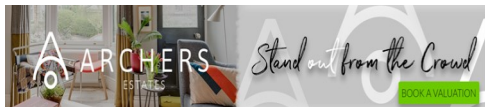




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CROSSPOOL PERSON OF THE YEAR



Brenda Nelson, from being a nurse at the Manchester Rd Surgery to taking on the task of church warden at St Columba's church in March 2020, started a community hub for vulnerable local people to help with their shopping etc., this became the Crosspool vaccination hub in October.

Working with six local GP practices from Stannington to Walkley, Broomhill to Lodge Moor they discussed how to operate safely in a time of great fear. Many of the over 80s had not been outside for months and were very nervous at meeting others. St Columba's Church was closed and all kneelers, prayer books, noticeboards and many chairs had to be removed, to make way for clinical fridges and IT equipment. On 9th Jan 2021 thirty volunteers started to help, all with PPE, &

accepting the high risks involved and two WhatsApp groups came on board. (at the time the death rate went up from 1156 to 1666) - but how many people would attend? Then it snowed!!, so a second group had to be enrolled to clear snow and grit the pavements, and help with parking at the Tavern. Despite all the windows and doors being open for good ventilation people did turn up to be vaccinated. (One person even walked all the way from Stannington) After a day when the snow prevented 100 people arriving for their appointments, and determined not to lose one dose of their 1200 doses, they stayed open until late at night, the next day they were inundated! (Over the succeeding months the death rate went down to 30 a day - but we are slowly winning!). Many funny stories were shared among them and the hub become so comfortable and welcoming to attendees that they outstay the recommended 15 minutes waiting time (Pfizer vaccine) to sit and chat! The Labour leader, Sir Keir Starmer visited the hub accompanied by an entourage of the press and photographers from local and national TV/Papers.

People and local shops have been bringing in chips, pizzas, cakes and goodies. - "such a wonderful response" said Brenda. There might be lots of chairs to clean all the time and floors to sanitize but she feels privileged to share peoples' stories at this odd time. Over the past ten months they have had a total of sixty five volunteers, with another two just about to start. It has become "a family", university students, early retirees and couples doing a couple of hours to whole shifts.....with there even being a romance being sparked between a couple of volunteers!

Some forty thousand people have been vaccinated, with fifteen thousand more vaccinations to give.

Brenda felt she was just in the right place at the right time and thanked church leaders and doctors' practices for their collaboration, cooperation and help.

For her hard work, dedication and commitment to the community, Brenda has been presented with an engraved goblet and the CROSSPOOL PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD certificate.



CROSSPOOL FORUM OPEN MEETING

Crosspool.info

Thursday 27th January 2022 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

Email:- crosspoolforum@gmail.com or Tele:- 07713 687 955

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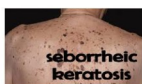
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Open Meeting & 17th AGM Bullet Points, 27th October

Eleven Crosspool residents, six Forum Management Committee members, two councillors and a guest speaker attended.

Ian Hague (chair) welcomed everyone to the Forum's first open meeting for 18 months (17th AGM), with an apology for the short notice for the change of day and venue from St. Columba's to Stephen Hill Church.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Ian made reference to the very first 'SW Area panels' meeting he attended saying that what he had said at that meeting still held as true today as it was then. That the aim of the Crosspool forum is to retain the character of Crosspool for future generations. The Committee still remains dedicated and steadfast in this resolve. - He expressed his gratitude to Steve Reynolds (Vice Chair) for his assistance.

The viability, safety and security of the precinct is a major priority for the forum. The newly purchased precinct CCTV camera, has helped the police with their investigations on a couple of occasions since its installation. The defibrillator situated at St. Columba's has been used twice in 2021. The Forum retains its links with police, councillors and schools. He thanked all the residents for their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John Drinkwater said, thanks to Covid the previous year's accounts could not be considered normal, but despite the loss of income the Forum generated a little more than it spent - Profit & Loss sheets were available for anyone who wished to see the details. The calendar sales still bring in the most, followed by the annual event of Xmas tree shredding! He thanked Archers for their continued sponsorship of the Clarion, and wished to remind the floor of the quite high fixed expenses that need to be covered each year - insurance etc. On a lighter note he thanked the Festival team for their hard work in producing the programme of events - especially the precinct yarnbombing! & finds "with sensitivity & care" and occasional use of an "isolation room" where they can sit quietly to complete their work for the day is enough. Committee Nominations etc., There were no resignation this

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year but the committee was glad to welcome Angela Southward back on to the team. There are still six posts to be filled – please contact Ian or Steve.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Pam Thompson sent in a report as their work rota meant they could not attend in person; there were nine burglaries, and eight attempted break-ins in our area. Once again changing your locks to ensure they are the secure IS007 sort is essential. Pam & Phil Whittaker are often to be found in 'nest' café – do pop in and talk to them. The councillors present were asked about increasing police teams – apparently new officers are still in training. There was a question about children's lives being put at risk by vehicles being driven along pavements/verges on Manchester Rd – this will be followed up by Cllr. Ruth Milsom.

CROSSPOOL PERSON OF THE YEAR; Ian & Steve were proud to present Brenda Nelson with an engraved glass goblet & certificate for all her sterling work at the Crosspool vaccination hub (St Columba's church) for the past year. Brenda gave a thoroughly interesting short presentation of the work still being done there.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

1/ Cllr Mohammed Mahrouf spoke about the road safety issues at Crosspool and how much difficult he is having in getting funding to change anything. The dangers the Stephen Hill/ Manchester Rd/Benty Lane junction posed; the Tesco car park entrance and both-sides parking on some already-narrow residential roads was mentioned.

2/ The brand-new LACS (Local Area Committees) had their first public meeting in September. Our councillors Mohammed, Ruth Milsom & 2 Forum committee members attended, (apologies from Cllr.Tim Huggan). It is to be hoped we can 'tap into' some good funding from LACS once they are properly up & running.

3/The Council has lost 50% of its funding over the last few years - & Ruth accepted that when there is a budget overspend (as now) some S10 & S11 projects are the ones to be cut first.

4/The Rivelin Valley has had a problem for over a year with the Hind Wheel pond leak – Mohammed was asked to put pressure on the Council to get this fixed.

5/Tree Pruning, apparently STAG together with StreetsAhead has to inspect any tree before major work is done now.

FORUM EVENTS etc.

1/ Hagg Cope autumn tidy-up -28th Nov. Orchard had a good apple crop.

2/ Planters still looking good so the change to spring bulbs was postponed for a week or two.

3/ Festival dates for 2022 – Well dressing 24th June, end event 3rd July.

4/Crosspool calendar out now - still £4 (Enhance, Pet Shop, Charisma, GT News)

5/Christmas children's party – still up in the air.

6/Easy Exercise and Tai Chi are up and running again.

AOB?

1/Crosspool quilt and LAC survey
Next Open Meeting, Thursday
27th Jan 2022 – venue either St Columba's or Stephen Hill Church; Keep an eye on the Crosspool News or Spa notice board nearer the time.

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Schools' Climate Education



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Awareness of the climate change, its impacts and the need for change are issues that many young people are aware of and some quite informed. King Edward VII School has an active Eco-School

Committee, made up of young people across all three key stages, from both Lower and Upper School sites. Schools' Climate Education South Yorkshire (SCESY) is a small organisation of educationalists across a number of primary and secondary schools, primarily in Sheffield. Mark Lallemand, one of the Teachers in the English Department at King Edward VII School is a member of the organizing committee. SCESY's aim is to support schools, teachers and students on their climate education journey.

This ranges from the specifics of reducing carbon emissions as a school to promoting active citizenship in relation to the climate and ecological emergency, encouraging respect and understanding for the environment from school, to home, nationally and internationally.

This is now a significant part of the agenda of King Edward VII School, which has explicit objectives written into the School Improvement Plan, referring directly to aspects such as carbon footprint auditing and assessing the carbon footprint of goods and services bought in by the School.

From 5th to 7th July SCESY put on its first virtual online conference for schools in South Yorkshire. Forty primary and secondary schools signed up and King Edward VII was one of the first schools to sign up, through Eco-School staff leads, Mr Johnston, from the Geography Department, and Mrs Bishop, from the non-teaching staff.



The conference was due to be held last year and hosted by Sheffield Hallam University but because of the pandemic had been postponed. It has not been possible to host a face to face conference this year, so everything has moved online. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 engaged in assemblies about the conference, took part in a competition to invent a new climate related word for a future dictionary, and took part in online workshops from the comfort of their Science, Maths,

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The conference was opened by Dame Sarah Storey, winner of 14 Paralympian Gold Medals, and Active Travel Commissioner for Sheffield City Region. Some of the stand-out workshops that were planned:



Students created their own wind turbines and discussed ways to supply power to our cities of the future in a more sustainable way. Students explored practical ways in which our own School grounds can be made more environmentally and nature friendly.

BOSH! are two chefs from Sheffield who met at school and have teamed up to create fun, tasty and awesome plant-based food that even the most committed carnivore will love! They held a live cooking workshop which got those taste buds going!



Hope for the Future worked with students on how they can effectively engage their MPs in coming up with policies that will have an impact on the way the UK moves towards a zero carbon future. They finished with a live workshop with Sheffield Hallam MP Olivia Blake, and students were able to ask her questions about her life in politics and how we can tackle climate change issues as a School and as a country.

This workshop, run by the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales, gave students the chance to examine the data in relation to carbon emissions, explored how the UK can move towards a zero carbon future, encouraged students to envisage a positive sustainable and just future world, where no-one is left behind in the move towards a low carbon economy.

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So, what were some of the outcomes from this conference for King Edward VII School? Maybe students will lead the School in looking at some of the following:

- How the food we offer can be even more local, sustainably sourced and packaged.
- How the energy we use as a School can be reduced even further.
- How the School can explore more sustainable and renewable energy supplies, such as ground source heating and solar panels.
- How the School can promote even more sustainable ways of getting to and from School for staff and students.
- How our School grounds can be increasingly transformed into a nature friendly, litter free environment. Watch this space!

Excellent news! Lower School site members of the Eco-Committee took part in the final panel event and selected questions to go forward to the COP26 meeting of world leaders in Glasgow in November.

Museums Sheffield Curatorial Project

A Level Fine Art and Photography students from King Edward VII will be curating an exhibition in School showcasing carefully selected works from Sheffield's extensive visual art collection; inspiring young people to understand and value art.

A small group of students will spend an afternoon with acclaimed artist Keith Piper as he curates his upcoming exhibition at The Graves Art Gallery in Sheffield. A unique opportunity to asks questions about curation, context and visual narrative.

Artist / Teacher Stephen Carley and Sheffield Museum's curator Kirstie Hamilton will coordinate this exciting pilot project using the unique space of King Edward VII Upper

School on Glossop Road as an alternative exhibition venue bringing original works of art into the heart of an education establishment.

To quote from a recent letter from Museums Sheffield:

"The project will allocate funding to support a project that will create tangible ways for people to engage with the Museums and Galleries collection in their formative years and explore how we can help young people to become more familiar with their collection and harness its potential as a resource for learning, inspiration and creativity.

We would like to work with you, your colleagues and a group of students from King Edward VII School to create a series of exhibitions curated with, by and for young people that will be displayed off site. The project will work towards the outcome of deepening young people's learning experiences and developing their understanding of, and relationship with, the collection they own. Central to this work will be the display of works from the collection in School in 2022 and then beyond this, potentially there will be a further three years of activity. The project will be approached and realised with the utmost professionalism broadening the knowledge and understanding of the participants as well as giving them insight into working in a cultural organisation. Beyond those immediately involved, the exhibitions will also engage with the wider cohort of young people studying at the School and there is the potential for other subject areas to become involved".



KEEPING OUR VILLAGE GREEN TIDY



Have you spotted the team of local volunteers that have been tirelessly digging away on Lydgate Green every Saturday morning clearing the borders and beds of dense growth and weeds? The volunteers are getting fit at the same time as removing dandelions, buttercups, daisies, couch grass, nettles and brambles in order to enhance the village green ready for next spring.

All visitors to the green are reminded keep the area tidy, keep their dogs off the borders and beds and clean up after their dog. This area is for everyone's use and enjoyment.

Please help to KEEP OUR VILLAGE GREEN TIDY.

A big "Thank You" to the team of volunteers for all their hard work. Should you like to get involved, please feel free to join the team on Saturday mornings at 10am weather permitting.

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A Defibrillator has recently been installed at the entrance to Hallam FC on Sandygate Road!



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Stephen Hill Methodist Church is in a partnership with The Church of St Columba. We normally alternate our Sunday services, but due to St Columba currently being a vaccination hub, all services are mainly being held at Stephen Hill Church. In addition to our various activities we have throughout the week, we also raise money for various charities at our coffee mornings, Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10am to 12noon. Two of our Charities this year are Sheffield Young Carers and the RNLI at Filey. You will be made very welcome at these coffee mornings. Our building can also offer a venue for concerts, parties (for children up to 12years old) and many other activities

Together in Church Again

Join us in Church: It is wonderful to be able to meet together in Church again, and now that restrictions are lifting, we can welcome people without having to book! We do ask that you register with us for Track and Trace still, so it can speed things up if you contact Brenda Nelson at 07835455562 or by email bj.nelson@btopenworld.com. However, this is not a requirement and you can just arrive on the day so don't worry about a last minute visit! Join us by Zoom: Click here for the recurring meeting. Join us by phone: Dial 0330 088 5830 followed by the Meeting ID: 951 3096 4519 and Passcode: 7647720 Dial-a-Sermon: You can also hear the sermon via the number 0114 4782335. Calls cost the same as a local call.

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Contact Rachel for information
Rachel Quinn BWY Dip

Christmas Carol's at Stephen Hill

Monday 13th December
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Junior Badminton Group

I run a small badminton group at **Stephen Hill Methodist church** catering for 10 to 18 yr olds. We play mainly doubles, as there is only one court. The aim is to teach the participants to play competently and to have fun.



We try to encourage the members to develop a varied game, and to think of different strategies depending on how they are playing and how their partners and their opponents are playing. The doubles game teaches them how to interact with their partner as a team, backing them up, covering the whole court together, and not sticking to one side of the court. The hall has a fairly low ceiling so we play a fairly attacking game.

There are a few vacancies at the moment.

The charge £10.00 per term, and we meet weekly on Thursdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm in term time between September and Spring Bank Holiday. Please contact me if your child would like to join us

Bob Townrow Tele: 0114 2301098.

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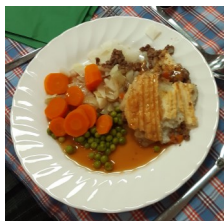
The Rock Project is an after-school Rock School focusing on teaching children how to play their instruments as part of a band. We take a fun first approach by focusing on songs they already know and love while promoting social skills and self-confidence through interaction with like-minded kids.

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CROSSPOOL LUNCHEON CLUB (5* rated by the Council)

The Club is open to all over 70s. It is partially funded by the Sheffield City Council and meets every Wednesday at **Stephen Hill Methodist Church**. Lunch is served at 12.30pm and is usually finished between 1.30 and 1.45pm. We do have 2/3 weeks off around Christmas to give our cooks, helpers and washers-up a well-deserved break!



Come and join us in the Oxford Hall for a main meal and a pudding followed by a cup of tea. You can enjoy getting out of the house at least once a week and meeting others in a friendly environment.

We are very grateful for the team of helpers who regularly cook, set and clear tables and wash up. Their reliability, good humour and hard work make providing lunches a pleasure.

Their meals are pretty awesome too. We always have room for more helpers if you can spare the time. We charge £5 per person and all are welcome.

We provide transport for those who are less mobile but spaces on our bus are limited at present. This is partly because of covid restrictions. However, we will endeavour to accommodate in other ways if possible.

For more information contact Kath Smith (2667089).

Grandpa's Face

A Little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book, reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She then touched her own cheek.

After a little while of thinking she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He looked at her and said "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago".

She paused for a few seconds and then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

He replied, "Yes, indeed pumpkin, God made you a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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Aquabox

Aquabox is a charity organised by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth and has been supported by the congregation of Stephen Hill Methodist Church for many years.

When catastrophe hits the population of a poor region of the world, be it a hurricane, tsunami, flood or earthquake, there is an immediate need for clean water. It is possible to live for many days without food but clean water is an immediate need. There may be plenty of water available but it is essential that water for drinking is free of pollutants. This is where Aquabox comes in. The box is capable of holding found water and it is provided with filter which can remove almost all the impurities. Also included in the box are useful items for getting life restarted, hammers, nails, tarpaulins, cooking pots, and so on – even a soft toy for the children. The filters are made by volunteers in a warehouse in the Derbyshire hills. More volunteers pack all the additional items ready for despatch. In fact the whole operation is managed by volunteers, apart from an administrator who works a 20 hour week. There are no plush London offices, it's all controlled from the Derbyshire HQ.

Aquaboxes have recently been sent to Haiti, Nepal, Yemen, Gaza, Syria and Senegal in each case they have been received by trusted partner organisations (often Rotary Clubs) for distribution where the need is greatest.

Since Stephen Hill started its support well over 120 boxes have been bought and filled by people using the church. Details of the charity and a list of items needed for the boxes are available on the noticeboard in the church forum. Contributions of cash or items of support are always welcome. If you want to talk about how you can help you will usually find Bob and Trevor at the church coffee morning on Mondays.

Family Fun

1st Friday of the month Family Fun Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm. £3 entry per family. Including craft, tuck shop, games and big screen film.

3rd Friday of the month Stepping Stones. 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Under 4s and the carers. We have story, songs, craft and snacks.

The last Friday of the month is Messy Church 3.30pm - 5.00pm. We share bible story, action songs, messy crafts, and a family meal.

- We have Blast Kids on the 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month during the 10.30am service we are using the brick bible and using lego in these sessions. This is for kids 5 years to 11 years.
- Bumps Babies and Bairns meets on every Tuesday during term time at 10.00am - 11.30am. This is a toddler group.

Email: Tara.osborne@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk

Contact: 07554720879

Join us for Messy Church at Stephen Hill Church on the last Friday of the month at 3.30pm till 5.00pm.



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Do you employ local people? Yes

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What plans do you have for the future?

We hope to continue to grow the business and attract more people to use our local service

How has your business changed during the Covid outbreak?

We have increased the use of PPE and the time we allocate for each appointment

What has been your favourite moment so far?

One particular special day was in March 2018 when Amy, Harry and Paul with the Red Sofa passed through Crosspool as part of the BBC Look North Sofa Challenge

What is your favourite season?

I like Spring the best

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

We love it. Local people are the heart of our community

Do you think local business is good for the community? Yes

What do you like about Crosspool? Crosspudlians

What do you think of the summer precinct display?

The floral displays always look very pretty around the shopping area

What do you think of the Christmas tree display?

The festive displays always look very nice

Any general comments?

We are hoping to join in with the Crosspool Festival in 2022



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CrosspoolWI Alternatively email our Secretary Leonie Souster on wicrosspool@gmail.com We look forward to welcoming you.....

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STEPHEN HILL YOUTH PANTOMIME !

Stephen Hill Youth Pantomime presents "The Snow Queen". Covid permitting. The young people at Stephen Hill will be performing their annual pantomime in February half term. Tickets will be on sale later this year, with the show to be performed **16th to 19th February 2022.**

For more details - including how to buy tickets - please see the posters at **Stephen Hill Methodist Church** or online at the "Stephen Hill Panto" Facebook page from the beginning of December.

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Forum are looking for volunteers to deliver the quarterly Clarion newsletter.

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As new volunteers have come forward opening hours have been extended –

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am - 5pm.
Early closing Tuesday and Saturday. 10am - 1pm.
Our basement area (only accessible on foot - via the staff drive please) now houses Dave Baillie of Vernon Barker Cycles, who runs a total bike repair shop for all your cycling needs - accessories, parts, new tyres etc .He and colleagues are open Tues, Wed & Fri - 9.30-5.30 (and Sat 9.30-3.00pm) ; do bring in your bike for repair or search online for any further information.

Simply Hang Up

We have to rid ourselves of the endless scams invading our lives by Telephone, Mobile, Text and computer emails. Simply Hang Up. Delete or bin anything you've not requested or don't recognise, such as:-

BT saying they are turning off your internet within the hour and you need to press 1 to sort it; don't press 1 hang up!

Amazon will remove an amount of money from your account unless you press 1 to discuss, don't press 1, Hang up!

You're due a tax refund and your account details are needed to transfer the money; Hang up!

Automatically delete the numerous unrecognisable emails statements/invoices etc you receive. Texts from DPD or Hermès asking you to click to track your parcel Don't click! Delete.

Fraudsters profiting from their victim's naivety are endless. Your bank will never ask for pin or account details over the phone if you receive a phone call purporting to be from your bank tell them that you will call them back. Take your time to find your banks phone number and call them from another phone. It's time the authorities monitored and had the teeth to penalise the companies involved and bring the perpetrators to Justice.

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ST COLUMBA'S VACCINATION CENTRE UPDATE

The church site at St Columba's started vaccinations on January 9th, a collaboration between the church, the local community, the City Council, and the GP practices.

The Church

Stephen Hill and St Columba's church have been operating together as one congregation, under one minister, and were pleased to be able to offer the St Columba's site to meet the community's most urgent need. This has meant overseeing vaccine deliveries and clinical supplies, learning the best ways of organising clinics (by trial and error), and receiving calls from patients when the surgeries have been dealing with an overwhelming volume of enquiries. Brenda Nelson, with her experience as a Practice Nurse, has been invaluable in overseeing the medical supplies, as well as the organising of community volunteers of which we need around 10 per day. The church team have weighed in with practical oversight and support, this in addition to keeping church services and other activities going. This became more complex as the year went on and regular activities re-started, and we have been without a minister since Easter which also adds to the workload, as we arrange routine services as well as baptisms, funerals etc.

We owe a huge debt to the local church communities, not just Stephen Hill and St Columba, but Tapton Congregational church and St Luke's Lodge Moor who have supported and helped in many ways including offering to volunteer with clinics.

The local community

It has been humbling and wonderful to work with so many willing, unpaid volunteers who come week in week out to help with stewarding. The feedback from 'vaccinees' (a new word emerging from the pandemic!) has been one of sheer gratitude for the way these volunteers show care and concern, as well as being friendly and encouraging during a time of uncertainty



and great anxiety.

Within the local community we must pay tribute to local businesses who have supported us by their encouragement, interest, and in the case of PAPA CICCIO'S and CROSSPOOL FISH BAR, occasionally supplying food for the volunteers free of charge; the chippy sending portions of fish and chips round at the end of a clinic; Papa Ciccio's

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sending pizzas, and notably, for a thank you party organised by the lead GP, providing large quantities of food at half price, and throwing in another batch free.

The Council

We have been supported by the City Council's events team who have provided door Stewards for each clinic, and have supported practical needs, such as arranging commercial scale waste bins, grit bin, and visited regularly to check al, is OK. Their sub-contractor, S1 Security, who supply the door stewards have also been a great support.

The Medical Team

The clinics are run by the West 5 Primary Care Network. This network consists of six GP practices which supply 5 vaccinators, 5 administrators and a receptionist each day we hold a clinic, and the staff arrive from 7.30 for an 8pm start and work through to 5pm or later when looking for extra patients to use any vaccines which would otherwise be wasted. The medical team do this whilst sustaining normal working at the surgeries during a time when they have been overwhelmed by extra pressures during the pandemic.

We owe a huge debt to the team's commitment and hard work, and in July, lead GP, Tom McAnea wrote to thank the volunteers, but I think it is an appropriate tribute to all involved...

*The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) estimate that the covid-19 vaccination programme has saved an estimated 10,000 lives. If we extrapolate from those numbers, given our population, **this means between 20-30 people in our community are now alive who would otherwise have died. It is that important.** Moreover, this does not take account of the many more people who would have become more seriously ill, been admitted to hospital and possibly suffered from 'long covid'. In a time of genuine national crisis, where over 150,000 of our fellow citizens have died you have stepped up and made a difference. You should be incredibly proud of this work and your personal contribution to it.*

The first 2 phases of the programme came to an end mid-August, when we had achieved around 38,000 doses given, after which we keenly waited to start Phase 3 (boosters) as various decisions were being made by the powers that be. Following a faltering start in October, we continue with Phase 3 of the vaccination programme from November onwards, working at a similar pace to the first 8 months, with at least another 15,000 doses needed before we finish. As I write this, I know we have now administered 40,000 doses and expect to have achieved well over 50,000 by Christmas.

We hope to have finished the mass vaccination programme, and after some necessary refurbishment, get back to some normality early in the New Year, but it has been a privilege to be involved. Everyone has worked together to make the operation successful, and there is a friendship and camaraderie which is inspirational.

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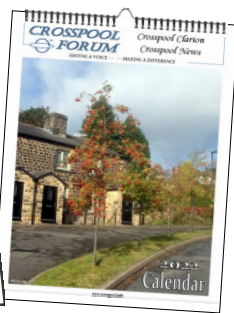
Sunday December 12th

10.30am Morning Worship**
2.45pm Carols: Loxley Silver Band#
5.30pm Christingle**

Wednesday 15th December

6.30 pm Worship Carol Service#

Please be on the lookout for more detailed information nearer the time



Crosspool Calendar 2022 - on sale now at

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