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## **2015 Crosspool Calendar proves to be very popular**

With the help of local people Crosspool Forum produced its first calendar for 2015. Dozens of entries were received after we asked local people to send in their local views of Crosspool taken on their phones, tablets and cameras.

A panel of judges picked the winning photograph, a winter wonderland scene of Sandygate Road taken by Hilda Hinchcliffe. Twelve more familiar scenes were then chosen for each month of the year. Local businesses also sponsored the production with their advertising. Printing was sourced locally and the sale of the calendars with the help of Enhance and the Crosspool Pet Shop.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with producing the calendar and to everyone who purchased a copy, with some sending them to friends and family overseas.

All stocks have now been sold; proceeds from the sale of the calendars will be used towards the precinct floral display later this year.

Thanks to this year's success we will be producing a calendar next year so please save your photos throughout the seasons as we will be asking for your help again later in the year.



## **Thanks for all your Christmas trees**

On 11th January, Andrew Fisher and his crew of volunteers worked tirelessly for an hour and half shredding Christmas trees to raise funds for the Crosspool Forum.

Over 120 trees were left by residents outside Direct Travel, with quite a number being over 8ft tall.

Money raised will help provide hanging baskets and floral displays in the Crosspool precinct.

On behalf of all who have and will benefit from their kindness, a big, big thank you to Andrew (Complete Tree Solutions) and to Paul at (Direct Travel) for the use of the car park.

## **CROSSPOOL FORUM**

Open Meeting Friday 24th April 2015 7.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

**Local councillors, the police & council representatives are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.**

**Guest Speakers, keep your eye on the "Spa notice board" and "Crosspool News - Crosspool .info"**

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Dear Editor,

I'm writing to see if any of your readers would be able to help Guide Dogs to raise vitally important funds by volunteering as a collection box co-ordinator. Our co-ordinators are right at the heart of our fundraising efforts, and help us to spread the word about the work we do.

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To find out more, or to apply, call the office on 08453 727 424. There's also plenty of information on the Guide Dogs website, at [guidedogs.org.uk](http://guidedogs.org.uk)

*Not particularly news, but I wondered if the website should mention the council's intention to reduce the amount of Sheffield litter by 30% by 2017. People can contact them at the Streets Ahead Stainless Sheffield campaign. They have a mascot called Phil the bin who could visit our schools and possibly attend the 2015 summer fair. They also want to help out with anti litter campaigns and litter picks. Could be useful for Crosspool.*

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

Dear Residents of Crosspool,

I'm sure that I'm not alone when I voice my complaints about the amount of dog poo that seems to be left by dog owners on the footpaths and grass verges.

I really have no comprehension as to why dog owners think it's okay to leave the poo on the ground for innocent footpath users to step in.

My children and I walk from Den Bank Drive to school everyday and I lose count of the amount of times I have to say 'watch the poo', 'don't step in the poo'. I know it's often as my children, 4 and 7 have now started saying the same thing as well!!!!

The other issue I have is of the people who pick up their dog poo in a bag, brilliant!!! But then they leave said bag hanging from a tree or thrown on the ground or even left on a wall, not brilliant!!

If you own a dog please be considerate of the other people who also use the footpaths and pick up your poo!!!! If it's because you can't bend down to pick the poo up, Amazon online have a range of long handled items that may help with your problem.

I apologise to the considerate people who do pick up their poo for this rant!!!!

Thank you from an unimpressed Crosspool resident!!

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## Walking the Rivelin book: new edition published

A revised and updated edition of a book featuring a trail guide for the Rivelin valley has been released.

Walking the Rivelin also includes maps, historical information about each watermill site and where to look for the wildlife. It's illustrated in colour with old photographs and maps.

The book costs £6.95 and proceeds will go towards Rivelin Valley Conservation Group and their work preserving the valley for everyone to enjoy.

It's available from:

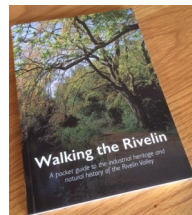
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## **"Prove yourself worth dying for, and your dog, if need be, will cheerfully make the sacrifice"**

WHEREAS, on December 12th, just past, weather wise we enjoyed, following icy conditions and a powdering of snow the previous day, long and very welcome spells of sunshine, despite the temperatures hovering in the region of zero, and blustery winds.... It was a totally different day on December 12th, 1953 when, nearing the end one of the mildest periods for twenty years, it was fine too, cloudless, and a good portent for 86 years-old sheep farmer (oft Trials winner and former shepherd in the employ of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk) Joseph Tagg, accompanied by his faithful sheepdog, 'Tip', to once again make one of his regular visits to inspect his flock of sheep which he pastured at Pike Low, some distance up the lovely Derwent Valley. Side by side, Joe and 'Tip', a highly respected partnership in the Competition 'field', left their home in the Ashopton area on a very familiar routine, starting with a walk up to and crossing the busy A57, followed by a stroll up the Valley to the grazing area. As regular as clockwork the pair passed, at about 1.20 p.m., the Abbey Cottage and minutes later vanishing out of sight.



As they ambled along one can imagine that, from time to time, the lovingly brushed and combed, eleven years old 'Tip' gently, affectionately as was her manner, rubbed against Joe's trousers and he always responded by giving her a friendly 'pat' or two and, while doing so, he accompanied that gesture by uttering words which she did not understand, but felt that they were intended to confirm the many years the 'Man and his dog' had bonded so very well, and how vital that was! You've guessed, that exchange brought much wagging of 'Tip's' tail. Presently, the flock was reached and so, meticulously, Joseph inspected his sheep, one by one, looking for any signs of disease, blood stains, a certain sign that the ewe had been attacked by another animal, maybe from a wound inflicted by an uncontrolled dog, a member of a pack of such wanderers. 'Tip', too, doubtless would have had her own 'inspection. Hopefully, satisfied all was well, Joe's next and very important task was to check the boundary wall and fences simply because there are criminal fraternities quite prepared to drive a vehicle in and, without any compunction, steal a few sheep. No damage, disease or any sheep gone a.w.a.l. Good visit.

All done, time to return home for Joe and 'Tip' and, here again, the pair could be timed making their way, walking down the valley or, if the 'local' reservoir trippers bus was running that day, have a ride to near their home.

That particular day, there simply was no sighting of either Joseph or of 'Tip' and that was so very strange and out of the ordinary, that more or less immediately the alarm was raised. Why, what was wrong, where were the pair? All knew that, despite his advancing years, the eighty-six year old shepherd was fit enough to carry out his frequent visits to check all was well, so something most decidedly was amiss.

Without any hesitation, soon a number of relatives, farmers and ramblers who were familiar with the terrain frequented by Joseph and 'Tip' had assembled and so began the first of many, many widening searches of the Valley. Some lasted from 'dawn' to 'dusk' and not a 'stone was left untouched, as the 'hunt' pressed on relentlessly. Alas, and heart-aching for the Family, as was to be expected, not a single of the volunteers searchers was able to bring any news that would give rise to hope of finding the pair on the moors beyond the Howden Reservoir. Rugged it is out there and bleak at the best of times, but now, with the onset of winter, things certainly did not augur well. A very serious and unpromising situation had to be faced and a decision made about further searching of the moorland areas. ...read on

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It was, therefore, with great reluctance that December 21st (weather permitting) would see the very last scouring. It was a combined and highly organised attempt to find Joseph and 'Tip' and involved, apart from members of the family, friends, hikers, experienced ramblers, all kinds of volunteers, the police and members of the Buxton Rescue Teams. In all nearly 200 people were out looking everywhere possible; not any 'stone was left unturned'. Despite all their efforts simply negative was the result.

Strangely the search came just in time because during the 1953 Christmas period, snow fell on several days and so that put an end to any further mass efforts for quite some time. January brought further snow falls, and coupled with sleet, they were widespread during the early days of the month. It was bitterly cold with severe frosts. Not searching sort of conditions and, of course, it had been left to the hardy ramblers who could endure such, to keep a wary eye out.

February followed a similar pattern and it was not until early in March any milder break came. It was nearing the end of the month that a Derwent Valley Water Board employee, Mr. Sam Bingham, who knew Joe very well, made the three months long awaited 'discovery', that was on the 27th of the month. Bearing in mind all the conditions of the past 105 days, the presence of variously-sized other quadrupeds and not forgetting the winged, 'ones', I personally think it prudent, in respect for the lovely much respected shepherd, to not go into details of exactly what Sam found that day, except to say Joseph Tag, now deceased and beside him, now naturally, a 'shadow of her former self' lay one who for so long had played a major part in his daily life—yes, 'Tip'. Goodness me, words just fail when the devotion to her master she had shown needs to be 'penned'. What does one say only how very, very true are the words with which this article is headed? For, be assured, the 'One' who had given Joe his rest would certainly not have let 'Tip' display her love, loyalty and so great an affection for Joe much longer and she too, would, blessedly, have closed those big, and caring eyes forever! Eyes which, if she could have spoken, would have told a totally absorbing story of her fight against hunger, keeping away unwanted visitors; the vain efforts she made, believing Joe just to be asleep, to awaken him, pressing her only just warm body against his to infuse a spark of heat; 'nosing', frequently his tightly clasped and icy hands; if only her friend would answer. Her eyes must have whetted many times as she so missed the high-pitched whistle call of commands Joe used to issue on trial days, his tender words of bonding. All was so still with her master, no movement, and absolute silence. How much she must have fretted no one will know. She just longed and longed for life to return to her 'pal', but 'twas never to be and soon it was to be her well and much deserved turn to be love and cared for by so many who could not fail to be moved by her action.

Following the discovery, Sam naturally made his way back to Derwent for help and, one assumes, the presence of a police Forensic team to thoroughly inspect the area of the find. Carefully and gently both Joe and 'Tip' were removed from their 'home' for the past three months. Exactly why the shepherd should have ventured a further four miles beyond his land will never be known; the true reason died with him, but many believe he had a premonition that this was to be the very last chance that he would have of visiting the site of the farm where he was born and brought up and which premises were demolished in 1909 - 1910 to make way for the completion of the far end of the Howden Reservoir. His 'roots' were in Rongsley farm, it being the furthestmost of several in the West End of the Derwent Valley.

Goodness only knows how many memories must have been aroused for Joseph as silently he gazed down at the long-since waters covered spot, a farm beloved by his family and many other families who had, over centuries both lived there, tried to work the land thereabouts and bred flocks of sheep.

Permit me, here, to relate a true little story which you, dear reader, may well find humorous, but not so for the folk involved many years ago. At the various seasons of the year - Harvest, Christmas..., the then farmers, their wives and ever-rising numbers of children at Marebottom, Birchlee Ridge, Rongsley, West End and Bank Top made time of appropriate celebrations. The women shared the task of preparing and setting out the Yorkshire Range produce - bread, cakes & home reared meats of course.. But er..., as for liquid refreshment this came out of a barrel and this dispensing was the task of the menfolk. The strong ale was brought to the little community on a horse-drawn farm cart and the route was by way of a rough track by the side of the fast flowing River Derwent. Tragedy almost struck at one event when the cart overturned, and blow me, the barrel dropped into the water. Hearts sank, but the barrel wasn't allowed to! The action was indeed, rapid. Be assured Strong ale was served with the meal, but return to our story, and dear old 'Tip's' vigil. **...read on**




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In commemoration, a public subscription fund was opened and, resulting from the amount of interest and money received, it was decided to have carved on grey granite a reminder of the dog's endurance and to place the 'stone' on the footpath leading to the Howden Reservoir, running parallel to the road, and very near the Derwent Reservoir Embankment Wall. 'Tip', by the way, entered her own and much deserved rest on, or about February 20th, 1955. The inscription on the Memorial reads:

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEVOTION OF TIP, THE SHEEPDOG WHICH STAYED BY THE BODY OF HER DEAD MASTER, MR JOSEPH TAGG ON THE HOWDEN MOORS FOR FIFTEEN WEEKS FROM 12TH DECEMBER, 1953 TO 27TH MARCH, 1954- ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION

So, this year of 2015 marks the 60th Anniversary of the demise of a good and faithful friend, and few sheepdogs, I imagine, will have matched her record of devotion. I am indebted to Mark Beswick, of the Meteorological Office (Archives), Exeter for much help as regards weather conditions during the period, and my thanks go also to my daughter, Mrs. Isobel Pentreath for photographic illustrations

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## **Photography Competition**

Photography competition for the young people in Crosspool, 18 and under. Watch out for details coming very soon to Crosspool Forum website, notice boards and a school near you.



For further information please contact Lindsey Beagles on: [lindseybeagles@gmail.com](mailto:lindseybeagles@gmail.com) or call 0114 2301041.



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### **Wednesday**

#### **CROSSPOOL**

#### **NEW GROUP TIME FROM CHRISTMAS WEEK**

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### **Thursday**

#### **BROOMHILL**

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**Open Meeting 12th February 2015**

*Postponed from 29th January*

Present: 43 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Ann Murphy & Rob Frost, guest speakers and members of the Forum Management Committee.

Apologies were received from Cllr Geoff Smith & Forum webmaster Robin Byles.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

**Ian Hague** welcomed everyone – Thursday 29th had seen a heavy blizzard so had made holding a meeting impossible!

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**Angela Southward** - the Forum bank balance is "pretty healthy" with Festival Street Market stallholders money coming in, despite insurance and calendar printing costs going out. We have broken even on the calendar – two left to sell.

**POLICE REPORT.**

**PCSO Gary Hizam** said there have been 12 cases of "interference with motor vehicles", 7 actual break-in burglaries to houses and 12 shed/garage break-ins – in the last 6 months around Crosspool. The stolen items from one house-break were recovered in a dumped vehicle after a resident's noting the car registration number – this is well worth doing!

Our PC Louise Atha will be no longer on duty round the neighbourhood, but may still attend Open meetings. The old Lydgate Lane police box has re-opened –see new flagpole with union flag!

Queries on dog walking through Crookes Cemetery (bylaws say this is illegal) and grass verge parking were brought up. Gary will look into the dog walking and the Ryegate Centre is being proactive about its staff parking on Tapton Cresc. Rd verges – please report any to them.

There is a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at Stephen Hill on 22nd April, (7-9pm) – guest speakers.

**AMEY (Streets Ahead) UPDATE**

**Claire Tideswell** said the winter weather had been challenging but they hope to get the lights, tree, and pavements done by March; then Sandygate Rd will start in late February. In Broomhill work has just started on making an extra lane for vehicles turning up Crookes. She took notes on worries about resurfaced roads having the wrong camber (Moorview Close), the collapse of the plastic barriers round the light standard holes in recent high winds, potholes in un-repaired roads (still report these to Amey), the Cairns Rd light problems (Npower & a circuit fault), reported but not cleared out gullies (Sandygate Rd/Moorbank) and grit bins. Blackbrook Rd is a different scope of works & will be totally redone – lights, pavements and highway. The Council is holding a Winter Review so issues with e.g. grit bins should be sent in to Ann Murphy. **...contd.**



**FIRST BUS COMPANY UPDATE**

**Andy Metcalfe & Paul Moorhouse** (new 51 route manager) hoped we had noticed an improvement in the service recently – despite the snow. On “punctuality and reliability” they have “reached 90% in the last 10 days”. Lessons learnt from October will be taken into consideration in any changes in late April '15. There were still complaints from the floor, but also some compliments – the service did surprisingly well during the snow. The “real time system” (electronic displays) still appears to have some problems, and Andy will look at a website called “Travel disruptions” to ensure up-to-date information is posted. Both intend to visit Lodge Moor and Vernon Terrace to see how the buses run.

**EVENTS:**

**1/ Festival Week; Well Dressing Fri 26th June theme 'Joy' ; Fayre Sat 4th July;** a street market, Open Gardens – more wanted please (tel Lindsey on 2301041 to take part), Folk Evening, Under 18s photography competition, etc – watch this space! Festival Meeting Sun 15th Feb, St Columbas 4pm – do come along. (See back page for further details)

**2/ Car Boot Sales** – Sats 6th June and 5th September (Note the Crosspool Tavern will be closed for a week for re-decorating mid-April)

**3/ Nominations** please – for A) a local charity considered worthy of receiving funding from our Festival Week, and B) someone considered to have made a significant difference with in our community to receive our Community Award.(- all to Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds) crosspool-forum@fsmail.net

**Local Business**

**Tom Cocker** (Cocker & Carr Estate Agents) introduced himself and hoped residents would pop in to meet him and colleague Georgina.

**Councillors' Q&As**

The Jet petrol station is re-submitting its application (with revisions) in three weeks' time. (There is no public convenience as part of their plans)

**AOB**

**1/ National Libraries Day;** BCL (Broomhill Community Library) marked this on Sat 7th January with an official opening by the Mayor, attendance by a local councillor and 'Victorian Visitors' in costume; there were displays from 1850s-1950s, Victorian bakes , talks and activities – all reported in the 'Telegraph' issue 12th February.

**2/ Crosspool Calendar 2016** – keep snapping please! Photos of non-winter scenes in particular will be needed.

**3/ Hagg Lane Allotments Society** – Debbie Kerry wrote to thank the Forum for its donation to replace their vandalized allotment hut.

**4/ Section 106** Planning Grant money; due to the re-development of Moor View Farm some £13,000.00 will become available for local community projects. Grant application forms for bids will be available via the website shortly.

**5/ Chester Zoo** family day out; (22nd May) – about 5 places still available.

**6/ Westminster (Parliament)** visit (20th March) – 20 places available – contact Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds ASAP about these

**7/ Maundy Thursday** (2nd April) HM The Queen will be at Sheffield Cathedral presenting her Maundy purses.

**The Next Open Meeting will be on Friday April 24th 2015.**

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Despite a number of setbacks over the last few months, the team of volunteers is still doing everything that we can to continue to provide a resource for the community.

Seed-sowing season is upon us, and we are currently preparing for our annual sale of vegetable, fruit and flower seedlings and plants – this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and then again on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Tomatoes, courgettes and cucumbers are always our best selling items, but we try to inspire the adventurous with delicacies such as asparagus, peas and giant pumpkins! At the moment we are selling seed potatoes, in small and large quantities. Now is the time to get those new potatoes started in growing bags, or even just sacks of compost. You can't beat the taste of your own freshly-harvested baby spuds.

If you've ever toyed with the idea of growing your own, or do already, we would be delighted to see you. We can be found just down Stephen Hill, on Back Lane, opposite the entrance to Clough Fields. There used to be a little hut. It isn't there anymore, but we battle on! Open Saturday (10.00 -12.30) and Sunday (9.30-12.30), we welcome any visitors. There are currently a few allotment vacancies on site and we would be pleased to talk to anyone interested about how they might get started growing their own at home – or on an allotment!

Couch potato or new potato? Go on! **Give it a go!**

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### Christmas Party 2014

#### Santa Unexpectedly Drops In At This Years Children's Party

This year we held our fourth Children's Xmas Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The tickets were sold out within days of going on sale and we apologise to any families that were unable to obtain tickets, but we had to limit numbers due to safety.

As the doors opened children, parents and grandparents all turned up in mass for an afternoon of fun. Fablo provided the music and festive party games throughout the afternoon although at times the games were a little hectic, but all in all everyone enjoyed themselves and everyone seemed to receive a prize.

Thank you to our local Spar for their generous support and their generous donation towards the refreshments. The team of Kitchen Staff kept the coffee flowing, and the Festive Elves helped out with the activities all contributing to the afternoon running smoothly.

Towards the end of the afternoon Father Christmas dropped in and made a special appearance amid his busy Xmas schedule meeting all the excited party goers before continuing with his Christmas preparations. Thank you for calling Santa and we hope to see you again same time next year. A great afternoon was had by all and everyone left on a very Christmas spirit.

Many thanks - Crosspool Forum Xmas party organisers.

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## **Crosspool Festival 2015**

This year's festival will run from Friday 26th June to Sunday 5th July. We hope to repeat many of the well-loved elements of festivals from previous years, plus a few new things! We will begin as usual with the blessing of the well dressing Article for Crosspool on Friday evening, and Open Gardens on Saturday 27th.

Plans for the street market on Sunday 28th are well in hand. We are delighted to welcome the Sheffield Folk Chorale for a concert on Thursday 2nd. Illustrated talks/book signing events have always proved popular and we have plans for a talk on a climbing/mountaineering theme as well as something on the Sheffield Blitz. New for this year will be a family film show with crafts, and a photography competition for 11 - 18s. Rumours are afoot of a possible Abba evening, and other ideas are still being tossed around..... and of course the Fayre on the Coldwell Lane field will be the usual fixture on Saturday 4th.

We're grateful to the uniformed groups, local pubs and businesses and everyone else who have indicated their support - what makes the Crosspool Festival special is its genuinely local feel. If you would like to help create the well dressing, please contact Pat Lintott on 268 1161. If you would like a stall at the street market contact Christ Bachelor on 266 7842. For other enquiries or offers of help contact me, Revd Frances Eccleston on 267 0006. And now a special call to the green fingered of Crosspool.....-

### **Open Gardens**

It's that time of year again when gardeners look out of the window and start wondering what has survived the winter, what needs doing and how the garden will look once the sun appears and spring has definitely sprung.

Open Gardens is on the look out again for people in Crosspool who would like to be community spirited and open their garden to raise some money for their chosen charity.

**Anyone can have a go!** This event is to encourage people to get outside, walk round the neighbourhood, meet new people and enjoy their gardens. No previous experience required, no perfect gardens needed, just a warm welcome, a patch of interest in the garden be it plants, vegetables, chickens, bees or an activity you'd like to share with others. Oh and maybe a cuppa with a nice piece of cake!

So if you would like to find out more please contact Lindsey Beagles on [lindseybeagles@gmail.com](mailto:lindseybeagles@gmail.com) or call 0114 2301041. Closing date for entries is 1st April.



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