity that sends "shoeboxes" of useful items and toys to very disadvantaged children mainly in Europe and Africa. Typically we handle over 20,000 boxes, transporting them into the Sheffield HQ from outlying areas.

A standard feature each year is our work with schools, giving the benefit of our own experience via "mock interviews" so that students can be better prepared for the world outside. We also stage an annual debating contest....and help fund an annual school trip to the panto.

A lot of the above is "business as usual" but we always seek out new opportunities. This year in a joint collaboration with the Friends of Millhouses Park, the club devised, planned, and implemented the "Heart Trail" which provides a cardiac rehabilitation walk for those needing a structured exercise regime. We also held a Motor Show at the Arts Tower at Sheffield University where a number of main dealers attended.

Our International plan this year is to team up with a Rotary Club in an area where a water and sanitation project will be of great benefit to the local population, and some funding will be sought from Rotary International. (Did you know about Rotary's association with polio eradication? Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2 billion children against polio in 122 countries and we are close to eradicating polio; by 2012 the number of polio-endemic countries had dropped to three (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan), the lowest in human history.)

Hopefully you'll see our variety of projects (and not all are mentioned above) We carry them out in a spirit of friendship and fun, and we have a number of social events for members, partners and friends. Our meetings are held most but not all Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Club (6.30 – 8.30, normally including a meal and speaker), and we know that the pressures of life mean that members cannot make all meetings. We are not concerned with politics, gender, religion, or race – we simply want more like-minded members who feel that they can "put something back" into society and enjoy themselves as they do it.

If you are interested and want to come along as a guest to one of our meetings, then look at our website (www.vulcanrotary.org.uk) or ring our secretary Rex Tulley on 0114 2367292 or Alan Brown on 0114 2367212.

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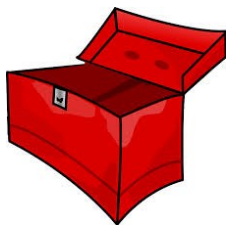
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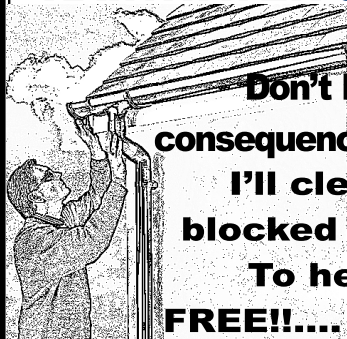
Red Box Appeal Update

You may have read the Red Box Appeal article on the Forum website in December. Local mum Kate Hill was encouraging local residents to buy one extra item while shopping, and drop this into the Red Box located in The Lounge @ Crosspool. Kate informs us that they managed to collect enough food to fill 3 boxes in less than a week. The boxes were taken to Firth Park Foodbank and the food bank were extremely grateful for all of

the donations. They had just had a large demand of food and toiletries the day before as they were just about to close for Christmas.

"I would like to thank everyone in Crosspool and the surrounding areas that got in touch with me to offer support and bring donations. I was very pleased that the red box appeal went down so well, it really shows that this community gets behind charity at a difficult time of year. I would also like to thank Paula Stacey from The Lounge @ Crosspool for her support and for putting the red box in the cafe window - donating many items herself." Kate Hill, Red Box organiser, local mum of two and founder of community network FunMeFit.

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Open Meeting and 10th AGM, 30th January

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MATTERS ARISING from authenticated AGM minutes 24th Oct 13

– blocked gulleys—who to contact: Ian will check with our Amey liaison

POLICE REPORT

Gary Hizam reported on:

1/ A couple of cold-calling incidents: Despite the no cold-caller zone signs on the lamp-posts) – targeting older citizens & charging far more than the job is worth. Two lads of thirteen & sixteen call to acquire the work, older men do the jobs quoted for, and then accompany people to the bank to withdraw a larger amount of cash demanded. The local banks are now all on-side about this, and will call the police if at all worried. Trading Standards have been informed. Please report anything like this on the 101 Tele Number. (The lamp posts signs are no longer permitted but households can be given small ones to use.).

2/ Illegal parking and parental 'taxi services' - hovering in the middle of the road to pick children up (e.g. Vernon Terrace). Apparently people are only allowed to park on double yellow lines to load or unload! Parking services are prioritising an operation to crack down on illicit parking around Lydgate Junior School at the moment.

3/ Parking not facing the correct way at night; Gary intended to look at cars on his way out that evening! Citing, if a wheelchair/pram cannot pass a vehicle parked partly on the pavement this would be deemed as an obstruction.

4/ Skip licences? If a skip has been in place for a while residents were asked to phone the skip operator & find the date for removal. If this does not happen phone the Council & speak to the licencing officer Tele: 0114 2736677.

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP Presentation:

Dr Ted Turner (CCG Governing Body GP lead, with responsibility for public & patient involvement) spoke about how, since April 13, Sheffield's four PCTs are now one, and will be responsible for spending £700 million of our money! Consisting of ten GPs & three lay members, with a staff of 75 working out of an office in Darnall, they are not responsible for Primary Care (GP practice) issues, or some high tech services in hospitals, which will remain in NHS England's care. He said there was "huge potential" in the different skill, sets and backgrounds of the staff, intending to improve the patient experience, quality and equality, and to work with the Council to reduce health irregularities, and to be sustainable. It is finally recognized that health & well-being are one and that illnesses are not just of the body but often socially generated.

Amanda Forrest (a lay member) then spoke on how they need to engage with the public and find out what patients want from the service. They are "keen to get it right", and will be holding public events, website: www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk. The 'strands' they were looking at were long-term conditions, the elderly, cancer, mental health, acute care, children & maternity. Social care must be integrated with hospital care – so care plans are in place for when people leave hospital, and new ways of looking at e.g. musculoskeletal problems explored. An important phrase at the moment is to look at "the cause of causes".

They answered questions about drug wastage & the 'Move More' scheme. (...cont.)

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Open Meeting minutes...continued

ENERGY SAVING & INSULATION.

Andrew Wood, a planning & environment consultant, spoke about how we all need to make our older homes far more energy efficient – in many cases on our own. Various government schemes have fallen through or stopped, so people must look at this as vital home improvements to protect their investment. Even a 1960s house uses 3 times the energy of a house built now, and poor insulation will affect the house's market value. If a Victorian home had no insulation at all the full package would save 75% of the energy used. Andrew can offer a customized report for individual houses, show interested people work he has done, and is bringing together local tradespeople who can help.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Rob & Shaffaq spoke about the 51 bus and a public meeting to be arranged soon. The A57 road works – expected to be totally completed by 3rd March. Broomhill library closure decisions on hold until March. Clarendon Hospital parking (no further information), and how Amey hopes to get the rest of Crosspool road surfaces completed in 2014.

AOB.

1/ Nominations for the Crosspool Community Award for 2014 Tele or email Crosspool Forum.

2/ Forum's Festival proceeds: residents were asked for proposals for this year's chosen charity. Tele or email Crosspool Forum. See front page

3/ Sponsorship Haybrooks Estate Agents: has offered to print the Clarion – for the next year at least. They also want to sponsor two of our flower tubs in the shopping centre

4/ St Columba's Church is 60 this year –in celebration they have also offered to sponsor a tub.

5/ Shopping Precinct Canopy; the Council has inspected this & requested some repair work. The Forum anticipates that the tenants involved will work together on this.

6/ Spring Community skip; the Forum is looking to provide one in close proximity to the centre of Crosspool on a Sat morning, date and site will be announced on Crosspool News, Crosspool Clarion, and Spa Notice Board.

Bus concessions withdrawn

As part of a South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's planned money-saving initiative, Sheffield's city centre FreeBee bus service, and concessionary bus travel between 9am and 9.30am will be withdrawn from April 1 2014.

Next Open Meeting, Friday 25th April

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Car Boot Sale 10th May

Festival Week starts Fri 27th June

- Well Dressing and finishes with Summer Fayre Saturday 5th July.

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Ah, the old Peter Kay joke. But seriously, the Forum are looking volunteers to join the forty strong team of local Clarion deliverers.

In particular, we would like to hear from local people or families to help as follows:

- help out with the deliveries in the Cardoness Road area
- help out with the deliveries in the Stephen Hill area
- deliver a Clarion round in the Ryegate Road / Crescent area due to our previous deliver leaving Crosspool
- a couple of volunteers that we can call upon occasionally when our local deliverers are unavailable

The Clarion is published four times a year, and each delivery takes about an hour. It's a great way to meet local residents and is good exercise. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the forum—details on Page One.

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COMMUNITY SKIP!!!

Benty Lane

Sportsman (Ember Inn)
Saturday 5th April 2014

Arrives 8 am - Removed 12.30pm

THE SKIP IS FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE ONLY!

- NO Fridges
- NO Freezers
- NO Gas bottles
- NO Asbestos
- NO Oil
- NO Car Batteries
- NO Tyres
- NO TV's or Computers



THE SKIP WILL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES!

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New team member—The Forum would like to welcome Phil Kewley to the management team. Originally from Leeds, Phil moved to Crosspool with his partner (a Sheffield Lass) in the Spring of 2008. Phil loves nothing more than disappearing off onto the hills for a day or spending some R&R time fishing. So, after his rather nomadic lifestyle working in the Armed Forces and then various large companies in civilian life, where better to settle down than Crosspool?

New Email Address for Clarion and Website—For news stories for the Clarion and crosspool.info website, you can now email **crosspoolnews@gmail.com** (or use the contact form on the website). For general forum issues, please the usual contact methods (see Page One)

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