



# INFORMER

*Welcome to the September edition, I hope that everyone who has already been on their annual holidays has had a great time, and those yet to go have as good a break. For many of our villagers this time of year is a new start. A new school year, perhaps even a new school. Maybe plans for university or even a new job beckons.*

David Gregory, Chairman.

## **The fencing is finally down!**

After a two-year battle by your Parish Council pushing RMBC to act, the fencing on the corner of The Pastures and The Meadows has finally been removed. Thank you to all those who signed the petition. The point has been made to RMBC, but it should not have needed such action to resolve the issue.

Whilst the area still looks dreadful it is the responsibility of the land owner to deal with it. The corner is effectively private land which reduces considerably what the Parish Council can do. The decision to give planning consent to the building of a bungalow behind the shop was one the Parish Council opposed, but RMBC granted.

Hindsight is always the wisest opinion. We will continue to pressure RMBC to ensure that the person who owns the lands meets the requirements imposed upon them.

## **Churchyard**

A small group of villagers meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10am working on maintaining the church grounds. They carry out a variety of activities to stay on top of the weeds which seem to get stronger and bigger each year.

If anyone is looking for a little light exercise and would care to join in then you are most welcome. Tea, coffee and some delightful varieties of cake are provided about half way through the morning. It is not strenuous or demanding work; every little bit helps. You might even enjoy the company.

## **Graffiti**

We are fortunate to live in a very pleasant village; however, we do have challenges to face. The climbing equipment and the picnic benches have been subjected to graffiti, often quite graphic. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our village remains a lovely place to live, which means taking actions to combat anti-social behaviour.

## **BrightBus Closure – Alternate arrangements for travel to Wales High School**

School bus company BrightBus has announced its closure from the end of the academic year; SYPTE have made alternative arrangements for travel to Wales High School. Please visit the Todwick Parish Council website at <http://todwickpc.org.uk> or for more details or contact STYPE Head Office on [0114 276 7575](tel:01142767575)

## **Football in Todwick**

We welcome a new senior football club to our village, Darfoulds FC will be playing their home fixtures on Saturday mornings from the start of the new season. Todwick Villa will continue to play their games on Sundays. Both teams play a very good standard of football. Why not come down and cheer them on!

The junior football club have decided to sever their link to Todwick consequently there will be no football matches involving youngsters on Sundays.

## **Fun Day**

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2017 Family Fun Day. We are slowly adding new attractions each year so once again next year will be even more fun!

If you would like to get involved next year or have any suggestions then please let us know either via our Facebook page or by contacting **Rebecca CARTER**

## **Allotments**

We have half and full plots available for rent. Contact **Bryan Ferris** for more details

## **Todwick General Store now has a Deli!**

Most of you should be aware of the general store that opened in Todwick. But did you know a delicatessen counter offering fresh meats, pies & sandwiches is now available!

## **Reporting Crime**

It is essential that incidents are reported to the police via the 101-phone system. Reported incidents form a picture of what goes on, and failure to report suggest that there are no issues. If things are to improve we need to do more than comment on social media.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017, 9.30 - 11.00AM**

The staff and children of **Todwick Primary School** invite you to

“The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning”

**Please come along to support this Nationwide fundraising event – the perfect chance to catch up and have a slice of something delicious.**

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12th NOVEMBER 2017**

The usual Act of Remembrance will be held at the Todwick Village War Memorial on Sunday the 12th November. The Church Service will begin at 9.45 am following which the congregation will process to the War Memorial in time for the National 2 minutes silence at 11.00 am. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall afterwards.

Poppy and flower tributes will be welcome from any of the Todwick organisations or from anyone who wishes to place a personal tribute at the memorial.

## **MEGA ACTIVE PLAY CAMPS IN TODWICK**

The Spring Bank and Summer Play Camps proved to be a success again this year, with attendances averaging 19 children per day. The Spring Camp suffered a little because of poor weather, but the Summer Camp enjoyed better weather and so higher attendances. Favourite activities were Kangoo Boots and Dodge Ball, but the children joined in all the activities on offer with great enthusiasm.

Feedback from parents has been excellent and hopefully the camps will continue to come to Todwick, providing healthy outdoor activities for our children during the school holidays.

MEGA ACTIVE PLAY CAMPS ARE SUPPORTED BY TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## **Grey Matter in Todwick**

“The Community Friendship Club”

Grey Matter in Todwick was one of just 42 Yorkshire based community groups which - in its latest round of awards - has been recognised by the prestigious royal reward scheme **The Duke of York's Community Initiative**.

The award was presented to Janet Cocking at the ceremony in Huddersfield University on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by The Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire Mr Andrew Coombe. Also representing the club were Mary Pavey, Bryan Ferris and Richard Brundish. The event was followed by a reception where we met fellow recipients across the four Yorkshire Counties.

A second reception was held at St James' Palace London on May 9th, at which we were introduced to HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York. The club was represented by Janet Cocking, Bryan Ferris and Richard Brundish, who were honoured to tell the Prince what we do and where we came from. This is the first time that the meeting with the Duke of York has been hosted at St James' Palace, so we greatly honoured to be at a royal residence.

The award recognises voluntary community groups who are making a positive contribution to their communities. Our club was set up as a place where older residents (55+), can meet every week for friendship, refreshments and enjoy a variety of activities. The award is a tribute to the foresight of the Parish Council, Church, and other local partners who set up the club in response to the Parish Survey that indicated a need to tackle loneliness that can have negative health outcomes.

The club is now in its third year, and will be celebrating with a buffet party on 22nd September. The event will be any opportunity for the members to celebrate a year of accomplishment and growth. We are also delighted that the event will be supported by local, and district partners, as well as dignitaries from Rotherham Council.

**We are open every Friday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Church Hall**, and you are very welcome to join us – if you would prefer to talk before you walk – contact Janet on 01909 771344 or Richard on 01909 772204.

## **Bonfire Night – Friday 3rd November 2017**

Remember, Remember, The 3rd of November

Once again there will be a bonfire and a spectacular firework display this year, as well as food, beer, coffee, tea, soft drinks etc. to make it a memorable evening. We have increased the catering to avoid the queues that we had last year.

**The fire will be lit at 6.30pm with the firework display starting at 7pm.**

Once again be aware that we are not allowed to have “personal fireworks” such as sparklers etc. and there can be no pets.

Also, there will be no parking at all allowed in the recreation ground (other than Security Services).

**A nominal charge of £1 per person, 5 years and above, will be made.**

### **Pavilion for Hire**

Did you know you can hire the Pavilion? Why not hold your next birthday party there! Prices start from £10 per hour; kitchen and toilet facilities are available.

Want to start your own club and looking for something more long term? Get in touch to negotiate arrangements.

### **Todwick Parish Council Website and Facebook**

For TPC news, meeting minutes and more please visit [www.todwickpc.org.uk](http://www.todwickpc.org.uk). You can also find us on Facebook – make sure to check us out and give us a Like!

### **Dates for your diary**

#### ***September***

Churchyard 2<sup>nd</sup>

Macmillan Coffee Morning 29<sup>th</sup>

#### ***October***

Churchyard 7<sup>th</sup>

#### ***November***

Bonfire Night 3<sup>rd</sup>

Churchyard 4<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Todwick Village Hall  
Christmas Fayre 25<sup>th</sup>

#### ***December***

Churchyard 2<sup>nd</sup>

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