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The Sun Shone For The Fayre

The Crosspool Summer Fayre has become a July event not to be missed for local families looking for a fun day out. This year's event was no exception to the rule and we were very pleased and honoured when Sheffield's Lady Mayor, Councillor Anne Murphy, kindly agreed to officially open the event.

All our traditional stalls and events were available throughout the afternoon, and a special visit from Holly Hagg Alpacas gave the children a chance to feed the herd.

Entertainment was provided by children's favourite, Barney Baloney, performing his magic. The Yorkshire Tea Bag Band and Saxophonist Richard Francis provided the musical scene and local Irish Dancers danced the afternoon away. The weather was kind to us and an enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to everyone for making this year's Fayre a huge success, and many thanks to our local businesses for helping and sponsoring the event.

The organisers are now looking for new ideas and helpers for next year's event. If you can get involved, please get in touch via the Website or by contacting one of the event's organisers direct.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Crosspool Summer Fayre 2017

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Letter Box

Once upon a time, 61 years ago, ladies of Crosspool started a new group calling it, "Crosspool Young Wives". Eventually, by the 80's, it had become "Crosspool Wives" and now we are "Crosspool Ladies". We meet on Thursdays, twice a month, at St Columba's Church Hall, at 8pm, with a cup of coffee/tea followed by our speaker. In the summer we have an outing with lunch at Hassop Hall, and at Christmas we have an evening dinner and entertainment at the Hallamshire Golf Club. Our speakers cover a wide range of interesting topics - often quite humorous - and send us home with a smile on our faces. *Coming up:*

September 7th Wentworth Woodhouse

October 12th Belly Dancing

November 9th Elvis in the 21st century

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Local girl Lindsie Newton, who grew up on Ringstead Crescent, and went to Lydgate and Tapton Schools, loved Crosspool so much that, after gaining a teaching degree at Leeds University, when on a recent two year assignment teaching English in Vietnam, arranged for the Crosspool Clarion and Crosspool Calendar to be sent to her.

The Clarion would like to take this opportunity to pass on our good wishes to Lindsie on her marriage to fellow student Jack Eaton, in Alfreton on the 13th August; and wish the couple a happy and prosperous future.

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*Richard, opening this year's
Summer Fayre with Lady
Mayor, Anne Murphy*

'THE SAXMAN' IS BACK

After a break of five years, local saxophonist RICHARD FRANCIS, 'The Saxman', is back playing and performing. Richard went through a difficult period after losing his wife, guitarist Margaret, to cancer. Garnished with a little comedy they performed with people like, Les Dawson, Matt Monroe, Paul Daniels, and Joe Cocker, on the Cabaret and Social Club circuit for more than forty years. Richard's diverse Saxophone playing regularly features the number he played on the original recording of Amarillo with Tony Christy.

Although a qualified L.T.G.C.L. music teacher, Richard says, "My aim is to get back on to the Cabaret and Club scene, playing such numbers as 'Baker Street', 'In the Mood', 'Careless Whispers'". His recent performance at the opening ceremony of the Crosspool Summer Fayre has led to other bookings, including being asked to perform at the Brunswick Gardens Woodseats Festival in August.

Richard thanked everyone at the Festival fayre for their kind comments on his music. He also thanked his friend Ian Hague for all his valued help, and Steve Reynolds and the team for their efforts with the Festival Fayre—on the go from 8.30am until around 6pm!

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Thankfully, Festival 2017 will be remembered for sunshine and fun, and the Festival all came together well in the end!

As I look back on a great team effort to get this year's Festival up and running, we are pleased that the community seems to have joined in the many events that we organised. The Well dressing team (thanks Sherryl and team) did a fabulous job on the floral display and Crosspool was well and truly blessed; this was a particularly great year for Rev Suzanne Nockels and the band who, for the first time in leading this event, did not receive a heavenly drenching by the end of it. The next day was great for Open Gardens and many visitors walked around enjoying the variety of gardens and allotments on offer thanks to Sue and Ken. The alpacas, as always, were a great attraction at Holly Hagg and were enjoyed by many families as they fed them and looked round. The Street Market is always a hive of entertainment with good bargains and a splendid selection of foodie goodies on offer; and this year was no exception thanks to the hard work of Chris, Eileen, Festival and Forum teams. The week held great opportunities for groups and friends to get together for treasure hunts, walks, quizzes and music nights. Well done to Jan, Roger, Dawn, Glyn and others that arranged these. There was something for everyone. The history walk and the bird walk were successful, and those that went on them were suitably amused and regaled in all they saw and learnt.

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The scarecrows around Crosspool were fun to look at and, hopefully, just as much family entertainment in the making of them. The photo competition had some great takes of wildlife around the place and Eddie did a splendid job at the

exhibition. The BFG film was a popular choice at Tipton Congregational Church, as was the interesting talk about Crosspool invaders from Paul Richards at The Wildlife Trust. And all the fun of the Summer Fayre went on as usual thanks to the Forum team and WI who worked incredibly hard to pull it off, seeing as so many of the usual volunteers were on holiday. And, last but not least, the summer picnic rounded off a lovely week.

This event was always about bringing the community together, meeting old friends and promoting new activities so that we can meet new people with whom we might share a common interest. Secondary to the community aspect and more of a bi-product is that any surplus money that is raised is then given away to a local charity. This year's Festival raised around £1000 which is to be given to the Lord Mayors' charities. Open Gardens also raised around £1000 for the gardeners' designated charities. None of this would have happened had we not had Sally in the background organising us, Kate preparing the brochure, and Robin working on the Forum website, otherwise no-one would have known what was happening! So, my grateful thanks to all who made it happen this year.

So, Crosspool people, this is your challenge for next year. Many of the team, including myself, will be hanging up their Festival shoes and moving on to new challenges. As you can see, it takes a fair few hands to run the Festival but, as the saying goes, many hands make light work. So if you enjoyed yourself this year or any other year, maybe you could lend a hand in future to ensure we still have a Festival of community fun in Crosspool for years to come. If you can help in any way to make this happen, or would like more information about what it entails, please get in touch with Steve or Ian at the Forum or email: crosspoolforum@gmail.com. It really doesn't take a huge amount of work if lots of people join in...and it is good fun.

Over and out - *Lindsey Beagles (Retiring chair of the Festival Team)*

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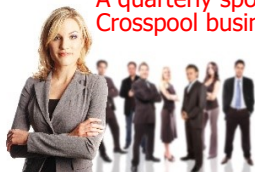
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This issue we talk to Antonino and Danila from **Dolce Vita**

How long have you been in Crosspool?

We took over the restaurant in February this year.

What changes have you made?

We have changed the décor a little, but we are keeping things mostly the same until we get to know our customers and what they like.

What do you like about the Crosspool area?

Crosspool is a great area, the people are very nice and try to help each other, and everyone seems very kind.

What makes Dolce Vita special?

Every morning we buy fresh vegetables, meat and fish from the Sheffield area, and some of our customers have donated excess home grown vegetables, so our food is from fresh ingredients. We also buy ingredients from Italy. We believe that fresh produce means quality food.

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If this is the case, please consider investing in a robust van vault where you can lock away all your most valuable tools.

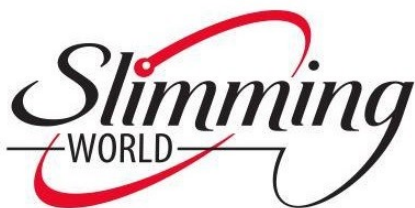
I would also advise that all van owners fit additional security such as Loading Door Keepers to prevent door peeling. Fit an alarm and boost security by installing additional Siam locks, lock plates or deadlocks independently of the manufacturers. This will increase the security of any items inside the van, and they offer a visual deterrent on the outside of the van.

Power tools are obviously very expensive and sought-after items; owners should take the time to mark their property which makes it easier to identify and harder for the criminal to dispose of. You can also register your items and list any serial numbers on schemes such as Immobilise.

Think how and where you park your vehicle at night. If possible, try to park your vehicle in a well-lit, secure area where the van is difficult to access. If there's CCTV, park your vehicle so it's covered. Park the van with the side/rear doors up against a solid object like a wall, garage door, lamppost or even side by side or back to back with another vehicle.

It is also wise to insure your work tools - most standard van insurance policies do not cover loss of tools left in a van overnight. In fact, some policies state that you cannot store tools in your van unless it meets certain security requirements."

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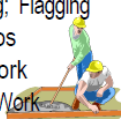
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Milk Shakes at The Plough

A local, true story about the Sandygate Road based Plough Inn, I think you will find amusing - although not for the little lad concerned. "Years ago," recalls Roy Davey, "Hallam football team were one of the oldest in the country and one of the best in Sheffield area, attracting a large following, as also did the Hallam Cricket team. Before, and indeed during, the games, the spectators used to 'tank up' at the Plough, and we youngsters had to be content with glasses of lovely cold milk from the 'Model Dairy' in Coldwell Lane." Roy 'accidentally' tipped some of his milk into his dad's glass of bitter beer! Unsurprisingly, this led to him being given a 'milk shake' and to further receiving a box of the ears...

A few facts about ploughs that may interest you: The existence of Plough Sunday came as a surprise to me, I must confess. But exist it still does, and it is celebrated in a very, very limited way. Plough Monday, with its enormous amount of both religious and secular remembrance and festivities, was held on the first Monday after the Twelfth Day of each New Year. The amount of merrymaking which took place up and down the land, to mark the forthcoming season of once again putting 'All hands to the plough' in preparation of producing much of the Nation's cereal and vegetable 'crops', I could not list! Plough Sunday Church services, held here and there, were, in truth, a sort of 'signal' that in a few days' time it would be time for prayer, barrel-emptying, and 'letting your hair down'. At the service, having been thoroughly cleaned up for the event, a farmer's plough was positioned in the chancel and blessed by the Vicar/Rector, who would also, one imagines, mention the hard work to be put in by both the Ploughman and the Plough Boys.

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Open Meeting 27th July 2017

40 people were in attendance—No Councillors were available to attend.

Matters arising & Chairman's report (Ian Hague)

1. Corrections to the 27th April Minutes – PCSOs are on duty till 10pm and therefore available to attend our Open Meetings.
2. Moving the precinct post box? If the pavement is to be redone, now is the time to get this done – with it being crown property it proves to be very difficult.
3. Benty Lane Scout Hut: although the work has started on the refurbishment – they are now looking to find further funds to put additional foundations in place.
4. All local businesses have been informed where to find the newly installed local Defibrillator: Now live, two St Columba's reps plus Ian Hague & Steve Reynolds are official guardians for this.
5. Still time to vote for Crosspool Person of the Year - see Robert in The Pet Shop before 31st August.
6. The Crosspool Person of the Year will be announced at the October AGM/Open Meeting, & the money raised by the 2017 Festival handed to The Lord Mayor for her Charities.
7. Precinct CCTV system. Costs of the Council run scheme have escalated so the Forum is exploring providing this in a different way.
8. Save the Plough Share issue. Ian H asked if the Forum could pledge money for the share issue - Roger Kite formally proposed this & the floor agreed - £2000.
9. Volunteers are being sought to offer help - erecting the Christmas trees, maintaining floral displays/hanging baskets, the Car Boot and summer festival/fayre etc.
10. King Edwards's pupils were thanked for planting up the tubs this year, & the Cub Scouts for doing the hanging baskets.
11. New benches; a sponsored bench has been put in place in the Hagg Copse, with a further sponsored bench proposed for Hagg Copse and another for the Dransfield Rd side of the grass triangle where it joins with Watt Lane. The Council has, however, quoted something in the region of a £1000 for obtaining permission for this one to be installed.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Southward sent in a report to say the good weather during the Festival Week meant there would be about £1000 to hand over to charity, The Fayre made about £600 towards next year's fayre and local needs.

A few more participants are wanted for Chairiobics classes to break even. Bickerton Skoda continues to sponsor printing the Clarion.

Police report & incidents, (PCSOs)

1. From 1st April there have been 8 burglaries in Crosspool, 10 thefts from motor vehicles, with 2 vehicles stolen. A gang might be involved in the van thefts.

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Open Meeting Minutes contd...

2. There are daily updates and monthly Q & A sessions on Insp. Collette Fitzgibbons' Facebook.
3. From August, the police will be based at Snig Hill, and the Chief Constable will announce the new neighbourhood policing policy on 1st September.
4. It's expected that the policy will put everything back to much as it was five years ago!

Neighbourhood Watch

The new co-ordinator, John Garrett, introduced himself to the Forum and to the policing team. He intends to be at the September Chief Constables meeting. He was eager to learn the response time to the 101 number - which he suggested is useless if not answered in good time. The PCSOs would like computer-literate residents to email in their reports and thus leave the 101 number for those who need to use a telephone.

FirstBus Company report (Andy Metcalfe)

1. This was generally positive said Andy - no roadworks at the moment, Western Bank completed!
2. With the green school bus company closing down, the service has been picked up by the 3 other companies. With FirstBus taking over 40% of this service and will try to keep the school children away from the shops and 60% of the problems that this causes, a few minor changes to the No. 51 will take place in September.
3. A new School Liaison Manager for South Yorkshire is about to be appointed.
4. New audio-visual displays (starting with the 120 service) are being trialled
5. Also new contactless payment machines on the buses -which will be "feeding the system" contacting the displays in the bus stops, which should improve their accuracy.

Marie Curie fund-raising manager for S Yorks - Nikki Ayrtton

Nikki gave a video presentation about the charity's work, helping terminally-ill people & their families, providing vital support, information, help-lines, one-to-one contact, to keep people in their homes. In this area in 2015-16 they helped 1085, and in 2016-17, 1127— the number is therefore rising with greater need. She is looking to start a fund-raising group in S10 and would support them - suggesting tea-parties, fun runs, sponsored bike rides, work raffles, fashion shows, quiz nights - even fire-walks (which apparently raise a lot of money!). She said "there is a lot of community Spirit" in this area.

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Peter "really appreciated all the support in the last year from the Crosspool Forum "though it has been a rollercoaster ride"! . Now a local private investor has come forward prepared to take The Plough on a long lease so a community group could run it as a pub & community space, the share issue can run as long as needs be. They have received £90k in pledges already, but need c£120k to refurbish the building & start-ups with a manager etc. The "tremendous show of faith "really thrilled" him in this area. Although FIFA recognizes the importance of the links to football world-wide, the response from the FA and two local city football clubs has been disappointing.

Events & AOB

1. Crosspool Festival Week 2017: Ian thanked, Roger Kite & Chris Batchelor for all their hard work and, Lindsey Beagles who, for employment reasons, is standing down from being chair of what has proved to be a successful Festival team.
2. Next year's dates for your diary - Well-dressing - 19th June and Fayre—7th July, 2018
3. The 10th June car boot sale was a wash-out but the next on 9th September should hopefully have better weather.

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We are short of volunteer helpers to help make sure that these community activities continue.

Could you spare some time to volunteer to help Crosspool Forum bring the community together?

We are a friendly group of local people and we welcome anyone who enjoys supporting the community whether you can spare just an hour a week or more it doesn't matter—just get involved, meet new people and develop new skills.

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