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Lollipop Man's Final Patrol



As the Maundy Thursday school bell rang out, all the staff, parents and pupils of Lydgate Infants School in Crosspool congregated on the school crossing to say a fond farewell to their very popular (lollipop) crossing patrolman.

Eddie Parton, who lives just down the road in Crookes, has been a familiar face seeing many hundreds of children safely across Lydgate Lane for the past 11 years come rain or shine and never having a day off.

Eddie told the Crosspool News that, "this has been the best job he has ever had and felt very privileged to have had a job where he was greeted with so many happy and smiling faces every working day". Eddie also went on to say, "I will miss the job and all the lovely people who have become my friends, but I felt that now is the time to call it a day and let someone else take over the roll".

Gratitude to Eddies commitment to keeping our children safe can also be seen depicted in the S10 Community Covid19 Quilt which is on display in the window of Cocker and Carr, Sandygate Road.

Once travel restrictions allow, Eddie intends to go on a rescheduled cruise. before settling into retirement and enjoying the occasional lie in.

A big thank you to Eddie and best wishes for a happy retirement from all of Crosspool.

Crosspool Community Hub Still Here to Help

Despite all the focus on the extremely well organised and effective Vaccination Programme at St Columba's, we want to emphasise that we are still available to help with any needs arising from the pandemic and its aftermath, which includes Shopping, or help sourcing home deliveries Collecting Prescriptions Dog Walking Telephone chats around isolation issues and fears and any other situations you are struggling with

Thankfully, calls to us have decreased significantly, and most people have adjusted to the unprecedented and ever-changing situation we are in, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a need we may be able to sort out for you If we can help, we will.

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Due to the ongoing legislation on mass gatherings and social distancing, regrettably the April Open Meeting had to be cancelled



CROSSPOOL FORUM
OPEN MEETING
Thursday 29th July 2021 at 7:00pm
St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool
With the possibility of Vaccinations Continuing at St Columba's, it maybe necessary to change the venue
Keep your eye on the 'Spar noticeboard' and 'Crosspool News'
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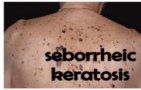
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Is your Name on a Knife Blade ?

Nick Duggan a member of the Forum is a volunteer at The Hawley Collection, which is hosted by Kelham Island Museum.

The Hawley Collection is a massive world famous collection of tools, cutlery, hollow-ware , flatware , photographs , drawings etc. in excess of over 100,000 items .

As a volunteer Nick was sorting out the collection of table knives, some were organised in alphabetic order and a couple of hundred were in a random pile. It became obvious that if someone came in asking for a particular knife it would be hard to find and we didn't know if we had duplicates. We also had to decide if we were going to keep several knives by the same maker if they were different.

Sorting them alphabetically I soon realised , we had a great collection of Sheffield surnames that might help us get people interested in the collection. My first idea was to create a physical wall, like a war memorial where people could look up their surnames, but difficult to organise at eye level and some of the markings not easy to read.

We settled on the idea of a digital knife wall and a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery allowed us to launch the project.

Geoffrey Tweedale the author of Tweedale`s Directory of Sheffield cutlery manufacturers let us have his company histories and we set about photos graphing the collection.

So have a look on either a smart phone, tablet or computer at www.hawleysheffieldknives.com and see if your family name is on a Sheffield Knife blade. We are still missing some knives and you may have a knife that we haven't got. We also have a Facebook group name on a knife blade.

The other good news is that from the 17th May Kelham Island and the Hawley Collection are free to visit. We can also provide talks for local groups, just ask for Nick Duggan.

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Early last year, shortly after the government announcement that we were in the grip of a pandemic, local resident and mother of two young children, physiotherapist Amy Chambers decided that her community of Crosspool should have something for future generations to lookback on, something that they could remember how the community had and are coping with the current covid19 pandemic.

Amy having a vision of a beautiful piece of history being made, encouraged the community, throughout the recent lockdowns, to use their creative skills to stitch, draw, embroider, paint or print stamp on a square of cotton or lightweight material, to show how they were feeling during these extraordinary times.

Having received one hundred and sixteen squares and amazed by everyone's creativity, Amy started the mammoth task of sewing together these tiny squares to complete a king-size piece of memorable history.

After several months of hard work and being up to the small hours, Amy has now completed this unique record of these extraordinary times.

The quilt can now be seen on public display in the Sandygate Road precinct window of local estate agents Cocker & Carr, and at a future date, in the Weston Park Museum Sheffield.



Crosspool WI Keeps Calm and Carries On



Throughout the past year the Crosspool WI, like lots of other organisations, has had to adapt. They have successfully held monthly meetings virtually and continued to have a range of guest speakers on a number of topics, which included: gift wrapping, the comedy genius of Victoria Wood, modern slavery and a wonderful demonstration on flower arranging by Kathryn at Flower Design, (within "Fruit & Veg Patch", Sandygate Road.

Our sub-groups have also moved online and continued to meet; we've had our weekly knit and natter sessions, the monthly book club, and as restrictions ease we are hoping to be able to restart the lunch club.

Even though we can't meet in person we have continued to welcome new members to our group, if you would like more information about joining us then please get in touch via wicrosspool@gmail.com

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The programme started on 9th January. The local centre at Crosspool (PCN), which covers a population of approximately 40,000, of which 30,000 are over 18 and need vaccinating. They have now administered around 18,000 vaccines as of the end of April which includes offering all over 80-year-olds first and second doses, and all over 50-year-olds a first, and some a second dose. In May they started on the under 50s, as well as continuing second doses to over 50s and they expect the centre to continue to late summer, and probably into autumn with boosters as well flu vaccines.



This unprecedented exercise has brought huge challenges to the team of volunteers and medical staff, and have been learning and modifying as they go along. Challenges have included how many patients they can deal with each day; how they dealt with snow clearing; how they organise clinical, general and recycling waste disposal on an industrial scale; and many, many more.

One particular challenge has been that they have sometimes ended days with extra vaccine doses, due to people missing appointments because of bad weather or for other reasons, and because extras are sometimes generated when doses are drawn up from vials which give more vaccine than specified. Such occasional spare vaccines cannot be allowed for when the surgeries make appointments. They would therefore be wasted unless they found people to come for vaccines at short notice. Tom McAnea, lead clinician, and the team, were determined from day one not to waste any vaccine, and 'Not one dose wasted' was a headline in a January Star newspaper article about St. Columba's, and has become a watchword and motto for them. So in addition to patients registered at the six practices covered by the PCN, they have been proud to be able to use extra doses generated to vaccinate front-line care workers from local residential homes as well as around 100 police officers.

That in itself brings a further challenge as they tried to manage second doses for registered patients as well as for those called in to save wastage, some of whom get automatically called to their own surgeries for that vaccination and some who need to come back here.

What is humbling is the dedication of everyone so determined to get the job done, and the developing team work is phenomenal. The church community manage the site and the volunteers as well as being prepared to use the St Columba's site for vaccines, whilst other permitted church and community activities are catered for at the Stephen Hill site. The surgeries organise staff rotas at St. Columba's and continue to manage the normal surgery work. The volunteers (they have approaching 70 on their list!) willingly arrive each day to staff the rotas, working in all weathers in a building which has to be ventilated because of the virus, and is often cold. Their cleaner has to wait until they tell her the work is done and arrives around 9pm in the evening to clean according to NHS guidelines for around 3 hours so they are ready for the next day.

Church reader Steve Ellis said that he had only one complaint, " Our community has been so generously grateful and has shown their gratitude in providing wonderful cakes, sweets, chocolates and snacks, and so I have gained nearly a stone in weight since Christmas".

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After passing his driving test on the 13th May 1971, Chris Turner was able to start his first day of training on May 14th, at Ronksley's Ices of Hillsborough, in a van parked at the entrance to Hillsborough Park on Hawksley Avenue. On the very next day, May 15th he was let loose around the streets selling ice cream for the first time.

Having noticed that there seemed to be quite a few Ice Cream vans plying their trade in Stannington, where he lived. With help from his mum's relations, showing him around the Crookes area where they lived, he decided to try selling ice cream around Walkley, Crookes and Crosspool.



On his first day Chris recalls stopping for a sandwich at the end of Marsh Lane in Crosspool. After a few minutes a lady came to buy a cornet, she told him that she had just failed her driving test. Remembering that he happened to have the book in the van that had helped him pass his test and hoping that it would help her, as it had him, he gave her the book. A few weeks later she came to the van with a big beaming smile on her face, you've guessed it, she had passed her driving test, and celebrated with an even bigger cornet. Joan would be his first customer. (Little could he have known that 50 years later in 2021, he would still be selling Ice cream outside Lydgate school. Joan, husband Tony and their children continued to buy Chris's ice cream for many years).

At the end of September 1971, Chris managed to get a place at Huddersfield Polytechnic and for the next 3 years worked part time on the Ice cream.

In 1974 Chris decided to make the ice cream business his full-time job and bought his first new ice cream van in August 1975. Chris said, "With this purchase, my family could see my commitment and helped me in every way. In 1977, my mother (Pat Gallagher) retired from her job with the CEGB and asked if she could work with me. She was an excellent salesperson, people on her round called her Mrs Chris".

Chris went on to say, "in 1979 I married Sue, her support and patience enabled me to build our fleet up to nine vans, our last new vans were in 2013. The modern ice cream vans are much improved on the first ones I drove. Please let me know if you were a customer in your younger days. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my customers, past and present, for their support over the past half century".

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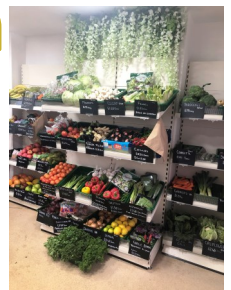
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Meet your local business

A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses

This quarter we caught up with Jill At "More Posh Than Dosh"



How long have you been trading in Crosspool? We have been a familiar business in the Crosspool precinct for over 20 years.

What plans do you have for the future? Following the last 12 months of difficulties that local businesses have had, we are just hoping to carry on trading and carry on serving our customers.

How has your business changed over the years? The past 5 years has seen a decline in customer footfall for many of our local shops.

What is your main source of business? We sell discount fashion items.

What are your best sellers at the moment? Dresses are selling well at the moment.

What makes your business special? We offer good prices to our customers.

What are your best trading periods and why? In normal times Spring is a good trading period as people look to the summer fashions. Christmas is also good for business.

Why do you think people should buy local? I believe that people should buy and shop local as much as possible, otherwise we will lose the local shops.

What is your favourite season? Summer.

What do you think about people using local shops? It's good for the local community and it keeps the precinct vibrant.

Do you employ local people? I don't tend to have a big turnaround of staff. I employ just 2 local people.

Do you think local business is good for the community? Yes, local businesses are needed to keep our communities local.

What do you think of the summer display in the precinct? Its lovely to see the hanging baskets.

What would you like to see improve? Parking, but we know it's not possible.

Any general comments?

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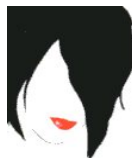
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January:- Coppice view -male was arrested and charged. Cross lane – vehicle taken

February:-Forres Road – wallet/purse stolen; Ivy Park Road – nothing taken.

March:- Lydgate Lane – money; Tapton bank – nothing stolen; Den Bank Crescent – mountain bike from a shed.

April:- Evelyn Road – attempt; Ryegate Road – attempt garage break; Dransfield Road – vehicle and watch; Ringstead Crescent – male captured on occupants ring doorbell trying the front door and looking through dining room window.

May:- Westover Road – occupants camera picked up offenders looking through window and trying door.

Theft of a Vehicle February:- Carsick Hill Road- Amazon Van; Stephen Hill - Land Rover.

March:- Redmires Road –Land Rover

Theft from a Vehicle February:- Evelyn Road – Catalytic Converter; Barnfield Drive – Money.

March:- Moorbank Road— Nothing Stolen

April:- Cross Lane – VRM Plates; Sandygate Park – change and i-pad Moorbank Road – change. No other issues of note.

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"Flying Horse Lawn"

In early May, members of the Crosspool Forum were invited to visit a new venture called the "Flying Horse Lawn" situated on Manchester Road in the Rivelin Valley. They were met by the proprietor, Lou Huson who showed them an area of land set aside for use as an "Open Air Living Site" that's able to accommodate all sorts of activities in calm green surroundings.

Lou remarked that "As lockdown eases, we are now in a position to offer a new community venue for facilitating safe open-air events, such as: - Children's Parties, Celebrations, Open Air Teaching, Dancing, Singing, Walking, Camping, Birdwatching, Micro weddings, Scout/Brownie weekends, Small music functions, Educational or Corporate events and get togethers with a different twist. Whatever you have been longing to do over the past twelve months now is the time to start planning and make up for lost time".



The site boasts a small bandstand, a 25 metre stretch tent which can be pitched with as much or as little access to the elements as required, fire pits, a stone bothy where food and refreshments can be prepared and served. There are two composting loos on site. Some may find it relaxing to stay the night in a Yurt nestled among the trees or the Straw Bale Cabin. The accommodation is quirky and as far away from a hotel room layout as you can get!

The next planned event for the younger generation is on the 2nd June "A Beat the Bunny Event" which will be a compass driven treasure hunt.

Lou went on to say, "whatever you choose to do at the Flying Horse Lawn, we would love to develop ideas with you. So, whether its drinks and canapes to intricate treats, a tea party or a full course meal you can enjoy it in the open air! We look forward to working with you to make the Flying Horse Lawn look magical for your special event.

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Thanks to local people who have donated items in the past, and to those who continue to sew and donate. A container loaded with scrubs, medical supplies and 30 beds was shipped to Gambia on the 30th April followed by another containing a further 60 hospital beds on the 8th May.

The Photo is of "Brikana" Hospital in the Gambia one of three hospitals that have received 10 new beds each in mid April this year.

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LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

Iain Lothian's final service with us was Easter Sunday, and we wish him and Fiona well as they move to St James' Church in Leith. His final sermon encapsulated his faith, which drives him passionately to seek justice and fairness in every aspect of society. Here are some extracts...

Similarly, we have, like Mary Magdalene & the disciples, been in a liminal space, a place of great uncertainty because like Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, Covid has created a great rupture from the past; Life will never be the same again for us or for our world. As we emerge from lockdown we are again at a threshold, between one world and the next, where the temptation will be to try and hold on to the past and recreate what we have lost. Of course, we want to return to the many wonderful things we have lost like appropriate physical contact and sharing meals together, but we also have the potential to leave behind destructive ways of living, not to hang on to the past but look to the future. As I said last Easter, on a global scale we have the potential to break away from what many are realising is a broken capitalist system, with no checks and balances, a Darwinian system of the survival of the most fittest and most powerful, which is leading us towards grotesque levels of inequality and the continued destruction of the very world which sustains us. Or, we have the potential to imagine the world anew and create a world of justice, peace and sustainability where all have access to adequate food, water, health care, education and housing; a world where we care for our beautiful planet.



Last year I quoted Arundaty Roy, an Indian author and human rights activist, who expresses this choice so eloquently and I repeat her words again: We can choose to walk through this threshold, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or, we can walk through treading lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world, where the most vulnerable are cared for, where we cherish our planet, and seek distributive justice where all have enough. But more importantly are we ready to stop being passive bystanders and fight for this world. I believe this fight for justice is happening everywhere in all types of ways: For example, we have the Black Lives Matter grassroots movement exposing a history of prejudice & seeking to create a country of equality of opportunity for all races and then on the other side wanting to keep us in our past, in for me perhaps the most depressing piece of news amongst a lot of depressing news I have heard, where a recent government commissioned race report states that there is no evidence of institutional racism in this country and that slavery is not just about suffering and power! I think the Easter story is a cause for hope because it affirms that Jesus is no longer among the dead, locked in a tomb but alive; and it is my belief that he is very much alive in all these movements fighting for justice, liberation, real democracy and a voice for those who are oppressed.

On a more local level our church community emerges out of lockdown very much changed and again is at the threshold of something new. Again, I would echo Jesus' words to Mary: Do not hold to the past too tightly and but have your eyes looking forwards to the future. Because Covid has pretty much removed any barriers between the two churches as nearly everything that has been done over the past year has been a joint effort. Consequently, in our conversations now is the time to change our/your language from them to us, from Stephen Hill and St. Columba to the word 'WE' and to begin to use this pronoun more regularly in conversations about our joint community. An example of this interdependence is the vaccination programme that is happening in the building of

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St. Columba church; it would not be possible if there had not been another building available to worship in, and without the support of members of Stephen Hill. This is something that both churches have been responsible for. We/You, as a community have a tremendous opportunity going forward, through this vaccination programme and the community hub to move the church from the edge of the community to the centre of community life in Crosspool. Thousands have entered a church for the first time, and connections made which can be developed and built on. Apparently one visitor remarked, 'I didn't know people in church were normal.' You also have a strong leadership team, made up of members of both churches to help make strategic decisions.

So, the Easter story teaches us the importance of not holding too tightly to the past, that does not mean disregarding the past – it is important to remember, honour and acknowledge the past, but not to hold so tightly to it, that you do not allow the present to unfold and in so doing so prevent resurrection, new life to come forth. Through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension he is no longer confined to time and space but became accessible to all the world, throughout all time.

One of the major truths that the Easter story affirms is that Jesus is no longer in the tomb, among the dead, but alive and with us today so one thing I would encourage you to do as you look forwards towards the future is to add prayer as you plan and move forward because prayer allows Jesus in through the promptings and leadings of the Holy Spirit. One of the most important groups is the pastoral prayer group that meets on a Tuesday and prays for the pastoral needs of those in the community and those further afield. It is definitely a group that has a 'We' mentality and doesn't differentiate between the two churches. It would be lovely if there was another time of communal prayer that listened to God and prayed for the coming together of the community.

So my final words to you is, to not hold too tightly to the past but look forwards to new life, new opportunities, new horizons, new beginnings, remembering that Christ is no longer among the dead but is with us today.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

If you would like to be part of helping to Keep Crosspool's Village Green tidy, be in "Lydgate Green" on Lydgate Lane, at 10am, Saturday the 12th & 19th June.

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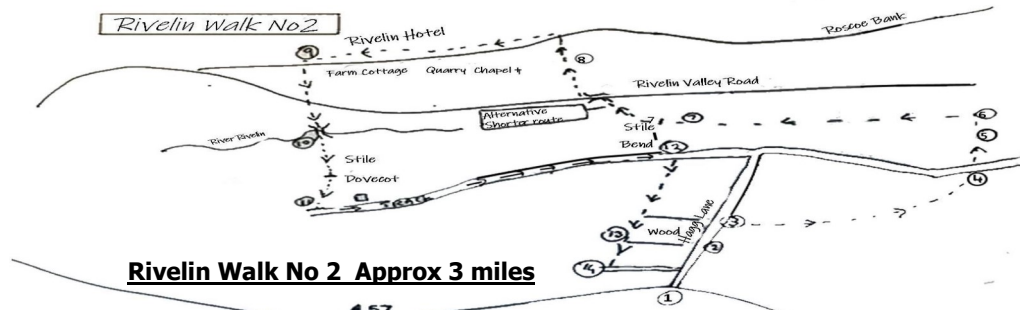
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Rivelin walk No2



Rivelin Walk No 2 Approx 3 miles

1. Start at the top of **Hagg Lane**.
2. Descend on right hand side of the Road past all the houses.
3. Take track on right through the allotments (ignore turning off to the right)
4. Where the track hits the Road, go straight over, descending on the Bridleway to the right of the woods.
5. Ignore the first path on the left and continue downhill following the run route signs , keep the wall on left at junction of paths and continue downhill.
6. In about 80 metres take stile on left just after multi stemmed tree.
7. Follow path across hillside, go through wooden stile above smallholdings and descend diagonally to stile in right hand corner of field.
8. Steep descent down to Rivelin Valley Rd (if you want a shorter option turn left down Rivelin Valley trail till point 10 carefully cross Road and go left over bridge and take path up steep stone steps on right, past a chapel on your left and come out on metaled Road **Roscoe Bank**
9. Turn left and follow Road which climbs a little descending to the Rivelin Valley Hotel , , continue straight on passing a number of cottages on your right and left , after a farm you will find a footpath on your left between two stone walls that takes you back down to Rivelin Valley Rd. Carefully cross the Road.
10. Descend to the river via the cobbled path and cross the bridge in front of you and ascend the hill to a stone stile.
11. Cross next field keeping to your right, in the right hand corner of the field turn left on track between two hedges keeping the Dovecote on your left.
12. Follow track for approx. 800m, ignore paths off to the right, pass small car park on left, again ignore footpaths signs on right until you get round right hand bend as track starts to rise.
13. Follow this path uphill for approx. 200m, take steps up to left and cross stile and proceed up the edge, crossing a small stile through a small wooded area. Keep to the right hand side of the field exiting top right.
14. Continue up hill keeping fence on your left, at a major path junction take track on left to return to Hagg Lane close to your starting point.

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