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Last Orders ?

Despite being saved from demolition last year, The Plough Inn, Crosspool is once again at risk. At the time of writing we await The Planning Inspectorate's appeal decision.

Last August, the plough received a stay of execution when the developer's proposal to bulldoze this building of historic value and replace it with eight apartments and car parking, was rejected by the Sheffield City Council's Planning Board.

Now the fate of this historic Sheffield pub, part of the next generations heritage, is under threat once again after Spacepad Construction lodged an appeal against the Sheffield City Council's decision.

The appeal was met with concern by the 'Save the Plough' Community Campaign, which last year led efforts to stop the development. Chair Peter Duff said: "Our argument remains that this is a community asset first and foremost. It's a lovely historical building and why anyone would want to raze it to the ground is beyond me".

The Plough Inn, which has historic ties to Hallam FC, where it's believed the game's modern 'Sheffield Rules' were partly drafted on its premises, called last orders in 2015 and in 2017 the 19th century building was designated a 'Community Asset' by the council.

In the year since Spacepad's proposal was rejected, the Plough's leasehold was listed by consultants Crosthwaite Commercial to be reopened as a pub for £50,000 a year in rent. Peter said: "£50,000 a year is way above the rent for comparable pubs, especially when you throw into the mix how it needs significant work to bring it up to working again. "I think they set it that high so when they appealed they could say 'well no one offered to rent it in the past year'".

"Knocking down The Plough Inn would mean losing a lovely building with a connection to Sheffield's heritage. It would be another lost opportunity to promote the city as the home of football."

All the representations on the applications made to Sheffield city council to determine this appeal, Reference: APP/J4423/W/21/3267944, will be forwarded for consideration to the Planning Inspectorate (30 Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN) and the appellant, Spacepad Construction Ltd.

The appeal documents can be inspected on the planning portal at

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or at: planningapps.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/ by entering the ref.no 19/02130/FUL on the application search. The Planning Inspectorate's decision to determine the future of this Asset of Community Value will be published on the Planning Portal.



CROSSPOOL FORUM OPEN MEETING

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Thursday 29th October 2021 at 7:00pm

St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool

With the possibility of Vaccinations Continuing at St Columba's, it maybe necessary to change the venue. Keep your eye on the

'Spar noticeboard' and 'Crosspool News' website

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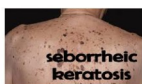
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Crosspool Summer Fayre 2021

Once again the hugely popular Crosspool Annual Summer Fayre had to be cancelled.

This year's event was due to take place on Saturday 3rd July, but with the government COVID-19 legislation for England, limiting outdoor meetings to 6 people or one other household outdoors, extended until July 19th 2021, four weeks after June 21st, the intended planned roadmap date to come out of lockdown, it was with deep regret and disappointment that we had no other choice but to cancel the Summer Fayre for a second consecutive year.

This annual event, organised by the Crosspool Forum volunteers, would normally attract hundreds of people to the CDYST sports field on Coldwell Lane to enjoy an afternoon of fun, games and entertainment for the whole family.

After such a difficult year, we realise that this was a huge disappointment to our loyal stall holders', entertainers, exhibitors and especially people, families and friends who visit the Fayre every year. With our NHS and other public services predicted to be under significant pressure, and public safety everyone's top priority, we're sure that everyone will fully understand why we had no alternative but to cancel this year's summer fayre.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who donated books, bric-a-brac and tombola gifts for this year's fayre. All was not lost; we managed to raise funds from these items with a recent Book & Bric a Brac sale in the Benty Lane Scout Hall.

There are hopes that there is light at the end of the tunnel and we can hopefully see our community events and activities return to normal in the not-too-distant future.



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Crosspool Festival

The festival was able to take place this year, albeit in a reduced capacity due to covid19 restrictions. It wasn't possible to construct our usual Well Dressing so instead the shopping precinct was fabulously decorated with Yarn Bombing. There was a fantastic assortment of knitted or crocheted owls, cones, insects, hearts, figures such as Robin Hood, wreaths, bunting and pompoms. The whole area looked very bright and colourful.

The open gardens were enjoyed by many people and a whopping sum of almost £2,000 was raised for the gardeners' chosen charities. The online photograph competition attracted considerable interest around the topic "A year in Crosspool". The Beavers treasure hunt was well attended despite the

rain that evening. Other events were some zoom talks and a bird walk around Crosspool, which included watching the kestrel with a nest on the cemetery chapel, and a big thankyou goes to Michele for organising the scarecrow competition which gave a great many of us a lot of pleasure searching them out during our daily walks.

The festival team are looking forward to the last week of June in 2022 when they hope to be able to produce a full festival programme of events including the famous street market.



Tai Chi Classes

After being a little cautious about restarting the Tai Chi classes at the Benty Lane Scout Hall Crosspool we are now pleased to announce that the classes will restart on Wednesday 1st September 2021 10.45 –11.45. By then hopefully we will be able to get together safely once again. We look forward to seeing new and regular attendees. Keep safe and well.

Chair-Based Exercise Classes

These chair-based exercise classes are a great place to meet new people; lots of people come on their own to exercise and leave having made a group of new friends!

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your mobility, and you've been contemplating starting an Exercise Class, please don't hesitate to come along. You'll find that you feel so much better.

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Success in the RSC Chemistry Olympiad

The RSC Chemistry Olympiad is an annual competition organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. It is targeted at the most able chemistry students in Year 13, nationally, and comprises two rounds.

The first round was a lengthy and challenging written chemistry examination. Students completed the written exam at home, scrutinised over Google Classroom. King Edward's had six students who volunteered for the Olympiad. These students were, Anna, Jacob, Kian, Matthew, David and James. Pleasingly, all entrants achieved a certificated award for their performance which was Bronze, Silver or Gold. Matthew and Kian achieved Gold. This represents an astounding achievement and placed these two students very highly, in the UK. Kian Moshiri's score was so high that it led to him being invited to the second round. Only around thirty students nationally get the invite. Looking at the scores of the other students that made the second round, Kian was placed very highly, even within this elite group.

The second round was used to decide which students would go on to represent the UK in Japan, later this year. The second round took place over a weekend. It included two bespoke lectures on very high-level chemistry and a four-hour exam. Students were also expected to read and understand two chapters from an undergraduate chemistry textbook. One of the chapters involved some difficult quantum mechanics! The level of the chemistry would genuinely challenge many undergraduates.

Having spent quite a lot of time with Kian, helping him to prepare, I can say that his ability in chemistry is exceptional. In twenty-five years of teaching chemistry at the School, I dare say that Kian is the most talented chemist that I have had the pleasure of working with. Sadly, he didn't make the national team of four students. Participants did not find out their score; only whether they were selected, or not. It is worth mentioning that Kian was also preparing for Grade 8 Piano and Flute, as well as his other A-Levels.

Kian has been offered a place at Trinity College, Cambridge to study Mathematics. He has told me that he may select some chemistry options at Cambridge, so that he can 'keep his hand in'. Mr William Davey, Chemistry Department.

Warm regards

Linda Gooden Headteacher

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A Rose by Any Other Name

A rose by any other name... Nye Bevan perhaps? 'No society can legitimately call itself civilised if a sick person is denied medical aid because of a lack of means.' Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan – founder of the NHS.

The NHS was 73 on 5th July 2021, it is young enough that we will have family who remember not being able to afford basic health care, and old enough to feel a basic and essential part of our country. Some might say it is the best thing about this country.

This year the famous rose growers, David Austin Roses, named their new rose 'Nye Bevan' in honour of the great service the NHS has done our country during the Covid Pandemic – a donation from each rose sold is made to the NHS Charity. A lot of us in Crosspool will have now had our vaccination – another great NHS story – in St Columbus' Church. A combination of our local GP services and local church and volunteers coming together to provide a clinically safe and caring vaccination service. I don't know about you, but I felt very relieved after both vaccines, having had the Pfizer vaccine I reflected in the fifteen minutes post vaccine, how lucky I was to have all these people working for me and thought about what I could do for them.

It wasn't a lot to give back, but I donated two Nye Bevan roses to St Columbus for their front garden as a thank you. If you walk past the church, they are planted under the sign. I hope it will give the congregation, and the rest of you on the now common daily walk, something

extra to enjoy and help us all remember the momentous gift they have given us in sharing their space and their time for our benefit.

By Martha Roberts, Watt Lane



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A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses

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We have been trading in Crosspool for 19 years.

Are you a family business?

No

How many staff do you have?

We are a team consisting of 3 staff and 3 fitters

What makes your business special?

Our relationship with our customers. Over the years we have built strong ties and we have seen customers return time after time even when moving away from this area.

How has your business changed over the years?

We always like to have the up-to-date products and newest designs available for our customers to choose from.

Are you busier during certain times of the year?

We have had a very busy year but the lead up to Christmas is usually our busiest period.

Do you mainly do Residential or Business Floor coverings?

Most of our work is for customers looking for floor coverings for their homes, although we do offer coverings for small to medium commercial premises as well

How can your products enhance a home/business?

Definitely. The floor covering is usually the last thing to go in after decoration and the transformation the floor covering can make can finish a room

Has the Covid Lockdown delayed customers having new floor coverings?

Slightly, more so early on in the outbreak, but things are slowly getting back to normal

What is the best way for customers to contact you?

By telephone, if we're with a customer please leave a message and we'll get back to you asap.

Do you think local business is good for the community?

Yes, as many people know each other locally, they can often get good recommendations from each other.

What makes Crosspool special?

The people

Do you have anything you want to add?

I would like to thank each and every one of our customers that have supported us over the last 19 years." Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the future

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Wonderful Amy

Incredibly, having fulfilled her mammoth challenge of sewing together 116 tiny squares into a king-size quilt to create a unique record, depicting how our community had coped with the covid19 pandemic; on Sunday August 15th 2021, local resident, mother of two young children and physiotherapist, Amy Chambers, finally completed the Lands-End to John O'Groats virtual challenge with a day to spare. www.endtoend.run/lands-end-to-john-o-groats-virtual-challenge/

Amy told the Clarion:- "I started the LeJog virtual challenge on the 15th of August 2020, I wanted something to keep me motivated to get out and exercise to help keep both my physical and mental health strong during a really stressful time. I ran and walked the 874 miles from lands end to John o groats. It was great to be able to see virtually where I was on the map and explore the areas I was passing through via google maps. I completed the challenge on the 15th August 2021 on a run with my neighbour. The running has certainly helped me to prepare for my next challenge, the Sheffield half marathon on the 26th September. I am doing this to raise funds for a small mental health charity in Barnsley called "Mind Over Matter" who offer much needed support to young people struggling with mental health battles. I would encourage anyone to give a virtual walking challenge a go, get out there, focus on putting one foot in front of the other and enjoy the beautiful scenery we are surrounded by". The link to my just giving page is:

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Having now completed the LeJog virtual challenge, Amy will be starting university in September to do her masters!!



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Teenage Boy 'seriously injured'

Emergency services were called to the incident on Manchester Road at 4.50pm Thursday, 10th June. Crosspool resident Joe Graham (Taekwondo instructor) helped other passers- by to stop and direct traffic after a 16-year-old boy was seriously injured when crossing the Manchester Road near to the Tesco store. He was taken to hospital by ambulance but his injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

This accident prompted Jo to start a campaign for road safety measures to be implemented on the roads of Crosspool. Jo is asking residents to sign her petition which she intends to present to the council.

Cllr. Mohammed Mahroof agrees that there is a problem and safer crossing points are urgently needed in Crosspool. Saying that, "there is a constant stream of traffic on Manchester Road, some difficult junctions plus lots of young children at Lydgate Juniors, Lydgate Infants and Ryegate Children's Centre". He went on to say "There has been a lot of concern around Crosspool regarding safe crossing points and traffic in general. The areas of particular concerns are Manchester Road outside Tesco, Lydgate Lane and Cross Lane to name but a few. Council officers need to accompany me on a walk around these particular locations and to allocate a budget to address this issue of public safety".

Cllr. Douglas Johnson, Cabinet member for transport, said: "There are a lot of such requests and the budget does not allow us to address all of them."

He added that there were existing pedestrian crossings along Manchester Road to schools in the area, although these may not provide the most direct route for all students and residents.

"I'm sure you will appreciate the council receives many requests for road safety measures and crossings from residents. Ideally, we would like to be able to respond to most of them. However, the budget for highway improvements is extremely limited which means that only a small number of schemes can be built each year.

"The limitations on our resources mean that we have to assess and prioritise locations for measures according to certain criteria, which includes for example how difficult the road is to cross, traffic speeds, and how many pedestrians use the route." One of the most important of these relates to the prevention of accidents, particularly those recorded as serious or fatal.

"Although we cannot know where the next accident may occur, it is more likely to happen at a location having a history of previous accidents than one with few or none. In this way we can focus on locations where measures are most urgently needed.

"The criteria we use to assess crossing requests include the pedestrian accident history; the degree of fear and intimidation, as well as how much any improvement would assist access to any local amenities or centres."

"The council followed Department for Transport guidance and officers assessed new requests on a quarterly basis.

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"Just wanted to say that your bench outside is a lovely peaceful place to sit. The garden and pots are beautifully planted and your memorial to all affected by strife is so aptly worded and relates to everybody now and in the past times and all around the world."
Thank you
Best wishes

Crosspool Ladies Group

Crosspool ladies group meetings resume on the 9th September 2021.

They meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday 7.30pm to 9.30pm at their NEW VENUE, Stephen Hill Methodist Church. They enjoy a varied programme of speakers and outings. No refreshments, but you can bring your own. The annual subscription is £25
Contacts: Janet Stain 2302916 - Linda Saxton 2301468 - Janet Harland 3483290

Log Alert

Local businesses and residents have asked that dog owners take extra care to try and avoid their dogs fouling the pavements and doorways in the Crosspool shopping precinct area.



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"Joining Up"

Following the recent publication of his first book "Cargo", local author Tom Gray says "writing the book gave me a great sense of achievement. Since its circulation on to book shelves and into school libraries, I've received a lot of positive feedback indicating that it went down well with its readers."

Driven by the successful launch of "Cargo" and being handed a "very special donation" from his cousin Ian, Tom, motivated by his achievement, has now written a second book.

After eighteen months of research and writing, Tom's latest book "Joining Up" centres around the main character, who, captivated by the mystery of his grandfather's war time experiences, questions why his grandfather had never spoke about where he had served and for what he had received a "Military Medal for Bravery". How he and his comrades had endured the years between 1914 and 1918 and beyond as a close-knit community, learning about the Sheffield Pals Regiment and the courage these young men had shown.

Tom explained that the supernatural element of this story is a key part, as the story runs over three generations and the main character is able to go back to meet his grandfather in serving his country, his guiding spirit throughout the writing of this book. Redmires Camp, Sheffield and some of our local areas playing a big part throughout.

"Joining Up" will be available from 11th October 2021 from Waterstones and 1889books.com. Well worth a read.



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Hallam FC Open Sky Sports Bar

Hallam FC open Sky Sports Bar heralding new chapter in this famous club's history.

When Hallam FC played the very first recognised competitive game of football against local rivals Sheffield FC back in 1860, who could have foretold how the game of football would grow, blossom, and become the passion of vast swathes of the globe? Certainly the founder of Hallam FC, a certain J. C. Shaw of Manchester Road in Crosspool, would, no doubt, be dumbstruck to learn how that fateful game between the Countrymen (Hallam FC's famous nickname) and Sheffield FC would go on to inspire such things as the FIFA World Cup, the Premier League, and Sky Sports. He might also be a little indignant that those new kids on the block, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday, have gone on to grab Sheffield's footballing limelight!

Hallam FC's historic ground at Sandygate continues to be a place with deep roots in the game and a place of cultural significance. It is officially the oldest football ground in the world, and attracts visitors from around the globe who wish to soak up the atmosphere and explore the history behind the place that has every right to call itself the cradle of modern football.

It is entirely appropriate then that Hallam FC, while being rightly proud of its heritage, should also embrace the modern era. To this end, on Saturday 7th August, it was a happy moment, and another chapter in Hallam's illustrious history, when Hallam FC's Sky Sports Bar was opened.

Hallam FC's clubhouse bar has long been a focal point of the local community, and during the Covid lockdown restrictions, it was opened as an outdoor venue to help service and lift the spirits (as it were) of the local community. With the introduction of the Sky Sports Bar, Hallam FC hope to reaffirm their commitment to grass roots football and the local community. It was fitting that on the opening day, Hallam FC's Sky Sports Bar broadcast football matches from those previously mentioned new kids on the block, Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United!

It is also appropriate that the bar served a beer brewed by the local Crosspool Ale Makers Society and named after Hallam FC founder J. C. Shaw. Brewed on Manchester Road, in the very same location that Mr Shaw himself lived in until the late 1890s, this beer was a huge hit with the Sky Sports Bar customers, and proved that while football may have grown into a global phenomena following that historic game between Hallam FC and Sheffield FC, it still remains the game of the people and a cornerstone of local communities. This is never more true than in the case of Hallam FC and the local community that it is proud to be a part of.

Lucy Bell

Hallam FC Media



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- Proceed up the steps to the pond and "Woolf Wheel", cross the little sluice gate, and at the millstone keep straight on.
- "Frank Wheel" is the next historic point on your right. Crossing the bridge next to the waterfall go up some steps and follow the path between the river and the conduit
- After crossing a narrow stone path, the path continues along the bottom side of an open field and then turns up a hill, after the stone gateposts bear off to the left down some steps. There is a pond at the bottom and the next historic point "Second Coppice Wheel" and the "Upper Coppice Wheel" - the place for wild swimming!
- The path continues along the side of the river until you reach the pack horse bridge. Go over the bridge and turn immediately left onto a wide path up to Manchester Road (about 400 metres).
- Cross the road to go through the farm gateway - the footpath is immediately to the left after the gatepost, then after 10 metres turn right up the path to the bicycle hop and into the woods (this is point "X" - see directions for shorter walk below). Look out for tea and cake at the Apple Shack on the right after the hop (open Friday to Sunday - @theappleshack on Instagram).
- Follow the path up the woods (about 500 metres) to some stone steps and after that bear left to stepping stones over the water at Black Brook
- the path then takes you along the crags and the edge of the golf course for about a mile, eventually coming out on Coppice Lane (the Byway which runs into Moorbank Road). Walk along Moorbank Road and turn left down Coldwell Lane - you are then back onto Manchester Road into Crosspool.
- This walk is about four miles long and takes about 1.5 hours. If you would prefer a shorter walk (just under an hour), start on Moorbank Road and walk down Coppice Lane (the byway) to Manchester Road. Just before you get onto the main road turn left into the bridleway. This takes you to point "X" from which you can follow the directions above.



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