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## Crosspool Forum Community Award

The community nominated and elected Mrs Glenda de Brouwer 2016 "Crosspool person of the year". This coveted Crosspool Community award was presented to Glenda, by the Chairman of the Crosspool Forum, Ian Hague, during the Lydgate Junior School's Friday morning assembly, in public recognition of the valued and much appreciated contribution she has made to our community.



Glenda's dedicated leadership of the beavers, every week in the Benty Lane scout hut for the past 12 years, and her positive influence as a teacher at Lydgate Junior School, has benefited many children and parents, and made her very well-known and respected in the community.

The time and leadership Glenda has given to our community, through scouting, teaching and lots of other things too numerous to mention, has led to countless young people having experiences that have enriched their young lives.

Our Crosspool would not be such a great place to live without people like Glenda, who just gets on with serving the community week in, week out.

Whilst at the school, Ian Hague and vice chair of the Crosspool Forum Steve Reynolds, took the opportunity to present a £300 cheque towards the school funds. This being a proportion of the funds raised from this year's Crosspool Forum's festival.



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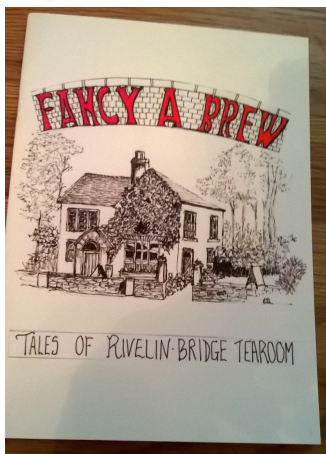
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## Letter Box

*I have written anecdotal tales of Rivelin Bridge tearoom when I was proprietor there As a lot of customers came from Crosspool, I thought your newsletter could let them know. Its called Fancy a brew and is for sale at Lodge moor and Bradfield post offices and Urban Pantry and Carrack's on Crookes Thankyou*



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The main purpose of the building is to provide a meeting place and activity area for the 36th Sheffield Beaver, Cub & Scout groups that use the building as their base, meeting weekly during term time. There is also an upstairs meeting room that is used by the Group leaders and other volunteers, helpers and parents to coordinate the planning and administration of the scouting activities. Stores, a kitchen and toilets make up the remainder of the space. A planning application to the Sheffield City Council for an extension to the Scout Building on Benty Lane, has been approved. The extension will provide an accessible entrance. Associated works will improve the toilet and storage facilities.

The HQ was gifted to the group in the 1960s by a former Group Scout Leader. It can only be used for Scouting and associated activities and cannot be developed for residential use.

Also, if at all possible, we would like to ask anyone who was a past member of 36th Sheffield St Johns Ranmoor and who has memories, and especially pictures they would be prepared to share, to get in touch so we can create a display in our new foyer when it's complete.

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## Charity Presentations

At the Crosspool Forum Open Meeting/AGM on 27th October, we presented Sheffield charity Goldiggers Trust with money raised from Crosspool Festival to help their work with young people. Lydgate Junior School was also given a contribution to go towards the installation of a ramp to improve accessibility for the children. Thanks to everyone who made this year's festival a success and helped us support these causes!

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Contrary to expectations, during this Christmas season, a little part of my mind is already looking at Festival plans for 2017. Even though the pleasure of dreaming, planning and getting on with the events for festival week doesn't start until January, it doesn't stop me thinking about how to build on the fun we had together last year. There are such interesting and talented people in the community of Crosspool, that I hope we will see new faces joining in with shaping the future of the Festival. There is always room for new ideas and people to run with them. You don't have to attend lots of meetings to run an event. All we ask is that you have a small team to help you, you speak to us first so we can fit you into the programme, and that your event is broadly aligned with the ethos of the Festival. After all the sole purpose of the week is to bring the whole community together so we can experience a much needed slow down in life, take time to natter with old and new friends and attend some great activities. Raising funds for charity is like the icing on the cake, a lovely extra which allows us to give to others in need.

### Festival 2017

#### Helping hands needed for the following teams next year:

**Well dressing team-** must be available to help the week leading up to the Festival as well as occasional planning times earlier in the year. No experience needed as training will be given.

**Photography team-** needs someone to help the existing team members by doing some local advertising and writing some emails, as well as judging the photos with the rest of the team.

**Publicity-** could do with someone to help with setting out the Festival brochure for the printers.

**Open Gardens-** raise some funds for a charity of your choice by opening your garden for Festival week; this can be an activity in your garden as well as sharing your patch with the neighbourhood; if you are thinking you would like to do this, do get in touch.

Looking forward to hearing from the rest of Crosspool in the coming months!

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas,

Lindsey (Chair of Festival Team)

So dates for the diary-  
**Ideas week at nest and online- Jan 11th-18th**  
An opportunity to suggest your ideas for Festival 2017 or offer to help out.  
**Joining the Festival team-** let Lindsey know by January 11th or call 0114 2301041 if you want to know more.

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## **With The Help Of Hot Water Bottles, Matches And Candles... Loxley Band Played On.**

Christmas is a-coming, and as the Christian festival gets nearer, so heightened my desire to try and find, and share with readers, the true story of a strange but essential happening across the Loxley Valley.

There it was staring me in the face, and featured in the current issue of our newsy quarterly magazine, it being the appeal for instrumentalists to join the Junior Band.

What struck me most of all, was that delightful sketch of the young man in the 'blue and white' striped Jersey (Autumn Issue), getting short of breath as he tried in vain to force the metal valves of his cornet to produce sound. Reddened cheeks and the frustration written all over his face.. That picture tells it all.

It also made me recall that, hidden away somewhere among my many Local history note books, there was an account of the difficulties experienced by the band members, many years ago; particularly those who played the larger instruments when it was very cold weather. Hard work it was under normal conditions, but when the icy frosts came with severity, and the snows decided to whiten everything over at Christmas tide, it made playing challenging. During the early New Year there was trouble ahead, because numerous bandsmen told me that, no matter how much a man 'blew', nothing happened. Do you know the reason why?

Long-Standing band members told me that the freezing weather had certain effects upon the instruments. It really was so bitterly cold that the valves on the large instruments (carried by the younger members of the band) frosted up, so we carried a candle in our pockets which was quickly produced and lit and held under the valves before any playing could commence. The result of all of this was that by the time the bandsman returned home, late in the evening, our worn coats were well and truly covered in candle fat. Anticipating these conditions and the ritual which had to be followed, the players of the larger instruments managed to 'borrow' a domestic hot water bottle, which they suitably knotted-up to be placed under the valves. Success! During the Christmas period, the band toured various local areas, playing at most of the pubs, at individual houses by invitation, at the 'big' houses (homes of local industrialists where the reception was, refreshment-wise, of plenty of Christmas fayre) and, I gather the seasonal 'tours' extended over some three days.

Veteran bandsman, Herbert Marshall, told me that at the end of the three days, the amount collected, or, gifted, was totalled up and so began the 'share-out. Considering a weekly wage in those days was just 17/6d, the addition of a further £2 was very, very welcome indeed, despite the winter's condition to get it. With large families and money earmarked for very simple presents, to recoup something was a great relief. Membership of the band of six months or less meant just a half share.

I have stacks and stacks of notes about the band and these were collected over many years with the object of producing a mini history, but that challenge awaits me.

*October, 2016. Joe Castle*

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A letter from Royal Mail was inside the parcel, explaining that despite putting slug pellets inside their boxes, snails had climbed inside the letterbox and munched away at his package. Joe said: "in fact I find it all a little bit comical. Although a bit nibbled around the edges the documents weren't too badly damaged." I think you'll agree that it gives a whole new meaning to snail mail. The letter from Royal Mail explained: "I am sorry that the enclosed letter has been damaged and subsequently delayed. The item was found during a scheduled collection from a post box and had been damaged by snails. Unfortunately, despite regular cleaning and placing slug pellets in the boxes, we find that slugs and snails still occasionally manage to creep into the apertures, fall down into the box and start eating the glue on the stamps and envelopes." The statement went on to apologise for the 'unusual tampering' to Joe's letter, as well as for the delay.



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This time we feature **Crosspool Pet Supplies**, and we questioned the owner, Robert Kay.  
**How long have you been in Crosspool?**

I have owned the shop for over 10 years, although I used to work here for the previous owner.

**How is business going?**

Business is steady, we never know from one week to another which will be our busiest day, sometimes it's Saturday, sometimes it's weekdays. I'm pleased we are still here and competing with the large pet superstores.

**Any plans for the future?**

I am going on a training course to enable me to sell prescription diet pet foods and other pet medical items such as flea and worming products which are currently only available from qualified providers such as veterinary practices.

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**What makes Crosspool special?**

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**Thanks Robert**

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The group was formed in 1991 following a public meeting about the concerns and condition of local overgrown woodlands. From these humble beginnings 25 years ago we have now grown into one of the largest Conservation groups in Sheffield with over 500 members whose aims are to promote the protection and maintenance of Rivelin's natural and Industrial heritage along the three miles of the Nature Trail.

The group boasts its own working Task Team made up of 38 local volunteers who work in the valley on a regular basis alongside the council Ranger service to promote these aims.

The valley, with its 20 old watermill sites and 21 mill ponds dating from as early as 1580 (Hind Wheel), formed part of the Industrial Revolution in Sheffield. The importance of these mills cannot be over emphasised, as many were the forerunners of the great metal working industries for which Sheffield became famous.

We have been involved with several projects over the years ranging from Woodland management schemes, public footpath repair and re-building, pond and river monitoring schemes, and the Ponds conservation Trust chose the Rivelin to head its campaign with David Bellamy in attendance.

The group organises monthly programme of open meetings with specialist speakers in attendance and arranges specialty walks e.g. Flora & Fauna, Bat walks, early morning dawn chorus walks.

Five editions of the Guide Book "**Walking the Rivelin**" has brought the industrial history of the Valley and its environmental value to many thousands of Sheffield people. These editions have been researched and prepared by Keith Kendall and Sue Shaw who are members of the Group's Executive Committee. Since 1998 over 4000 of the Guide Books have been sold. A CD was also produced showing the valley as it was in the eyes of Photographer's back in the days when many postcards were produced showing the valley and its mills in all their glory.

The RVCG has won many awards over the years including: The Duke of York's Community Initiative Scheme; The Sheffield Telegraph Community award for the Environment; The Sheffield Telegraph Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2007 our retired Chairman received an M.B.E. for his services to Conservation



Committee members have attended the Queens garden party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of the conservation work done over the years.

The Rivelin Valley Conservation Group web site is [www.rivelinvalley.org.uk](http://www.rivelinvalley.org.uk). Membership is £3 per year per household and each receives a quarterly newsletter.

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## Open Meeting and AGM 27th October 2016

35 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Anne Murphy, Adam Hanrahan, Craig Gamble Pugh, PCSO Pam Thompson, 11 members of the Forum and guest speakers attended.

Steve Reynolds welcomed everyone to the meeting & gave Ian Hague's apologies, reading out his 13<sup>th</sup> Chairman's AGM report, covering equal opportunities, family friendly policy and being a community voice both now and for the future.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Angela Southward** said the Forum was doing OK- ending the year with a reasonable amount in the bank. A complete set of the finances was available to anyone who wished to see them. Most of the year's income came from the Clarion ads, summer fayre (despite the rain!), car boot sales and calendar sales.

### COMMITTEE

Sandra Cox has tendered her resignation from the committee. In her absence Sandra was thanked for her sterling work as the horticultural rep, responsible for the planters, Hagg Copse and orchard and keeping Crosspool in bloom for many years. Sandra's departure now leaves a vacancy on the management committee.

### PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

The voting results were returned from the Pet Shop. Glenda de Brouwer was invited to be present at the Open Meeting to collect her award; however a pre-standing arrangement prevented Glenda from attending this evening. The presentation was therefore awarded by Ian Hague on the 21<sup>st</sup> October at Lydgate Junior School's singing assembly. Glenda Emailed a note to the Forum to say she felt honoured to receive the award. Steve said the presentation had been a lovely occasion and thanked the school for a wonderful presentation morning.

### CROSSPOOL FESTIVAL PRESENTATIONS

**Lindsey Beagles** – Festival week Chair reported on the June activities which raised, despite the rain, over £600. There were a couple of new venues and activities, and it is a lovely community time, which always needs new ideas and helpers. She introduced Hannah Butler of the Goldiggers Trust. Hannah spoke of the incredibly important work the trust is doing to support vulnerable children in Sheffield for which it has won many national awards. Search online – [goldiggertrust.co.uk](http://goldiggertrust.co.uk). Hannah was then presented with a cheque for £300 by Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Anne Murphy.

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**Open Meeting & AGM Minutes contd.** The Chair then explained that the 2<sup>nd</sup> festival cheque had been presented to Lydgate Junior School as part of the singing assembly the previous Friday. A few staff members were present this evening and Nicky gave thanks and a brief report on how the new access ramp had been recently completed by the caretaker during school closure.

**PCSOs REPORT—Pam Thompson** Crosspool PCSO spoke of the new Inspector's daily social media updates, which inform everyone exactly what is going on in the area. Some insecure properties in Crookes have been targeted by burglars. New Audis have been stolen by fishing the keys through letter boxes. BMW and Landrover headlights, bumpers and grilles taken. She answered questions from the floor, and will contact the Ford wedding coach owner, now back, parked either opposite Tesco or on Cairns Rd causing an obstruction. Traffic Division have been asked several times to remove the year-old "Witnessed an Accident" here? sign opposite the Clarendon. The graffiti 'artist' who had defaced Tesco and Lydgate Green in September has been dealt with. Steve said the Forum had written to South Yorks Police about how the removal of SNA (safer neighbourhood area) teams had seen an increase in anti social behaviour and there appears to be general agreement with this, so we might see them reformed.

**AMEY STREETS AHEAD REPORT—Claire Tideswell** said a lot of the major work round Crosspool has been completed - kerb work started and lights finished on the Manchester Road. The paving work is starting out near Moscar and moving inwards toward the city - so should reach the houses on the edge of Crosspool early December; the highway will not be resurfaced until June '17. There are a few trees still to be planted, and some flooding issues on finished roads to be rectified. Instructions are awaited about Rustlings Rd pavement and tree work. Claire answered questions about pavements which collect puddles "please send in photos" and will get Vernon Delph junction "failed carriageway" inspected. The deep gouges at the junction of Hagg Hill and Rivelin Valley Rd will be looked at, and maintenance teams have processes in place with regard to fallen leaf collection. She recognized that the ginnel from Burnstones Cl to Burnstones Dr "has been highlighted" before. There will be a local Roadshow in November, look out for details.

**CROOKES CEMETERY—Sue Nadin** (Sheffield City Council Bereavement Services) spoke about the poor condition and health hazard that the Chapel had become, so regrettably had to be closed in 2012. However a new bench is on order, Commonwealth War Graves sign re-erected, and a new general notice will be displayed once costed. She has a "massive task" with just 8 employees on her team to cover her area, so if anyone wished to start a "Friends of..." scheme to apply for funding for the cemetery she would support this. The chapel is Grade II listed & would need £250-£300k to be spent before it could re-open.

**FIRST BUS REPORT—Andy Metcalfe** sent his apologies and a report to be read out. No changes to the 51 are in the pipeline. The University roundabout, Charter Row and Moor development changes might mean knock-on delays.

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## Crosspool Clarion

**Open Meeting & AGM Minutes contd.** Christmas is always "a challenging time" with traffic delays. Good relationships have been established with the local schools to help with the bad behaviour at school turn-out times noted over the last few months.

### COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

1/ Selborne Road accident July; George Linders-Hammond from Sheffield CC Highways

said they now had a very limited budget (£2m p.a. – once £5m) and speed bumps are very expensive to install. This street did not score highly from past data of accidents, but the Council is committed to making such streets 20mph zones in the next 4-5 years. Cllr Murphy wanted to ensure this is prioritized, as Crosspool has a very high number of children using the streets.

2/ Weston Park Hospital; George was asked whether the tiny isolated stretch of cycle path by the car park entrance could be removed to ease queuing – on at least one occasion this stretched back to the roundabout - as half those caught in the tailback did not know it was a hospital queue!

3/ Precinct CCTV; Cllr Murphy has a meeting planned for the 28th Oct with Andrew Williams and hopes to get one installed for Crosspool..

4/ The Plough Pub? Cllr Gamble is working with the campaign group on this – there is a Council planning meeting on 22nd Nov.

5/ Rivelin Flood Prevention Scheme: The government is giving Sheffield CC a great deal of money towards the project, the first consultation ends on 31st Oct. There have been a lot of response to the online questionnaire, and Cllr Hanrahan said people have "legitimate concerns" which need to be "solved at the early stage of the planning process".

6/ Darwin Lane water leak? Cllr Murphy said this was a broken clean water pipe, and was the householders' responsibility. However, "as it will cause Darwin Lane to be a skating rink if it freezes" Environmental Health will also be involved if this is not sorted out within a certain time.

7/ A replacement for the car-damaged planter outside the Crosspool Tavern was requested, and litter bins for the public area outside Hallam Football ground.

### EVENTS

1/ 2017 Calendar; £4.00 each, Available from the Pet Shop, GT News, Charisma, Nest or Enhancement. Past editions have been sent to family members around the world!

2/ Children's Christmas Party 4th Dec; Tickets available from the Pet Shop.

3/ Christmas trees; these will go up as usual – once some issues with last year's new lights have been resolved.

4/ Courses; Tablet, Tai Chi and Art are still proving very popular. The Ward Pot having granted the Forum some money it is hope to get Chairiobics back up and running in the New Year.

### AOB

1/ Neighbourhood Watch; now Pat Wilkins is retiring there will be no-one locally to run this. Volunteers required. Pat was thanked for her contribution to our neighbourhood safety.

2/ Crosspool Hardware shop closed at the end of October. No info on the Aligarh restaurant site.

3/ Care in Crosspool has just celebrated 30 years of work in the community.

4/ Heeley Development Trust is putting in another bid for funding in Jan. (Wellbeing Consortium)

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