

CROSSPOOL CLARION



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The Plough Saved from Demolition

At a meeting of the Planning Committee on August 4th an application from local property developers to demolish the Plough was refused. Despite planning officers recommending demolition, the Planning Committee rejected their report on the Chair's casting vote.

Members of the Planning Committee had been deadlocked with five votes in favour of demolition and five votes against.

Prior to the application going forward to the Committee, the council had received over 210 objections with only 7 supporting the plan for the pub to be replaced by eight executive houses.

The planning committee took place online due to current Covid 19 guidelines. Although members of the public could watch but not participate in the proceedings, two members of the local community were allowed to speak to members of the committee.

Councillor Anne Murphy told the committee that the Plough was 'indisputably' linked to the history of football and that it's loss would be a 'tragedy for Sheffield and for sport' Councillor Murphy said the other cities would be looking to bring the pub back to life and promote it as an asset to the city and not 'tear it apart' *Continued on page 3*



Due to the ongoing legislation on mass gatherings and social distancing, regrettably we may have to cancel October's Open Meeting. Keep an eye on the Crosspool News website for further updates



Crosspool info

CROSSPOOL FORUM OPEN MEETING

Thursday 29th October 2020 at 7:00pm
St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool
Local councillors, the police, council representatives and guest speakers, are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

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Tavern Car boot Sale

It was only after carefully considering the very nature of a car boot sale, outside, lends itself to social distancing, that a decision was made to go ahead with the car boot sale

**Saturday 12th September
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but with strict changes

Separate start times for sellers and buyers. Only pre booked stallholders will be allowed on site. Set up time 7am, no car allowed on site after 7.45am. Buyers will not be allowed on site until 8am.

To give people peace of mind a one-way system will operate for buyers. With everyone **advised** to observe the social distancing guidelines and to wear face masks.

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Community Quilt

Friday 31st July was the last day for you to contribute your sewn, painted, printed, knitted, and crocheted or drawn square depicting your interpretation of how you have and are dealing with the effects of the covid19 pandemic

With all the squares now in, Amy has started the mammoth task of sewing together all the many squares to complete the Community Quilt.

When completed this piece of memorable history will be on public display in the big window at the estate agents Cocker & Carr, before at a later date being exhibited at the Weston Park Museum. On behalf of the Crosspool community we would like to take this moment to sincerely and genuinely thank Amy Chambers for creating a lasting record of the covid19 lockdown that far exceeded our expectations.



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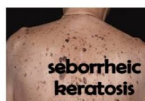


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Continued > Peter Duff from the Save the Plough campaign pointed out that on three occasions in the last five years, the city council had acknowledged the importance of the Plough to the local community. The pub was re-listed as an Asset of Community Value in 2018 following the rejection of Sainsbury's application to convert the Plough into a convenience store in 2017.

Mr. Duff also criticised officers for saying that the applicant had made 'reasonable endeavours' to market the pub at an annual rent of £50,000. Officers had stated that the £50,000 rental value was 'realistic' when compared to other similar properties. However, Mr. Duff said the officer's report was inconsistent. On the one hand, it stated that £50,000 was a realistic rent but, on the other hand, the report said that the majority of other pubs on the market were available for 'significantly less' than £50,000.

After the meeting, Sheffield Hallam MP, Olivia Blake, said that she was 'so pleased that the Plough had been saved from demolition' Ms. Blake had sent a letter of objection to the Planning Committee prior to its meeting and after the decision, she added, 'I hope that the owner will be willing to get around the table and discuss how we can restore this historic pub to its community' Members of the Save the Plough group are now calling on local residents to join their campaign to develop a community based plan for the future development of the site.

Peter Duff

Save the Plough & the Sporting Heritage of Sandygate

High Speed Cables in Crosspool

Virgin Media continues with their expansion of a digital infrastructure and services into the Crosspool area

The work involves cutting a narrow footpath trench to accommodate ducting that will carry high speed internet fibre optic cables back to strategic connection boxes at the kerbside.

Households in the area have or will shortly receive a letter informing them of the scheduled start date for the work and any traffic/pedestrian disruption that may be experienced during the excavation work. The current phase of the project is on Marsh Lane.



Crosspool Ladies Group

Subject to government legislation at the time, the Crosspool Ladies Group hope to start meeting again on the 4th February 2021, 8pm, in the St Columba Church Hall. Further information will be made available nearer the time. Janet Stain 2302916. Linda Saxton 2301468

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Residents Letter

On behalf of everyone in Crosspool I would like to thank members of the Crosspool Forum for their hard work in the difficult times over the last few months!

A big thank you goes to the Forum team for erecting the flags above the shops to mark the 75th Anniversary of D day, and to provide a bright and cheerful reminder of how good the area would have looked during the month in which the annual Crosspool Festival & Fayre was to have been held. We must not forget the residents who helped the forum plant up and watered the big precinct planters, the floral display around the precinct tree and lovely hanging baskets, which have also brightened our daily trips for exercise and shopping.

Thank you too to the organisers of this year's Scarecrow Competition, and to the judges who - in a very rainy week - decided on the well-deserved winners.

There has also been sterling work behind the scenes to choose the photographs for the 2021 Calendar - which will be presented in a slightly different format as requested. There are some great photographers out there - so please keep the pictures coming! (6"x 4" jpg Landscape preferred).

Local Tai Chi and Easy Exercise

With the Government recently outlining measures that will allow swimming pools, sports facilities and indoor gyms to reopen, millions of people can now slowly get back to enjoying sport and fitness activities. If we remember to observe social distancing and the safety measures introduced, hopefully socialising through sport will help the nation to become match-fit and eventually defeating this crippling Covid19 virus.

After being on lockdown for over 20 weeks, we are now hopeful that our very Easy Exercise and Tai Chi classes can, once we are satisfied that all the required safety procedures are in place at the Benty Lane Scout Hut, be up and running once again.

The re-opening of these local exercise classes is the news many will have been waiting for.

Caroline, a regular exerciser said. "Exercising at home on your own is not the same as exercising in the scout hut with a friendly group of people".

Once we have a firm date for classes to restart, we will be contacting all our regular fellow exercisers. As always we are pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join our really easy exercise classes. Please keep an eye on the Spar notice board for the restart date and time or contact the Forum direct. (see front page)

Community Memorial

Last winter a memorial was erected in the Tapton Hill Congregational Church grounds for 'all those whose life has been affected by conflict'. The money for the memorial came from generous local donors.



An existing bench was just recently refurbished by the Church so that you can sit, pause, and remember someone you've known or reflect on times of conflict and the need for peace and justice.

The Church has also resumed worship services in the building on Wednesday at 6.30pm. They have taken Covid-19 precautions very seriously. You'll be warmly welcomed by a steward and guided to your seat for a short 40 minute service that includes looking at a Bible passage together, a 'thought for the week' and a piece of organ music.....all to help with everyday life.

Meet your local business

A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses



This quarter we caught up with Ibo at Papa Ciccios.

How long have you been trading in Crosspool?

We have been trading as Papa Ciccios for more than 30 enjoyable years.

What plans do you have for the future?

I have no major structural plans planned for the restaurant, and we plan to continue to as it is.

What makes "your business special?"

Papa Ciccios fine food, our hospitality and the positive feedback we receive from very satisfied regular customers.

What has been your favourite moment so far?

Our local Crosspool Festival, I love it.

What changes have you made?

The front of the restaurant has been festooned with plants and a seat as it provides something nice for the area and giving passers-by the chance to take a breather at any time of the day. I hope to have a canopy installed together with a few hanging baskets in the near future.

What is your favourite season?

Winter is one of our favourite times of the year, the restaurant is nice and cosy, and a nice ambience can provide the perfect evening for our clientele.

What do you think about people using local shops and restaurants?

I completely agree, and I myself am one of them that believe in keeping things local.

Do you have a big turnaround of staff?

Not really, this is probably because of the 6 till 11 hours does not suit everyone. I have a good team that take a pride in their work.

Do you employ local people?

Yes, two of our team live locally.

What makes Crosspool special?

Good communication between local visitors, shops and residents.

What do you think of the Christmas tree display?

The precinct Christmas tree display brings a special festive feeling to the area and gives it that cosy Christmas feeling.

Any general comments?

I would like to thank the Crosspool Forum for all the help and support that they give to all the businesses in the precinct. It certainly makes the precinct special.

Do you have anything you want to add?

We love serving the best quality Italian food to the residents of Sheffield. Pop along and spend an evening dining with us in a lovely Italian atmosphere. (Due to the current distancing measures please book *in advance as tables soon get booked up*). Takeaways also catered for. You won't be disappointed.

Epidemics Part 2 - Smallpox, TB and Flu...

1848 - Sheffield Poor-Law Guardians urged vaccination against smallpox - then 'prevalent in several parts of the town and neighbourhood'.

Among the most vulnerable was young Charlotte Cooper, her family destitute, admitted to Kelham Street Workhouse that winter, unable even to enjoy their best meal - refusing Christmas plum-pudding betrayed early symptoms - and she and her younger sister spent their last days in the Workhouse hospital; both diagnosed with smallpox.

Their father Benjamin Cooper, tending stationary steam engines, had no work: steam power was increasingly on the move, as local inventor John Shaw would demonstrate with his walking metal man (all self-regulating mechanisms and no strings; unlike the Poor-Law system, which locals dubbed a 'puppet piece of machinery' with strings pulled from London).

1849 - JA Roebuck spoke in Paradise Square at his nomination for MP, defending that system, and claiming influence over the Poor Law Board.

'How is the poor man to get it?' came a shout from the crowd - Roebuck turned to face the bereaved Benjamin Cooper, berating him over Poor Law injustices - the only 'heckler' for whom he had none of his usual quickfire answers...

1868 - Brass-turner and optician John Shaw develops a Steam Man - driven by 'inner fires' (relatable, thought many Sheffielders?) and impervious to disease.

1882 - His wife Jane Shaw survives him to become a noted muffin-baker of Scotland Street, no doubt (with the Steam Man's help) supplying Edward Carpenter's 1887 cafe on the same street: 'we gave teas to the slum-children who dwelt in the neighbouring crofts and alleys'.

1887 - Winter Street hospital was overwhelmed with smallpox cases - causing some distress among the neighbours. At an outdoor meeting it was pointed out 'the hospital had been put in a locality where the people were poor, and could not engage in law-suits to defend themselves', whereas:

If such a hospital were put up at Ranmoor...there would soon be twenty injunctions out by the Ranmoor property-owners against its use.

Dr John Staniforth, just qualified, officiated at a (makeshift) hospital: a glass pavilion - a former 'dancing saloon and theatre of varieties' - in a Totley pleasure-ground. In a brief lull before the storm he had time to write stories (he would become Maxwell Scott, detective novelist), but smallpox numbers escalated again, his health faltered and he left for the seaside.

1888 - George Bradbury of Wellington Street blamed this new 'Plague' on muffin-bakers for the 'impiety' of supplying wares on a Sunday. A good job Jane Shaw's Steam Man could give untiring (and unholy) assistance - even on days of rest!

1888 - Thomas Garbutt, of the Attercliffe Turkish Baths:

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1888 - A wooden-built Lodge Moor Hospital opened at '950 feet above the level of the sea', caring for hundreds of smallpox cases in its first 6 months. The Town Council banned library-book lending and Excursion Trains.

1891 - Horatio Bright's son Sam succumbed to consumption (TB) at Lydgate Hall. Yes, Crosspool had its own characters - and its own tragedies from infectious disease. Just 3 months earlier a fatal influenza struck Horatio's wife Mary Alice, followed one day later by their cook, Miss Sabra Booth from Barnsley. The grief-stricken Horatio had Mary Alice placed in a glass-panelled coffin at Moscar, where he also installed an organ to play her musical tributes. Did the Steam Man help out with steam-whistle accompaniments?



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-Darwin Lane-Barholm Rd

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE:- Forres Rd-Evelyn Rd -Sandygate Park Rd

These figures obviously reflect the Covid-19 situation.

Although not busy with crimes our local PCSO's have been attending numerous reports of Covid-19 breaches reported by residents. These took over their normal day to day duties.

It has been a challenging time for us all.

There have been numerous reports of criminal damage at Clough fields riding stables.

Due to lock down, there was a vast increase of walkers taking their daily exercise through the horse fields. So the owner of the fields took the decision, for every ones safety, to erect a temporary fence to protect the public walkers and the horses.

There have been sightings of two members of the public tampering with the fences and causing criminal damage. The police are appealing for information with regards to signage (crown property) that was ripped down after being put up by the Council and the Police.

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How to use a face cover safely

With residents now required to wear face coverings in shops, supermarkets and when using public transport, it is important that you understand how to dispose of your face coverings correctly during the coronavirus pandemic in order to maintain public safety.

We recommend the use of reusable face masks as these can be washed, and then reused to prevent and reduce waste. If you use disposable face coverings, they should be thrown away after each use, or as soon as they are damp.

If you need to dispose of your face covering, and **no one in your household is self-isolating or showing symptoms** of the coronavirus, please follow the following guidance:

- Place them in your black bin if at home, or a litter bin if you are outside.
- You do **not** need to put them in an extra bag, and you do **not** need to store them for a time before throwing them away.

• Do not put them in a recycling bin as they cannot be recycled in your blue or brown bins.
If you or a member of your household is showing symptoms and self-isolating, you should continue to use your black bin collection service as normal, with the following important exceptions:

- Store your personal waste including used face coverings, tissues and disposable cleaning cloths securely within disposable rubbish bags.
- Place each bag into another bag, tie them securely and keep separate from other waste.
- These bags should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your black bin for collection.

Please **do not** take this waste to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

For more information about face coverings, please visit the Government website.

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The Hub was set up in March at St Columba's Church office, in conjunction with Voluntary Action Sheffield and the City Council in March, operating from the first Monday of lockdown. The Hub has been staffed 6 mornings per week by a rota of 12 volunteers supported by approximately 20 more who signed up to be available to help those in Crosspool and surrounding areas with issues arising from Lockdown. Out of those hours, the answerphone has been available 24/7 and we have been able to respond to messages generally on a same day, or latest next day basis.

A majority of the demand has been for shopping done for those shielding and self-isolating, as well as collecting prescriptions and we have been working with local shops to arrange and publicise home delivery solutions. We have also been available simply to chat over the phone to those struggling with the issues of this unprecedented situation.

Firstly, we need to thank all the volunteers involved, who have been available reliably for the whole time, and The Crosspool Forum who have been extremely supportive. Secondly, we must comment that the anticipated needs in our area were nothing like as great as were possibly anticipated, almost certainly due to the community spirit of neighbourly support in existence here.

We will continue to be available to help with whatever coming out of lockdown brings, and we are still here to help for the foreseeable future. However physically staffing the office six mornings per week seems unjustifiable, so currently the answerphone will be always on and will be checked twice daily at least and there will be staff in the office at times, so please continue to ring and we will get back to you.

Support During COVID-19

healthwatch

Staff & Volunteer Resources

The sudden effect of the loss of the structure which a 9-5 working day provides, can be a struggle and make it difficult to find a day to day sense of purpose whilst on furlough or self-isolating.

One way to help your mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic is by creating a new routine to help structure your day, to overcome challenges such as dealing with existing mental health struggles, financial worries, and the new work-school-home life balance.

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KEEPING CROSSPOOL TIDY

To help ensure that our neighbourhood remains healthy and clean, volunteer Crosspool Community Litter Pickers, encouraged by the Sheffield council had, until the governments March lock down/ social distancing directive, regularly come together in the Crosspool Shopping Precinct on the first Saturday in the month, to remove discarded waste from our streets and open spaces.

As no community litter picks could take place between April and July one local volunteer Litter Picker went that extra mile, singularly collecting 40 large bags of litter for disposal by the Sheffield cleansing department. Among the knoll of rubbish collected from local streets and school fields, shrubberies and undergrowth; were bottles, sweet and crisp packets, broken tennis rackets and umbrellas, discarded school clothing, asthma inhalers, dozens of tennis and golf balls and disappointingly only 17p in coins (which was donated to charity).

We can only hope that in the interest of everyone's health and welfare, this volunteer's tremendous efforts were not in vain and our local neighbourhood and school grounds remain waste and litter free.

A **"Big Thank You"** to this local volunteer for their much appreciated hard work

Now that the lockdown is easing, a limited socially distanced/sterile litter pick took place on the 1st August, the planned September date will be by invitation only and the first official one will be the first Saturday in October, then hopefully every first Saturday in the month throughout the autumn and winter

Everyone is still urged to recycle as much of their household rubbish, waste and unwanted items as they possibly can through their general weekly household waste and recycling bins.

When out and about in the community "take pride in your community" please do not drop litter. Make use of the new dual type rubbish/recycling bins that are popping up all over Crosspool, Veolia do empty these public bins on a regular basis. If you come across any public bins that are full or damaged or you see any fly tipping then please report it immediately on 0114 2734567.

Following on from Lydgate Junior Schools "2019" campaign to reduce the use of single use plastic in their school, their homes, in the local community and in their city. Two new waste bins are planned for the top of the school field; let's hope that they are the recycling dual use ones. Plus a big thank you to all our local schools for encouraging their pupils to dispose of their litter in the most environmentally friendly way.



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2020 Crosspool Scarecrow Competition Winners



Celebrating all key-workers the Scarecrows entries for this year's community scarecrow competition, made to a very high standard from using recycled items found around the home, Intended to entertain, inspire and educate those who were stuck at home, certainly made choose the winners & runners-up challenging.

After scrutinising and giving careful consideration to all the scarecrows entered, judges Magid Magid (past Sheffield Lord Mayor), – Lord Seb Coe, (past Taptan Student) – and members of the Crosspool community, chose the following winners and runners-up;

Prize winner chosen by Lord Coe was "The Ringstead Nurse" Ringstead Crescent (created from logs),

Prize winner chosen by Magid Magid was "The Spaniard's" SpongeBob" Cardoness Road (created from a straw bale),

Prize winners received credit, provided by Dan Kirkland, for a meal at either The Crosspool Tavern or Crosspool Sportsman pub.

Prize runners-up, chosen by the community were:- First runner-up prize, "Boris" (Marsh Lane allotments) – voucher to spend at the Green Cross Chemist, Crosspool. Second runner-up prize, "Granddad Bus Driver" (Cairns Road) – voucher for two fish & chip dinners from the Crosspool Fish Bar.



On behalf of the community of Crosspool, we would like to take this opportunity to give big "Thank You" to both Michele Hatton & Dan Kirkland for organising this year's scarecrow competition, and also to express our gratitude to Lord Coe and Magid Magid for making the time in their busy diaries to support the Crosspool community by selecting this year's winners.

Thank you and well done to everyone who entered this year's competition. We hope that the variety of entertaining individual creations encourages more entries for next year's competition.

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To enable pedestrians to maintain the correct social distance between themselves and others, the council have temporary made changes to the road and footway layout on Fulwood Road and Glossop Road in Broomhill. This is to provide additional space on the pavement for pedestrians as they access local amenities.

The parking bays outside the shops have also been temporarily suspended and pedestrianised to allow more space for people to maintain social distancing. The area will remain open for two disabled parking bays, with the addition of two further disabled bays on Spooner Road and Taptonville Road.

Alternative parking is available very close by. This includes the car park above the shops/businesses on Fulwood Road (accessed via Spooner Road) and in Spooner Road Car Park.

The footways on Glossop Road, between Fulwood Road and Peel Street and between Peel Street and the end of the pavement opposite Westbourne Road, will have been temporarily extended by 1.5metres to give additional footway space.



Broomhill Community Library

After being closed for more than four months, the Broomhill Community Library at 10 Taptonville Road, reopened on Tuesday 4th August for an order and collect service from the library porch. There is no public access to the library for now please wear a face covering and follow the one-way instructions for entering and exiting

Order forms can either be collected from and returned to the library, during new temporary opening Hours

Tuesday 10.00 Am - 1.00 Pm

Wednesday 1.30 Pm - 4.30 Pm

Saturday 10.00 Am - 1.00 Pm

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