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Remembrance



While we couldn't gather around the new community memorial for the first time on Remembrance Sunday, people were invited to take a short walk to the memorial in the garden at Tapton Hill Congregational Church, in their own time during Remembrance week. Rev Suzanne Nockels prepared a prayer that people could use if they saw fit. She also produced a short service video that was aired online at 10.45am on November 11th next to the memorial. *Download video on crosspool.news*

Due to the ongoing legislation on mass gatherings and social distancing, regrettably October's Open Meeting had to be cancelled



Crosspool News

CROSSPOOL FORUM OPEN MEETING

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7:00pm

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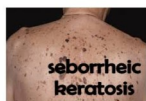
What a year it has been! Our usual monthly meetings have been shelved until we get the go ahead to meet in person once more! But in the true spirit of WI, we have come up with creative ways to keep our WI going - we now have monthly ZOOM meetings and when permitted, meeting in groups of 6 - for our Lunch and Book Club and Pearly Queens (knitting/crochet). If they are not able to meet in person then they meet on ZOOM. We still offer friendship, fun and support. We have also appointed a new President - she is well known around Crosspool - Faye Brown took over the helm in September and we are all delighted. We still have a lot to offer - so if you have ever wanted to join the WI now is the best time - new members and women who have not been a member in the past 10 years can join the WI from October 2020 to March 2021 for just £10.75! It's a great offer - 6 months for £10.75 with all the benefits... If you are tempted come and try us - just email our Secretary Leonie - wicrosspool@gmail.com or follow up on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CrosspoolWI>



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After she had isolated for the two weeks, she was back to her usual self, showing us how to make curries etc.

My job in the kitchen was to make sure they still had nutritious meals and extra boosts to those who were ill. We stocked up on all the essentials and luckily we didn't run out of anything. Some staff stayed over on several occasions to reduce the risk of cross contamination. It was quite stressful at first until we got into a good routine, but it was a happy time too. The residents were encouraged to make pictures etc for a window display and we also have a Covid book, recording photos etc of life in lockdown. This included activities such as baking, gardening and crafts.

We were very kindly given ipads and phones so the residents could talk to their families via Skype, which cheered them up no end. Eventually as the rules relaxed, visits were made in the gardens, following correct social distance measures. This was by strict appointment only and only two visitors from the same household.

It certainly was a challenge to all the care home departments, I am proud to say I never had time off sick, and we didn't lose any residents to covid.

Carol Hanson

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A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses



This quarter we caught up with Janet at Charisma.

How long have you been in Crosspool?

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Any plans for the future?

At the moment I am concentrating on a lot of "New Products", also as we come out of lockdown we are pushing the Online/website side of the business www.giftsonlineuk.net. The party balloon side of the business is also expanding as we speak; the balloons are great for Halloween, Birthdays and Christmas.

How is business going now we are coming out of Lockdown?

Over the last few months it has been up and down. We do really appreciate everyone that is supporting us through these difficult times. We are Covid compliant and doing everything we can to keep all our customers safe.

What makes "your business special?"

We offer a very personal service and friendliness to all our customers. We try to offer products you cannot get on the high street.

What has been your favourite/memorable moment so far?

Ty Beanie Babies- we had queues outside the door, they certainly were memorable times.

What changes have you made?

We are now operating a balloon decorating service and also delivering any item free of charge within a three mile radius. Call in the shop or find us on Facebook@Charisma.Sheffield

What are your best trading periods and why?

Christmas. It is also my favourite season because everyone is in good spirits.

Why do you think people should buy local?

To support the small businesses and help keep Crosspool a thriving shopping community.

What do you think about people using local shops?

Every customer is greatly appreciated. Use us or lose us.

How many staff do you have?

Currently 2, but pre-Covid it was 4.

How did last year's "Shop Local Buy Local and Win" campaign go with local businesses?

It went very well, it encouraged people to shop local, which helps local businesses and also incites a great community feeling.

Do you think local business is good for the community?

Absolutely.

What makes Crosspool special?

Its friendliness and community spirit. Crosspool offers a wide variety of products and services throughout all of our local shops.

What do you think of Christmas in Crosspool?

Love the Christmas trees.

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Glimpses of the Past part 3 - The Frozen North to the South Seas; Malaria, Scurvy and Itch

(Warning: this article may cause itching!)

Sheffield has long had a lively history of entertainment, especially during grim times. Horatio Bright and his son Sam, of Lydgate Hall, Crosspool, were keen theatre-goers - both married colourful stage performers, and their later descendants went into medical science and pharmacy

1918 - the end of WW1, with its high casualty rate, was followed closely by an influenza pandemic (so-called Purple Death, or 'a visit from the Spanish Lady') with even worse fatality numbers; even the PM Lloyd-George fell ill (he recovered).

1939 - more dark days for Sheffield: another War. As winter approached, blackouts were routine, and vehicles were banned from using two headlights at a time. Local papers carried grim news and some light relief: Clark Gable in *Idiot's Delight* was showing at the Scala, Broomhill (following major hits *Gone With The Wind* and *the Wizard of Oz*) and Dorothy Lamour's life story was in the headlines: *Princess of the South Seas*.

Broomhill had its 'South Seas' pub, but surely in land-locked Sheffield you could avoid tropical malaria or the scurvy of long sea-voyages? Not always...

An intrepid scientist couple, Kenneth and Helen Mellanby, had just left the city to set sail, not to tropical climes, but to the Arctic - to study insect life in frozen habitats, and extreme diets in humans (the 'native peoples in the Far North').

1941 - what do you do with a group of pacifists in a World War? Experiment on them, of course!

The Mellanbys did that on their return - part of cutting-edge WW2 research into nutrition and parasitic diseases, at a large suburban house just down the road from Crosspool - in leafy Oakholme Road, Broomhill.

Men and women Conscientious Objectors volunteered - happy to be of use in the War effort in non-combat roles. Some were deliberately infected with malaria, or parasites, and others deprived of vitamin C (causing severe scurvy). The team kept up morale by putting on entertainments - such as a Christmas show with irreverent songs on itch-mites (scabies) and 'crabs'!

The team's motto was (wait for it...) 'Itch Dien' !The routes of transmission of parasitic skin diseases, that plagued military units in wartimes, as well as civilian communities, were established, and rapid cure using whole-body benzoate lotion was proven.

1945 - the Mellanbys wrote of their work in a book - 'Human Guinea Pigs'. They were also among the first scientists to warn a non-scientific public of concerns over climate change.

The house (Fairholme) was originally the home of John Walter Staniforth, great grandson of surgeon William Staniforth, who had given the first smallpox inoculation in Sheffield using cowpox - obtained in a quill from Edward Jenner himself.

Jim Walker

Joint Stephen Hill & St. Columba Christmas Services

December 2020

06th: Second Sunday of Advent 10.30 am Christingle All Age Service @ St. Columba

13th: Third Sunday of Advent 10.30 am @ Stephen Hill

20th: Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30 am @ St. Columba

24th: Nativity Service 4 pm outside @ Stephen Hill car park

24th: Midnight Mass 11.00 pm @ Stephen Hill

25th: Family Service 10.30 am @ St. Columba

These planned services may change due to Covid restrictions

Local Man Realises Childhood Dream

As a child Tom Gray used to take a book written by his grandmother out of the bookcase, Tom would admire this book thinking one day I will follow in my grandmother's footsteps and write my own book. On the 1st September 2020 this childhood dream came true.

We met up with the author and, Tom goes on to say, I was so upset to hear of the incident where many people lost their lives in a metal shipping container, I looked into what made people so desperate to uproot and leave their homeland, ending up being exploited and in so becoming illegal immigrants. How the cruel, cynical exploiters treat and use people. I could not help thinking what it would be like to be caught up in that world and how a person would react in that situation. So in a tentative way I decided to put pen to paper. At first I had no book writing experience, I traipsed along with my writing with no end in sight to finishing, then Lockdown came and that gave me a huge incentive to complete the book.



Writing the book was fitted in around other normal day to day activities including my solitude at my allotment, playing cricket and golf and learning to play the bass guitar. The original draft copy took a year to write, writing for 4 hours a day some of the time. I spoke with other authors along the way and they helped me through some of

the obstacles that they had experienced. A lot of research was put into the books background locations Sheffield, London, and human trafficking, followed by many months of rewording and rewriting and correcting my previous work, line, paragraph and chapter to get it right before publication.



I am not creative, I cannot draw nor paint, I get a fantastic buzz out of writing and putting it into words comes a lot easier for me. My wife left me alone to write the book and read it for the first time after printing. The book is called "Cargo" and based around the central characters Adam, Lauren and Helia it has a few local landmarks and locations mentioned throughout the story with a bit of humour and few laughs along the way.

I also chose a local publisher and would like to thank him and everyone that helped me through the writing and publishing process.

I am now looking forward to working on my second book over the coming months.

Tom Gray.

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Local Policing

So it begins again, another Lockdown.

Our local policing team have been busy with attending addresses dealing with residents/ students that have breached Covid-19 government guidelines.

Their aim was to advise and educate in the first instance. Re-occurring issues have been dealt with via a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

The burglary team (Op Furnace) have arrested a number of offenders in relation to burglaries across the city and are still ongoing with further investigations.

The update for various crimes in the area from 5th August until 5th November 2020 is as follows:-

Theft of Motor Vehicles: - Evelyn Rd., Tapton Crescent Rd. and Redmires Rd.

Theft from Motor Vehicles:- Barholm Rd., Burnt Stones Dr., Sandygate Rd, Ringstead Cres., Cardoness Rd X 2, Whitworth Rd, Ryegate Rd, Delph House Rd and Evelyn Rd.

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Our local policing team heavily rely on residents and are truly grateful for their assistance. Tele:

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Outdoor Exercise

Although time away from the home should be limited during lockdown, importantly parks remain open so you can make the most of your time outdoors & exercise in your area.

Albeit that Regular cleaning continues to take place across the city's playgrounds, people are asked to practice good hand hygiene while using any of the parks facilities.

People should only visit recreation areas with members of their own household or support bubble and, observing social distance, one person from another household can meet outside.

All outdoor gym equipment, multi-use games areas and basketball courts are in accordance with Government restrictions, closed.

During the lockdown sports facilities and clubs that operate from within Sheffield's parks, such as tennis courts and bowling greens, will remain closed. Group fitness activities or team sports are not permitted.

Protect Your Pa\$\$W0rd

Neighbourhood watch have launched a national campaign to protect your pa\$\$w0rd with 3 quick and easy steps.

As we spend more time at home and on our online devices, over one third (34%) of people say that they're more concerned about cybercrime than physical crime. A startling 1 in 5 people are a victim of cybercrime!* You could be more at risk than you might think.

If strengthening your passwords is something you keep putting off, or you feel overwhelmed by the sea of online security information, you're not alone.

PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rd in 3 easy steps

- Create a separate password for your email account(s)
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After a late blast of colour, the summer plants have been removed from the precinct planters and with the help of Year 7 Pupils and Staff from King Edwards School restocked with winter/spring bedding plants provided by the Crosspool Forum.



The Forum would like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to all the volunteers who help maintain the Crosspool floral displays year after year.

Christmas

This Christmas the Tapton Congregational church will be decorating their gates with an ongoing Advent calendar, and a giant wooden Christmas tree is going to be placed in the Church garden. The idea is to decorate it with memories and thankfulness. People are invited to place a decoration to remember a loved one or something they have valued during this difficult year. Examples might include a decoration in a relative's favourite colour, a pine cone to remember our lockdown walks or a blue bauble with NHS written on it.

On the evening of December 13th, 14th, 15th the Church garden will be decorated with lanterns made from jam jars and LED lights. Every one is invited to make one and bring them on the first evening or to our Wednesday private prayer times (6.30-8pm in November).

Church members near the Chapel will be decorating their windows to create a mini-Nativity trail ending up with a crib scene at the Church's glass doors

As numbers are limited, due to restrictions, can you please phone 0114 2325790 or email suzannenockels@gmail.com. to book your place for the Christmas Eve service at 6.30pm and the 10.15am Christmas Day service.

To Zoom carol-singing, Christmas crafts and a Christingle service, please see 'Sheffield Congregational Churches' on Facebook or visit the taptonchurch.com, website.

Crosspool Forum Report

We are living through a difficult time for our community. The crisis around the COVID-19 pandemic has left no one's life or business in our community untouched, inconvenienced or disrupted.

These challenges only reinforce our resolve & determination to continue to collaborate, innovate and recognise the value of our many differences and encourage the involvement of everyone to breathe new life into our community for everyone's benefit.

I am proud of what the Forum has achieved over the last eighteen years and the way that everyone has adapted quickly to the huge amount of changes.

As Chairman of the Crosspool Forum, I feel it a privilege on behalf of the entire community to have this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the many forum volunteers who continue to help with our events and maintain and improve local facilities for the benefit of us all.

Looking back to the inauguration of the forum 18 years ago, the Forum acknowledged then as it does now, that bringing a community together would not, and is still not one of the easiest things to achieve. Nevertheless encouraged by a huge amount of community support, our enthusiasm & commitment was then, and is still now focussed on creating a Crosspool community to be proud of.

Over the years the Forum has made huge strides in successfully running and promoting educational & community events; such as computer classes, art classes, the children's Christmas party in St. Columba's church hall, decorated Christmas trees in the precinct, the facility for the community to recycle Christmas trees and precinct floral displays and hanging baskets. However due to the ongoing government regulation on mass gatherings and social distancing, disappointingly, our quarterly Open meetings, annual Summer Festival - Fayre; Boot sales and Tai Chi classes; had to be cancelled and the scaling back of our easy exercise classes, are just a few of the activities that the forum had to either scale back or cancel this year. When regulations allow an open invitation remains for local Councillors, our MP, guest speakers, the police and residents to attend our open meetings and participate in the many events and activities run by the Forum.

To increase awareness of the Forum's activities we continue to produce, publish and distribute 3000 of the Crosspool Clarion and run the Crosspool News website.

Credit for the Forum's success must go to all the committee members, past and present, which over the years have served the Forum well and kept things together. It's down to their hard work that the Forum has continued to give its best to the community.

As with all long term voluntary community groups some of our founder members; Ron Stevens, Barry Clay, Betty Valence and Joan Chibnal, who set the standards for all of us to aspire to, are sadly no longer with us.

New input and fresh ideas are always a good thing, and this is something we have always tried to encourage over the years. As I'm sure you're aware, the current financial climate means we can no longer rely on central or local government alone to look after our communities or provide local amenities. More and more, it will be up to the local



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communities themselves to get together to ensure that these amenities are provided and maintained and that any future planned projects are in keeping with the community's aspirations.

Just take a moment, and imagine how the area in and around the precinct could have looked if the Forum hadn't been active in encouraging the schools and volunteers to help with the precinct floral displays, hanging baskets, summer flags and the decorated Christmas trees year after year. It's these volunteers that make a difference and in a small way help in preventing the potential boarding up and dereliction of our local shops.

The viability, safety and security of the precinct have been and still remain a major priority for the Forum. To help keep shops and shoppers safe and secure, earlier this year, after overcoming four years of technical difficulties, and with the help of a partial grant from the council the Crosspool Forum funded the installation of a state-of-the-art CCTV camera in the precinct.

What we had eighteen years ago, and what we still have now is dialogue with the authorities & the opportunity to engage with other local groups to maintain, retain and improve our village atmosphere, its reputation and quality of life for residents and visitors. We and the Forum remain committed in supporting the whole area to stay vibrant & welcoming.

We appreciate that many of us live busy lives and finding the time to commit to local causes can be difficult. But if we all do a little bit to help, who can say what we might achieve. I firmly believe that all things are possible if a community pulls together and puts its mind to it.

We continue to keep the community fully informed of the Forums activities & regular events through our dedicated website "Crosspool News" the "Crosspool Clarion" and on the Spar notice board.

The Forum is particularly grateful to "Archers' Estate Agents", for their sponsorship, and very much appreciate the continued help and support from local businesses, Clarion advertisers and the Sheffield Council.

It's extremely encouraging that with the sustained dedication of the committee, Crosspool could have a lot more to look forward to in the future.

In closing I would like to give my personal thanks of appreciation to vice chair, Steve Reynolds for the tremendous support and help he gives to me and continues to give to me and the Crosspool community.

Ian Hague (Chairman)

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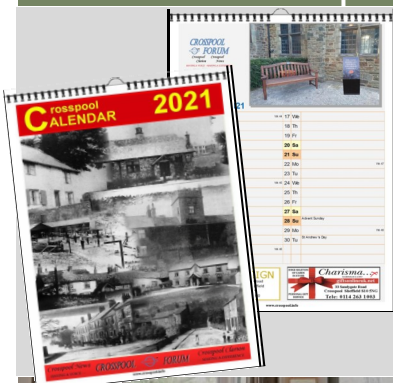
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2021 Crosspool Calendar



The new restyled Crosspool Calendar is now on sale at GT News, Charisma, Crosspool Pet Supplies and Enhance.

The calendar photographs, submitted by local residents, have been selected by the Crosspool forum calendar sub-committee

Any money raised from the sale of the Calendars will go to help promote local events and improve neighbourhood amenities.

Deemed Non-essential

As we go to print, the new lockdown rules have forced all local businesses that are deemed "non-essential" to shut until at least the 2nd December.

These restrictions are a massive blow to local retailers who are being made to shut up their shops for a sizeable chunk of their all-important pre-Christmas period. Beauty and Nail Salons, Hairdressers and Barbers have all had to close. A number of shops, restaurants and cafes have worked to highlight and add to their online shopping services, resorting back to take aways and deliveries. Floral Design is now doing collections and deliveries while Charisma has invested in a new click and collect and telephone order service.

The Crosspool Forum is urging readers to support our local shops and businesses.

Their future is in our hands, and together we can all make a difference.

Check out their websites or give them a telephone call.

