

# CROSSPOOL CLARION



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## Crosspool Well Dressing



The heavy rain, which Crosspool had been subjected to for most of Friday 6th July, didn't dampen the spirits of local residents, who had turned up at 7pm for the  **blessing of the Crosspool Festival's Well Dressing by the Rev Frances Eccleston from St Columba's Church.**

Traditionally these were erected to mark the importance of a local water supply. Ours was to commemorate the "pool" in Crosspool which used to exist close by and gave the area its name.

Our floral picture depicted the area looking out to the farmland fields and the distant heather-clad moors beyond, from the formal trees and shrubs on the urban fringes of Crosspool, .

Thanks are due to Pat & Rosalie for designing and together with friends from the community, painstakingly creating the picture, all from natural materials gathered locally.

Well done Rivelin Valley Conservation Group Volunteers who erected the board, Valleyside Garden Centre who loaned some of the materials, and a big thank you to the local Spar for their sponsorship

Support for the various events throughout the week from local residents and businesses helped make the whole week a genuine success.

Festival Committee—Crosspool Forum

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**Cllr. Geoff Smith says:**

At the Crosspool Forum meeting on 26 July I promised to look into a number of issues that were raised.

Here are the responses.

**Ordering and Paying for Green Waste Sacks:** - I was asked if it was possible to pay for sacks without paying online and to collect sacks from somewhere.

This is the response from Veolia 'Unfortunately we do not store the sacks at our offices on Lumley Street so customers cannot collect the green sacks in person. To purchase clear sacks, customers can post a cheque or postal order to us supplying their details and a contact telephone number. Alternatively they can contact our call centre between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday on: 0114 273 4567 our customer service team will take the address and payment details. Customers can pay using most debit or credit cards. The charge is £1.20 per sack including VAT with a minimum order of 10 sacks. Once we receive the payment we will deliver the sacks within 5 working days. Veolia Environmental Services (UK), Operational Services Lumley Street Sheffield S4 7ZJ [www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/Sheffield/Collections/Garden-Waste/Clear-sacks/](http://www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/Sheffield/Collections/Garden-Waste/Clear-sacks/)

**Replacing Road Humps:-** I spoke about the project for repairing Sheffield's roads, Streets Ahead, and I was asked if road humps, which sometimes damaged cars, would be replaced by more car friendly humps. This is the response. 'Speed humps are a sometimes controversial but always an effective tool to reduce speeds and associated accidents and are designed not to cause damage if they are driven over at the right speed'.

In terms of the Streets Ahead project:-

- A) Speed humps will only be replaced if they are beyond economical repair
- B) If and when a speed bump needs to be replaced the contract says that they have to be replaced to the Highway Standards prevailing at the time of replacement.'

**Tavern Garage Complaints:-** I have found out further details and I will liaise with the police and relevant Council officers.

**No. 51 Bus:-** I explained that First was going to try and improve the service from the end of October 2012. I was asked if this would include new buses. This is the limited response I received from First, which I will follow up in due course.

'We are presently considering vehicle options'

If anyone wants any further information on these or other issues please contact me. Email:

geoff.smith2@sheffield.gov.uk Tel: 07581 214783

Coast to Coast

If anyone fancies a walk, I can certainly recommend the Coast to Coast, which I walked with three friends at the end of July.

Two of these friends, who had walked from the Cumbrian Coastal Village of St. Bees and getting the brunt of this summer's heavy rain, joined up with us at the halfway stage at Keld, a remote village located in the North West corner of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We were so glad that we did, as over the next seven days we never saw a drop of rain.

Journeying for approximately one hundred miles, *of the C2C's two hundred miles*, past flowing rivers, flower filled meadows, lovely dales, the Cleveland hills and the north Yorkshire moors, we finally arriving at Robin Hoods Bay, a small east coast North Yorkshire fishing village. This came with blisters, but gave the most memorable views.

We averaged fourteen to fifteen miles a day, eighteen miles being the longest.

We are certainly very fit now even if our legs feel shorter. It was one of my most memorable long walks meeting such lovely coast to coast walkers

Janet Stain 2302916

South West  
Community Assembly  
**Thursday 18th October 2012**  
Banner Cross Methodist Church  
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## Precinct Bench



You may have noticed that the precinct bench, conveniently situated close to the outward bound bus shelter, has disappeared. Being much appreciated by the old and well used by young it had become necessary, after 3 years wear and tear for it to go for refurbishment. Hopefully it will be reinstalled within a few days.

## Local House up for Design Award

A house on Darwin Lane in Crosspool has been **nominated for this year's Sheffield Design Awards.**

Ranmoor House is located opposite the King Edward VII Lower School field. It is designed by local architect Coda Studios and includes zinc cladding to reflect the city's industrial heritage and art deco features.

The Crosspool house is up against other buildings and locations including The Sheffield Tap pub, South Street park, Tudor Square, JG Graves Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods, Park Hill flats and the university's Arts Tower.



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## Jubilant Neighbourhoods

Despite the British summer weather, Crosspool local communities rallied together to celebrate the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style. At least five street parties organised entertainment games, cooked baked and prepared food and drink to make their Jubilee weekend a really royal occasion .** Ringstead Crescent - Sat 2nd The 1pm start made sure most of the food and pastries, buns and chocolates had been eaten and digested before the 3pm downfall. The earlier light shower did not seem to put a dampener on things. The bouncy castle, street tennis, apple bobbing, children's bubbles and numerous other activities seemed to carry on. Even the wheelie bins were dressed for the occasion. Well done to Lucy for putting the event together.

Delph House Road – Sat 2nd The 3pm start had a short delay as organisers Rosie and Sarah held back until the heavy shower had passed over. Then all the food arrived from nowhere as children delivered it to the neatly lined dining tables under the bunting along the centre of the road.

The rain held off for two hours before the occasional shower set in. A great couple of hours were enjoyed by everyone who attended. As Mary the oldest neighbour spoke of her Royal memories and a six month old baby enjoyed the extra attention of all the neighbours.

A street treasure hunt/quiz was held for the children. Although the quiz papers were a little damp at the end of marking, this hadn't damped the enthusiasm of the youngsters trying to locate that unusual plant pot hidden in a neighbour's garden.

Everyone had fun trying to master the intricacies of swing ball, badminton, scooter racing, and pavement art. A "Yorkshire Post" reporter/photographer was there to capture the Jubilation.

Dransfield Road – Mon 4th

Beckie and Rob, Louise and Matt, and Bronwyn and Tim got their heads together to arrange proceedings for their event. The barbeque was brought out as paper chains were made by the children and many party games and adult races planned.

Their 1977 Silver Jubilee Street Party photographs were on display as a few of the neighbours remembered the previous event. Young toddlers seen on the 1977 jubilee photograph arranged this year's street party. A great turn out.



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### Tapton Bank – Mon 4th

Irene and Lisa discussed the idea of a Jubilee Street Party weeks ago.

They would not have believed that most of the street would turn out for this fantastic event. The odd light shower did not disrupt what was indeed a very welcoming party.

**Children' activities included a trampoline, paper chain making, bubbles and flag colouring** which kept all the children entertained.

**They had two barbeques on the go. The chilli was delicious and so was Leon's iced flag buns and a porkpie larger than a wedding cake.** To top the event there was a lovely 60th diamond jubilee iced cake. The celebrations continued well into dusk.

### Moorbank Drive – Mon 4th

A small refined street party was organised by Jean, Jo and Di.

It was attended by a small number of neighbours.

Some relatives had travelled from Welsh Wales to be with their families for this Jubilee party. The food looked wonderful and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Thankfully the weather did not deter the festivities.

### The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Crosspool was a

great event and an all-round success. Noticeable over this extended bank holiday weekend, there was a genuine spirit in which local people rallied round to make their community celebrations an extra special occasion that will be remembered for many years to come. Well done to everyone



### Neighbourhood Watch

A number of speakers will give practical information regarding locks, alarms, security lighting, and CCTV, at our next meeting. Tuesday 4th September, 7pm to 9pm in Christ Church's Lounge, Canterbury Avenue, Fulwood.

The police will also be there to give an overview of local criminal activity, and describe how their latest reorganisation will affect policing in our area. There will be ample opportunity to put your questions directly to them. Refreshments will be available at the beginning of the meeting

**The first five years of the 25 year PFI contract, known as the 'core investment period' will involve** the upgrading of traffic signs and street lighting columns with the latest LED technology, it maybe an idea to be alert to any changes to lamp posts in your area that currently display the Neighbourhood Watch sign, to make sure that the sign is replaced.

The Police are increasing checks on the legality of scrap metal dealers roaming in the area. If you are aware of any suspicious vehicles phone 101 with as much details as possible, (number plate, type of vehicle, colour etc.), and whereabouts it was seen.



## CROSSPOOL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The WI are pleased to announce the formation of a new group in Crosspool. The group was formed in March 2012 and so far has 54 members with ages ranging from 23 years to late 80's.

They meet twice a month at Stephen Hill and St Columba's Church, Crosspool.

Activities include a book club, walking group, choir and theatre group. Over the next few months they have various guest speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics.

Their next two are

The National Trust – 17th September St Columba Church (7-9pm)

Life of a Traveller – 24th September at Stephen Hill Methodist Church (1 – 3pm)

If you enjoy meeting new people, learning new skills or just want to get out of the house, then why not pay them a visit.

For further information contact CWI: [crosspoolwi@live.co.uk](mailto:crosspoolwi@live.co.uk)

Tele:- Paula Stacey 0114 2667339 9am-4pm.



### FEARLESS PHIL

Crosspool butcher Philip James's recent fund raising event on Saturday 30th June raised £873.

Local residents eagerly queued up to sponsor Philip just to see the pain on his face as they removed a wax strip from his legs! Phil could have had no idea of the pain he would suffer when he agreed to have his legs waxed outside his shop on Sandygate Road to raise money for children with type one diabetes.

With the help of the Crosspool community, over £8,000 has been raised so far. You can still donate money to the cause by visiting [virginmoneygiving.com/team/supportingchildrenwithtype1diabetes](http://virginmoneygiving.com/team/supportingchildrenwithtype1diabetes).

No one is sure what causes type one diabetes, but a virus that mainly affects children is believed to be the most likely cause and Crosspool community has been very supportive in raising funds for Sheffield Children's Hospital.



### New Refuse

#### Collection Service

Under the new process your black bin containing non recyclable waste is emptied one week and your blue bin and blue box the week after. You choose either your blue bin or blue box for paper and card. The other container should be used for jars, plastic bottles and tin cans. Bins and boxes must be put out before 7am on the day of collection and retrieved by 9am the day after collection.

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Crosspool Forum Summer Fayre – Down Memory Lane!

Do you remember the original Crosspool Gala of 1961 (held on the CDYST field at Coldwell Lane) – **or indeed the Crosspool Carnivals of 1966, or '75, '80 or '86?**

After a gap of quite a few years the Trustees have been delighted to welcome its successor back to the pitch and hall, and start to host the annual Crosspool Forum Summer Fayre – which gave us another grand day out this July for the community.

It might be the 21st Century now but the old games are still proving to be the best! The coconut **shy, wet sponge throwing, treasure hunt, wellie whanging etc etc....., and the cake and book stalls, tombola, raffles & refreshments** – not to mention this year the Punch & Judy show (celebrating the 350th year of shows in this country) – were all as popular as ever.

The pleasant weather – a rarity this summer so far – helped, so a big thank you to everyone who donated items, helped to organize the day, came along to help man stalls etc., or just brought their family along to join in the fun.

The Fayre was like a burst of fireworks at the end of the whole Crosspool Festival Week, which had started on Friday 6th with the well-dressing outside the Tavern, and ended on 15th with the Picnic in the Park. The whole community derives lasting benefit from all the hard work put in over the previous twelve months – so well done everyone! – and the CDYST Trustees look forward to hosting another next year! Gillian Drinkwater (CDYST Trustee)

Crosspool Festival Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Overall this year's festival was a resounding success with the bonus of much fine weather** throughout the week. There was a packed programme of almost 30 events, beginning with the erection of a well-dressing and events every day of the week, finishing with a picnic in the park.

The sun shone and the rain held off for most of the outside events including the street market, Fayre and fun run but the Beavers were not so fortunate. However despite pouring rain, 50 children and their parents completed their treasure hunt.

There were a variety of indoor events ranging from a barn dance to assorted concerts and talks. All were enjoyed by large audiences.

The festival made over £1400 which is being donated to Ryegate **Childrens' Centre Fund to help towards the refurbishment of their hydrotherapy pool.**

The festival committee are grateful for the support they received from the local shops, businesses, churches, schools, youth groups and other organisations.

There will be another festival next year. Anyone who is interested in helping with the planning and organisation please contact **Rev. Frances Eccleston at St. Columba's by email on** [f.m.eccleston@gmail.com](mailto:f.m.eccleston@gmail.com).

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### Road Works On The Up

**Crosspool has recently seen a large increase in the number of roadwork's in the area.**

After weeks of waiting, the road works guarding in the centre of Sandygate Road was removed on the 24th June, after the manhole (also known as a Gatic box) had finally been repaired.

A spokesman for National Grid apologised for the length of time and inconvenience that this had caused. Explaining that, due to the chamber and apparatus contained beneath this "bespoke" box, it was necessary for the box to be manufactured according to specific requirements - size, content and road type.

A section of Manchester Road just beyond Valleyside Garden Centre is now single lane traffic under a temporary traffic signal system as emergency work is carried out due to a highway embankment slippage. This work is expected to continue from the until November 2012.

The footpath between Tetney Road and Ranmoor Cliff Road on Watt Lane was closed to pedestrians between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July. This is the second time this year that this section of footpath has been excavated in order for contractors to repair the services below.

Traffic signals have also been in place on Darwin Lane and Tetney Road while contractors have been working on the main drain. Contractors from the West Midlands were drafted in to complete remedial work to the 300mm drain. This work involved pulling a type of sock, impregnated with a resin product through the drain. Hot water was then pumped into the drain at high pressure which melted the resin along the inside of the drain sealing it during the process. The contractors say this remedial work should give another fifty years lifespan to the underground structure. This work is only expected to take two weeks to complete.

#### Missing Jigsaws

Will the lady, who bought a boxes of jigsaws from the Western Park stall at the Crosspool Summer Fayre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, (one of which should have contained 4 separate jigsaws) please contact the stallholder on 0114 2818757

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## Undertaking Further Investigation

Earlier this year local people had real concerns about proposals to allocate green field sites in the Crookes area for new housing. Two of the sites mentioned were Hadfield Reservoir (behind School Road) and Lydgate Reservoir (off Evelyn Road).

The Council have now dropped plans to use the Hadfield site for new houses but regrettably the Lydgate site has not been ruled out and remains under consideration.

Yorkshire Water has confirmed that they are "undertaking further investigations." at the Lydgate site.

However the council has said in a statement that, "to provide advice on the archaeological value and ecological value of the site, an ecological assessment and a desk based archaeological assessment is being carried out."

Although the council hasn't made up its mind yet, ostensibly the usually purpose of investigations like these are to see whether a site is suitable for development.

Local residents are extremely concerned at the prospect of losing yet another green and open space and worried about the possible knock-on effect new housing will have on traffic, road safety and local schools.

It is important that we as a community aren't complacent in keeping a close eye on prospective plans for this and other green sites in our area.

If you have anxieties regarding this or any other matters, please **don't hesitate to contact your local councillors** Sylvia Anginotti; Geoff Smith; Rob Frost (Town Hall Tele (0114) 273 4567)

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## POLICE REPORT

PCSOs Phil Whitaker & Tony Hizam stood in for local bobby PC. Louise Atha.

**Emergency service attended a Fire incident at the Tapton School's caretakers lodge.**

Burglaries –thieves are targeting houses in the Crosspool area to get the car keys to steal Audis & BMWs or vehicle broken into to prise air bag from steering wheel (repair & replacement £1k). Owners of these vehicles are advised to cover the wheel with a disc lock, available at cost from Ecclesfield Police Station 321, The Common, (A6135) or motoring shops.

Health and safety concerns from a local resident. It appears that the Tavern Garage service station is exceeding its permitted working hours and using dangerous equipment, such as a hoist, when doing repairs close to the public highway/pavement. Cllr Smith will liaise with PC Atha & the Council about this.

On-going and new police 'ops' - Crosspool & Fulwood anti-burglary and car crime; next week sees the start of a force-wide scrap metal collecting van operation.

Letters and responses to pertinent questions on local issues, presented by Ian Hague to deputy PM Nick Clegg at a questions and answers session in the Hallam FC pavilion.

**SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA PLACEMENTS** **What is the government's policy on these being** within walking distance? Sadly there being more children this September than there are places physically available at Lydgate Infant School, has meant that 48 children will not get their first choice. (In 2013 there appears to be far fewer children of this age range, but from 2014 on the problem may arise again).

**ROAD MAINTENANCE** Where and when will the money earmarked be spent in this area? Cllr Smith said residents with immediate concerns (potholes etc.) are still to contact Streetforce. The operationally driven £2billion, (£800million from the council and 1.2billion from the government) PFI Highways initiative will start later this year. After liaison with the utilities in any given area, a 5 year programme to bring pavements, roads , street lighting up to standard and the replacing of inappropriate trees, will be followed by 20 years of maintenance. Residents will, to a certain extent, be able to suggest replacement trees for any removed as causing obstruction. We must accept this will be "incredibly disruptive" to the city.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT** What are the government plans? Some £56 million is going into local transport, & there will be new low-carbon buses - but not necessarily on the no. 51 route. In Oct the route will change slightly (avoiding Mappin St) & First Buses has pledged to have more buses & drivers available to match the timetable. It is known there are 6 Crookes buses, & 3 Fulwood ones, to every Crosspool/ Lodge Moor no. 51.

**BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC VALUE** **What is the government's policy ?**

Jeremy Hunt (Culture Secretary) replied to Mr Clegg & Cllr Rob Frost but said although he has a duty to compile a list of buildings of special architectural or historical value, this did not necessarily prevent their alteration or demolition where appropriate. (nothing more on Moor View Farm, Manchester Rd, at the moment).

**PROPOSED NEW BROOMHILL SUPERMARKET** A question was raised as to why Sainsbury is apparently being granted permission to open a store here, when the co-op had been refused permission on their nearby acquisition (Safeway's) as being in close proximity to their Crookes/Fulwood stores.

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Council and South West Community Assembly

Geoff Smith was asked to look into why Veolia will only accept card payments for the purchase of green waste bags this year. (*see reply on Page 2*)

The '20s Plenty' scheme. SWCA decided to designate the 'Steel Bank area (Crookes, Commonsides, Walkley) for signage to make it a 20 zone. though this may take a year to implement.

Crosspool Festival Week - Rev Frances Eccleston said this had been very successful. **Thankfully we had two dry weekends! Some £1524 was raised for the Ryegate Children's Centre Fund.** - Residents were asked to contact any member of the committee — (Tele 2670006 or 3351674), if they can, and wish to help next year - new organizer needed to co-ordinate Open Gardens scheme. Ian Hague said the Summer Fayre went well - with £726 going back into the community - a full summer of events - the patriotic flags in the precinct have proved very popular - **erected to mark the "Queens Jubilee", "Crosspool Festival" and "Olympics" are to stay up until the "Paralympics" are over.**

The June Car Boot Sale was a soggy summer wash-out. Its hoped for better weather if another can be held in September.

Children's Disco - after such good response to the one last Christmas Ian is eager to hold another this year. (*Sunday 9th December, St Columba's*)

Computer course - this has proved very popular again; Ian will be running another term from September - names to him please. There will be a beginners' course, advanced (internet) course, and a desk top publishing course. (*See back page*)

Guest Speaker - Kate Hill gave a presentation on her new venture - FunMeFit - a portal for the whole of Sheffield to get active, and share their activities. She hopes to run a Fun Day on 16th Sep at Hallam Cricket Club to fund-raise for this.

AOB? The Precinct bench, near the bus shelter, is badly broken and in need of repair; Tammy Barrass (SWCA) agreed to see if this could be done.

Manchester Road, roadwork beyond Valleyside Garden Centre. The chicanes & traffic lights that have been there for some weeks, are due to be removed when maintenance work ends in November.

The next Open Meeting,

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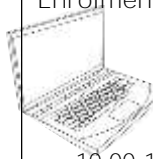
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Anyone wishing to join either of the above courses, contact Ian

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### Crosspool Ladies

Crosspool Ladies meet Thursday evenings at 8pm in

**St Columba's Church Hall to give Ladies of our community**

an opportunity to come together to listen to interesting speakers  
and be part of organised outings, meals and suppers;

Meeting dates

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Servants in a Small House Susan Deal

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Flight of a Thousand Eyes - Sheila Dyson

October 4<sup>th</sup> - The Namedroppers Guide to Barnsley - Mel Dyke

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Supper

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - The history of making a teddy bear - Lynn Binney

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Why Funny Things Happen to Me - Beth Erley

December 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner - Hallamshire Golf Club

For Further information

Tele: Janet Stain 2302916 or Linda Saxton 2301468

## Libraries Under Threat

Community Services has started an eight week programme of consultation that will run until 8th October 2012.

The consultation seeks views on how they change their services to be up to date, comprehensive, meet people's needs and are affordable.

The government requires the Council to make significant savings and this will continue for some years. Some of the savings will have to come from our library services. Whilst trying to protect front-line services, such as libraries, they cannot guarantee that they will be untouched, given the scale of the savings which will be required.

You can complete the survey online; [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraryreview](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraryreview), or pick up a paper copy from any Sheffield library or First Point service.

If you wish to make a written response, please send it to Andrew Milroy, Acting Head of Libraries, Archives and Information Service via [libraries@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@sheffield.gov.uk)

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