

# CROSSPOOL CLARION

Christmas GREETINGS

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## Tapton Hill Congregational Church STILL GOING STRONG AFTER ONE HUNDRED & NINE YEARS

Next year 2013 is a very special year for Tapton Hill Congregational Church on Manchester Road. It is the building's 100th Birthday!

Although the Church was in existence long before then, it is the 100th year of worship in the current building.

It is proudly the oldest Church in Crosspool and has stood proudly on the junction of Manchester Road and Shore Lane as a sentry to Crosspool.

When the founding fathers laid the first foundations a hundred years ago the Children of the Sunday school were given silver trowels as mementos. Many of these trowels are still in possession of current Church members showing the strong family ties to Tapton.



**Motor Bus Centenary**  
 Crosspool is unique in that it was the first suburb in Sheffield to be served by a motor bus when the Lodge Moor bus service was started on January 27<sup>th</sup> 1913.  
**Together with "First" the Crosspool Forum** will be working with the SYPTe Joint partnership on an event to mark this historic occasion.

The Church is friendly and enthusiastic and to mark the auspicious occasion will be holding a number of celebrations throughout the year. These range from special services to talks, to musical events and a whole host of exciting events throughout 2013.

As a building, many people travel past it each day and wonder what's inside. We invite you to come in and join us at any of our events, maybe at an Open Day which will be highlighted throughout the year and of course everyone is very welcome to our Services every Sunday at 2.45 PM

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Chicane, on A57

I asked Moira Coad of Amey about this and this is her reply.

**"I have enquired about the temporary traffic lights and cones on Manchester Road. They are there for safety reasons as the retaining wall and highway started to slip last May. Streetforce was keeping an eye on it to see whether it was still slipping or whether it was just a one-off event.**

Since the Streets Ahead (Amey) contract commenced, we have commissioned a ground survey (within the next two weeks) which will provide evidence about why the ground slipped and enable a solution to be developed to resolve the issue long-term.

I know that local residents are looking for a quick solution so I have asked to be kept informed of the results of the survey and what the solution will be (including timescales) so that I can keep local Councillors, the CA and residents updated".



## Letter Box

**Pickup Parking Problems**  
I asked PCSO Pam Thompson about this and this is her reply. Myself and PCSO Garry Hizam spend a lot of time on Lydgate Lane in relation to parking issues. Garry has personal contact with residents who inform us when a vehicle has parked in front of their drive. We have spoken to various parents who have offended whilst we were present. The problem is we cannot be there every single day, therefore people will commit offences. We have asked parking services to attend several times in the past. They can issue tickets for parking on double yellows  
Cllr Geoff Smith

### Cold Calls

I have received an email warning of a cold phone call from an unknown source giving away free, house burglar alarms, probably of poor quality. The phone call, correctly, was cut short. But do be warned that whatever they say there has not been a high spate in burglaries in our area. There is no such thing as free burglar alarms, they do not mention installation fees or after care fees plus the fact you are allowing complete strangers into your home! If such phone calls are received it could be an idea to report the incident to Trading Standards who monitor these sort of things on 2736868

Crosspool Clarion

## Hagg Copse Concerns

Regarding concerns at the new building work taking place at the house bordering the nature reserve on Coldwell Lane, known locally as Hagg Copse.

Being very concerned about the overspill of building materials onto this unique and valued open space, the Forum contacted the resident owners of the property. They very much valued this land and when the work is completed next Spring, wanted to see it back to how it was.

Very mindful of how important this open space is to the local community, the builders have to be asked to be very conscious of the **land's ecological value** and to keep the disruption to a minimum, only using the land to access the containers. The Forum has been given an assurance that any damage inflicted to the landscape will be re-established with the original flora & fauna. You can be reassured that whilst in the custody of the Crosspool Forum, the Copse will remain a local amenity for everyone to enjoy.

## **South West Community Assembly**

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### Williamson's on the Move

Williamson Hardware in Broomhill, will move next door to make way for Sainsbury's. Trading in Broomhill for over 52 years, this much loved institution, will move into premises next door to make way for a new Sainsbury's Local.

The landlord of the unit gained planning permission to develop the site for a new occupier last month and it has been confirmed that Sainsbury's will take it on.



Williamson's will move into the smaller property next door which was until recently occupied by Blackwell's bookshop.

A spokesperson from Sainsbury's said: "The future of local traders is important to us, and we are pleased that Williamson's, a long standing local trader, has agreed plans with their landlord to relocate to an adjacent unit on Fulwood Road."

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## Mistress Cutler's Compliment

In a letter to Crosspool's historian "Joe Castle", the present Mistress Cutler Julie McDonald, a former archivist at the Company of Cutlers, congratulated him on his latest booklet. 'The decimation of the Wadsley Village'. Aimed at helping young people learn about their local history, a copy has been placed in local schools, and the Cutlers' Company library.

On discovering that they had no written evidence of the history of their High Bradfield pub, the owners commissioned Joe to compile 'A History of the Old Horns Pub and the Bradfield Hiring Fairs'. This is now available from the Old Horns Pub, High Bradfield, Sheffield.

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## **"Senior Citizens Drive Safe"**

A ground breaking initiative developed by the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership is being offered to help older people to continue driving safely.

The free course, being held at the Lifewise Centre in Rotherham on 10th December, aims to support older drivers by providing them with advice and vital information tailored to meet their needs. Drivers will also be able to take advantage of a practical in-car coaching session to brush up on their driving skills.

Data show that older drivers, aged 60+, are over represented in collisions when compared to the proportion of older drivers on the road. With older drivers more likely to be seriously injured, the course aims to help drivers avoid the pain, suffering and inconvenience of being involved in such an incident.

**The Safer Roads Partnership will be working in conjunction with "Safety 1st Driving Academy" to deliver an entertaining and informative presentation at the event as well as offering on the road driving sessions. Attendees will also be able to talk to a range of agencies that will be on hand to offer advice on a variety of related topics such as:**

- General health and wellbeing;
- Eyesight and eye health;
- Vehicle maintenance;
- Motoring mobility aids;



Alternatives to car travel, with advice on public transport options, and the role of the emergency services in the event of a road traffic collision.

**PC Mick Hedges who has developed the course explains, "Older drivers have amassed a wealth of experience over their driving career. The course aims to bring their knowledge up to date and help them to drive safer for longer, to maintain their mobility and independence. At this time of year we shall also be offering valuable tips on winter driving."** **Andy Warburton from Safety 1st Driving Academy said, "We're really excited to be involved with this event and to have an opportunity to help our more senior citizens to continue to be safe and considerate drivers. What's more, we are able to offer this free of charge through our work with the Safer Roads Partnership, so it won't cost drivers a penny."**

To book a place at the event, which will be held at the Lifewise Centre on Monday 10 December, starting at 10am, call 01709 832 455 or

Email:- [drive.safe@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:drive.safe@southyorks.pnn.police.uk). Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so book early to avoid disappointment.

## **THE CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR SLIMMERS**

With temptation all around, from works parties and nights out to festive family meals and seasonal snacks, many people who are watching their weight worry that their slimming plans will **stray off course over the Christmas season. But slimmer's needn't despair. A local slimming expert says it is possible to enjoy the fun and festivities of the season without being a party pooper.**

Emma, who runs Slimming World groups both in Crookes and Crosspool, says people often think that celebrating Christmas and enjoying the party season involves making a choice between being boring or blowing it when it comes to your weight loss campaign. She adds: **"Whether it's Christmas day or a Christmas party, it's important to remember that it's just one day – it's what you do every day that makes a difference to your weight.**

**"The key is to be flexible and plan ahead. Each week at our Slimming World group we talk about coping with the different challenges coming up. We share recipes, practical tips and seasonal meal ideas – there's rarely a week I don't come away with a new recipe or delicious food idea!**

**Here are Emma's top party season strategies to make sure you sparkle this Christmas:**

Before a big Christmas party, make sure you fill up first on a Food Optimising meal, like a pasta dish, to set you up for the night ahead. Your body will absorb any alcohol more slowly, and **you'll be less likely to reach for high calorie snacks like crisps or nibbles or be tempted by a late-night snack.**

**If you do struggle with late night munchies, make sure you've got something delicious to come home to, like a home-made chilli con carne or curry you can heat up quickly and easily. They'll be better for the wallet and the waistline – and tastier too!**

**Lots of restaurant menus can be found online now. If you're eating out, check out the menu before you go and choose the best option to help you stick to your slimming plan. Don't be shy about asking for a jacket potato instead of chips and request sauces and dressings on the side (you can control the amount you eat that way).**

Party buffets can be loaded with high-calorie and high-fat foods. Choose things like lean slices of ham or beef, chicken with the skin removed, salmon or hard boiled eggs for a weight conscious way to fill up. Veg sticks, fruit and wholemeal sandwiches are a good way to satisfy your appetite too. Avoid fried foods and pastry-based snacks, as well as high-fat sandwich fillings like butter and cheese or dips made with mayo.

**Alcohol is a challenge for the waistline at Christmas, but life doesn't have to end with your last pre-Christmas drink! Make your drink last longer by asking for a tall glass and adding lots of ice and extra diet mixers to spirits, or top up wine or lager with diet lemonade or soda. It's a good idea to alternate alcoholic drinks with low calorie soft drinks as well to stay hydrated – and you'll feel fresher in the morning too!**

Hit the dance floor and incorporate some activity into your night out!

**If you do 'enjoy' a little more than you'd hoped, don't spend time beating yourself up, you're human – and it's Christmas! Simply get straight back to your healthy eating plan. A great start is**

**a big grilled breakfast with grilled lean bacon, grilled tomatoes and mushrooms, eggs fried in low calorie spray, baked beans and wholemeal toast (and it's all Food Optimising friendly). Or make a huge pot of winter warming soup packed with scrummy veggies.**

See [www.slimmingworld.com](http://www.slimmingworld.com) for some more great recipe ideas.  
Christmas and New Year Opening Times

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## CROSSPOOL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The recently established women's institute who meet twice a month in Crosspool are keen for new members to be part of their future activities. The Gas Man cometh! Alan Gaunt (hilarious tales of his life as an anaesthetist) 1pm - 3pm Monday 26th November at Stephen Hill Methodist Church. The one you've all been waiting for, Crosspool WI Xmas Craft Fayre and Bake Off (adults and children) 10am - 2pm Saturday 1st December - Lounge @ Crosspool, Sandygate Road. Celebration of Burns; Poetry readings and Scottish treats. 7pm - 9pm Monday 21st January 2013 at St Columba's Church Hall- For more information Telephone Liz (Secretary) 07403281609 [www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com](http://www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com)



## Police and Crime Commissioner

Local Returning Officer, using the Supplementary Voting System, declared Shaun Wright as The elected Police and Crime Commissioner. He will take office as (PCC) from the 22nd November, to individually represent the public, overseeing policing in South Yorkshire for the next 4 years, From 2016 onwards, the PPS elections will be held at the same time as the local elections on the first Thursday in May.



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## Crosspool Memories



Paul Heaton former member of The Beautiful South (disbanded in 2007) and The Housemartins (disbanded in 1988) has been recalling memories of St Columba's youth club in a BBC radio documentary.

"On The First Time with...", BBC 6 Music Programme, the singer-songwriter Paul Heaton (born 9 May 1962) described the youth club disco at St Columba's on Manchester Road as the location of one of his first musical memories

"My brother and his mates were allowed to go and I was under 12 at the time so wasn't allowed in. Me and my middle brother sneaked to the

edge of the door and looked underneath it. They were playing The Jean Genie by David Bowie.

"At the time wooden stacked heels were in fashion. My brother and his mates were all doing this dance, banging their stack heels on the floor. It was unbelievable. The noise of them banging their stack heels was louder than the music itself."

Paul is currently pursuing a solo career.

## Crosspool Residents Left in the Dark

Dransfield Road, the lower part of Watt Lane and neighbouring roads into Ranmoor were without working street lights for over a week. The problem was reported on Sunday 7th October to Street Force.

Whilst awaiting their response to find out how serious the issue was, and when a repair would happen, drivers and pedestrians were advised to take extra care on the affected roads after dark.

Previous problems with street lights in this area were caused by a faulty underground cable, which have took up to 30 days to fix. Fortunately this fault wasn't serious and the street lights were working again on Dransfield Road later that evening.

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## Classroom Changes at Local Schools

At the start of the autumn term, children and staff returned to King Edward VII Lower School on Darwin Lane to a larger playground. During the summer recess two mobile classrooms, erected three years ago to cater for an increase in the school intake, were removed, returning the playground back to its original appearance.

Across the playing field, neighbouring Lydgate Junior School has had a new mobile unit with two additional classrooms for the start of the new school term.

The mobile classrooms are a temporary measure to allow work to be carried out on a full upgrade of its heating system without any disruption to the running of the school. The work is expected to be completed by Easter 2013.

## Sheffield Local Television

BBC television cameras broadcast live last month from Hallgate Road for the 10th October 6.30pm bulletin.

The report included interviews with Crosspool residents outside Spar, giving Look North reporters **their views on Sheffield's forthcoming local TV station.**

Sheffield Local Television (SLTV) won the bid for the new TV station, which is expected to broadcast from the Crosspool transmitter next year. It will be available on Freeview channel 8 and show at least four hours of local programming every day.

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## Open Meeting / AGM 25th October

Cllrs Geoff Smith & Rob Frost, Police, 20 Crosspool residents & 9 members of the Forum Management Committee attended.

AGM 2011 Minutes adopted as a true record. Matters arising - none.

**Chairman's Report** (Ian Hague). The Forum is in its 10th year & has made positive progress, still publishing the Clarion & a very popular website. Acting as a voice for the local residents & continuing to have excellent relations with the Council, police etc. The usual Christmas trees were erected. & then Jubilee flags and bunting for the summer, floral displays, days out to (Stratford upon Avon), (BBC Salford Quays). Computer courses, Children's Christmas disco, car boot sales. Crosspool Festival Week & Summer Fayre. Helpers and ideas to Ian please!

**Treasurer's Report** (Chris Batchelor). Again a healthy end of year bank balance. (but as usual one bill still to come in - summer planters).

**Resignations, Nominations & Election of Committee Members**

Resignations from Chris Batchelor (Treasurer) & Marika Szabo (Hagg Copse & the Orchard). Anyone interested in joining the Management Committee to contact Ian or any member. A mandate was given to Ian & the committee to choose a new treasurer.

**OPEN MEETING:** 26th JULY minutes adopted as a true record.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Cllr Geoff Smith assured everyone the questions put to him at that Meeting have all been **followed up & answered, and the responses were in the last Clarion & on the CF's website.**

Bus Routes; a lady was very disappointed that the 51 route had not been altered (Rockingham St etc.). Cllr Rob Frost said the consultation was now closed and that he had received a response from SYPTE today to say that the original proposal has been criticized so the route was amended. Geoff pointed out that although people will write to complain about changes they do not tend to write in to show their appreciation or agreement to something! Both Geoff & Rob are seeking a meeting with First & SYPTE on how they intend the 51 service to improve, and how they are going to monitor it. Residents must ensure they write in with any issues & copy Rob & Geoff in on this.

Ian Jenkinson was asked to speak (as Forum rep for bus issues) & said that First is putting extra resources into the 51 route. There should therefore be more buses running & the service should be more reliable, with less concertina-ring of buses. The buses that appear to be new are in fact second-hand ones from Leeds, but there should

be no problems with this. As Stagecoach does not think it can make a profit from running the 51 route, it will not do so. A man asked the councillors whether they could find out the percentage of people who wanted the 51 route to change.

Ian H thanked Louise & her team for their work in Crosspool, and asked her to present her report

**Police Report** PC Louise Atha, Burglaries, although not a major problem at the moment residents were urged to keep their doors & lower windows locked at all times.

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Operation Dark Nights starting soon - Halloween & Bonfire Night

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### Councillors Questions & Answers

Election for a Police Commissioner (15th Nov). Both Geoff Smith & Rob Frost did not agree with the need for this extra role, but urged people to use their vote. Full information on the candidates may not come through the door (lack of volunteers) but can be found on the BBC websites.

HGV vehicles in the Hagg Hill/Stephen Hill areas. Lorries are still following their satnavs & trying to use these routes. Better signage was requested.

A57 road works progress. The new relationship with Amey is proving difficult for residents to access information about highways issues. Queries through the SWCA, please. Broomhill library? The financial details about the proposed move to Ashdell Rd are still under discussion.

No.51 buses? First Bus is putting more resources into this route from next week with additional buses. Residents were asked to keep a note of any issues & pass these to the Councillors.

### EVENTS:

**The Precinct Christmas Trees will go up again, and a Children's Christmas Disco** has been arranged for Sunday 2nd December. Well attended Computer courses to continue in Jan 2013. Crosspool Festival Week expected to start on 29th June 2013.. Centenary Celebrations are in hand for 2013 to mark the 100th anniversary of Tipton Congregational Church & the first bus route in Sheffield Jan 1913, the No. 51. A suggested 2014 Crosspool Calendar - ideas/help please!

### AOB

Broomhill - new Costa coffee shop opening on the Cream coffee shop site.

Hagg Copse expected to be put back to its original state in the spring, after the adjacent building work.

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## Christmas Tree Recycling

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