Crosspool Tavern introduces pay and display parking

From now on, you will need to pay to park in the Crosspool Tavern car park. You’ll receive a £1 refund when you place your first order in the pub.

A sign explains: “For the security and convenience of our customers, it is intended to operate this car park on a pay and display basis. This change is to improve the availability of car park spaces for customers.”

Community Skip

Thanks to a grant from the council’s ward pot fund, on Saturday morning 5th April, a conveniently placed skip, provided by the Crosspool Forum in the car park of the Sportsman (Ember Inn) on Benty Lane, gave residents a welcomed opportunity to clear out and dispose of unwanted items for naught.

More items wanted for Crosspool Summer Fayre

Do you have any unwanted prizes, gifts or bric-a-brac that might be suitable for the Crosspool Forum Summer Fayre tombola or one of the stalls?

If so, please get in touch on g.m.drinkwater@btinternet.com. We can collect if necessary, or they can be dropped off locally.
Lydgate Green Needs Your Unwanted Plants

Dear Neighbours, we replanted Lydgate Green last summer but the beds are looking a bit sparse after losses from the very wet winter and more annoyingly from the theft of half a dozen rose bushes.
Do you have any plants you could donate? For example, if you are tidying your garden and have any plants that have grown too large or you are splitting clumps of perennials etc., we would love to have them.
Please drop them off at 38 Lydgate Hall Crescent and we will plant them up for everyone to enjoy.
Many thanks, Roger Burkinshaw, Secretary, Friends of Lydgate Green.

Planning Permission Sought

Just received planning application notification for the demolition of the BP petrol station at Crosspool and the intention to build a double storey supermarket with 10 parking spaces....

http://publicaccess.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?
activeTab=summary&keyVal=N3JNDFNYFY000

Comments have to be in by 19th May

Jon, Crosspool

We reserve the right to edit pieces for both length and contents

...And More Planning Permission Sought

(For information— the deadline for comments was 8th May)

Just to let Crosspool people know that planning permission is being sought for a huge extension (basically 4 x the volume!) to the house that sits between Lydgate Lane and Manchester Road - it was previously a public toilet and then built as a coffee shop before 'miraculously' being approved for residential use.

The new plans involve the house extending all the way to the kerb edge just next to the phone box, and a driveway for cars to exit/entrance placed where the gate on Manchester Road side is now. Also the plans involve the removal of the 2 mature trees which I believe have TPOs on them (although that didn't stop the coffee shop builders getting permission to chop several other trees down!).

I think these plans would be dangerous for road safety near to such a busy junction, and would be totally out of proportion and out of keeping to the area it is in.

The planning link is http://publicaccess.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?
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Tai Chi in Crosspool

The on-going 12 noon Wednesday Crosspool Forum Tai Chi classes, in the Benty Lane Scout Hall, have proved to be a big hit with the residents of Crosspool.

The Forum is very fortunate to have David Barrow, Rachel Barrow and John Jordan as instructors. David, well known in the world of Tai Chi and trained in Shanghai by the famous master of Wu Style Tai Chi, has been teaching Tai Chi for some 35 years.

Conducting research studies at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital for over 17 years, his investigations into the benefits of Clinical Tai Chi, a specially modified form of the original Wu Style, have proven to be very beneficial to those suffering from heart disease, balance disorders and the elderly. The intellectual rights of Clinical Tai Chi remain the property of David and The Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

If you feel that you could benefit from Tai Chi and would like to join a friendly group of people, with a wide range of abilities, please don’t hesitate to contact:

IAN, Tele: 07713 687 955 or Email: crosspooforum@fsmail.net
**Crosspool Computer Courses**

We will be running some more Computer courses after Easter and would like people to contact us if they are interested in enrolling. The 10 week course will be £60 and £10 for those in receipt of means tested benefits.

Please contact: email Yvonne.m@heeleydevtrust.com Yvonne on 0114 2500613 or Ian: at crosspoolforum@fsmail.net on Tele: 07713 687 955

**Monday Computer courses**
36th Scout Hut Benty Lane, Crosspool S10 5NF with Wendy Thorley
- Computers for everyday Life (5 weeks—12th May-16th June 10am to 12 noon)
- Ipad for Beginners & Moving (10 weeks—12th May-21st July 1pm to 3pm)
- Moving on with Computers (5 weeks—23rd June-21st July 10am to 12 noon)

**Wednesday Computer courses** St Thomas’ Crookes, S10 IUG with Neil Bingham
- Ipad Beginners & Moving (10 weeks— from 30th April 1.30pm-3.30pm)

**Sportsman Fundraiser**
Many thanks to The Sportsman (Ember Inn) who will be organising a fund raising week at the end of June. The programme of events is as follows:

**Friday June 27th** 8.30pm: Live Singer, and a charity auction and raffle.
**Sunday June 29th:** Quiz Night
**Tuesday evening 1st July, 5 A side Football**
**Weds 2nd July:** Topical Quiz Night
**Thursday 3rd July:** Meet the Brewer Night.
**Friday 4th July:** Race Night.

All monies raised from these events will go straight to the Crosspool Forum—so, many thanks to The Sportsman.
Thank you to all Crosspudlians for the support we have received in the last year!

Adults who have no problems with their health or vision are recommended to have their eyes examined every two years, just as you go to the dentist every 6 months. So anyone who didn’t come to see us last year can come to see us this year!

Like us @alexgageoptom
48 Sandygate Road, Crosspool Tel: 0114 266 7066

Crosspool Ladies
Crosspool Ladies, a thriving group of over 60 members of various ages, is 60yrs old this year. They meet twice a month in St Columba’s Church Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. As well as meals & days out, i.e. Hassop Hall, their extensive programme for the 2014 includes:

11th Sept: The humorous Duncan Jagger from Bradford—An hour with the Ostler
25th Sept: The Author Sylvia Atkinson—An Unexpected Family History Part 2
9th Oct: Irene Yarnell from Matlock—My Hats
23rd Oct: Janet Niepokojoycko from Pontefract—Beyond the far fells
6th Nov: Sheffield Children’s Hospital Consultant Paediatrician Dr Stephen Hancock—Embrace
20th Nov: Richard Papworth from Derby—Excuse me madam but...
18th Dec: Christmas Dinner—At the Hallamshire Golf Club: Top entertainer Jamie B sings Michael Buble, Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin

All this for a Membership of £20 a Year. Visitors welcome.

For further information Contact: Janet Stain 0114 2302916, Linda Saxton 0114 2301468

Wesley Hall, Crookes S10
Mondays 5pm & 7pm
Tuesdays 9:30am

St. Columba’s Church S10
Wednesdays 5pm & 7pm

Call Emma: 01142 335 205
or 07941 062 363 for more info.
Come with me to Norfolk Island

Nowadays, a tax-free haven and a shoppers paradise, the 15 square miles Pacific Norfolk Island was a vastly different place nearly two hundred years ago and, one supposes, the same can be said for changes which have taken place on the larger and smaller isles comprising Tasmania.

I am presently conducting a follow-up to the account which I gave in the revised version of 'Bell Hagg to Strines', concerning the attempted murder in 1826 of the landlord of the 'Surrey Arms' pub, at Hollow Meadows and how for the crime the two youths were sentenced to be transported for not less than 15 years each. It transpires that one was to serve his sentence on Norfolk Island, while the other finished up nearer Australia. Details of the voyage, the grim conditions aboard the sailing vessel and duration of the journey etc, I hope to describe in the next issue of the 'Crosspool Clarion' but, in the meantime, for those of you who have not already indulged, copies of the booklet have been donated for sale at the 2014 Crosspool Festival. Of course it’s early yet, but the booklets may make useful and informative Christmas stocking 'fillers.'

Joe Castle

Your chance to rent a Hagg Lane allotment

Hagg Lane & District Gardeners’ Allotments Society has informed us that at least four vacant plots are about to come up for rent – and the current waiting list for an allotment on this patch has just three people on it.

Plots cost between £80 and £160 a year (£3.08 per week) with discounts available for concessions.

If you’re interested in renting an allotment contact the Allotment Office at Sheffield city council.
Getting more from your polytunnel/greenhouse

Down at Lotti, we make good use of our polytunnel and greenhouse for growing vulnerable plants and raising young seedlings until they are ready for planting out. Here are a few facts you might be interested in/can use:
- Our varieties of cherry tomatoes (Gardener's Delight and Sweet Millions) have been very successful - try them!
- If you suffer from splitting of tomatoes it may be caused by irregular watering patterns - try to water every day (twice a day when very hot) to reduce the likeliness.
- We have even grown a set of broad beans over the winter in the poly which are now being pollinated and should give us an early crop!

Early Spring and late Autumn can still see the temperature dropping in the polytunnel so we have set some A level students at Hillsborough College the challenge of finding a good, cost-effective way of extending the growing season still further. The University of Sheffield has lent us 3 gauges so we can monitor soil and air temperature and humidity inside the poly and out, and the Council has provided the college with 4 cloches which they have set up in some land by the college. The students are carrying out experiments to see what effect insulation and other changes make to the conditions inside them.

If you have ideas or want to see what the findings are from these studies, visit our Facebook page or website.

Visitors are welcome to pop down to Lotti on our Big Dig Days (third Saturdays of the month but check the website for details) to find out more about what we are doing and maybe get involved.

Nick Rousseau, Chair, Hillside Harvest - www.hillsideharvest.org.uk.

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Guide dog boarders needed in S10, S11 or S17

This summer, nine guide dogs will be arriving in Sheffield to undertake their final stage of training. This is a really important and critical stage of training, where the dog is exposed to the many complex environments Sheffield can offer, in readiness for matching the dog with a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Our qualified trainers work with the dogs in the day but we’re urgently looking for people who can look after the dogs in the evening, overnight and at weekends. This is for a 10-12 week period at a time. Ideally we need people who can drop off the dog in the morning and collect again, either at lunch time or early evening; in the S10, S11 or S17 post code areas. So this is a great opportunity for people who work part time or full time and would like the company or experience of a dog without the usual ties. Full training and support is provided.

The first set of dogs is arriving from the 9th June. If anyone thinks they could help, or know someone who could, please could they get in touch.

For an informal chat about what’s involved, please call Dave Clough on 08453727424, email volunteer@guidedogs.org.uk or visit www.guidedogs.org.uk
Pagan Festivals at Burnt Stones in Medieval Times

Quite some time ago a resident of that area asked me if I could enlighten him as to which was the true answer as to why Burnt Stones came to be so named. Momentarily, I simply couldn’t respond but promised that at some time I would do a little delving. I believed the result may well be of interest to 'Crosspool Clarion' readers, so with a little research, it has proved to be.

It was to an authority upon such matters that I turned for guidance and, yes, our old, valued and long since deceased friend, Sidney Oldale Addy, M.A., provided lots of clues. Suggestions indeed, in his 1888-published book 'Glossary of words in Sheffield and Neighbourhood' he devoted a great deal of space to both the Bell Hagg and the Burnt Stones areas.

Firstly, he 'toys' with the idea that it was a member of the well-known Sheffield family of Cadman who were responsible for the building of a large residence which became known as 'Burnt Stones Hall' (and images of which do appear, along with names of families said to be residents at various periods in a book about Crosspool) but my researches into the whereabouts of the Cadman’s in the Sheffield region - the firm was world-wide famous for the manufacture of its 'Bengal Razors' cut-throat type and very, very sharp blade-edged - certainly do not find any of them living at Burnt Stones. The nearest I believe they came to this area was when one branch of the family resided at Westbourne (which became Westbourne School). The hall was, of course, demolished to make way for housing development.

Addy was of the opinion that there were places where BALE fires (fires in the open - bonfires - jc) were kindled, pagan rites performed and sacrifices made to and worship of the ancient god of fertility, Priapus. All these practices may have happened in the Burnt Stones region though no documentary evidence is in existence to prove it. And, naturally, the same has to be said of his ideas about the feasting and fires of BELTANE NIGHT (Celtic name for the 1st of May and when celebrations, including bonfires, were kindled on the hills - jc) which in Medieval times were to propitiate the gods of seed and harvest and drive away cattle bane. So, what do you think about all that then, good residents of Burnt Stones Close, Drive and Grove?

"And perhaps," says G.H.B. Ward, "just as likely there could have been a hitherto unlocated lead BOLE HILL melting furnace thereabouts, which consumed the timber on the lower slopes of the Rivelin valley before the 17th century - as on the Bole Hill at Crookes, a good mile nearer to Sheffield. I could go on, but 'no' that's enough local history, for the time being. Joe Castle

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Don’t worry what to do with some of your used computer accessories – the printer cartridges, or toner cartridges (- or even old mobile phones!)

Crosspool is joining a national scheme run by AquAid (and its sister company Perfect Printer Cartridges), in cooperation with BCMY, one of the UK's leading printer cartridge recycling companies.

The CDYST, as a local charity run for the People of Crosspool, is the appointed beneficiary of this scheme in this area, so not only will all this plastic etc. not be going into landfill, but it is hoped the small profits accrued will contribute in a small way to the refurbishment of the Childrens’ Playground at Coldwell Lane.

Please drop off your cartridges at 5 Dransfield Close.
Open Meeting, 26th April

Present: 50 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Rob Frost & Geoff Smith, and 9 members of the Forum Management Committee, the police & 3 guest speakers.

MATTERS ARISING from 30th Jan 13.
The promised 51 bus route meeting is now scheduled for Fri 30th May ’14 (7pm St Columbas). Amey road resurfacing in the Crosspools area is due to start in July (delayed from Feb).

GUEST SPEAKER MP Nick Clegg., Q & A session
Mr Clegg answered questions from the floor, topics being raised were:
1/ Sheffield City Council budget cuts of 50% & what services should be prioritized;
2/ whether Sheffield has been treated unfairly in the cuts as against “leafy Surrey”,
3/ on HS2 rail project,
4/ transport issues,
5/ foodbanks & the role of the Church,
6/ non-green “green” school buses,
7/ cuts in nursery provision,
8/ zero hour contracts,
9/ non-collection of owed council taxes
10/ the sale of the Post Office.
He said every council in the country faced the same cuts, but each has the freedom to decide what to spend on. The country’s debts must be cleared, & the council to get better at collecting any money owed. Recommendations on the HS2 line (& a possible central railway station) are expected by the end of the year. The whole scheme must however act as a catalyst to growth generally. London’s transport system is quite different from Sheffield, & changes are fraught with legal difficulties. The greater devolution of power from Whitehall should improve things by July. In the UK there has always been less support for buses etc from state subsidies, but any move to make car-use even more expensive would not be popular – the Coalition has therefore stopped planned fuel-duty rises. Employment has gone up (apprenticeships for instance seeing a big rise in take-up), & the tax threshold lifted, but the reasons why foodbanks have become so popular is being looked into. The Councillors agreed to look at the school bus service provision (worries over maintenance of these) & Nick into why there appear to be severe cuts in nursery provision in the city. Vince Cable is dealing with the zero hour contract issue, & had no crystal ball to see how the sale of the Post Office would go.

POLICE REPORT
Gary Hizam said it had been fairly quiet recently! However anyone with Eurolocks on their UPVC doors should think seriously about changing them for the modern sort that can not be snapped. New ‘No Cold-calling’ cards are available for households to go with the recent legislation. There was some discussion about the 101 versus 999 telephone number. (101 is an information line, to be used to inform the police, Council, Amey etc of local issues; 999 means you need immediate action).

PEDAL READY PRESENTATION.
Pam Walton is part of a cycle coop in Sheffield, which used to run the school bikeability training. They now do adult training – from first-time learners to road confidence & commuting by bike. Bikes are available to learn on, for hire & to buy. There is a Sheffield cycle map available for free from Howden House, an free luminous vests.

cont...
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Pat Wilkins spoke about anyone wanting to start their own scheme to contact her; she recommended using immobilize.com to register any valuables, and to report any fraud to the nationwide police database called actionfraud.
There is an over 60s driving skills assessment available out at Hellaby – needs booking. Also, the Fire Service will visit to assess your needs and can provide 10 yr smoke alarms.

COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

Geoff wanted to query some of Nick Cleggs points with regard to Sheffield Council. He said the cuts had been 50%, they were bigger than some areas such as Maidenhead, the transient population of the city had always caused problems with council tax collection but the collection rate is 97-98% & debtors are pursued. The funding for nursery infrastructure has been removed. He & Rob answered a few questions from the floor – on Freedom of Information requests to find out council salaries, & that changes in the layout of the parking bays in Crosspool are to be pursued. The present chevrons have caused many accidents.
There is no possibility of traffic lights at the end of Sandygate Rd

Any Other Business

1/ Parking Meters at Crosspool Tavern carpark. Diners will be refunded their money if they have a meal, but must not overstay the 2 hour limit. This might cause a problem with the May car boot sale – in which case it will be held at the Sportsman instead.
2/ St Columbas is sponsoring a flower tub to mark its 60th anniversary.
3/ 50s & 60s Night – Sep 27th, Hallam FC.
4/ Tai Chi going well – Wed 12 noon, Benty Lane scout hut (& more computer classes are planned).
5/ Hagg Copse clean-up day – 11th May. A bark chipping path will be laid to the bench..
6/ Summer Fayre will be opened by Damian Thompson (local BBC sports reporter) – 1pm start.
7/ Flag erection day – 22nd June – Yorkshire & union flags.
8/ Crosspool Festival – brochure being put together now to be delivered with the Clarion.
9/ Local charities proposed to receive any profits made? A vote decided on the PACT (Childrens’ Hospital) & CDYST jointly.
...Open meeting contd.

10/ Community Award nominations? The vote chose Ian Hague to receive this in 2014!

11/ Yellow wool wanted (Sandra Cox) & Lydgate Green requests plants.

Next Open Meeting: Thurs 31st July 2014.

Car Boot Sale: 28th June

Festival Week starts Fri 27th June; Fayre 5th July.

Hallam Community Association Boundary Walk

A walk of around 6½ miles, but folk can leave anywhere on the circuit. Starting from the The Sportsman on Redmires Rd at 10.30am on Thursday 21st August and going out along the Crags first and dropping down to Forge Dam for lunch (the weather will be fine!) and then working our way back up to the old hospital site and the Sportsman again for a well earned drink or meal if walkers choose. Hoping for press coverage on the day and for plenty of walkers and it should be a great few hours.

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