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Sandygate Road White Lines Agreement Reached

Following concerns from local residents over the safety of the recently painted white lines on Sandygate Road, the council has agreed to repaint the lines in their original position.

The lines were positioned on the newly-resurfaced road with the intention of improving the safety of cyclists being overtaken going up the hill and to slow traffic coming down the hill.

However, residents were concerned that the narrow city-bound lane did not allow for parked cars, meaning that traffic was often forced onto the wrong side of the road.

The removal of the lines and re-painting in the original position was carried out in early February. It is estimated that this debacle will cost Sheffield Council around £6,000.



Local Residents Do Their Bit For The Environment

Sunday 10th January stayed fine as local residents did their bit for the environment and brought along their Christmas trees for recycling. This year around 200 trees were dropped off. As in previous years local businessman Andy Fisher of Complete Tree Solutions and Firewood Supplier was on hand with the volunteering to shred the trees. Thank you to Andy and his assistant for all their help. Donations left on the day will help the Forum towards the cost of the newly provided LED lights seen in the Precinct over Christmas. Thanks also go to our local businesses who display the trees year on year and the volunteers who turn up in all weathers to put up and take down the trees.



CROSSPOOL FORUM

OPEN MEETING

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Letter Box

Hi, as a Crosspool resident I am aware that thefts from our local shops, especially Spar, are worsening. Could it be put to the police during the next meeting. I have just witnessed three youths grab and run from the Spar. The staff find it a continuous problem during the school lunch break. Thankyou.

(See the PCSO Report in the Open Meeting Minutes for similar local issues)

Crosspool ladies will be celebrating 60 years this year. There must be many ladies in our area young and older who would like some company. We meet at St Columbus church hall twice a month at 8.00pm; drink first of course and then our speaker, etc. We also have Christmas Dinner at the Hallamshire Golf Club, days out, lunch in June at Hassop Hall and many more activities.

Starting

11th Feb. British Schlinder

25th Feb. A teachers tale

10th March Pleasure and Pain

31st March Aqua Box

14th. April Life can be funny

28th April Sheffield is what you make of it

12th May Memories of a Attercliffe Copper

19th May 60th Anniversary Tea

26th May Outing

9th June Shopaholics Guide

23rd June Hassop Hall lunch

For more information please phone Janet 2302916. Or Linda 2301468

In reply to Lisa [Letter Box vol12 issue 4]

I welcome the comments made by Lisa about litter in the area. She mentions in particular the premises of Stephen Hill Church. Many of we church members make a habit of picking up the occasional beer can or crisp packet which finds it's way into our grounds but we are hampered by the regular dumping of rubbish. We have had builders rubble tipped on the Benty Lane side of the building and a Manchester Road resident frequently uses our dustbins as if they were a common resource. They are not; we are charged for emptying them.

We are fully aware of the broken bench. At the present time investigations are taking place to see if vandal proof material can be found to repair it. Repairs are a low priority at present as it does not tend to get used in winter and our limited income needs to be spent elsewhere.

It is suggested that volunteers could help with garden maintenance. This is what currently happens. We have a small team of four people. Two look after the lawns and hedges and two do the gardening. All these people have been drawing their pensions for many years and are heavily committed in both church and community. We feel that we are managing to keep on top of the work and do not recognise the comment that it is overgrown. We would welcome Lisa's help; in fact we would welcome any help. The forum is open 6 mornings a week for coffee, just pop in and introduce yourself. The church is available for private prayer on six mornings each week: feel free to use it.

Our church welcomes literally hundreds of people on to our premises each week. We are delighted to host groups catering for all ages from Bumps and Balms to the older people's luncheon club. We regard ourselves as a welcoming part of the Crosspool community and are always happy to welcome Mends and strangers alike. If any of those people were to volunteer to help in the gardens or any other capacity they would indeed be doubly welcome.

Over to you Lisa, come and talk to us.

Bob (*Stephen Hill Church*)

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- ◆ Work out what you would like to grow and where. If you are short of space, look for crops that tend to be more expensive in the shops or taste wonderful when freshly picked. Why not try a few pots or grow bags in the back yard. Herb, salads, outdoor tomatoes, climbing beans, strawberries can all be grown successfully. Or make a bit more space by digging up a bit of lawn or flower bed and make a raised bed.
- ◆ There are often many different choices of a particular vegetable. Research particular varieties. Some are more resistant to diseases and pests that you know exist in your garden. Look for varieties that have a shorter growing period until maturity, especially useful in Sheffield in the colder more exposed locations. The RHS website is an excellent place to look for information: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/Grow-Your-Own/Vegetables>
- ◆ Order seeds online or buy from a good local garden centre with a wide range of seeds. Do it in now so you have all the seeds when you are ready to start. Oh, and don't forget to buy some seed and potting compost.
- ◆ Start seeds off in trays and pots inside. Try to maintain a temperature of around 20C until the seedlings appear, then find a place with reasonable amount of day light in a porch, conservatory or window sill.
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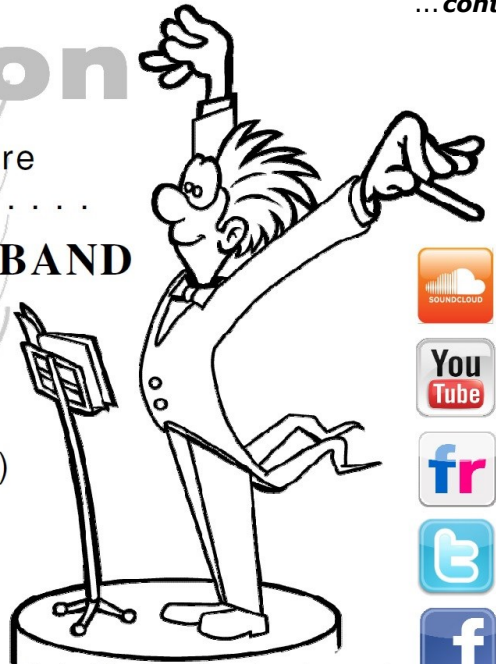
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Grow Your Own contd...

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- ◆ Don't be tempted to plant out tender plants such as beans too early. A nice spell of weather in early May can easily be followed by a late frost. Plants could be killed or severely checked for several weeks.

Hillside Harvest is a community growing group, based on Hagg Hill, where you can help grow fruit and vegetables with others in a sociable way.

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Christmas Party Popularity

This year's Children's Christmas party was as popular as ever as 34 children between the ages of 2 and 9 lined up to meet Father Christmas. This was the fifth year the Forum hosted its Christmas event at St Columba's. The children, many of whom arrived in very festive attire, enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of party games, snacks and nibbles, as parents and grandparents watched on and enjoyed the refreshments. The party organisers would like to thank our local Spar for their continued sponsorship and generous donation towards the food and refreshments, the volunteers that manned the kitchen, Father Christmas and everyone for attending and making the party so festive.

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REFLECTIONS ON A LONG CONNECTION WITH CDYST AND COLDWELL LANE

I first became aware of the CDYST when I was about to get married in 1981. My future wife and I purchased a house on Barnfield Avenue, just a short walk away from the field, which we moved into after our marriage in April 1981. The vendor of the house was Paul Schofield who, at that time, was a trustee of the CDYST. He made me aware of the open space held by the CDYST at Coldwell Lane and, in particular, mentioned to me the annual bonfire and firework display. I attended this event for many years until it ceased in 1991 because of an unfortunate accident due to a misfiring rocket. When he moved out of Barnfield Avenue, Paul Schofield moved just around the corner into a house on Melfort Glen. Six years later, my wife and I followed the same route and we moved into a house in June 1987 immediately opposite Paul Schofield's house. For quite a few years, Paul's grown up children babysat our younger children for us until the Schofields moved to Mosborough when Paul then gave up his involvement as a trustee of CDYST.

My next connection with CDYST occurred in the late 80's when I attended an open meeting to discuss the shortage of funds of the Trust and the future of the open space at Coldwell Lane. I attended this meeting with a very good friend of mine, Andrew Peterkin, who lived on Manchester Road at that time. Following the meeting, Andrew decided to get involved with the Trust and became both a trustee and the Trust's treasurer. Shortly after Andrew's appointment as treasurer, the Trust decided to sell off some of its land for housing and to use the resultant funds to build the Hall on Coldwell Lane and to also build tennis courts and playground facilities. Andrew and I had played badminton, together with some other friends, from the late 70's and, upon completion of the construction of the Hall in 1992, we began to play our badminton in the winter at Coldwell Lane on one evening per week.

Sadly, Andrew passed away suddenly in 1999 at the very young age of 47. However, I managed to recruit another badminton player and my friends and I continued to play badminton at the Hall each winter until March 2015. We were contemplating playing on in October 2015 for another season. However, one of our group decided to join a gym and to stop playing badminton and another of our group decided he was going to follow the fortunes of the England cricket team on their winter tours to the United Arab Emirates & South Africa. Therefore, due to lack of numbers in our group, my near 25 year association with badminton at Coldwell Lane has ended at the ripe old age of 66.

There have been a couple of serious injuries which have occurred during our badminton years as, on separate occasions, two friends (one of whom was Andrew Peterkin) ruptured an Achilles tendon whilst playing, bringing rather an inconvenient end to the proceedings on those evenings. However, we have had some tremendous fun playing badminton in the Hall for over 20 years and it is sad that my involvement has now come to an end.

I believe the Hall at Coldwell Lane is a big asset to the local community as is the open space, especially with the development of the junior football facilities. Together, they are invaluable assets in helping meet the various recreational activities, both young and old, of local (and not so local) residents. Can I offer my sincere thanks to the trustees for allowing me the use of the Hall for all those years with particular thanks being due to Liz Flesher who has acted as the booking secretary for a considerable number of those years.

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Hallam FC Appoint Community Officer

Hallam FC have this week appointed their first ever **Community Officer**.

We are delighted to welcome Josh Barnsley (pictured) to Sandygate, who brings a **wealth of Football experience** with him having worked previously at Sheffield Wednesday in a similar role.

Josh said 'I am delighted to have been appointed Hallam FC's Community Officer, it's such a **privilege to be a part of the clubs history**. I do believe this is the first time Hallam have had an appointed Community Officer and I cannot wait to get started.'

'I think it's important for the club to show that it **means business off the field** as well as on the field.'

Josh will be working on community activities such as schools coaching, soccer schools, Ladies' football and after-school activities. These will all help **improve health and wellbeing** whilst also promoting sport and inclusion within the community.

The projects will also focus on improving fitness opportunities for the retired, and Josh will be **linking with schools**, disability groups, health agencies and other local organisations and businesses across Sheffield.

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Family Who Gave A Lane Its Name - Part 2

We concluded Part 1 (*Clarion, Winter 2015*) by noting that at one period the Marsh Family were the owners of land adjoining Lydgate Hall and I just wondered if this was actually farmed by the occupier of nearby Delph House Farm since I sense a definite link between the two properties, as the Deeds for both of them are among the miscellaneous 'papers' covering the history not only of the family but also that of the products and many outlets (a good number overseas) of Marsh Brothers & Co., and which documents were placed, some twenty five years a/c, at the City of Sheffield Libraries (Archives Division) at Shoreham Street for both safekeeping and use by those interested in the history of Sheffield area firms.

Interestingly, the pair of Deeds covers two notable events of importance to the family and the company. The first of these was the actual founding of Marsh Brothers, in 1810 and at which date the Partnership between members of the family began. This continued for some 97 years and during that time some 'vacancies' occurring and new appointments, naturally being made. The year 1910 saw a major change when it was decided to make the firm a limited company.

The second happening was in 1933 when head of Marsh Bros. & Co. Ltd., Harry Parker Marsh died. That was some 73 years after the family had vacated the Hall which was to have several occupant families before its demolition in the early 1930s to make way for the present housing. Probably the most unusual of these were the Brights, particularly in the person of the Head, namely Horatio, a truly eccentric Sheffield business man who was, to say the least, odd. But, for all his strange quirks, that did not prevent him from leaving several Million Pounds (by present day valuations). His later to be contested will, which is spread over numerous foolscap-sized sheets of paper and handwritten, is a fascinating document and a read of it gives some insight into Horatio's mind. The pleasure of making some 'discoveries' of what he collected and even had transferred to the family mausoleum at nearby Moscar we'll leave till another time. Horatio died at the hall on February 3rd, 1906, and, by special request, was transported on an old farm cart, to his final resting place, hidden purposely under a pile of old timbers

Reverting back to the Marsh family, strange indeed is exactly why Harry Parker Marsh had a father whose parents, John and Jane Marsh, way back in 1827, decided to give their son the Greek name Theophilus!! This means 'Friend of God'. So much for trying to relate how a country lane came by its name, but it's been a well worth while little project.

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A sneak preview for Festival 2016! This summer we have entitled the Festival '**Carnival**' - a summer party with great activities happening on the streets to coincide with this year's Olympics in Brazil, the queen's 90th celebrations and more besides.

We hope it will be a colourful and exciting week for the community to get out and about, meet the neighbours, make new friends and try new activities.

Some of the old favourites return such as **Open Gardens**. Why not share your garden this year? No one expects an immaculate garden, but we all enjoy looking at what each one of us has been doing on our patch. It's a great way to be motivated to tidy up your garden and a good time to invite the neighbours round to share a hobby or a fabulous view over a cuppa. And you can make a bob or two for your favourite charity as all proceeds will go to the charities of your choice. So whatever the size and maturity of your garden, whether you are a beginner or have been opening your garden for many years, if you would like to join the gardeners open day, please get in touch. We will need your name and details by March 18th 2016 in order to prepare the brochure for printing.

Talking about all things in the garden, we would love to hear from you if you would enjoy some sort of gardeners' community to be formed. We are thinking of gathering together like minded people to enjoy a natter, a helping hand or a word of advice a couple of times a year. If you would like to be involved in this in any way, or have thoughts about how such a group could be helpful within the community, please get in touch.

Also coming again is the popular scarecrow competition. Entry forms will go out through the schools and will also be available from the shops at £3/entry. Scarecrows will be on show all week and will be judged by local sculptor, Noel Lockley. Prizes will be awarded to the best scarecrow makers in recognition of their ingenuity and creativity. The theme is '**Carnival & Olympics**' to fit in with the festival theme, so bright and colourful like the amazing costumes some of the carnival goers wear, fantastical animals, sportsmen or something completely different - have fun with that! For further details please contact: beckiegreenuk@yahoo.co.uk

Another great activity that is now established is the well dressing. In case some of you don't know what this is, a well dressing is the unique Derbyshire tradition of elaborate pictures made for the most part of individual flower petals pressed onto clay covered boards which seems to date from Victorian times to celebrate the blessing of water in any given village. Why do it in Crosspool? It is a great opportunity to be creative with flowers and to celebrate life itself in our community. So if you are looking for a new venture, why not try your hand at this old craft? The team is looking for new helpers. Instructions given, so no need for previous experience. Just a few hours the week before the festival is needed to be involved in this. If you want further information, get in touch.

We are also looking for a few more volunteers to help with a new history activity, a new photo competition and general helpful bits and pieces. No previous experience necessary. If you think you could spare a few hours to help or would like further information, please get in touch as soon as possible. Contact Lindsey on: lindseybeagles@gmail.com or phone 0114 2301041.





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Open Meeting 28th January 2015

Attendees Nine Forum Management Committee members, thirty two Crosspool residents three guest speakers and Cllrs Geoff Smith & Anne Murphy.

Apologies received from Claire Tideswell, Cllr Rob Frost, Roger Kite, and Angela Southward. Ian Hague welcomed everyone. Minutes of the October meeting were agreed.

Matters arising - Geoff Smith reported no progress on changing the Manchester Rd 40mph limit to 30 mph, but that Sandygate Rd would have its white lines changed back to the original position this coming week. The Broomhill traffic lights & new Crookes junction appear to have decreased the speed of the traffic - Geoff will look into this.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Angela Southward reported that the Forum is 'in a good financial position'; all calendars sold & made a profit for the community; new Christmas trees, LED lights & Electrical interfaces cost £800 approx.; public liability insurance £273; donation to Hagg Lane allotments for a 1st Aid kit & fire extinguishers £100; donations from shredding the old Christmas trees brought in £300. Thanks to a generous donation from the Spar, this year's Children's Christmas Disco broke even. Tai Chi became self-financing this year: bookings for Summer Fayre & Street Market have started to come through.

YORKSHIRE WATER RIVELIN VALLEY

TREATMENTWORKS

John Bond (Communications team) & Simon Balding (project manager) gave a PowerPoint presentation about the adopted plans, (Option 2 - an underground building with low grassed-over mound) recently started off the Manchester Rd. As the "tea colour" of our peatland water is - challenging to treat, this scheme needs to be "really robust with a lasting legacy policy" - working with the Crosspool Forum, RVCG & Sheffield Wildlife Trusts. Nick Clegg MP did the first spade-cut into the ground, and they are working towards completion by early 1918.

AMEY STREETS AHEAD REPORT

Claire Tideswell (South West Community Steward, Streets Ahead) sent her apologies and a brief report, readout by Ian: the absence of street lighting along Manchester Road, west of the Stephen Hill/ Benty Lane junction.

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Open Meeting continued...

Fault on this section being investigated - it might be a Northern Power Grid issue.

Manchester Road: Kerbing is programmed to start in February, pavement resurfacing in September and road resurfacing in November; 31 Trees left to fell, 2 new trees have been planted so far, 32 to be replanted. Street lighting is continuing across the zone.

Sandygate: Pavement resurfacing works restarted 11 Jan. Work expected to continue until end of February (weather permitting). Trees: 96 trees and 1 stump to be felled 84 trees have been planted, 18 to be planted between November 16 and March 17. Street lighting and road resurfacing works are completed. Roadshow for residents/businesses planned for August.

Ian has a stock of sprouting daffodils (donated by Valleyside) for immediate planting - he asked residents to collect some to plant on their own verges. Amey has promise a few thousand bulbs for planting in late autumn.

The Councillors answered concerns about cars parking over the new kerbs & verges. An attendee quoted that Section 22 of Road Traffic Act says it is illegal to park on pavements.

Cllrs advised that verges are part of the Highway so any requests for anti-parking measures (bollards etc) must be directed to the council

Councillors also answered a question on the 'wavey' road surface downhill from the Claremont. The different surface is due to problems with the old quarry next to the road.

PCSOs REPORT

Phil Whittaker PCSO attended to give the meeting the following update:

1st Nov 2015 - 28th Jan 2016 four burglaries of local dwellings: one attempted outbuilding break-in: 10 thefts from vehicles (license plates, catalytic converters and externally carried spare wheels). Increase in metal thefts (lead from bay windows) - vehicle seized and found to be carrying stolen lead.

No more staff redundancies among the police are due this year.

Answering questions from the floor, he suggested that, with the recent increase in vandalism, graffiti, shocking and actual verbal filth from King Edwards schoolchildren, waiting to get on inbound buses for the Crosspool precinct stop, some form of CCTV be relocated in the precinct. Possibly permanently if purchased by council businesses & the local community.

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TRANSPORT UPDATE

Andy Metcalfe (First Bus) apologized for forgetting to attend last meeting and for the problems, just before Christmas, with a new network in place. The 51 route has since improved but the work round the University & queuing to get in to park at Weston Park hospital, are still causing delays. Anne Murphy has

spoken to the hospital. Some parking spaces are being allocated at the new Children's Hospital car park. They have agreed to stagger clinic times to ease the traffic flow.

The bad behaviour of the school pupils was raised again (see above. Police report), Conductors on buses, identifying individuals concerned, and stopping them visiting the shops before boarding bus were all mentioned. He said he regretted our 'new buses' have been sent to the Fulwood route, but they proved slower than the old ones - & punctuality is important. Ian thanked Andy for the bus he provided for the children's Chester Zoo trip.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & PLANNING ISSUES

Amey was congratulated on its courteous workmen – Cllr Anne Murphy will pass this on. Discussions continue with the staff & director of Claremont Hospital with regard to parking in the area, with no immediate solution. Work has started on the Jet petrol station site. Nothing is known about plans

for the Hallam Towers, other than it has been sold.

Anne thanked everyone for the donations given to her food bank - £484 worth.

Not standing for re-election in May, Ian thanked Cllr Geoff Smith for all his hard work, commitment and dedication to our community. This was concurred with applause from Anne and the attendees.

EVENTS

Lindsey Beagles (new chair of Festival Team) said this year's theme is CARNIVAL—see page 9 for details.

The Forum received over 100 photos for the calendar—more please! (Planning on publishing a couple of weeks earlier this year so it can be sent abroad in good time).

Ian: tablet, art & Tai Chi classes going well - anyone interested in Spanish classes, contact Ian or Steve. Ideas for next day out, & help at the Summer Fayre needed.

AOB Nominations for this year's "Crosspool Person of the Year" to Steve or Ian, before the last day of April.

Sandygate Rd white line: Adam Hanrahan thanked everyone for their support in getting it restored to its original position. **Next Open Meeting: Friday May 6th**

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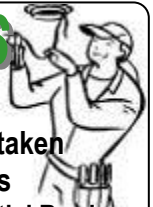
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