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Tree-Mendous Recycling Turnout

In excess of 200 Local residents turned out with their discarded Christmas trees, on Sunday 7th January, to take advantage of the Crosspool Forums community tree recycling.



Thanks to the help of ten local volunteer's turning up on this frosty Sunday morning, the community trees that had been put up by volunteers, on the 3rd December, to transform the Crosspool shopping precinct into a sparkling spectacle over the festive season, were taken down, and recycled with local resident's trees by tree surgeon Andy Clayton and his team.

Welcome voluntary donations on the day helped cover the cost of the chipper machine and will help fund the Forums community undertakings.

The Crosspool forum would like to take this opportunity to thank all our local Businesses for their continued support, Valleyside Garden Centre for preparing the precinct trees and Direct Travel for allowing us to use their forecourt.

Crosspool Festival 2018

Celebrating 100 years of Votes for Women.

Yes!-this year's Festival is being planned, organised and generally knocked into shape at this very moment, so put the dates in your diaries straight away:

Friday 29th June to Sunday 8th July

'The theme for our Festival this year is women's achievements. 2018 sees the 100th year anniversary of women being given the right to vote'

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Programmes will go out in June and information will be posted in future Clarion editions, on the Forum website and the Crosspool Festival Facebook page.



CROSSPOOL FORUM

OPEN MEETING

Thursday 26th April 2018 7.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool
Local councillors, the police, council representatives & guest speakers, are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

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Earthy Thoughts from Marsh Lane

As a teacher, I've long sought to promote the benefits of gardening to a child's educational and personal development. The benefits are clearly there to be seen and range from the development of numeracy, literacy, scientific understanding, self-confidence and inter-personal skills. I know that Lydgate Infants have regularly taken little ones to look around the Marsh Lane allotment site. I commend them for that and may they continue to do so.

However, what about the older generations? Many of us are experiencing ever higher levels of anxiety and mental health problems arising from the world that we are creating for ourselves (Brexit is nearly killing me!!) This is not a new problem, in fact I'm reminded of the great Roman General Wilderionius, who after his crushing defeat of the Wendi tribe turned to his faithful lieutenant Nillus and said 'You sort out the aftermath as I'm going back to my sprouts.'

My experience of allotmenting (I'll use that term) is one of overcoming a deep desire to run and hide and to embrace the challenge that it brings. Physically, it can be very tough to clear years of neglect and uncontrolled weeds from a site. It takes a determination to overcome that sense of 'why am I doing this?' Your neighbour may have 45 years more experience. His turnips are immense and the size of her butternut squash takes your breath away. Yet, here I am six months into my earthy hobby and those twin evils of anxiety and depression are at least at arm's length. I have new friends. I have a deeper understanding of well rotted manure and I'm so much healthier. I recommend that as many readers as possible give it a try or if not, encourage children to get involved with gardening.

Incidentally, I'm available for private English home tuition, which I should be able to fit in around my brassica raising duties.

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A Cartwheel Penny for a Hot Cross Bun

It won't be very long now to that so important Christian festival of Easter, a busy time for bakers, for example Roses of Crosspool who, to mark the occasion, will be producing and selling those tasty delightful Hot Cross buns. The ladies too, in a more modest way, will be baking the buns. A reminder of opening lines of the very familiar nursery rhyme:- 'One a Penny Two a Penny Hot Cross Buns, if your daughters do

not like them give them to your sons', of course the Hot Cross bun was particularly linked to Good Friday, thus the cross. From ancient times in the home it was kneaded from the very same dough that was used in the making of bread. Which broken into small pieces, was placed into the cupped hands of communicants at the service of Holy Communion by the celebrant Priest and similarly distributed when mass was celebrated.

Hot Cross buns were said to keep their edible condition for at least a year before showing any signs of mould, and being hung about the house was believed to be a certain protection to the occupants against evil spirits. As to longevity, Mrs Nelly Goodacre, who lived for many years in Wadsley Village would, to those genuinely interested, show proof of this and let the guest just hold the small bun, baked 30 years previously by a Boston in Lincolnshire confectioner. For a few moments I was entrusted to gently hold her bun and it truly looked newly baked.

But what's all this about a cartwheel, you may well ask. Patience, first let it be said that the Hot Cross bun nursery rhyme is quite old and as far as I can see it's very first appearance was in a collection of nursery rhymes published in a book 'Christmas box' in 1797.

Cartwheel Pennies. By sheer coincidence that very same year was produced the first English copper penny, it being designed and produced at the Birmingham Mint by Matthew Boulton. The populace for the next 63 years had to get used to its enormity in both size and weight, so much so that it earned the name of Cartwheel Penny and (two pence's), specimens of each was shown to me by a Broomhill shop business owner. Truly Cartwheel Pennies were used to purchase Hot Cross buns. *Joe Castle*

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This quarter we feature "**Flower Design**" – and we talk to Kathryn.

How long have you been in Crosspool? - 15 years.

What do you like about the precinct? - The feel of community.

What would you like to see improve ? - Safer roads.

What is the main source of your business?- Supplying flowers plants and making arrangements. Floral deliveries: locally, nationally and internationally.

What are your best trading periods and why? Christmas – Supply local flowers and doing workshops. Valentines – Providing that special service for the romantics amongst us. Easter – Church flowers. Mothers Day – Supply those special moments for all the Crosspool mummies.

Any general comments?

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Valued Community Member



Retired university lecturer Malcolm Clements sadly died on the 31st December 2017.

Held in high regard and a valued member of the community, some 60 years ago Malcolm was a prime mover in the project to buy a field for the use of the children of this area and an open space for sport and recreation. Within a year of the birth of the idea, a Trust was formed and £6500 was raised by local residents to buy the Coldwell Lane Field from St. Mark's Church for the community. As at that time being the Youth Council Secretary of Stephen Hill, Malcolm was invited to be one of the first Trustees of the Crosspool District Youth and Sports Trust. Malcolm worked with the Trust for over 20 years as a prominent member on the trustees committee and was very much involved in making sure that we are still able to benefit from the very much appreciated Sports facilities at Coldwell Lane.

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Friendship Lunch at the Crosspool Tavern

Since its inaugural over a year ago, the Friendship Lunch has gone from strength to strength.

The next Crosspool Tavern Friendship Lunch is on Monday 12th March and thereafter every second Monday in the month. It would be lovely if you could join us

Councillor Anne Murphy, who in her role as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, often refers to the value of retaining and creating friendships to avoid the prospect of being lonely and socially isolated as we get older, is a regular guest at the Friendship Lunch.

Month on month Tavern Manager, Chris Squires and his team undoubtedly pull out all the stops to ensure our guests have an amazing time.

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Crosspool Forum at the Town Hall

Members of the Crosspool Forum were invited to attend a coffee morning in the Mayors' Parlour on 14th December. Ian Hague (Crosspool Forum Chair) officially presented Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Murphy with a £1000 cheque raised by the Crosspool festival. Anne gave a huge big thank you to the community for the donation to her Charities saying, "It had been a great honour to be part of the 2017 Festival and to have been invited to open the Summer Fayre". "The money will be spent very wisely". Anne was then invited to officially present Sheila Lomas with her Crosspool Person of the Year award.



Ian thanked Anne for her invitation and for her excellent and comprehensive talk on the history of the Town Hall, the worth of steel and cutlery manufacturing to the city, the mace carried at public occasions representing the Royal Authority vested in the Lord Mayor, and finally a descriptive history of the Lord Mayor's chain of office.

Did you know that children are born long-sighted but they can become increasingly short sighted as their eyes grow? Don't leave it too late as we can treat myopia in children* Take a look at these symptoms and if you think that any relate to your child, please make an appointment to get their eyes examined.



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Joan has also built a Clinic, Maternity Unit, Staff Accommodation, water tanks, pumped water, solar panels and much more.

The government can only pay the teachers and one midwife/nurse the remainder of staff is paid by the DBF. Average salary is £50 month.

A wonderful man called Kevin in Worcester arranges free shipments for us to the village. The government does not have the money for resources for school and clinic that's where we come in sending many items approx. every 3 months. I pack and send shipments from home.

Listed is items most wanted:- Laptops and mobile phones any kind. Hand Sewing Machines and Items for sewing. Anything for school; Microscopes, Tee Squares, Set Squares, Protractors, Compasses, Rulers, Pens, Pencils, Paper, School Books and Classroom Posters etc....

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OPEN MEETING *Bullet Points Thursday 26th January 2018*

55 Crosspool residents 8 members of the Forum Management committee and 3 guest speakers attended.

Ian Hague welcomed everyone & the Minutes of the October AGM were agreed as a true record. As a result of the treasurer & Clarion editor having to step down through work and family commitments, we're now looking for suitable candidates to fill these roles. He reported that there are still a small number of 2018 Crosspool Calendars for sale, and asking that people keep taking photos of interesting local places/scenes and send them in ready for next year. The light-up Christmas trees sparkled above the shops over the Christmas period. The Benty Lane Scout Hall disabled entrance foyer is almost complete and arrangements are under way for the 2018 Festival Week (29th June to 8th July).

Financial Report

Steve thanked Bickerton Skoda for continuing to sponsor the Clarion, and also mentioned that the Forum had been pleased to sponsor the children's magical Christmas party. In excess of 200 Christmas trees were successfully shredded, donations from which paid for the tree surgeon, Andy Clayton, and helped raise Forum funds to benefit the community. The Forum's balance remains healthy.

King Edward VII School

Cath Jackson, (head of safeguarding & inclusion) who last reported to the Forum a year ago, was keen to tell the meeting the progress made since then; "the partnership with the community has grown and flourished" The 720 pupils at Darwin Lane (bussed in from all over the city) have done some fantastic work this year, with their negative behaviour addressed, and inspiration received from working with the British Bobsleigh team; making lunches at Wesley Hall; planting up the Crosspool flower tubs; taught how to behave at bus stops and community leaders involvement to reinforce good behaviour when they get home.

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First Bus Company:

Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus) sent his apologies and this report on buses round Sheffield.

Before Christmas "traffic was at an epidemic level" and the snow caused problems for the service. Contactless, Apple Pay and Android pay methods are now live on First South Yorkshire buses; we would encourage people to make use of the facility to speed up buses and remove change issues. However, at present, due to a quirk of the local smartcard system, these payment methods cannot be used for purchasing weekly tickets. This will be fixed for the spring. Again, this and another new facility we hope to have to reduce on bus cash transactions, update at April meeting. School services continue to raise feedback for a number of reasons which we endeavour to keep an eye on. The latest change is that the morning 751 will now terminate at Vernon Terrace to avoid Children dropping off at the shops. There are a number of schemes in the City Centre relating to redevelopment around the Moor and old Markets – none of these are expected to start before the summer; some will impact the 51. We have discussed a 'potential scheme' with SCC to ease queuing problems at the Manchester Rd/Sandygate Rd junction (i.e. traffic lights). Andy asked for feedback.

Cllr. Anne Murphy was recently informed of no 51s going down Selborne Rd, so requested the number of any bus using this route be reported to Andy.

Rivelin Water Filtration Report

The new first stage process located in the new building completed its preliminary checks mid-December, and was put into service on the 27th December. Our construction programme extends to August 2018, which will allow us to complete landscaping, process optimisation, and phased handback of the new assets to the operations team.

John Bond and project manager Simon Balding will attend the April Meeting with a further update.

Wendy Bradley (NHS Trust Public Governor - west Sheffield) gave an informative talk.

Wendy was elected to the role for the next 3 years a few months back, representing this part of the city to keep an eye on the performance of the non-elected hospital trustees. The NHS Trust here runs 5 hospitals - NGH, RHH, Jessop Wing, Clifford Dental & Weston Park, and so far in her tenure no elective operations have had to be cancelled and it appears well-run, but very few people have bothered to register to be a Hospital Trust member and get their newsletter, or be able to vote. She encouraged residents in west Sheffield to do so. There are 4 public governors' meetings a year and another 4 that can be attended - but poorly advertised - with never a journalist there. At the moment it is especially important with the proposed closure of the Walk-in Centre for this part of the city, so she urged everyone to email **before the 31st January** when the consultation ends - not by completing the biased online Form, but **Putting Their Opinions Across In Their Own Words**.

Postgraduate Student In Journalism

Shivam Patel had hoped to share a short film of his interviews with local residents about the Selborne Rd traffic speeding problems, but due to computer issues had to talk to the meeting instead! It is hoped the film can be posted on the website. He has liaised with Councillor Jack Scott & urged action. Councillor Anne Murphy said it is "great he has done this work for us."

Councillors' Questions

The Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Murphy gave a huge thank you to the community for the proceeds of the Festival Week donated to her charities. She invited members of the Forum Committee, plus Crosspool Person of the Year Sheila Lomas, to the Parlour in the Town Hall on 14th December to receive her cheque and present Sheila with her award. After coffee, gave a talk about the history of the Town Hall, Sheffield and the office of Mayor.

Cllr. Anne Murphy and Cllr Adam Hanrahan answered questions from the floor. The proposed development of flats on the Motorworld shop site was raised, and the possibility of traffic issues here.

There will at last be a meeting between the new Claremont Hospital Chief Executive and Chief Executive of Highways & Transport on 6th Feb, to discuss the problems with street parking issues

Further parking issues came to the fore - Broomhill parking, opposite PO/shops Fulwood Road, apparently shopkeepers



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Park-&-riders using Crosspool streets to park. Tesco shoppers are restricting residents parking.

HGV's and speeding vehicles using Stephen Hill/ Hagg Hill in appropriately - a satnav issue - was also mentioned, as were the problems of reporting empty grit bins to Amey and the Council in the recent icy weather.

The imminent closure of the Broomhill Natwest will be interesting - as the bank owns the fine house.

AOB

1/Algarth closed restaurant – Greencross Chemists Ltd is seeking to open this building as a retail outlet with first floor Pilates/yoga/wellbeing space

2/ WW1 Armistice Day ; Rev. Suzanne Nockels (Tapton Congregational Church) is proposing a 600mm commemorative boulder with plaque, in the church garden, to mark the centenary. Ideas welcome!

Next Meeting Thursday. 26th April 2018.

Children's Christmas Party

Thanks' to our local Spars support and to all who helped make the Forum's sell-out seventh annual Children's Christmas Party a tremendous success. The magical experience provided by everyone's favourite entertainer Barney Baloney, kept the children amused throughout the afternoon with his superb comedy and magic show and brought a smile to the faces of mums dads and grandparents. Having been mystified with magic, appetites satisfied with pop and nibbles, dancing & cheering to exhaustion, Father Christmas arrived in the nick of time for all the children to go home with a Christmas gift.

"I had great fun at this year's Crosspool Christmas party.

Barney Baloney had some good tricks, though he kept making the prizes disappear.

I loved the party food and my present from Father Christmas".

Maisy age 7

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LOCALS FEAR SPEEDING CARS AS BUDGET CUTS RESTRICTS SHEFFIELD COUNCIL

Speeding motorists on a Crosspool road have left residents feeling unsafe amidst claims that budget cuts have restricted the city council's response.

Residents have been demanding for speed calming measures on Selborne Road for over a year due to safety concerns.

"They claim that cars race through it at very high speeds, posing a risk to everyone in the locality.

"A lot of people use the road and it's only a matter of time before someone gets knocked over," said a resident.

Her car suffered a burst tyre and damages to the body recently after a reportedly speeding taxi crashed into it outside her home.

A staff member at Cairn Home for the elderly at Selborne Road, said children and elderly in the area might be at risk. She was injured in an accident on the road in October after a reportedly speeding car smashed into hers as she was pulling out of a junction.

"There's going to be more accidents [if no action is taken]. Probably a child could get killed," she said.

A team leader at Cairn Home added: "Carers don't want to park their cars on the road because our side mirrors keep getting bashed up with cars going that fast."

Last year, in June, an elderly woman was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries by an air ambulance after she was hit by a car on the road.

Following the accident, a resident started a petition for introducing speed-calming measures and got nearly 240 signatures.

But a councillor reportedly told her that they could not do anything about the issue due to lack of funds.

A spokesperson said the city council has prioritised locations that rank higher on their assessment criteria.

"The council is facing difficult financial times at present and the budget for highway works is extremely limited," the spokesperson added.

The council has an accident savings scheme prioritisation list that scores locations based on the number of accidents, severity of injuries and vulnerability of casualties.

The highest-ranking location in the city has 59 points, while areas in the vicinity of Crosspool shopping precinct, near Selborne Road, have a score of 18. There were three reported injury collisions in the vicinity in the last five years.

Councillor Jack Scott, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability, said he would ask his team to investigate the problem.

"I am concerned to hear reports of speeding cars in Crosspool. It is important that all cars drive as per the speed limit, which is there for a reason," he said. The assistant manager at Cairn Home said the issue requires immediate attention. "I think they are not going to take it seriously unless something really devastating does happen and I don't see why we should have to wait for that to happen before something is done about it."

Shivam Petal

(Student Journalist)

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Stadium Granted Protected Status

The home of Hallam Cricket Club and Hallam FC, reputed to be the oldest football ground in the world, has now been recognised by Sheffield Council as an 'asset of community value'. Thus giving the Sandygate stadium in Crosspool protected status.

There still being around 70 years left on its lease, should the ground's freeholder Ei Group, formerly known as Enterprise Inns, ever want to sell the ground, they would have to inform the local authority and give a community group six months to raise the money to purchase it.

It is hoped that this undertaking will safeguard the Stadium for many future generations to enjoy.

Crosspool Centenary Memorial

This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. On the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" 1918. the only church in Crosspool was Tapton Congregational church on Tapton Hill Road.

In remembrance of those members of the Crosspool community, who in the line of duty fought in the armed forces during the conflict, it is proposed that a 600mm memorial boulder with a plaque be erected in the garden at the front of the church.

if anyone has any ideas for its design or knows the names of anyone local who was on the Western Front in the World War one hostilities, please don't hesitate to contact Rev Susanne Knockels at the Congregational Church or the Crosspool Forum.

AMEY Streets Ahead in Crosspool?

As a sounding board for their work, on Friday 23rd February Streets Ahead (Amey) will be at Stephen Hill church in the morning between 10.30 & 11.30am to have coffee & take any questions you may want to ask about our area

Crosspool Luncheon Club

A friendly group of people in their 70's to 90's, meet at Stephen Hill Church every Wednesday at 12.30. to enjoy a home-made two course meal followed by a cup of tea for £4.00. they have a number of vacancies. If you, a relative or friend are interested in joining this lunch group please contact Kathryn on 0114 2667089.

Grass Verges

As car ownership increases so does the practice of parking and driving over grass verges. Persistent parking on grass verges not only damages the grass to an unsightly state, it has a bigger problem, as it may well damage the cables and pipes beneath the surface. Endeavouring to conserve a pleasant and convivial environment for residents and a pleasing first impression to the many visitors who enter the City through Crosspool from the Peak District, a by-law prohibiting all parking on pavements and verges came into force on the 17th May 2002, followed shortly after with Traffic Regulation Order signs being sited on Manchester Road.

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