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Pavement Resurfacing - A57 Manchester Road

Amey are due to start pavement resurfacing work on Manchester Road this month (**February**). The work will be completed in three separate phases and will take approximately **6 weeks** to complete. The phases are scheduled as follows:

- A. Derbyshire County border to junction Lodge Lane
- B. Junction Den Bank Avenue to junction Sandygate Road
- C. Junction Sandygate Road to junction Fulwood Road

Work will take place from 7am to 7pm and temporary lights will be in operation. The road will remain open during working hours.

Residents are asked to please help by cutting back any over-hanging vegetation/bushes/trees prior to work commencing. If you require any assistance in doing this please contact Amey on 0114 273 4567.

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There will be no on-street parking and vehicle access to properties may be restricted at times during working hours. Please let the Amey on-site supervisor know if you need vehicle access to your property for urgent reasons. Pedestrian access and access for emergency vehicles will be available at all times.

Vehicles left on-street during restrictions may be towed away and you will need to pay a fee to have your vehicle released.

Please note that the work schedule is heavily dependent on the weather and can be affected by unforeseen circumstance so please look out for the temporary road signs that will be displayed five days before work starts, confirming the dates of work and parking restrictions.

For the latest updates please visit:- www.sheffield.gov.uk/manchesterroadworks or Twitter @sccstreetsahead #SAA21

Plough: Latest News

The convenience store planning application from Sainsbury's was refused permission at the Sheffield City Council planning committee meeting in January.

Council planning officers had previously recommended that The Plough should be retained as a public house and community asset.

Social media reports indicate that True North Brewery might be interested in purchasing The Plough, should it be put on the market.



CROSSPOOL FORUM OPEN MEETING

Thursday 27th April 2017 7.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool
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The new service is run by national youth homelessness charity Depaul UK in partnership with Sheffield City Council. The charity also provides the hugely successful Nightstop South Yorkshire service in Sheffield, through which local volunteers provide emergency accommodation for young people in their own homes.

The Depaul Group was formed in 1989 by Cardinal Basil Hume in response to the growing number of homeless people on the streets of London. He brought together as founders the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and The Passage day centre – all organisations rooted in the life and work of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Though Supported Lodgings is a new service for Sheffield, it runs successfully in many other locations around the UK, including nearby in York.

Nightstop Manager Amy Smith said: "The young people using Supported Lodgings don't just need a roof over their heads, they also need a stable and secure home environment in which they are supported to mature and develop.

"It's a chance for members of the local community to make a tangible difference in the life of a young person facing homelessness."

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Christmas Magic

This year's Christmas Party is summed up by two letters sent into the Forum by two young people that attended the event.

I really liked the Crosspool party on December the 4th. Sparky Marky was really funny and I danced with my friends. The party food was fab. I loved my present from Father Christmas. Maisy age 6

I really liked the Crosspool disco on December the 4th. The person who did it was called Sparky Marky. He used some assistants, one was called Evie and the other was her brother called Will. We then had party food. Then we did something with Sparky Marky. Then we met Santa. Ernie, age 6.

Thank you to Maisy and Ernie for taking the time to send in their account of this year's magical experience. Thanks also go out to our local Spar and Whirlow Hall Farm for their kind donations towards the refreshments, nibbles and raffle, the kitchen team for keeping the teas and coffees flowing, and to Father Christmas and Sparky Marky the children's entertainer for helping the afternoon turn into a fun party for all.

We hope to see you all again next year.

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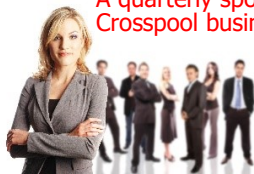
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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT CROSSPOOL?

Definitely the people, Crosspool has a friendly community spirit running through it and this is also reflected in the fantastic local independent shops as well. People seem to know everyone on first name terms and strangers will even say hello to each other. The local residents have been incredibly welcoming and friendly to me, Georgina, the dogs and Kirsty who joined the team last year.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TREE DISPLAY?

It's great to see members of the community caring about their surroundings and the tree display is the perfect example of this. Ever since we opened everyone involved with the Crosspool Forum have been keen to make us feel included.

WHAT PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE?

See Sheffield Wednesday win the league and for the business to be here in 50 years time, please don't make me decide if I only get to choose one! The more serious answer would be to see our company grow and help as many people in Sheffield buy/sell/rent their homes. It might sound obvious but we genuinely believe in the product we offer which is high quality service delivered in a personal way, no shiny suits, sales jargon or pushy phone calls!

WHATS HAPPENING TO HOUSE PRICES IN CROSSPOOL?

Since we opened in 2014 we have seen house prices in Crosspool rise year on year due to high demand and low supply, whilst we don't think the growth will be as aggressive as it has been it is showing no sign of stopping. We have a huge list of people looking to buy or rent properties in Crosspool as the suburb is unique in its ability to offer fantastic nurseries and schools within walking distance, good local shops and the central hospitals, both universities and the city centre are all easily accessed by car or bus without having to attack the traffic on Ecclesall Road. Because buyers are coming in for a variety of reasons and very few new houses are being built we don't see any reason why both the sales and rental market won't remain strong during the

period of economic uncertainty caused by Brexit. I don't want to bore people to sleep so if anyone needs any help or advice please call the office on 0114 2687777 or pop in and say hello.

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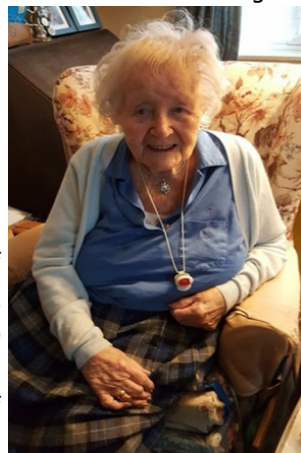
A former Ballroom Dance teacher, Crosspool great grandmother Kay Travis, 106yrs young, has lived in Crosspool since she married husband Reginald at the age of 24. Up to a short while ago, Kay would play bridge every couple of months and once a month go out with friends for lunch.

Kay who has lived all her life in Sheffield, said that, "My great grandfather lived in the vicinity of where Cole Bros. (JLP) stands now, his garden went down to Pinstone St (Town Hall), so was very close to Calver Street Methodist Chapel, where the family were members of the congregation.

"When the field on Hagg Lane Crosspool, later to be known as Calver fields came up for sale, although quite a lot of money, with help from the congregation, the chapel managed to find a lump sum to purchase the field for recreational use away from the smoky atmosphere of the coal fires in the city. I remember sitting on a lump of coal in the cellar at our home on Whitely Wood Road, when the zepelins came over during the First World War and listening to my father telling me how they used to catch the horse drawn omnibus from Broom Spring Lane to go on days out to the Rivelin Dams café swing boats for a picnic.

"My fondest memories were those of going up to the Calver field to celebrate at Whitsuntide, where there were the traditional egg and spoon and sack races, roundabouts, swings and things for little children to play on, and tents with tea and refreshments. It was just like going to a fair ground or a circus. Across the Lane there was a lovely field where I could go and pick mushrooms. Although a hell of a walk for a little 6yr old, over the top and down Coldwell lane, (a short narrow lane then), on to Hagg Lane and Calver fields, I thought it was lovely. In the winter we used to go sledging down the field.

"The chap (Christopher D. Leng) who lived in 'The Towers' at the top of Coldwell Lane couldn't see down the lane, so he had it widened - it wasn't a narrow Lane anymore". Kay puts her longevity down to being very active, very strong-willed; eating healthy home-cooked food, flower arranging, gardening, embroidering, the occasional tippie of whiskey and the support of her family, son Jonathan, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



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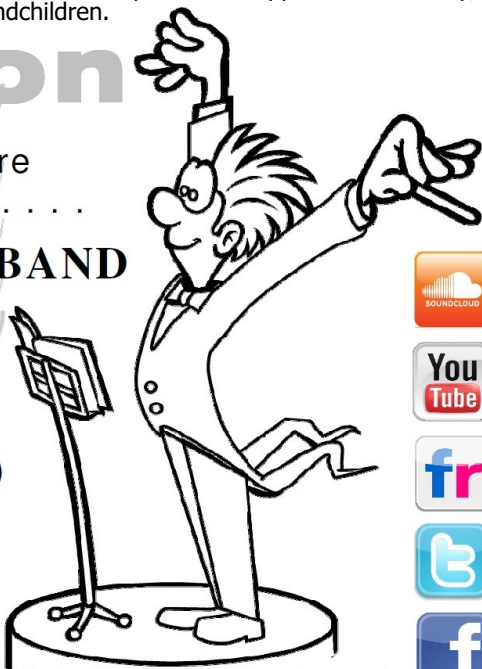
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We meet twice a month at, St Columba Church on the 3rd Monday at (7-9pm) and Stephen Hill Methodist Church on the 4th Monday (1- 3pm) of each month. New members and visitors are always welcome to either or both of our meetings....

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'Sheffield to Glossop'

It was exactly 200 years ago (1817) that the first surveying work was carried out to create the 'Sheffield and Glossop' turnpike road – which we now call the A57. This prompted me to compile an account, entitled 'Sheffield to Glossop', of the very first passenger journey which we start from Sheffield Cathedral and go as far as Bell Hagg. The slim booklet which I've compiled, as a novelty and a change from sending out the traditional Christmas cards, is not on sale, but if anyone would like a copy – just for the printing cost I think I'll be able to oblige if they make contact.

One prominent building on the journey, the construction of which is described in the booklet, was 'The Mount', and we'll mention three people who, at various stages, resided in what in those times was certainly a luxurious dwelling:

First, and most prominent, was James Montgomery, a statue of whom is to be seen beside Sheffield Cathedral. A native of Irvine, Scotland, he was to become editor of the Sheffield 'Iris' for some twenty-five years, until 1925. A controversial figure, he was twice imprisoned at York for his views on political and local matters. He was one of the great workers for the beginning of the Sunday School movement, an anti-slave campaigner, poet and, of course, a prolific writer of hymns, including such favourites as *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* and that ever-popular Christmas carol *Angels from the Realms of Glory*.

Secondly, a very early member of the Wilson family who, since early in the 19th century, had been manufacturing snuff at their Westbrook, Sharrow Moor mill (and still are doing so). This member was called George and he is reputed to have been father of a 'numerous' family.

Thirdly, there was the four years spell of residence, from 1837 to 1841, of George Wostenholm, a very well-known cutlery manufacturer especially of his product, the spring knife, and of the brand name of 'I*XL'.

In our own locality, there existed the then recently-opened beer house which was to eventually be called the 'Crosspool Tavern' and run from the beginning by mostly the lady members of the Sarson family...for generations. Interesting point, here, is that the family had members, also

serving imported or home brewed ale up the hill at the 'Plough Inn'. The Sarsons remember the Turnpike road when it operated and have memories too of a terrible tragedy when a little boy gave his own life to save that of another when the ice covering a brickyard pond situated in the present Selborne Road area became frozen over. Sixteen years old, Frederick Dyson of Tapton Hill, had little hesitation when, after seeing some of the surface ice break and another lad on it disappear into the icy waters beneath, went on the treacherous surface and managed to drag the lad out and save him from certain death. ...contd

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'Sheffield to Glossop' ...contd

Sadly, after the rescue, the gallant Frederick fell backwards into the hole and failed to emerge.

Eventually the teenager's body was brought, lifeless, to the surface. A terrible tragedy and the following day at an inquest held at the nearby 'King's Head' pub the coroner, Mr Webster, was to record a verdict of 'accidental death'.

One of the Crosspool places on the travellers' route, until its demolition in the early 1930s, was, of course, Lydgate Hall, and about its occupants, the Marsh family, much has already be divulged. One other notable occupant of Lydgate Hall was Horatio Bright, pictured. Hopefully, in a subsequent issue, we'll look at the contents of his hand written Last Will and Testament and see what the, even in those days, millionaire left by way of equestrian 'stock', gold, silver, porcelain, paintings, drawings, furniture...and even a mausoleum at Moscar wherein was 'buried' his first wife and for whose delight and pleasure Horatio had an organ installed on which he went along almost daily to perform a recital. Can't imagine there was any response, can you? And a will that was later than sooner to be challenged, but that's another story.

Within the 28, and some illustrated, pages of the booklet mentioned, I have tried to relate as much as possible about people, places, events and strange occurrences. Copies (joining the 'Bell Hagg to Strines' story of 2013) have now been placed in school libraries of Lydgate Lane, Sheffield High, Tapton, Notre Dame, King Edward VII for tuition purposes.

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Open Meeting 26th January 2017

25 Crosspool residents, Cllr Adam Hanrahan, 4 Guest speakers and 7 members of the Forum Management Committee attended.

Ian Hague (chair) welcomed everyone & gave the CHAIRMAN's REPORT

1) Neighbourhood Watch - a new man is taking over from Pam Wilkins in April – who we hope will come to our Meeting.

2) Christmas trees a little late this year due to the delivered 7' trees having to be cut down somewhat to be erected and a problem with replacement lights solved.

3) Crosspool calendar - all 300 have been sold & thanks to advertisers a small profit made.

4) Chairobics will be starting in Benty Lane Scout Hut in March. Although the disabled access work has not yet started, help will be on hand for anyone needing assistance.

5) Possibly having disturbed some of our verge spring bulbs, Amey (Streetsahead) agreed to send us some daffodils - 1720

received & planted. (Probably too late to flower this year)

6) 2017 Crosspool Festival week; preparation for this are well underway. Please contact the Forum if you would like to be a part of this - petalling up the well-dressing, help at the Street Market, Summer Fayre, numerous activities or opening your garden for viewings etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Angela Southward:- this quarter, received money from the Clarion ads, festival stallholders, Christmas tree provision (shops), Tai Chi fees & calendar sales. Paid street market licenses etc., new flags/poles, Tai Chi tutor, hall hire, calendar printing & annual public liability insurances. (A full breakdown of the accounts was available to anyone who wished to see it).

We hope to provide a non-rot bench for Hagg Copse. The Forum has had confirmation from the Council that the maintenance agreement is to continue. The Forum has received a quote for installing a CCTV system in the precinct.

FIRST BUS COMPANY REPORT

Andy Metcalfe said the Western Bank (university) flyover will be strengthened over the next 22 weeks, so the outbound route will be down one lane only.

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AMEY (Streetsahead) REPORT

Claire Tideswell sent her apologies with a report for Ian to read. The "Manchester Road zone" (Moscar Top inwards) has had all the lights replaced, & 80% of the kerb work. The rest of the kerbs and then the pavements will be done from February, and the highway from about 10th July to Aug. Once completed the now 40 mph section will be reduced to 30mph - something local Councillors and the Forum have been campaigning for. (Details on tree felling & replanting in "Sandygate/Fulwood zones" etc were also given. Rustlings Rd & parts of Crookes are on hold)

Questions relevant to Amey, First Bus & the councillors: concerns about local gully's not being cleared of leaves - especially outside 'nest' coffee shop.

Cllr **Adam Hanrahan** asked if people felt the new pavements were more slippery than the old - this does appear to be the case at the moment, its hoped that the surface might settle after a while. The "log jam" of cars approaching Western Park Hospital might be alleviated by a proposed slip road (Andy). Adam will look into fly tipping at the top of Selborne Rd.

Note: If you didn't manage to get to the Streetsahead Roadshow, 6th February, (Stephen Hill) Beacon Methodist Church, 4pm-6pm—see front page.

SAVE THE PLOUGH CAMPAIGN - Moving Forward.

Peter Duff (chair said the council has now rejected Sainsbury's bid to turn the Plough into a mini-supermarket, although an appeal is possible. Enterprise Inns (re-branded as E.I. Publican Partnership) might try to leave the pub boarded-up & thus become derelict - in which case a compulsory purchase order might be possible.

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2 or 3 local breweries have expressed an interest in re-opening the pub., or there could be a community buy-out - as has happened in 70 pubs throughout the country. The museum/heritage centre idea is still on the cards - **Ian** said the Ploughs connection with the cricket/football club is not only part of Crosspool's heritage but that of the county.

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL REPORT

Deputy Head Rob Whittingham (& colleague Kath Jackson) were "delighted" to be invited to attend. There are circa 700 pupils at the Lower School, which ends its day at 3.05pm so the congestion in the precinct starts from then. (Tapton ends later apart from a Tuesday). Since dedicated buses taking children to & from Walkley & Hillsborough ended a couple of years ago, they now use the no. 51 to travel into the centre, & despite a bus waiting at the Darwin Lane turnaround to collect pupils, many like to go in to the shops for refreshments first - so using the Pet Shop/Nest stop. The school does "vigorous managing" and enforcement of their rules; pupils must not use Vernon Terrace or leave the school during the day. Rob said the behaviour has got better, although they "are not pretending it's perfect" the problems that remain are "high on their agenda". The school has lost its police liaison officer, but PCSO Phil Whitaker responds quickly if needed. On the whole it is "a fairly calm school" and they work with the families and at assemblies to address any issues when they appear. Kath said "to enrich pupils lives & broaden their horizons " the school is keen to be contacted by the Forum to help with projects in the area - e.g. create summer floral displays in the precinct planters and litter picking etc. Rob felt it was "a fantastic school with fantastic kids" - and Andy M said there was "genuine energy & drive to fix the issues".

EVENTS

1) Tavern Car Park car boot sales, 10th June & 9th Sept. 2) Nominations for Person of the Year, please send to Ian Crosspool Forum. 3) Charities to benefit from the festival Week proceeds: Ideas please? Contribution to help Scout Hall install disabled facilities, suggested.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

1) Recent planning application for a new house in the garden of a house on Cairns Rd? (Adam had not heard about this)

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2) Selborne Rd traffic calming measures? The 20mph scheme might help - Amey will not put down raised crossings without council funding.

3) Claremont parking problems: This is ongoing - it has "proved incredibly difficult" to get the hospital to negotiate

4) The actual legality of motorists parking outside residents' houses was mentioned - the police will be asked about this and of parked cars making driving on Carsick Hill Rd & Ivy Park Rd almost impossible..

AOB

1) Local hostellers closing

for refurbishment: Sportsman (Ember inn) towards the end of March for 1 week and the Crosspool Tavern for 4 weeks possible from mid-April.

2) Defibrillators: The closest ones are at the White House, Hallam Community centre & Crookes. They appear to have come down in price, & not readily stolen as they are registered. St Columba's entrance might be a possible location for the forum to site one.

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Community Christmas Trees Recycled

With the help of a few local people the precinct trees came down on Sunday the 8th January. Local residents brought their discarded trees along for shredding; one young lad by the name of Daniel had his photograph taken among the pines as others came along to see the volume of trees diminish in size as they were fed one by one into the giant shredder. Andy Fisher of "Complete Tree Solutions" brought a team along to turn the 175 trees into a bio fuel product rather than going to land fill. Donations received on the day will be used within the local community.

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