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Editor Ian Hague

Local Dignitary Opens Crosspool Summer Fayre

We were very pleased and delighted, when a founder CDYST trustee, Malcolm Clements kindly agreed to open our 2011 Summer Fayre.

Held in high regard, and a valued member of the community, Malcolm was a prominent member of the trustees committee for many years, and very much involved in making sure that we are still able to benefit from the very much appreciated Sports facilities at Coldwell Lane .

“It is a great pleasure to know that the Crosspool community is thriving and has such an active spirit. As I stand here my mind goes back to the time, over 50 years ago now, when the idea was born to buy a field

for the use of the children of this area- an open space for sport and recreation among the buildings going up.

Prime movers in this project were Ron Peck, Head Teacher at Lydgate School, Dr Marjorie Rushbrook of Manchester Road Surgery, Revd. Alan Jockel, Vicar of St. Columba's and Revd. Norman Webb, Minister of Stephen Hill.

Because I was the Youth Council Secretary of Stephen Hill at that time they invited me on to the Committee and, when the Trust was formed, to be one of the first Trustees of the Crosspool and District Sports Trust with them. I worked with the Trust for over 20 years.

Within a year or two the money, £6500 was raised to buy this field from St. Mark's Church, by people like yourselves with a public spirit.

It's good to see all the improvements that have been made on this site since that time and I also must congratulate the Crosspool Forum, under Ian Hague`s leadership and drive, for all that they have done in recent years.....

With many thanks for the kind invitation to open your excellent Summer Fayre, and **with all good wishes”** Malcolm Clements

Crosspool Forum

Open Meeting (AGM) THURSDAY 27th October 7.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

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The "Big Society" is a frequently discussed topic of late, not least in respect of what it actually means. There are many voluntary service and charity organisations who feel that its meaning is clear to them- it is the giving of time, expertise, and experience in order to help those in need, whether at home, abroad, or both.

The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan is one such body, and as part of the global family of Rotary International (over 100 years old), it works under the motto of "Service above Self" – and does this with fun, fellowship and common aims.

As (some) examples, we have, in the past 12 months, raised over £6000 through a sponsored Wye walk in the Peak District and a Golf day. We have collected for a variety of charities at local supermarkets (Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose), and have given time to help steward at the Sheffield half-marathon and Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre. St Luke's, Bluebell Wood, and Ashgate hospices have all benefitted from our help, both in time given and monies raised.

Something like 7000 bulbs have been planted on verges to

add to the many thousands planted in previous years, and scrubby, derelict and litter-strewn inner city land has been reclaimed.

Samaritans Purse is a charity that sends "shoeboxes " of useful items and toys to very disadvantaged children mainly in Europe and Africa; Vulcan Rotary Club members annually give around 60 man days of effort to transport the boxes into the Sheffield HQ from outlying areas.

Recognising the potential value of our future generations, we work with local schools giving "mock interviews" to help students prepare for the world outside. We also stage an annual debating contest....and help fund an annual trip to the Panto. Our current international involvement is a project for an Institute for deaf children in Indonesia. Our financial contribution has been doubled via Rotary International, and the local Rotary Club is managing the installation of culinary equipment and the building of an extra room.

Shelter boxes to house families in disaster areas have been funded and sent where needed including Japan, following the tsunami.

Our bucket-rattling, raffle-organising and other fund-raising schemes have raised over £20,000 in the past 12 months for both local and national charities. (This excludes our work with other Sheffield Rotary Clubs in putting on "Music in the (Botanical) Gardens" which this year raised over £55,000 for charities.)

All the above and more is carried out in a spirit of camaraderie, and we have a number of social events for members, partners and friends. Our meetings are held on most but not all Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Club (6.30 – 8.30, normally including a meal and speaker), and we know that the pressures of life mean that members cannot make all meetings. We are not concerned with politics, gender, religion, or race – we simply want more like-minded members who feel that they can "put something back" into society and enjoy themselves as they do it.

If you are interested and want to come along as a guest to one of our meetings, then look at our website (www.vulcanrotary.org.uk) or ring our secretary Ruth Thruston on 0114 2960208 or Alan Brown on 0114 2367212.

Alan Brown



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Do you know what your children were doing on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd July? The Trustees of the CDYST have gone to great expense this summer to buy and install an embankment slide at Coldwell Lane, which has necessitated the leaving unlocked of the gate onto the pitch. Not content with the new facility, children were seen using the gate as an additional piece of playground equipment and swung on it so violently that the hinges have collapsed completely.

Pc Louise Atha is disgusted at this mindless criminal damage in such a neighbourhood, and is now regularly inspecting the site to ask children if they have any information for her. The Trust suffers amazingly from mindless acts of vandalism like this, and asks that parents ensure its facilities are used and enjoyed properly.

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The Crosspool Forum's new computer course is scheduled to run for a 10 week term.

in **St Columba's Church Hall** from 9.30am, Friday 9th September.

A class for the more advanced will follow immediately afterwards at 11.45am.

To reserve a place in either class, please contact Ian.

Tele: 0114 335 1674, Email: crosspoolforum@fsmail.co.uk

Police Activity

You may have noticed an increased police presence in the area at the beginning of August, with police car sirens blaring and a helicopter circling overhead.

We've looked into this and it turns out that the helicopter was deployed to complement a ground force operation to apprehend thieves responsible for break-ins and attempted break-ins to the huts at the Hallamshire Golf Club and also to investigate a number of reported illicit barbeques on the rocks adjacent to Sandygate Grove. Around the same time the police had been called to attend an accident that occurred at the Blackbrook Road junction with Redmires Road.

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Lydgate Green Clean Up: Your Help is Required!

The Friends of Lydgate Green are organising a day to work on the flower beds.

On Sunday 2nd October 2011 volunteers will be weeding, moving plants, litter picking and tidying up.

They're inviting anyone interested in helping to come along from 10am. It's a family affair, the more the merrier – bring your forks, spades, barrows & buckets!

There are gaps to be filled so any spare perennials for donation are also very welcome. Lydgate Green is on the Lydgate Lane/Lydgate Hall Crescent junction in Crosspool.



Lydgate Green

Tapton Transformation

Tapton Secondary School has broken away from the council to become an Academy on the 1st August 2011.

In the final vote, sixteen governors voted for the move, one abstained and two more were unable to attend. All retain their membership on the new committee.

David Bowes continues as Head Teacher of the new Academy, and will carry on working two and a half days a week as executive head at Chaucer Business and Enterprise College in Parson Cross.

It's expected that the present working relationship would, in the foreseeable future, guide Chaucer into converting into an Academy, with Tapton as its sponsor and partner.

All staff, students and parents, including those from Years 5 and 6 in the feeder primaries and the Year 11s joining the sixth form in September, have been given full details of the change in status.

Optician To Open in Crosspool

Optician Alex Gage, who presently has practices in Broomhill and Woodseats, is opening a new Crosspool practice early in September. The Optometrist, with a family feel, will be located on Sandygate Road in the shop unit vacated in 2009 by Wine Rack/Threshers.

August Bank Holiday Weekend at the "Crosspool Tavern"

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Crosspool Festival a Great Success!

The sun peeked though from behind the clouds and shone on representatives from local churches. Tim Bradshaw, (Sheffield West Methodist circuit), the Venerable Martyn Snow (Archdeacon Sheffield & Rotherham) Rev. Frances Eccleston (St. Columba's Church) conducted a service of thanksgiving for friends and family members of the local community who had come along to a Picnic in the Park.

At the end of a busy week, the congregation reflected on the success of the second Crosspool Festival while relaxing for a couple of hours at lunch time in Lydgate Green on Sunday 10th, to a medley of traditional tunes and hymns, provided by the Chapel-town Silver Prize Band.

A collection made at the closing service amounted to £272. This is being forwarded to the Disaster Emergencies Committee for the relief of famine in East Africa, a good response to a needy cause.

A big thank you to everyone who donated! The Committee who organised the service marking the ending to a great Festival Week are to be congratulated.

Crosspool Summer Fayre

A Big Thank You to the volunteers without whose help and hard work this very worthwhile event wouldn't have been possible.

Our gratitude to the Crosspool businesses the Spar | Roses the bakers | Chemist | Bamforth's fruit & veg shop| Crosspool Chippy | Valley-side garden centre for their generous donations, and all the individuals who contributed and rallied round before and on the day, to make the 2011 Crosspool Summer Fayre a resounding success.

The aim of the Forum is to embrace the whole of the community in an endeavour to encourage those who empathise with Crosspool to improve the area for the wellbeing of its residents, whilst retaining its character for future generations of Crosspudlians.

All of the money raised at the Fayre is and will be used for the benefit of the community of Crosspool.



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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch meeting Wednesday 24th August 7pm to 9pm in the lounge of Christ Church Fulwood on Canterbury Avenue It is on the 120 bus route and there is free street parking available but please remember that it is a residential area so we do ask that you park considerately. Our local Police will be giving their time to be there to answer your questions and to update us on local issues as will a member of their team to talk about substance abuse. What is being used nationally and locally and the sort of behaviour or equipment to be aware of, is a brief summary of what she will be discussing. I would encourage everyone to ask any relevant questions that they would like to raise as it does add to the evening's atmosphere.

Your support would be very much appreciated and do encourage others to attend if possible. I, and all the committee, look forward to seeing you, your members and guests on the 24th, an easy date to remember as it is our big digital switchover day, but rather than staying in to retune, come and join us for a free cuppa and an information update. *Pat Wilkins*

Sheffield in Bloom

At the Lord Mayor's Sheffield in Bloom award ceremony at the Town Hall on Wednesday 13th July. Ian Hague, (Chairman of the Crosspool Forum) was there to accept, on behalf of the Crosspool community, the (community category) silver award as recognition of our endeavours to lift and promote the spirit of community with floral displays in the precinct Crosspool during the summer months

The floral displays were funded by the Forum and provided by Richard Payne and his team at Norton nurseries. This is the second year running that the council have recognise our community with this prestigious silver award.

Plans are already in place for next year's precinct displays to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics. With everyone's involvement and cooperation of the community Crosspool will be looking to lift the gold at next year's award ceremony!

Coppice House Farm Shop

Announcing its closure, after serving the local community with fresh farm produce for the past 6yrs, the owners of Coppice House Farm Shop, on Rivelin Valley Road stated.

"It is with great sadness and much regret that we would like to inform your readers that Coppice House Farm Shop closed on Friday 29 July 2011. We would like to thank our loyal customers for all their support and friendship.

With many thanks, the team at Coppice House Farm Shop.

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MYSTERY OF THE CROSSPOOL TUNNEL (Part 1)

Digging in his back garden a while ago, the resident of a semi, positioned on the top side of Manchester Road, hit a real snag when his spade struck a sizeable stone some three feet below ground level. Further digging at either side exposed even more stones and, in fact a 'line' of them extending the full width of the garden.

Naturally, very curious, and with some prizing (and fortuitously great care) he was met with an unbelievable sight witnessed by his equally inquisitive 12-years old son who had arrived on the scene.



More stones were lifted and there, a yard or so below, several lines of setts were revealed. Carrying a camera the lad gingerly jumped down into the hole.

His, (adult verified) findings were a circular-shaped tunnel, some 20-25 inches in diameter, constructed of irregular shaped pieces of stone and stretching both ways into the darkened distance. There was a covering of silt on the tunnel floor.

A knowledgeable resident told me the tunnel's two terminals were, at one end the 'Sportsman' and at the other the bottom of Coldwell Lane and that many house occupiers who had had 'alterations' made to their houses (the tunnel passes through the back-gardens of 51 properties) had been made aware of its existence.

Why is it there, anyway? What purpose does or did it serve; any ideas?

I'll put forward my theory in the next issue but readers' views will be very welcome.

Joe Castle

PS. Street names: Do they really fit their actual situations?

Ringstead has these meanings: Site with Salt Pan; Stone Circle & Circular Earthwork.

More for the next issue.

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Transit Van Torched on Lydgate Lane



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Thieves broke into the van at around midnight. Upon discovering that the laptop bag only contained papers, they threw it into Lydgate Park and set the van on fire.

The following day, someone removed the van's rear lights and drained the diesel from the vehicle. It is not known if these incidents were connected to the break-in and torching.

Manchester Road Junction Accident

Just after 9am on Monday morning yet another accident occurred at the busy and dangerous Manchester Road/Benty Lane/Stephen Hill junction.

A lady driving a green Skoda Octavia, waiting to cross Manchester Road from Stephen Hill to Benty Lane, was given the right-of-way by a driver waiting on Manchester Road to turn right down Stephen Hill.

Unfortunately as she crept cautiously across Manchester Road, a gentleman driving a red Vauxhall Combo van, travelling down the inside lane towards the Sportsman Inn, collided with the front nearside wing of her car.

luckily, apart from the drivers being a little shaken up, no one on this occasion was seriously hurt.

Accidents are a common occurrence at this junction. In the hope that substantial improvements will be made at this location, local councillors have requested that the South West Community Assembly highways officers are assigned to assess the difficulties motorists are experiencing.



Commendable Competitors

Earlier this year a local quiz team met the legendary quizmaster of Catchphrase fame **"it's good but it's not right" Roy Walker.**

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement to Dave Brown, his daughters Frances and Faye and Steve Partridge, the Pub quiz team from the Sportsman in Benty Lane, who finished a creditable fifth out of 2,000 teams in the final of the Great Ember Quiz.

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Open Meeting 28th July

Ian welcomed everyone to the Meeting, this time held in the Church so the hearing loop system could be used

Matters arising & Chairman's Report (Ian Hague)

Computer Course: funding has been secured for another to start on 9th Sep 2011. As before, an entry level course and an advanced course (spreadsheets, emails & the internet). Names to Ian Hague as soon as possible please. See page 4

Car Boot Sale: expected to take place on Saturday 10th September, in the Crosspool Tavern car park as usual.

Crosspool Festival: a great success - the Open Gardens raised £2000, the pie & pea supper night £230, the picnic in the park £300, and Summer Fayre £900. All this will go to charities and for Crosspool community use.

Diamond Jubilee Year 2012: Ian has secured some funding for flags and flowers to mark both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the year of the London Olympics.

News Letter: residents were asked to send in any articles of local interest for publication in the Crosspool Clarion, and posting on our webpage.

Crosspool Harvest: **who have recently changed their name to the "Hillside Harvest"** has now relocated to a shared allotment site located at the foot of Hagg Hill.

There being no Treasurer's report at this Meeting, and the Police being on operations, and unable to attend, Ian H. welcomed Cllr. Geoff Smith to the dais.

Cllr. Geoff Smith; in the last few months a lot of reviews and strategy meetings have been taking place in the Council, and those of interest to Crosspool are the following:

Broomhill air pollution issues: a draft air quality strategy is being developed, and the problem in this small area is partly the food outlets and partly the road traffic. The problems with the latter stem from the gradient up Crookes, and the stopping & starting of the vehicles. By the autumn it is hoped there will be more details on providing buses etc that emit lower emissions.

Mayfield Valley lorry problem: the Council is working with freight operators to designate routes throughout Sheffield so that problems are not just moved from one road to another equally bad.

"Twenty's Plenty Campaign": a strategy is being developed to look, firstly at making this the speed limit for roads round schools, and then secondly, from the autumn, to work with Highways PFI to extend this further to other streets.

Stephen Hill/Benty Lane junction: after a survey the report is imminent.

Household waste review: the working committee (Economy & Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny) has been looking at how to reduce the impact on the environment and find what works on the ground - this is not proving easy. Refuse will still be collected as follows - black wheelie bins weekly, blue bins & boxes fortnightly. In the Crosspool area there will be no change to the use of the blue bins & boxes. (In the trial areas of Sheffield where households were allowed to choose which bin/box to hold which waste for what, only 16 percent have altered their use). Crosspool will still use the wheeled blue bin for aluminum/steel cans, glass & plastic.

Cllr. Smith then took questions and listened to opinions from the floor. A gentleman was very eager to see the local parking sorted out. He said that many commuters come into S10 from Derbyshire and park on residential streets for free. He believed some sort of metering was needed to stop this. Darwin Lane, for instance, takes 200

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teachers' & pupils' cars, and Fulwood Rd is blocked from 8am -5pm. He felt the system was being abused, and that political pressure must be put on the Council for traffic bumps on the roads to reduce accidents,

Vernon Terrace bus stop: residents made it quite clear that they were eager to see a satisfactory conclusion to the long-standing issue of installing a bus shelter at this site. Cllr. Smith, being newly elected to the council, had not been aware of the desperate need for adequate shelter for commuters braving the elements at this bus stop, but would now treat this as a priority.

Guest Speakers - Magistrates Andrew Bentley, Anthea Peers & Grant Laughton.

The JPs from Sheffield gave a most illuminating talk about the role of magistrates in the community, how the judgement is essentially fair and peer-led. Almost anyone can apply to be trained to be a magistrate - age 18-70 - and can expect to be asked to sit on the bench for 26-35 half-day sittings a year. (Employers are however not obliged to cover the expenses of their employees, which can be a problem). The origins of the magistrate system go back to 1195 in this country, and there are now Adult, Youth & Family courts in operation, with 2 or 3 justices sitting in each court. Sadly some 60-65 percent of the cases in front of them are drug-related, and the officers have the discretion to pass a serious case on to the Crown Court, or to hear the case and to discharge, fine (up to £5000), impose a community order (of up to 360 hours) or send to prison (up to 6 months) those found guilty. There is a large guideline document on sentencing and their powers, but discretion and common sense are also important - fining a youth with no money makes no sense, if it is the parents who will have to pay! The justices regularly visit the local prisons and stressed they are not pleasant or comfortable places - indeed they can be very intimidating, very smelly and noisy! - but neither is a community sentence a soft option. Motoring offences were discussed, how all cautions etc. stay on the individual's permanent record for life, and how "crime does not pay" - the court will investigate thoroughly and claim back any proceeds from crime. It was stressed that a motorist must be parked, with the car engine switched off, before using a mobile phone; penalties for misuse are about to be increased. The main speed cameras in Sheffield are at Parkway Bernard Rd, Penistone Rd & Queen's Rd (Earl of Arundel box junction).

AOB: The No. 51 outbound bus from town now runs from a stop outside HSBC (along with the 52) - though residents still feel there can be 3 x 52s in a row waiting so there's a real worry of the 51 overtaking them & not picking travellers up!

Next "Open Meeting" (AGM) Thursday 27th October 7pm St Columba's Church Hall.

Crosspool Forum
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Saturday

10th September 2011

8:00am to 11:30am

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