THE INFORMER

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Welcome to the first edition of your Parish Council Newsletter for 2014. I'd like to begin by saying a huge 'thank you' to Roy and John Parker, Sunnybank Farm Shop, for the kind donation of the wonderful Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall, it looked splendid. It is with great sadness that have to tell you of the sad passing of Councillor Clive Pantry. Clive was a member of Todwick Parish Council for over 30 years and dedicated a huge amount of time and effort to the continued improvment of the village, he will be greatly missed.

Stephen Hill Parish Council Chairman.

A57 Update: Ringways, the main contractors for the works are continuing with progress slightly behind schedule. TPC will be contacting them for regular updates and hope to be able to report the completion of works by the time of the next Informer. Requests have been made for the inclusion of a pedestrian footpath along Todwick Road and this is being pursued.

Buses: thanks to the input and tenacity of many Todwick residents we were able to make strong representations expressing our concern regarding the adverse impact proposed changes to bus services would have on Todwick residents. We are awaiting the outcome of the consultation and will do everything we can to ensure the needs of Todwick residents and bus users are accommodated.

War Memorial The new Todwick war memorial will be unveiled in a short ceremony on **Saturday 29th March 2014 at 2.00pm**. Borough Councillor Gordon Watson has been invited to do the unveiling and the ceremony will be conducted by the Rev Vicky Camber. The works to improve the corner of The Pastures and Kiveton Lane, where the memorial is sited has been carried out by Ringways (the A57 contractors) for the benefit of Todwick residents. The Parish Council would like to express our gratitude for their work which will be seen for many years to come. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments and an exhibition in the Village Hall. **Please let us know if you have any memorabilia for either WW1 or WW2, or indeed any other conflict that this country has been involved in. We would be proud and happy to display it. Please contact Councillor Eileen Northall, or indeed any other Councillor, and we promise we will take very good care of all exhibits.**

MEGA ACTIVE

The Parish Council has again teamed up with RMBC Sports Development to bring two Camps to the village again this year. Week 1: May 27 – May 30. Week 2: July 28 – August 1st. Please register your interest with the Sports Development Officer, Chris Johnson on 07525944722 or 01709 363355. Email: chirs-sdo.johnson@rotherham.gov.uk price will remain at £5 per day.

YOUTH BUS

The Youth Bus visits the village on Thursday evenings. It will be at the Recreation Ground each Thursday at 6.00pm and is very popular with the young people of Todwick, as is the YOUTH CLUB at Kiveton.

Phone Box Book Exchange

In March the phone box will undergo a Spring clean and a completely new set of books will be in place. There are some really good reads coming up – why not have a look.

LITTER PICK

Our next pick will be <u>Saturday March 8th</u>. We will meet outside the newsagents on The Pastures at <u>10.00am</u>. All equipment will be provided. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is an hour of your time to help keep our village tidy. We know that many people, particularly dog walkers, collect litter as they are out and about. This is very much appreciated. For any further information please contact David Gregory on 771307 or email <u>dg54@sky.com</u>.

Todwick Community Emergency Plan

Parish Councils are required to prepare an Emergency Plan for their community which outlines how it will respond to a Major/Emergency incident - which is defined as a situation, event or occurrence

which necessitates a response that is beyond the normal day-to-day operation of the usual agencies, eg Emergency Services and the Local Authority. [Many of you will have seen the heart-breaking events unfolding on the television in recent weeks with flooding in Somerset which is a good example of when a Major/Emergency Plan is activated].

In the event of a Major/Emergency Incident occurring within the community/border of Todwick Parish Council, they (TPC) will have a responsibility to assist Rotherham MBC and/or Sheffield City Council in helping to:-

- Support the Emergency Services in preserving life and property
- Support and care for the Community
- Mitigate the effects of the incident
- Restore the Community and Environment following the emergency

The plan contains details of Councillors and others who may be called upon to assist, eg keyholders to village amenities etc. However, the Emergency Plan encourages contact details/entries of local community volunteering residents, eg medical professionals, farmers/individuals who may have heavy duty machinery/4-wheel drive vehicles etc. which may be needed - and this is where you may be able to assist.

In the unlikely event of an incident occurring in Todwick, would you be willing to volunteer your skills/equipment? We would be pleased to hear from you so that your contact details can be incorporated into Todwick's Community Emergency Plan. Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Vintage Parlour Readers

We are now thirteen members strong and on February 4th we celebrated our First Birthday! We feel very lucky and are grateful to Leslie of the <u>Vintage Tea Rooms</u> on The Pastures, for giving us a home and making us feel so welcome. If you like reading and talking to others about the books you enjoy, then please come along and give us a try. Our current reading is an anthology of short stories compiled by Bel Mooney and entitled 'Like Mother Like Daughter'. We meet first Tuesday of the month at 11.00am.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact Stephen Hill or any of the councillors for more information, or come along to the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 25th February 2014 at 7pm in Hall 1 of the Village Hall.

Dates for your Diary (all the events below will be in the Village Hall)

Saturday 8 March 19.30 - 22.00 An evening with the Anston Male Voice Choir. Contact Tony Rusling 01909 770081 for tickets (£5)

Friday 21 March 8.30am – 12.30 Todwick Toddlers Coffee Morning in aid of the Yorkshire Division of the Children's Air Ambulance. Contact Liz (01909) 772973 or 07784 546756 for more details. Bric-a-brac, tombola, cake stall (donations appreciated)

Saturday 22 March 19.30 – 22.30 Stef Draper and the Footwarmers. Contact: Sheila Pantry (01909)771024 sp@sheilapantry.com Entry £9

Saturday 12 April 19.30 - 22.30 Dave Kendall and the White Eagles Jazz Band. Contact: Sheila Pantry (01909)771024 sp@sheilapantry.com Entry £9

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