

CROSSPOOL CLARION

Merry Christmas



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Editor Ian Hague

BANK CARDS SKIMMING AT CROSSPOOL ATM

We've received several reports from concerned local residents who've had unauthorised withdrawals from their accounts after using the cash machine in Crosspool.

It seems that people, who used this ATM, on either the 26th or 25th October, have had someone in America attempting to withdraw funds from their account.



A person in a bar in America tried to withdraw \$245 from a gentleman's

account. On another occasion one lady had \$1500 take from her account. Some banks identified the unusual activity and stopped funds leaving **customers' accounts.**

If you have used the ATM outside Spar over the last week in October, then we recommend that you double-check the transactions on your account and contact your bank if you find anything unusual.

The machine, run by a company called "Bank Machines", has now been fitted with a green security device. If you have been a victim of this ATM, report it to the police by **calling 0114 220 2020. "Bank Machines",** can be contacted on 0800 028 6923.

20MPH CONSULTATION

In the New Year the South West Community Assembly will be working with Transport and Highways Officers in the council to inform residents in the South West of Sheffield about the scope for 20mph schemes. This first round of consultations will take place in late January and will be mostly informative but we would also like to gauge local people's feeling on the subject before more detailed options are drawn up. As yet they have not confirmed any venues but plan to hold a workshop in each of the four wards that make up the assembly area.

To find out more contact SWCA on 2037212, e-mail communityassemblysouthwest@sheffield.gov.uk



CROSSPOOL FORUM

Open Meeting THURSDAY 26th January 7.00pm
St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

Local councillors, the police & council official will be on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

Guest Speaker, Gregg Challis

(Planning & Highways) Benty Lane/Stephen Hill Junction



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Mary Gosney

Hello I am a relative of Mary and was asked to say a few words about my cousin.

Mary was better known as



'The egg lady' to many residents of Crosspool where she lived all of her life.

Mary loved

to walk around the Rivelin Valley and had a love of animals and her pet dogs. Her life changed 50yrs ago when Charles, her father died suddenly. Mary became devoted to Moor View Farm and the daily running of it together with her Mum, my Aunt Win.

As a teenager Mary was a frequent visitor to The Sheffield Playhouse and had a very good social life. She was secretary to the Director of the Blood Transfusion Service in Sheffield. She will be fondly remembered.

Regards

Peter Gosney



Letter Box

BEAVERING BEAVERS

Beaver scout leader, Glenda de Brouwer has a motto "The sun always shines on our Beavers" and sure enough on the morning of Saturday 22 October it did shine on the grassy bank area, adjacent to the pelican crossing, close to the Crosspool Tavern.

Here the 36th Sheffield (St. John's Ranmoor) Beaver Colony, based at the scout hut on Benty Lane, could be found beavering away, planting their allocation of a thousand crocuses and daffodils provided by Sheffield City Council.

The bulb planting had been organised by assistant Beaver Scout Leaders Tony Cheetham, (aka Badger) and ably accomplished with three leaders, three dads, two Beavers, two young leaders, two little brothers and one little sister. Undoubtedly their very much appreciated hard work in making this significant contribution to improving the attractiveness of Crosspool will have enriched their lives and that of the community.

Many thanks for a job well done.

Ian Hague (Crosspool Forum Chairman)



CARE IN CROSSPOOL CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Care in Crosspool celebrated their 25 years of helping the vulnerable and isolated in our community, on Tuesday 8 November 2011, with an anniversary social **afternoon in St Columba's Church Hall, Crosspool.**

If you have concerns about a vulnerable or isolated **person, please don't hesitate to get in touch** with Elizabeth 9.45-11.15am Monday-Friday at the Care in Crosspool office, located at the back of St Columba's Church **TELE: 0114 267 0045.**



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5.45 — 6.45 p.m.

Public Meeting
7:00 — 9:00pm
Light refreshments 5:15pm

We reserve the right to edit pieces
for both length and contents

Former Sportsman Chef Dies in Tram Accident

At around 3.10pm on Saturday 10th September a 37-year-old chef, who worked at The Sportsman Inn on Benty Lane, was fatally injured on Netherthorpe Road.

Simon from Upperthorpe, died after he was struck by a tram as he ran across Netherthorpe Road outside a petrol station near to the Morpeth Street junction. Police said the tram involved was travelling towards the Brook Hill roundabout when the accident happened. Our thoughts are with Simon's family.

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Crosspool Pub to be Seven Bed-roomed House

The derelict Crosspool pub located opposite the entrance to Valley Side Garden Centre, and commanding views over the Rivelin valley, has been granted conditional planning permission to convert the former Bell Hagg Inn into a seven bedroom house.

The new plans for The Bell Hagg Inn on Manchester Road, which has stood empty for a number of years, would see the two buildings, a tower and barn, linked with a glazed extension to form a single dwelling with car parking accommodation. A two-storey structure on the site would also be demolished. Loxley Valley Protection Society is critical of the plans, but Rivelin Conservation Group has welcomed the proposal

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The next term is scheduled to run for 10 weeks **from January 2012 in St Columba's Church Hall**

An initial assessment/introductory Class, on Friday 6th January, will be for you to come along and

decide on the class best suited to your needs. For further information please contact Ian. Tele: 0114 335 1674, Email: crosspoolforum@fsmail.co.uk

Spring Bulb Planting

Over the past seven or eight years, the Crosspool Forum has planted some thirty thousand spring bulbs in and around Crosspool.

Thank you to the dozen or so volunteers, of all ages and abilities, who kindly gave up an hour of their time on a bright sunny Saturday morning in October to plant 4,000 crocus and daffodil bulbs on the Dransfield Road/Watt Lane triangle, Stephen Hill and Manchester Road, The community of Crosspool can be assured of an even better show of colour next spring.



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But with just one phone call, you can help protect your friend, relative or loved one from fire.

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue is urging carers to sign up to its free home safety check service as it seeks to prevent hundreds of people being injured in accidental house fires every year.

Twenty three people have died in accidental house fires in South Yorkshire since 2007 and last year alone the fire service attended more than 600 accidental house fires across the county resulting in 130 injuries.

That's why the county's fire-fighters are asking carers to sign up to its free service, whereby fire-fighters or community safety staff will visit the home of the person you care for at a convenient time.

During the visit you will then be given advice on: How to make your home safer; What to do in the event of a fire; What to do if you are trapped by a fire.

Our staff will also fit free smoke alarms if your house is without one and explain how to maintain it correctly.

SYFR's head of community safety, Phil Shilito, said: "Accidental house fires can devastate homes and ruin lives. We know carers do a fantastic job in the community and we want to help them, by offering the peace of mind our free home safety checks deliver and by giving them some basic advice which might just help save someone's life.

Following a basic routine every time they visit someone's home could dramatically reduce the chances of that person having a fire in their home.

Top tips carers can use to help reduce the risk of fire in the home include: Look out for

possible fire risks, such as unsafe wiring, heaters or candles; Exits- make sure they are clear and door keys are in a safe, easy to find place; Turn off all electrical appliances after use, especially around the kitchen.

Smoke alarms- test them every week

To arrange your home safety check, or for general fire safety advice, call 0114 253 2314 or text the word FREE to 87023. A member of our community safety team will call you back to arrange the visit.

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Writing Workshop

Calling all Budding writers, especially those that came to the writing workshop during **this year's Crosspool Festival**. Local poet and writer Adrian Scott hopes to encourage and enrich writers to tap into their creative abilities and help them to explore different styles of writing, with his new series of Monthly workshops at the Montgomery Arts Centre on Surrey Street. These monthly Monday night 7pm-9pm sessions, commenced

on 26th September, are open to anyone, costing £7 per session or £20 for three. Call Margaret or Dawn on 0114 272 0455 for further details www.macsheffield.org.uk to get a booking form.

Environment Award

Rivelin Valley Conservation Group collected top prize at the Sheffield Telegraph Environment Awards.

The organisation is now twenty years old and continues to encourage the effective management of wildlife habitats and to reverse the decline of the nature trail.

Volunteers from a membership of 500 meet once a month for regular walks, talks from both enthusiasts and experts and also to improve the Rivelin valley environment.

To purchase their New DVD 'A nostalgic trip down The Old Rivelin Valley' at just £7, Contact Keith Kendall 0114 230 7144

Local Milkman Retires

Crosspool dairyman Ian Mosley has decided to retire after delivering milk in Crosspool for the past 45 years.

At the age of nineteen Ian started to deliver milk to the Crosspool area. He did this 7 days a week until 8 years ago when he had to take 3 months off work, after undergoing major heart surgery. Since then he has continued to make deliveries 6 days a week all year round including all bank holidays, except Christmas **Day and New Year's Day.**

Ian sends a thank you to all his customers for their loyalty over the years, especially those who he started delivering to back in 1966. He intends to spend his retirement working (full time) on the farm.

Hillside Harvest

Hillside Harvest is a food growing cooperative working together and sharing the produce on a block of seven allotment plots on Hagg Hill. Sixteen households are members, but would welcome additional members. They are looking for ideas for how to make their project more inclusive and easier for a wide range of people to benefit from. If you would like to visit

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them and share your ideas, they would love to hear from you. For more details visit their Website on : www.hillsideharvest.org.uk or email Nick Rousseau on : nick.rousseau@hillsideharvest.org.uk.

Allotment Thefts

Hagg Lane allotments theft: were you a victim?

On Monday night 17th October, a number of plots on Hagg Lane, including the members' trading hut, were broken into and a large amount of property taken.

South Yorkshire Police has advised allotment holders who have suffered individual theft/damage to report their story to the police (telephone 101) so they can link all the reports together.

No one else can report on a

plot holder's behalf and it is important that everyone affected contacts them and gains a crime reference number to help build the full picture of the incident.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you notice any scrap metal tradesmen operating in your area, make a note of the date, the road they were seen in, vehicle type/colour and registration number. Pass these details on to louise.atha@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

South Yorkshire Police's non-emergency number 0114 2202020 was changed to "101" from 4th November 2011 All forces in England and Wales will be using the 101 as their non-emergency number by early 2012. To get crime pre-

vention advice, talk to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and report non-emergency incidents.

Crosspool Student is one of Sheffield's Best

As Crosspool sixth formers celebrated their A Level results last month, one Tapton school student found out that he'd scooped seven A* grades.

George Lee achieved top grades in French, Spanish, general studies, maths, further maths, critical thinking and physics. He is now heading to Imperial College in London to study maths.

He was one of 31 students at Tapton who achieved straight A's and A* grades. However, the school's overall pass rate at the three top grades – A*, A and B – fell from 63% to 56%.

CROSSPOOL HOUSE STARS ON BBC TV

A Crosspool art-deco style family home near the top of Darwin Lane, was recently featured on a BBC TV documentary. First broadcast 11:00am Wednesday 28 September 2011, episode 18, Series 2 of "To Build or Not to Build", highlighted the determination of young architect David Cross to resolve the many problems associated with building such a distinctive house.

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That Mysterious Tunnel...

(Part 2)

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Obviously, since the thousands of stone from which it is constructed, along the full length are very old, and consequently crumbling, it was never intended to serve present-day properties. Indeed, none existed on that stretch pre-1921.

Between Manchester Road and Sandygate Road the land is steeply inclined and at one time consisted of variously-sized fields down which, after rain, water made its way to the meeting point of field and highway. So, to prevent flooding of the road the channel was constructed.

It is difficult now to comprehend that this section of the A57 actually began life (1818) as the Turnpike Road from Sheffield to the Marple Bridge Road in the Parish of Glossop. The Act is a fascinating, 40pp document (perhaps the editor will allow further peeps into it later) which states that "it be lawful for the said Trustees to allow persons

they shall employ for the purpose to make Drains and Tunnels in or upon land adjoining the road for draining the water from such road."

Clause LX111 also deals with the subject saying the Surveyor has authority "to make Ditches, Drains or Watercourses, through ground lying continuous to the said road..."

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Joe Castle



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Friends of Porter Valley win Award!

Paul Hudson, Look North's weatherman, presented the **coveted Sheffield Telegraph's Environmental Award** to the Friends of the Porter Valley on 17th October for their contribution to Sheffield Community in 2011. Their Vice Chair and Treasurer, David Young, received the **winner's trophy, to take home** on behalf of all those who continue to support and help the friends.

Resurfacing

To cause the least possible disruption for local businesses and traffic travelling through the area, the majority of resurfacing work on Manchester Road (between Selborne Road to Stephen Hill in Crosspool) was carried out, under two-way temporary traffic signals over three Sundays, 6th, 13th, and 20th of November.

"Slippery Road" warning signs have been installed to make road user aware of the new smooth surface.

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Open Meeting 27th October

Ian Hague welcomed everyone to the 8th AGM & introduced the Forum Committee Members who were present. None of these wished to stand down this year so there are no vacancies in the Management Committee, but Ian would still really like someone to be secretary, to take some of the workload off him. Last year's AGM Minutes and those of the previous Open Meeting 28th July were approved, and people asked to put dates in their diaries for next year's Open Meetings are where on the last Thursday of the month, three-monthly (e.g. Jan 26th 2012, April 26, July 26th and Oct 25th). He gave a big thank you to Steve Reynolds as his 'right hand man', and reminded everyone about the role of the Forum in seeking the opinions of the local community and seeking a general consensus for any action.

Chairman's report for the Year (Ian Hague)

Planning – Turner Investments; application for enlarging Motorworld was declined.

The 'Clarion' continues to be self-funding and popular, reaching over 2500 homes .

Crosspool News - Crosspool.info webpage remains very popular with many locals choosing to make it their home page .

Computer courses – St Columba's Friday mornings, goes from strength to strength. A new course is expected to start 7th January 2012 – names to Ian.

South West Community Assembly meeting at Wesley Hall, Crookes, December 15th. Council Cabinet Members will be available from 5.45-6.45 for questions.

Community skip — Selborne Road Thursday Oct 27th successful.

The usual car boot sales, Crosspool Festival & Summer Fayre, Christmas trees & floral displays – winning Silver again! - & daffs & crocus planting on the verges.

Christmas trees will go up 4th December – helpers please (keep an eye on web site).

The Forum continues to look after Hagg Copse.

Manchester Road, Stephen Hill/Benty Lane junction still on the agenda. Hope to have a report at the January Open Meeting.

Grant from Council for 20 patriotic Union flags & poles to decorate the precinct in time for the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic games.

Treasurer's Report.. (Chris Batchelor)

Our bank account remains healthy. This is mainly due to next year's flags and summer flowers grant, which has yet to be spent.

Crosspool Festival. (Chris)

This will start on 7th July with the Crosspool Open Gardens, and end with the Summer Fayre on Sat 14th & Open Air service on Sun 15th. The Festival Committee would like some more helpers, please contact Rev Frances Eccleston or Ian.

Police Report (Pc Louise Atha & Pc Dave Hall)

Hagg Lane allotments broken into, especially to the society's hut & container, from which several hundreds of pounds worth were taken & a lot of mess caused. Residents were urged to post the serial numbers of e.g. lawnmowers and similar equipment on the website www.immobilize.com so stolen items can be traced back to them. Operation Herbaceous is in place to try to stop this sort of theft.

Scrap metal & lead theft; Operation Anchor has been targeting & stopping suspicious vehicles in Dore & Totley (19), Bramall Lane & Ecclesall Rd (34) and prosecuting those with unroadworthy vans or no waste carrying licences.

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Car crime; there have been some break-ins to vehicles on Crookes/Crookesmoor. Residents were urged not to leave satnav cradles on display.

Operation Dark Nights took place between Halloween & Bonfire Night. Shops were checked to ensure that there was no under-age sale of alcohol or fireworks.

Councillors and police took questions on the use of verge bollards, bad parking on Manchester Rd and the proposed Manchester Road closure, Selborne Rd to Stephen Hill, for resurfacing.

Councillors' Question time (Cllr Sylvia Anginotti, Cllr Brian Holmes & Cllr Geoff Smith)..

Councillors answered questions such as a query on attic extension building and trespass by a neighbour, bus timetabling & the new Optio scheme (voluntary partnership agreement between Stagecoach & First on bus routes 120 & 52), and why the 51 never seems to come on time! Residents were asked to keep details of timetabling failures & send them on to Ian Hague, or direct by phone to Pam Horner (SYPT External Relationships Manager – 0114 2211452). There were concerns over poor bus lane signage (Ripley St), silly bus lane sections (Mushroom Lane head), and why the 120 stop in town is Flat St and not the Interchange. The Vernon Terrace bus shelter issue was raised again. Cllr Anginotti suggested an online petition direct to the Council. Residents asked whether the post box could be moved from outside Craft Angels to a less congested spot in the shopping precinct. When this had been requested previously, as they require a major undertaking to reposition, the Royal Mail chose not to move **ground sited boxes. There was also a request to have the word 'SLOW' painted at the bottom of Sandygate Rd hill, where drivers come round the bend to the zebra crossing.**

AOB

A special limited edition of Crosspool cards is available from Craft Angels- £2.50 per pack.

There will be a Christmas Disco at St Columba's on 4th Dec; tickets from the Crosspool Pet Shop. Father Christmas will be there!

The Sheffield to Castleton & Bakewell bus (operated by Derbyshire County Council) that runs along Manchester Road is to change to number 273/4/5.

Ian Hague is hoping to get funding for an over-60s trip.... music will be involved!

Green Garden Waste bags; remember the last collection will be the week starting 31st Oct. A report on all aspects of waste collection throughout the city is expected, so until this is published there will be no green waste collections.

The Rivelin Valley Conservation Group has been given a Lifetime Achievement Award (collected by Graham Appleby & Keith Kendall).

The next Open Meeting will be Thurs, 26th Jan 2012. 7pm, St Columba's.

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Crosspool Christmas Cards

A limited edition pack of five greetings cards featuring photos of Crosspool in the Spring has gone on sale in Craft Angels.

Some of the local scenes on view in the set, include daffodils on Manchester Road, the wonderful blossom on Watt Lane and Spring in the precinct.

Envelopes are included and the cards are blank inside so you can use them for general greetings cards, at Christmas, birthdays or other special occasions.

The cards are available now from "Craft Angels" on Sandygate Road. A pack costs just £2.50 and any money raised will go towards local community group Crosspool Forum.

Bus and Car Collide

Apparently on Friday morning, 19th November, a bus & car collided at the junction of Coldwell Lane and Carsick Hill on Sandygate Road. Someone at the scene said, "All the front of the car looked to be badly damaged and glass was all over the road, thankfully no one appeared to be injured". (Regrettably the mirror that used to help road users at this junction is long gone).

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