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REGIONAL MAYOR @ CROSSPOOL FORUM MEETING

Oliver Coppard, the South Yorkshire Mayor and local resident, has been involved in politics in the region for a long time. Elected as mayor eighteen months ago, with a vision for improving the area. He said: "South Yorkshire has no shortage of challenges to address" and that he is committed to making a difference.

One of his main priorities is transport, which he said is "not fit for purpose at the moment", and that public transport should be a public service and a world class one. He intends bringing public transport back into public control, starting with the trams in 2024, and to look into a bus franchise model similar to Manchester and Leeds.

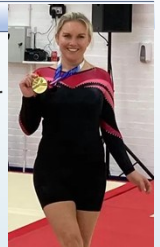
Another priority for him is health, which he said is "huge" to him. He leads an integrated care partnership called "South Yorkshire Healthcare", whose aim is to reduce the gap in life expectancy between the richest and the poorest people in the area, currently 20 years, and focus on the early years of development as part of this.

His third priority is economic growth, which he said is lacking in Sheffield for a big city. He wants to fix this by investing in advanced engineering, digital health care and other sectors that can make the region fit for the future. To involve the people in his plans, he is launching a regional citizens' assembly of 100 people who will represent the diversity of South Yorkshire.

Finally he said: "people have lost trust and faith in politics" and he wants to change that. The Police & Crime Commissioners' role will be merged with the mayor's office next year, according to sources. This will give the mayor access to different funding streams for public safety and crime prevention.

CROSSPOOL BEAUTY THERAPIST WINS GOLD

Aspects of Beauty owner Suzy Kerfoot is not only a beauty therapist and a mother-of-two but also a British champion in gymnastics. After a 25-year break from the sport, Suzy decided to return to the mat and show off her amazing skills, winning gold in the intermediate category at the Adult Gymnastics British Championships on 6 August 2023, beating competitors from all over the country. Suzy dazzled the judges and the audience with her routines on the beam, floor, bars and vault, performing somersaults and backflips with grace and confidence. She scored the highest in three out of four disciplines, proving that age is just a number when it comes to gymnastics.





CROSSPOOL FORUM
 OPEN MEETING
 Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7:00pm
 St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool
 Guest speakers - local councillors, the police and council officers, are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.
 Keep your eye on the 'Spar noticeboard' & 'Crosspool News' website
 Email:- crosspoolforum@gmail.com or Tele:- 07713 687 955

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Many of us who live in Crosspool are well acquainted with Lydgate Infants, either through the daily school run (past or present), or just as the great landmark that it provides to our community, but what is less well known is its contribution to our locality in its earliest days.

After being open for just six years, the school closed its door to children shortly after the First World War broke out in 1914, and was requisitioned by the Army Medical Corps as an Auxiliary Hospital for recuperating troops from the Western Front, being a detachment of the 2nd (Northern General) Hospital in Sheffield. Its normal attendees spent the duration of WWI being tutored in the Wesley Hall Sunday School, at that time on School Road, and for nearly four years up to one hundred soldiers at a time made the building their temporary home.

Information regarding exact details are hard to come by – a few photos exist, as well as discharge documents from other 'higher need' military hospitals (primarily Winter Street) – but some gleanings can still be made from this.

We know that the halls of the school provided dining and living space for the men, with long trestle tables of up to 20 men set out in rows. They slept in classrooms, which would have acted as wards, and the set up itself, complete with nurses and medical staff (including doctors) overseeing it all.

The soldiers, who wore what were known as 'hospital blues' uniforms to show their recovering status were allowed to mix freely with the community and many Crosspool groups put on tea parties and concerts for the entertainment of the men, both on and off site.

One of the most interesting facts is that almost all of the men staying there between 1916 and 1918 were suffering from a variety of illnesses and diseases contracted in the trenches, rather than specific (and possibly more expected) gun or shell wounds. Several were treated for 'nervous disorders' (ie. shell shock), but again this was a minority compared to those with trench feet, dysentery or inflammation of the kidney.

There is a list of soldier's names attached to these documents in the Sheffield Archives, and from this it is possible to see that these soldiers came from across the UK, and sometimes even Commonwealth, to stay at Lydgate. Very, very few were from Sheffield. My personal favourite is an engineering Pioneer (same rank as a Private soldier) named Q. Paki who originated from New Zealand and belonged to an exclusively Maori-raised regiment; I feel for him having become ill half a world from home, only to find himself left in the what was then isolated rural backwater of Crosspool.

Contrary to a legend that was spread around the school in the 1980's that it was haunted by a soldier in the tower at the top of the school, there is no record of any soldier having succumbed to his wounds, and indeed most left being fully recovered and either fit to return to duty or to be discharged!

The school might have gone back to usual after the war ended, but its vital role deserves to be remembered by our community in this autumn. *Dan Eaton*



OPEN MEETING-BULLET POINTS-THURS 28TH JULY 2023

Eighteen Crosspool residents, and seven members of the Forum Management Committee attended. The 19th AGM, with Cllr. Tim Huggan & South Yorkshire Mayor, Oliver Coppard. Ian Hague (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Minutes of 2022 AGM held 27th Oct and agreed as true record?

Chairman's Report: Just a few neighbourhood issues since our last AGM.

- Site of the former Plough Inn remains a demolition site, no construction activity observed.
- Site of the former Motor World, planning application submitted for its development.
- An application for the development of four allotments at Bole Hill Rd is under review by the Secretary of State, as is the right-of-way issue at Clough Fields.
- A planning application has been submitted for the removal of three TPO trees and build a detached house on land at the corner of Coldwell Lane and Moorbank Drive.

New electric bus trialled on the 51 bus route. New dropped curb with white 'H' sign installed outside Benty Lane Scout Hall, to allow easier access for people with limited ability. Fresh ideas, stories & events are always welcomed – as are participants for Tues morning for Easy Exercise (more men), Wed morning Tai Chi classes and Sat morning helper to maintain the Lydgate Green flower beds.

Ian expressed his gratitude for the sponsors & advertisers, the cooperation of the councillors and the police. With everyone "sharing the same vision" for Crosspool "working towards the same goal". He also thanked the committee, the Festival team, and in particular his vice chair and colleague Steve Reynolds, for his continued help and hard work in order that Crosspool remains a good place to live.

Treasurer's Report: John Drinkwater. said "we are ahead of the game" & despite the poor weather at the Summer Fayre, the accounts show a "nice profit" for the year. Full accounts were available for anyone to peruse. The Calendar sales, & Christmas tree shredding made money, & Festival Week made enough for £600 cheques to be sent to both Assist & the S6 Food Bank.

He expressed disappointment that the precinct does not appear to have been granted anything from the Council's Economic Recovery Project (ERP) – and in particular that he had had no communication from them.

There were no resignations this year. The floor gave a show of hands to give the Forum committee a mandate to continue. More Management Committee members are needed.

Police Report: Pam Thompson (PCSO update from 28/7/23 to 25/10/23

BURGLARIES: Melfort Glen-Den bank Crescent-Benty Lane-Dransfield Road. Mainly vehicles have been stolen from these properties.- BMW, Audi and Seat Ibiza. MO - Euro Locks and locks tampered with.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARIES: Dransfield Rd-Ringstead Ave-Cardoness Rd. MO- Locks tampered with.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES: Benty Lane – Tools stolen from Van.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES: Marsh Lane – Sportage Kia - Several males from another area of Sheffield have been arrested for theft of motor vehicles. Being processed.

Males ex-offenders, usually from another part of the UK, are being dropped off for cold calling at addresses in the S10 area to sell genuine items bought at a cheap prices and sold overpriced at the door, before being picked up at a certain time.

Some residents do buy items. If you don't want to buy items just "SAY NO".

If you require a "no cold calling" sign, email Pamela.thompson@southyorkshire.police.uk

South Yorkshire Mayor – Oliver Coppard.

See Front Page

A regional citizen's assembly of 100 demographically representative people is about to start.

Questions from the floor included the need for a second A & E Dept (the city originally had three), social care problems – "incredibly neglected", the HS2 scrappage and what this means for investment - no direct trains to Manchester or Leeds Bradford Airport,- buses being run for profit on unsuitable narrow roads, the closure of Doncaster Airport, the recent bad storm damage & flooding of footpaths etc from Storm Babet. Mr Coppard agreed with them all - sadly his first priority for NHS funds is to get Doncaster Royal Infirmary repaired before it falls down; he has had no real answers to his queries re HS2 money but is opening the conversation again. Some of the ideas proposed do not make sense for us – the stations and lines can not take any more trains. He agreed it was hugely important to get better train links to the airports - and to get back control of the Doncaster Airport site. Active Travel; England is now

focussing just as much on getting people walking as on cycling – so foot paths are important. Feasibility studies are taking place – e.g. to reopen the rail link to Stocksbridge for a tram.

Councillors' Questions & Reports:

1. Tim Huggan agreed it was disgraceful we had not been kept in touch with the Council Officers for the Economic Recovery Fund, Crosspool bid, and will look into this..
2. Tim thought the Forum should invite the chair of the local LAC to the next Open Meeting & he would push for the officers to attend.
3. Council officer Mubarak has been asked to find out what sort of Anne Murphy memorial (for Lydgate Green) would be acceptable to the Parks dept – we do not require another bench for the green.
4. There was strong feeling that Sandygate Rd at least needs one of the battery-operated pedestrian crossings (as seen on Crookes, Crookesmoor or Osborne Rd, Nether Edge) – as there is a length of 2 and a half miles with no form of crossing at all. Dangerous for people getting to the Clarendon Hospital, Hallam Schools, golf club paths etc.
5. Hand-held speed camera training? Apparently we now need a risk assessment of exactly where someone intends to stand – plus expensive special HiVis jackets!! (Ruth Milsom).

Events:

1. Calendar for 2024 now available to buy - £3 (GT News, etc)
2. Children's Christmas Party (note now Saturday 16th Dec) – tickets available soon at the Pet Shop..
3. Christmas trees to go up on 3rd Dec (10am) – do come along & help
4. The Shredding Event will take place on 7th Jan (10am) – again, help needed.
5. Hagg Cope had four small areas prepared for wildflowers, & now yellow rattle has been broadcast to help strangle the grass & allow them to grow. The Orchard had a decent crop – some apples might still be there!
6. The precinct planters still have plenty of colour but KES pupils will help Steve Reynolds to plant them up for the winter and spring soon.
7. Car boot sales – the Forum intends to hold two in 2024 – June and Sep; watch this space.

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A query raised about how many Scout troops use Benty Lane? Ian will ask for some further information.

Next Open Meeting: Thurs January 25th 2024...



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Planning application: Ref. No: 23/02687/FUL



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Christmas Services at Stephen Hill/St Columba 2023

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| Carol Service | Sunday 10 th December | 4.30pm | St Columba |
| Christingle | Sunday 24 th December | 10.30am | Stephen Hill |
| Midnight Communion | Sunday 24 th December | 11.30pm | Stephen Hill |
| Christmas Day | Monday 25 th December | 10.00am | St Columba |

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The Children unanimously said "no".

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

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Since we started to meet eighteen months ago, we've grown steadily into a friendly and relaxed group and we are joined by new carers all the time. This year we've had speakers from Trading Standards on avoiding scams, legal advice on wills and Power of Attorney and a wonderful morning with a dementia advisor. There's always time to chat and talk about our concerns and quite often we can help each other, too.

Many of us live locally and we're often joined by friends from other parts of Sheffield. Over the next few meetings, we'll be hearing about new activities for carers and planning for the year ahead, so please come and join us and if you know someone- a friend or neighbour- who is a carer or former carer, bring them too.

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***What is your favourite season of the year?**

Summer is one of our favourite seasons.

***What do you like about Crosspool?**

The local community. What do you think of the Summer display in the precinct?

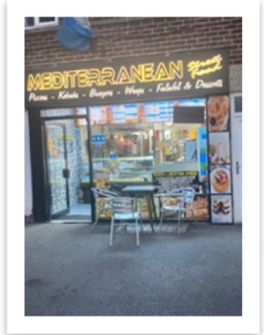
***What do you think of the Summer display in the precinct?**

It is good and always nice and colourful.

***Any general comments?**

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SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR PEOPLE KEEPING WELL

A special celebration for 120 guests took place at Tapton Hall. The event was a joint effort of Age UK Sheffield/ People Keeping Well, Sheffield City Council and the South West PKW network Partners. The aim was to celebrate the South West People Keeping Well and International Day of Older People. Kathy Marwick of Friendship Lunches had organised various activities and a musical performances by the Westbourne School children and musician/vocalist, Oliver Harris.



Kathy is passionate about reaching out to those who feel isolated or alone, and providing them with opportunities to engage in meaningful social interactions by creating a warm and friendly atmosphere for all the attendees. Kathy was very pleased to have had this wonderful opportunity to express her unity and support for those isolated or caring for their relatives, and to have given them a chance to enjoy themselves and connect with others!

Do you love good food, good music and good company? Then join Kathy Marwick for her Friendship Lunch in the Crosspool Tavern every second Monday of the month at 12 noon. You'll have a blast with a lively entertainer and a mouth watering meal. Kathy is working hard to make sure every lunch is a special occasion. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make new friends and have fun! call **0114 2662113** to book your seat For the full story log onto the Crosspool News link:- <https://crosspool.info/2023/11/04/celebration-event-at-tapton-hall/>

ELECTRIC BUS TRIALS



If you have traveled by bus in Crosspool, you may have seen a new addition to the 51 route.

An electric vehicle has been operating on this route since the first week in September, as part of a trial to reduce emissions and noise pollution. The electric bus is quieter, cleaner and more efficient than the diesel ones, and it also has a modern design and features. The trial is expected to last for several months, and if successful, more electric buses could be introduced on other routes in the city.

First Bus, a UK bus operator, is running a pilot project to test electric and hydrogen buses in Sheffield. The company chose Sheffield, and especially the 51 route, as a challenging environment to measure the performance and range of the vehicles on steep hills and gradients. The project aims to demonstrate that if the buses can run efficiently in Sheffield, they can do so anywhere.

This is part of a trial of different models from various manufacturers, starting with the Volvo BZL double-decker going (from Lodge Moor 0716, 0935, 1152, 1414, 1645, 1924, 2120, and 2320) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The trial schedule may change, but the aim is to keep the electric vehicles on the 51 route as much as possible.

It has parallels with trials going back to the 1970s (see below image of the 'famous five trials') as well as the far more recent trials up to and including 2014.

First Bus would appreciate people offering some feedback where possible on things like comfort, ride quality, noise, layout, etc.

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CHARITY DONATION



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We currently serve around 500 families (1500 people) per week across our sites, offering not only food but also help with utilities, debt, housing and other issues.

Our services are crucial in helping families restore their dignity and resilience to cope with the cost-of-living crisis. Thank you again Crosspool Forum

Assist was set up 20 years ago to address the needs of people who have claimed asylum and received negative decisions on their asylum claims. At the point of refusal, people face destitution because their asylum support ends imminently. Previously people were given 21 days by the Home Office to leave asylum support accommodation but recently we have seen a rise in 7 day notice periods on asylum support discontinuations, and consequently expect a huge increase in people needing help from charities like ours.



ASSIST offers accommodation, financial and casework support to our clients. We offer specialist advice, signposting and referrals to local organisations for legal representation and social outlets. This is vital to give people the best chance to regularise their immigration status where possible, and improve their wellbeing and social connections.

ASSIST has a Client Consultation Group which is a group comprised of current clients who meet monthly to discuss the ASSIST support package and offer feedback and suggestions for improvement, and has been going for 18 months.

ASSIST currently support 55 people, of whom 35 are accommodated. There are currently no people on a waiting list for ASSIST support.

We are able to do our work because of the generosity of funders, partnerships and donations like your amazing collection of £600 at the Crosspool Festival. Please convey our thanks and appreciation to those who have donated or looked into the issues facing people seeking sanctuary who have had to face this hardship.

We are immensely grateful for the efforts you have made for ASSIST and choosing ASSIST as a charity to support at your festival.



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HELP US KEEP GROWING

November is here and already a quarter of our games have been played, although our first Saturday home game was on the 14th October. Crowds continue to be the best in our league, with a high of 823. Those of you come along will have seen (and probably had a drink at) the new Saxton Mee Crookes Bar at the Shed End of the ground.

Our continuing success depends on you and besides attending matches, you could support us by becoming part of our team of volunteers.

Volunteers are the key to this success and we are blessed with enthusiastic and hard-working individuals, but many hands make light work so we are keen to hear from you. These volunteers vary, some are very hands on, and some who are not local work predominantly on a remote basis. Some of the areas our volunteers cover are: match day stewards, customer service and crowd assistance, fundraisers, video camera technicians, match reporters, photographers, stadium announcers, website and social media editors, merchandise sellers, hospitality and accounting. Volunteering is at the very heart of the club and saves the club thousands of pounds. Without volunteers we would not have a club.

The club relies on its amazing volunteers to exist as it does. This means it is important to be able to continually recruit new volunteers, guaranteeing roles can be filled and making sure that regular volunteers are able to take breaks and be flexible without worrying about cover for their role.

For further information email: clubhouse@hallamfc.co.uk or Andy on 07581 698077

MAKENKI KARATE CLUBS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This September marks the 20th anniversary of Makenki Karate Club, a thriving martial arts community based at the CDYST, Coldwell Lane, Crosspool.

The club was founded in 2003 by Dave and Jackie Bolsover, a married couple who share a passion for karate. They started teaching at Nether Green School, but soon outgrew the space and moved to the (CDYST), where they have been ever since.

Makenki Karate Club welcomes students of all ages and abilities and offers a friendly and supportive environment to learn and grow.

Dave Bolsover, who is also the chair trustee of CDYST, shares his passion for the clubs he started as a hobby. "It quickly became my full-time profession and I love it. I have had so many wonderful experiences and I'm proud to see how many people have benefited from learning the art. Some of our members have been with us since the beginning and are now instructors themselves".

Dave and his wife Jackie are excited to be launching a new beginner's session on Mondays from October 30th at 5pm. It's open to adults and children from 6 years old

Visit their website at www.makarate.co.uk for further info and contact details.



Dave & Jackie (middle) with their team of Instructors

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CROSSPOOL WI



The old image of 'Jam and Jerusalem' has long gone – you certainly don't have to be good baker or be able to make jam or chutney in order to join the WI. But if you just enjoy eating good cake – we do have some great bakers in our WI...

Crosspool WI meet twice a month; our evening meetings are on the 3rd Monday (7-9pm) at St Columba's Church and our afternoon meetings are on the 4th Monday (1-3pm) at Stephen Hill Church. You are welcome to come

as a visitor for one of our meetings for free – If you would like to join in January you can have a taste of WI for just £11.50 for 3 months until March 24.

Our new Programme for 2024 is out in early December and includes a varied range of events. For example: - A spot of Belly Dancing, Cleaning up Sheffield Rivers or History of Pantomime and much more.

Whether you are an existing or returning member or maybe someone just thinking of joining the WI there will be plenty of opportunity to make friends, learn new skills and get involved in the local community, listen to interesting speakers, enjoy



outings and different activities.

Our groups include: book club, lunch and dinner clubs, Purlly Queens (knit one purl one chat two) and our walking group.

For more information follow us on

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE TAPTON HILL CHURCH

Christmas services for Tipton Hill Congregational Church Manchester Rd. Crosspool.

Sunday 3rd December 2.45pm: Advent Sunday Service

Saturday 9th December 10.30am: Lego Christmas; Come and Make Lego Christmas Trees and a Lego star to take home. For children aged 5-12years. No accompanied children please. Donations welcome.

Sunday December 17th 2.45pm: Carols with Loxley Silver Band All you favourite carols. Mince pies afterwards.

Sunday December 24th 2.45pm: Christmas Eve Carols Family Friendly Service

Monday December 25th 10.15am: Christmas Day Service A short celebration on the big day.

CROSSPOOL CHRISTMAS TREES

Precinct Christmas trees go up Sunday 3rd December.

Drag, rather than drive, your redundant Christmas tree to the Direct Travel concourse for recycling.

Sunday 7th January from 10am

No tree will be taken after 12 noon Suggested donation £3

THE PLANNING GAME.

Listening to the ongoing story of the crooked House pub it is so familiar to the sad story of our Plough pub. Buy it, gut it, and just play the planning game, and then having got it all to knock it down and sell the land for development.

The only difference was the mysterious arson event. Pubs really should be saved, they are the community but such is the pressure for housing planning depts they just give it the nod. Pat and Bryan

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- Royal Hallamshire Hospital 0114 271 1900**
- Northern General Hospital 0114 243 4343**
- Sheffield Council 0114 273 4567**
- Yorkshire Water 03451 247 247**

LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

I'm pleased as punch to tell you that "Care in Crosspool" has been successful in the Local Community Fund round this year and is one of the Coop Local Causes.

To make sure they get stacks of funds from this, I'd encourage all locals to make sure they sign up as Co-op members, choose "Care in Crosspool" as their charity and make sure they swipe the membership card when they go shopping at the Co-op! Huge thanks to Crosspool Forum for helping me make this happen.

Rachel Reeson Coop Member Pioneer

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