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Welcome to the latest edition of the Informer. As many look forward to well deserved holidays and perhaps some welcome sunshine, I would like to reflect on a very busy time in Todwick. The Family Fun Day entertained over 500 people. It was an excellent event and it will get even better in subsequent years as we learn more and more about presenting such events. We also had the opening of our new Sports Pavilion. A very big thank you to Sir Kevin Barron for officiating. We are very proud of this superb facility and are very confident that it will be a benefit to the village for many years. Your Parish Council will continue to serve the village to the best of its abilities. There remains the opportunity for you to be a contributor. If you wish to become a Parish Councillor please contact any of those listed for details. Have a great summer. **David Gregory, Chairman**

The opening of the Sports Pavilion was the culmination of a project, which stemmed from the Parish Plan. Your Parish Council is carrying out further planning, - for example:- 'What should we do with the top right hand corner of the Recreation Ground?' Also how do we deal with the impact that reducing services from RMBC has on Todwick, among other issues. If you have any ideas or wishes which should be addressed please contact any Parish Councillor.

NEW SPORTS PAVILION IS OFFICIALLY OPENED

Todwick's new Sports Pavilion was officially opened by The Rt. Hon. Sir Kevin Barron on Sunday the 21st June. Sir Kevin and guests enjoyed a cup of tea and cakes at the opening ceremony and all expressed their delight at the new facilities that we are able to offer on the Recreation Ground. The rebuilt pavilion now boasts dedicated cricket and football storage, as well as modern changing, showering and toilet facilities. We also have a fully serviced Community Room which is available for hire and would be an ideal venue for small clubs or groups. Why not consider a sports based Birthday Party – for information contact the Chairman, David Gregory on 771307 or the Secretary Eileen Northall on 770050.



Courtesy of **The Station Inn at Kiveton Park** we have two additional benches in the playground on the Recreation Ground. Our grateful thanks to them, they will be well used over the summer.

MEGA ACTIVE SPORTS CAMP

Todwick Parish Council were delighted to be able to offer the Play Camp again this year. The camp took place for four days from 21st July offering five hours each day of sports based fun, finally ending on Friday with the traditional water fight! The weather was mainly good for the week but any showers were easily coped with by the use of the new pavilion community room. The play camps provide a structured but fun way of filling time during the school holidays and we hope to bring them to Todwick again next year.



Todwick Churchyard Open Day

Saturday 12th September 2015, 10am-2pm

In conjunction with the Crossroads Mission across the Diocese of Sheffield there will be all sorts taking place in the Churchyard on Saturday 12th September.

The Churchyard is a very well used space in the village so why not come along and see what is going on?

Churchyard records will be available for viewing, histories of certain gravestones and the families they belong to will be on display, as well as tours of the churchyard, and other information available on family history. Quizzes for all the family (with prizes) will be running through the Open Day. The church will be open for history tours and for prayer. The churchyard is also a beautiful space for contemplation. We started a serious tidy up of one corner of the churchyard in early August, and this will continue during the Open Day if you'd like to bring along your gardening tools and help to make this an even more beautiful space for us all. Running alongside all of this will be sports use of the churchyard where we normally hold the Garden Fete, and a Messy Church tent with some craft activities. Free refreshments and hospitality will be on offer in the Church Hall, and many people in the village are working hard to make sure that this day will be fun, informative and meaningful for all who come along. We look forward to seeing you. Reverend Vicky. vicky_camber@yahoo.co.uk

"Volunteers needed"

You will have read above about the special Open Day taking place in the Churchyard on Saturday 12th September and the opportunity being taken to tidy up the church yard to have it looking its best for the special day. However, this has highlighted a problem. Whilst many of the graves are regularly tended by family and loved ones and the grassed area is regularly mown, much of the churchyard is not routinely cared for and can soon fall into disrepair. Please can you help? Would you be prepared to "adopt" a small area of the grounds and to tend for it on an on-going basis? If so, would you please contact the churchwarden, Mr. Peter Beevers (01909 770166). Your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you."

Buses! Since going to print, we have heard the diversion has been delayed until 17th

August Well, as the old saying goes, you don't get any buses for ages and then they all come at once – and so it would seem! Todwick will benefit from the road works in South Anston by way of having the X5 buses diverted through the village, three per hour (every 20 minutes) in each direction to and from Dinnington. Please, make the most of the opportunity. The roadworks are expected to last from 10th August until 28th August (please check SYPT website and Todwick Village Website for

CHURCHYARD TIDY

A very big thank you to all those who gave their time and efforts on the weekend of 1st & 2nd of August to do some tidying up in the churchyard.

We would like to continue this every other Saturday. The next date will be 15th August.

If you are willing to come along and help, your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

**Peter Beevers,
Churchwarden**

Meet in the Churchyard from 10.00am and bring gardening gloves, - there are lots of brambles! A pair of good sharp shears would also be helpful, or a rake, but some tools will be available if you don't have any.

updates). First buses have said they will monitor the numbers of people who use the buses to and from Todwick. The more people who use them, the better our case will be for a better bus service for the village.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The MacMillan Coffee Morning this year is being held at Todwick School it will be Friday 25th September and the time will be 10am - 11.30am. The school have been very kind in offering the school hall for this event this year so hope to see all our usual village people there to support this wonderful event. There will be a cake stall and other things being sold plus a raffle.

Rotherham Local Plan

Once RMBC have held their meeting on 16th September, the revised Local Plan will be put out for final consultation, - for a period of six weeks. It is vitally important that any objections are made, in writing, during the consultation period.

If you wish to refresh yourself of what the plan looks like and what the implications may be for the village, please have a look on the RMBC website.

The Parish Council is considering how it can best present the information to people in the village and answer any questions people may have. Even though there is no Parish Council meeting in August, we will be working throughout the month to prepare for the consultation. You can of course contact any parish councillor if you have any queries, or indeed if you'd like to offer your help in communicating and presenting information.

Information and updates will be on the Parish Noticeboard (outside the Village Hall) and also on our Facebook Page. We will ask Sheila Pantry if she would kindly provide updates on the Todwick Village Website and we will use the Informer to ensure information goes out to every household in the village.

Coffee Plus – Come along to the Church Hall on Friday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30 and enjoy an afternoon of chatting, reminiscing, laughter, games, quizzes, crafts, Boccia, New Age Kurling and many more activities.

The first session anyone attends will be free and then a charge of £2 a session. Refreshments will be available for a small donation. Further information can be obtained by calling **01709 910699**.

Dates for you diary:

10 – 28 August	X5 bus diversion through Todwick
25 August	6pm Borough Councillor Gordon Watson surgery, Village Hall
16 September	Six week consultation begins on Rotherham's Local Plan
25 September	10.00-11.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning, Todwick Primary School
29 September	6pm Borough Councillor Gordon Watson surgery, Village Hall 7pm Todwick Parish Council, Village Hall
18 October	Craft Fair, Village Hall
28 November	Christmas Fair, Village Hall



Good Neighbours Scheme

Good Neighbours schemes have been successfully operating across England for many years with the support of their local Rural Community Council. There is now a push to create a national network of 'good neighbours' and Yorkshire is one of the six pilot areas chosen to take this forward.

Can you be a Good Neighbour?

Good Neighbours schemes are so-called because they offer low-level help to older and vulnerable people within a community, are volunteer-led by local residents (i.e. neighbours), and contribute towards a greater quality of life for all in rural areas.

The benefits of such a scheme are vast, including:

- Decreased dependency on local healthcare services and GPs
- Decreased feelings of isolation and loneliness amongst participants
- Increased connection to the local community
- Increased ability to live independently for longer at home
- Improvement in overall health and wellbeing in participants

What does it involve?

Each scheme is operated via a central phone, often a mobile, which is held in turn by and rotated around a core group of volunteers. Anyone in a community can call the phone and speak to the current volunteer on duty, who will then locate suitable support and volunteers. Grants are available to help with the cost of setting up the scheme.

Contact Martha Holmes on 0845 313 0270 or email martha.holmes@ruralyorkshire.org.uk

For more information visit www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk or the official Good Neighbours blog at www.raygoodneighbours.wordpress.com

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