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Festive Crosspool

'Open up Crosspool', the theme for the First Crosspool Festival, started with a successful street market and **culminated with the Forum's Annual Summer Fayre at Coldwell Lane on Saturday 11th July** and the area's four churches coming together on Sunday for a,

Selborne Road Street Market **"Picnic in the Park", on Lydgate Green.**

Crosspool has held a number of community events for several years, including the Summer Fayre and the Open Gardens event, which raises money for local charities during a day of garden browsing for locals and visitors, but this year these and many more events were linked into a week-long festival.

We couldn't have asked for better weather for this year's Crosspool Summer Fayre - it took place on a gorgeous summer's afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by over 400 or so visitors and volunteers. The Fayre, officially opened by the Rev. Frances Eccleston, started with a dazzling display of modern dancing. While the bunting fluttered in the breeze, and the banjo band strummed, the children were kept amused with a stunning hour of magical entertainment, bouncy Slide/castle, little faces painted; the traditional tombolas and games with big and small prizes won all around.

An array of pets from the families of Lydgate Junior School, were on show for keen **judging in the first "Crosspool Got Pets" talent show.**

Special thanks go to all those parents, friends, neighbours and relatives who volunteered their time, skills and energy to help with the Fayre. We are also very grateful to the police who took the time to visit us on the big day, and to all the local businesses **that supported us in the shape of raffle prizes and donations. "Thanks once again for your support - see you all next year."**

Crosspool Forum

Open Meeting 28th October 2010 7.00 pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

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Hi Ian,

I have two children, one at Lydgate Infants and another at the Junior School and have concerns about the visibility of a **"community" that seem to dominate** at the end of school times around the Tupton playing fields, who are abusive with foul language around young children, and often appear intimidating to both young children and older adults that are collecting children from the schools, in particular grandparents.

On two occasions I have encountered behaviour from them where I do not feel comfortable and my children are fearful when this should be a happy time for them.

My mother-in-law feels that the behaviour of these children in and around the shops area at both lunchtime and after school is intimidating and an area that she avoids at these times. Should we really be feeling like this about our school children?!

I have also heard and spoken to other parents where their children have either been or witnessed their friends being set upon by these people, both male and female. They appear to be coming from another school.

I feel very strongly that my husband grew up and was schooled here. We moved here to give our children a better way of life with good quality schools in a nice area, which we pay considerably more to do and feel very annoyed that other children from other parts of Sheffield are being brought here

by bus and bringing trouble with them when their families do not live in the catchment areas for the schools or pay the high costs to live here either.

Apologies for ranting a little, it is difficult to be able to write all of this, for my children in particular, with the passion that it deserves.

I look forward to hearing from you

Regards Alison

Thank you for your valued letter. Your concerns have been passed onto Colin Ross, cabinet member for children and young people. ED

Hi Ian,

I feel I need to respond to Alison's comments. I too feel intimidated and have been exposed to comments and swearing in Crosspool from children of both secondary schools. Most importantly I am concerned for the safety of our local children walking to and from school. My two children have both suffered verbal and physical attacks in recent weeks and my daughter has been subjected to a much more serious attack last Friday after school which is being dealt with by the police. I also know of other children who have been beaten up, verbally abused and had their money taken by children with baseball bats. I am upset and angry for these local children and am shocked at what is happening to our community. I also grew up here and chose this area to return to raise my children. What can we do to ensure our children have the basic right

to attend their local school safely? I intend to attend the Open Meeting and hope to find some answers as to how Crosspool can be made safe especially for our children and elderly in the community.

Annette

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Safety camera enforcement is operated at locations put forward by the local authority; it is the local authority that are responsible for the road network. If you are concerned about speeding in our area, please contact Sheffield City Council - road_safety@sheffield.gov.uk , clearly stating exactly where you feel drivers are putting lives at risk by exceeding the speed limit.

The Council will be able to discuss the options with you, and it will be their decision whether or not the location should be put forward for enforcement. Collision and speed data will be analysed to support the authority's decision.

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New Bench Seating

Thanks to the efforts of the Crosspool Forum, at a cost of just short of £2000, a couple of new benches have now been installed for pedestrians to once again enjoy a well earned rest. One is at the top of Stephen Hill, (stolen some five years ago) and another at the corner of Sandygate Road.

My thanks to the Forum committee for dedicating the Stephen Hill seat in memory of my late husband Hugh Buxton.

Faye



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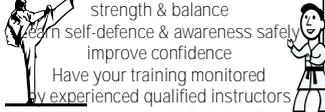


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Church Recital

Having fallen into disrepair in the past, and its place in the church questioned, thankfully the organ at Tipton Congregational Church is still with us, and reverberated wonderfully when organist John Silverton gave a special recital on Saturday 24th July to celebrate what is believed to be its 80th Birthday. Although it has been at this church for 80 years, it was heard elsewhere before this. Exactly where this was, and for how long is not known.

John who has been the organist at Tipton Hill Church since 1992, was born in 1955 at Long Island New York State. Educated in England, he studied the organ at Trinity College of music in London under Dr Harry Gabb and David Newbould, for composition, and later under Christopher Robinson at St Georges Chapel Windsor. He moved to Lincoln Cathedral in 1977 as Organ Scholar, where his Studies continued under the direction of the Cathedral Organist Dr Philip Marshall.

In 1991 he entered the Music Department at Sheffield University, gaining a B Mus in 1994 specialising in Organ Performance, Composition and Advanced Keyboard harmony.

Open Gardens Grow

Twelve charities are to share the £3,300 raised from this year's Crosspool Open Gardens on Saturday 3 July.

The annual event, which is co-ordinated by members of Stephen Hill Methodist Church, ran this year as part of the Crosspool Festival programme.

There were 15 gardens to explore around the neighbourhood, including allotments off Back Lane, two adjoining houses on Cairns Road and a Den Bank Close garden featuring a model railway.

One Manchester Road garden also accommodated an art sale, plus a book signing by local historian and author, Judith Hanson. Plentiful supplies of tea and cake were also available at most of the gardens.

Open Gardens started as a fundraising event for the church's development appeal but has now been extended to support charities nominated by the owner of each of the showcased gardens.

Ladies of Crosspool

Come and be entertained, educated, informed, wined and dined with Crosspool Ladies group. As well as going on exciting outings, learn about Mary Queen of Scots, Fashion Through the Ages, and a wide variety of other interesting topics.

They meet every other Thursday at 8pm St Columba's Church from Thursday 2nd September.

For more information please contact committee member Janet Tele: 0114 230 2916

Roads Reopen

Road works that recently affected Manchester Road, Broomhill and Glossop Road are complete, but more importantly the roads have now reopened.

Replacing of the gas mains meant that traffic could only travel one way through Broomhill and up Manchester Road. The Fulwood Road junction with Glossop Road had also been closed.

The roads reopened at around 10am on Monday 9 August. Fulwood Road between Ashdell Road and Manchester Road will remain one way into town for the next few weeks.

Displays to Delight

This recently taken Photograph black and white, (one of a dozen similar hanging baskets, and four planters in the precinct at Crosspool), doesn't do it the justice it deserves, I thought it appropriate to include it as a big thank you to Norton Nurseries and Streetforce for their contribution in helping Crosspool win this year's Lord Mayor's "Sheffield in Bloom" community Silver award, It was our first year of entering competition.

With the contributions from a few more precinct businesses/shops, and the continued dedication of the Forum, Crosspool should aspire to, and should, win gold next year.

Spruced-up Playground



The CDYST hopes everyone has noticed the fresh new paintwork on the Coldwell Lane under- 12s playground! Thank you to **Abi Lownsbrough's team from the University of Sheffield Union Of Students**, who spent a day painting this (and the kitchen walls) for the Trust.



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Just for Fun

- 1: What preceded Lydgate Park on its present site?
- 2: What do the initials CDYST stand for?
- 3: Where is the old Sheffield/Manchester mile stone to be found?
- 4: Which is reported to be the oldest a house in Crosspool?
- 5: Where was Wesley Tower/Mount Zion located?
- 6: **When did the original "Crosspool Tavern"** become a licensed public house?
- 7: What date was Lydgate Lane school opened?
- 8: What was Lydgate Lane School used for during the First World War?
- 9: What immediately preceded Lydgate Middle/Junior school, on its present site?
- 10: Which famous pop singer attended Lydgate Lane School?
- 11: Which is the oldest church in Crosspool?
- 12: Hallam Chase, started in 1863, is run annually on what day?
- 13: Where can the Carver fields be found?
- 14: Former Sportsman Inn landlord, Ernest Blenkinsopp, made just short of 400 appearances for Wednesday. How many international caps did he win?
- 15: Where were the three natural pools of Crosspool located?

- 16: Where will you find the old entrance/gateway to the now demolished Lydgate Hall?
- 17: Where can the Towers be found?
- 18: Which very famous Victorian visited Tapton Hall/Masonic Hall to stay with a friend?
- 19: **Where will you find "Moor View Farm"?**
- 20: **Which famous athlete attended "Tapton School" in the late 1960's?**

1. Shepherd's quarry.
2. Crosspool & District Youth Sports Trust.
3. To the right of "Enhance" on Manchester Road.
4. 65 Sandygate Road circa 1600.
5. Topside of Lydgate Lane school.
6. 1824.
7. October 28th 1907.
8. Hospital.
9. Police Stables.
10. Joe Cocker
11. Tapton Congregational Church.
12. Whit Tuesday.
13. Hagg Lane.
14. This remains a record for a Sheffield player (26) Top of Stephen Hill , High Green near the Plough Inn, and corner of Marsh lane and Lydgate lane.
15. **"Between the "Tavern" and "Motor World"**
16. Corner of Sandygate Rd and Coldwell Lane
17. Florence Nightingale
19. Manchester Road; Better known as Gosney's Farm
20. Seb Coe

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"Open Up Crosspool": the first Crosspool Festival.

As the rest of the country sat down to watch the World Cup Final, the Crosspool Festival Planning Group gathered in a local pub to review the events of the Festival, weary, but buoyed up by the positive responses to what we felt had been a terrific week. I had been anxious about whether we had planned too many events, and whether "event fatigue" might set in, but both the larger scale and smaller scale events had attracted plenty of people. Visitors to the Open Gardens were up by 40%. The Street Market in Selbourne Rd had a great buzz about it, and we were delighted by the way that the schools and local shops had lent their support. Many people had been surprised to discover the hidden gem that is Cairn Home garden: their cream teas for street market visitors made £900 for their Residents Fund, to which the Festival Committee has been able to add another £300. Barn Dance tickets sold out and there was a great party atmosphere at St Columba's thanks to inspired music and calling from Stannington based "Band for Life". Salsa, poetry, walks, sword-dancing, lace-making....all much enjoyed, and the lace-making proved such a hit that a new class is starting up at Craft Angels, Sandygate Rd. in the autumn. (No sword dancing classes as yet, I'm afraid.)

The sun continued to shine on us through the Fun Day at Coldwell Lane and on into the Picnic in the Rose Garden on Lydgate Lane, when over 100 picnickers gathered for an open-air service. Music was provided by the Chapelton Silver Band and Revd Dr. Inderjit Bhogal provided challenging food for thought.

And next year? Have you got an idea for a festival event? Could you lend a hand? Do contact me at the Parish Office on 267 0006 or at franceseccleston@live.co.uk.

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Council Tax Scam

A warning has been issued after one in four councils admitted that residents had fallen victim to a COUNCIL tax scam that is sweeping across the country.

The scam involves bogus officials making vulnerable homeowners believe that they are in the wrong council tax band, and convincing them to hand over bank details, on the false promise of a rebate worth thousands of pounds.

The conmen tell homeowners that they are in for a hefty refund, but instead can use their identity and bank details to clear out their accounts.

Some homeowners have been contacted from a call centre that appears to be based in India, stating that they can arrange for the refund of overpayments of council tax and they can also arrange for the homeowner's council tax band to be corrected.

The victim is then told to pay a £75 payment up front and is asked for their credit or debit card information, including the three digit security code on the back of their credit card to process the charge.

Homes are rated in eight council tax bands according to their value, but thousands were put in the wrong bracket when estate agents and surveyors first priced up our homes in 1991. These were known as 'second gear valuations' because they were made by agents who assessed the property as they drove by, rather than getting out of their cars.

The Valuation Office Agency has secretly developed the 'council tax banding support tool' - a database which identifies errors in tax banding. However it has refused to carry out a full exercise on the problem, on the grounds that it is "very resource intensive"

This failure to make public the database, of an estimated 700,000 homeowners trapped in to the wrong council tax band, is allowing the fraudster to exploit the situation.

Councils are stressing that these callers are in no way related to local authorities and residents.

Householders should not provide any personal information to callers, including card and bank details.

Scam Council tax refund calls are fraudulent. Anyone who receives these types of phone calls should end the call and contact Trading Standards, or report it to the police, if they have lost money to this type of scam.

The Soup Wagon

A soup wagon, run by St Columba's and Stephen Hill churches on Monday evenings between September and May at Eldon Street car park, need more volunteers to distribute food to the homeless on a 4 to 6 week rota.

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Chairman's Report

The recent computer course held at St Columba's was very successful, with 15 participants. Another is being planned to start on the 19th Sept, for beginners & advanced standard, & hopefully with Internet use. Names to Ian Hague please.

New benches were put in place on July, please look after them.

Entering "Sheffield in Bloom" for the first time, Crosspool has received the Lord Mayor's Silver award!

Cllr. Brian Holmes is to make sure that the 51 bus drivers are made aware of elderly passengers, fears and concerns when getting on and off the bus.

More spring bulbs have been ordered for autumn planting. The Beavers have shown an interest in planting crocus in the shape of their emblem, planting volunteers to contact Ian Hague.

Police report: Some very concerned local mothers up dated the police on recent shocking behaviour among Tipton & King Edwards school children, which included indecent language, and racially aggravated physical attacks on boys and girls from this area. A meeting between the police, the Council, the Forum & school reps. is to be arranged.

Residents should beware of pickpockets and shoplifters operating, mainly on Crookes.

The CDYST reported nuisance behaviour from children banging on the pitch-side fire doors while the Sports Hall is in use. The police (PC Louise Atha & colleagues) are monitoring the situation.

Residents are asked to report IMMEDIATELY they are aware of any anti-social behaviour, such as cannabis-taking in parked cars, illegal motorbike riding, littering and graffiti etc., to the Police on the 101 number.

Human Nutrition Project

Guest speaker, Dr Sarah Forster (Sheffield University) asked for volunteers over 65 to take part in 2 very simple projects, all to do with working out how to measure the amount of food and drink people eat. This is part of a huge country-wide project regarding nutrition and ageing, and although it does not aim to give individuals any specific health or eating advice, it will help us all eventually. There will be reimbursement of expenses incurred. (See page 4)

Transport Issues. SYPTE are encouraging people to take part in an important new bus-use consultation, which includes the possibility of the reintroduction of the old No2, and the rerouting of the 51 route to Wybourn. See separate article. Residents were not happy with the delays on the 51 service.

Events Activity Sheffield & Sheffield Futures are running schemes at Wesley Hall & King Edwards' School for kids age 9 plus this summer; football coaching and youth clubs; (see page 8).

Crosspool Harvest (Nick Rousseau); this scheme is close to getting some unused land for the proposed community farm, with bids for grants in the pipeline. 14 households & the two Lydgate Schools have become involved.

Car boot The 12th June sale was successful, with another planned for 11th Sept.

Crosspool Festival Week was a success. Kind weather and lots of events! It is hoped to run it again next year, but more volunteers will be needed. The Summer Fayre again went well, and the Open Gardens raised about £3300 for **Charity. The Farmers' Market** in particular was well attended.

Planning A couple of speed activated cameras have appeared on Manchester Rd.

Crosspool Coffee Shop has put in an application for a change of use into a **house; full details on Council's Planning website, 10/011513/FUL.**

Although a proposed floral display (by Valleyside) **under the 'Welcome to Crosspool' sign on the A57 had not got** done, it is hoped that it will be in place very shortly .

Some of the Crosspool streets have had a **'tar wash' resurfacing** — the tidying-up of the verge edges was applauded, but the Marsh Lane salt/grit bin should have been moved back into place first!

As yet there is no date or venue for the September South West Community Assembly **AOB**

The dirty overflow onto the footway, from **Contractors' washing greasy** cooking items at the Artisan/Canteen restaurants, is to be looked into.

Green waste collection

S10 householders are to note that Veolia will continue the monthly collections of green sacks in the weeks commencing 16/8, 13/9, 11/10, & up to and including the 8th November. Thereafter the service will revert back to the previous service whereby, if residents have full garden refuse green sacks that require



collecting, they should phone 0114 2734 567 option (1), and then leave them outside property boundaries for collection on the arranged date. (There should be a leaflet about this, inside every pack of Sacks collected from the Broomhill Library).

Plug-in Air Fresheners Warning

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Around 68million plug-in air fresheners are sold in Britain every year and the demand for this type of air freshener shows no signs of abating. However, be advised, leaving them plugged in for long periods could be risky. The fire risk of them overheating may well damage your property and harm your health.

Website Development

We are extremely pleased to welcome Robin Byles to the Crosspool Forum team to lead us through our next stage of digital development, as editor of our recently updated website, Crosspool.info;

Robin has previously work as a website editor for BBC, Sheffield Council and is currently editor of the Sheffield University **website. Having someone of Robin's** calibre and expertise will be an invaluable asset to Crosspool and the Forum

Robin has some exciting plans to develop the site's potential further and was delighted to be joining the Crosspool Forum team as web editor, A local resident, born and bred in Sheffield, he was looking forward to developing and enhancing the warmth and tone of the site, and to building strong links with the community.

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Two vehicle-activated signs have been installed near the Broomhill end of Manchester Road are expected to be in place collecting data, for up to eight week. The radar speed signs are located on both sides of the road near Tapton House Road and Tapton Mount Close. The idea is to slow cars down by making drivers aware when they are driving at unsafe speeds. As well as showing drivers how fast they are going, the signs also display a happy face for vehicles travelling under the speed limit and a sad face for those exceeding it. The speed limit for this stretch of road is 30mph.



Work to change the pavements and crossing areas at the top of Lydgate Lane are almost complete.

The road has been narrowed outside Lydgate Infant School, to accommodate a new zebra crossing thereby making it easier for young and old to cross.

Improvements to the Lydgate Lane end of Marsh Lane and Headland Drive, by means of the dropping of the Kerb stones with tapered pavements at crossing points. Dropped Kerbs have also been recently installed at the Watt Lane end of Cardoness Road to make crossing the road easier for pedestrians.

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