

Informer

Todwick Parish Council

Issue 102 May 2014



Upcoming Events

Sunday 8 June 2pm-4pm
Todwick Village Fun Day
(Recreation Ground)

Sunday 15 June 2pm-4pm
Posh Tea (Village Hall)

Saturday 5 July 7.30pm-10.30pm
Music by Moonlight (Village Hall)

Sunday 27 July 12.00-4pm
Art, Craft, Gardens, Allotments &
Scarecrow Trail

Contact Sheila Pantry for details

Latest News

Todwick Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been successful in its bid for a grant from Sports England towards the extension and total refurbishment of the sports pavilion.

We have been saving towards this project for a number of years and the news of the grant will enable us to move forward. Sir Kevin Baron, MP for Rother Valley, said: "I am delighted about this. It is great news for local sports clubs who will benefit from the Parish Council's excellent project."

Although I was not able to be at the unveiling of the War Memorial, which as Chairman of your Council I was saddened about, I was delighted to see and hear reports of the wonderful turn out and positive response from all. A huge thank you to Councillor Eileen Northall who steered this project through many stages to completion. Thanks also for the help of Councillor colleagues and most appreciated help and support from Ringway/Eurovia the contractors for the A57 who supplied materials, expertise and manpower for construction of the site free of charge.

As a memorial, it serves to remind us of the thanks due to all those who gave their lives and those who gave years out of their lives in the supreme effort for our future, safety and freedom.

I am pleased to say that we also have other great plans which will greatly benefit the next generation and improve and enhance the future in the village for us all.

Watch out for the next event, the village fun day in June. This promises to be a great day with many more activities, stalls and attractions now added.

Stephen Hill, Chairman.

Recreation Ground

The ground is now being prepared for the upcoming cricket season and, whilst the recreation ground is there to be used, we would appreciate the cricket pitch being avoided so that the playing area is in allowed to get into top condition. Two picnic benches have now been installed in the Recreation Ground Park, which should make it more enjoyable for parents and grandparents watching over their children. The first person to use the benches was Ewelina. When asked what she thought of the bench she said "absolutely great - and with the weather so nice I could stop here all day".



Waiting Restrictions

In order to improve the safety of pedestrians, particularly young children, you will have seen waiting restrictions are now in place along Kiveton Lane and The Pastures. Bollards have been strategically placed to help prevent vehicles mounting the kerb. Of course none of these measures would be necessary if people drove and parked safely and followed the Highway Code. We are working with RMBC to consider how we can reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

Parish Council Vacancy

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority (Rotherham MBC) above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community. There is a vacancy on Todwick Parish Council. Are you interested in volunteering your time on behalf of your village? You do not need any specific experience or qualifications, just an interest in improving the village and contributing to the best of your ability. The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to come along to a parish council meeting, or speak to one of our councillors and find out more. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Village Fun Day

Summer is a busy time in Todwick with a range of events sponsored by the Parish Council. These begin on Sunday 8th June with the village FUN DAY which will be held on the recreation ground (some activities will be held in the Village Hall if it is raining). This year the event is due to start at 2pm and end at 4pm.

As well as the usual activities including bouncy castle, face painting, balloon modelling, new for this year will be Sumo Suits, Inflatable Slide, Pony Rides, Rodeo Bull, Beer Tent, Hot Roast Pork Sandwiches, Glitter Tattoos – as well as other activities and attractions. Tables and chairs will be available along with hay bales for additional seating.

GRAND RAFFLE – tickets will be sold and the draw will take place on the day. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the new pavilion.

Parish Councillors

Rebecca **Carter** Cow House, Burne Farm 07960 794991 rstv@hotmail.co.uk

Bryan **Ferris** 5 Guildway 773853 bryan.ferris@btopenworld.com

Stephen **Hill** (Chairman) 4 Mill Close 772001 professional@hills-estates.co.uk

Helen **Greer-Waring** 81 The Meadows 774472 helengreer-waring@hotmail.co.uk

David **Gregory** (Vice Chair) 49 The Meadows 771307 DG54@sky.com

Jean **Leah** 91 The Meadows 771082 leah@jeanleah7.orangehome.co.uk

Eileen **Northall** 30 The Pastures 770050 siggismum@aol.com

Brian **White** 18 Mill Fields 770817 brianwhite222@btinternet.com

Clerk to the Council: Rod **Walker** 10 High Street, South Anston 566639
jw1947@btinternet.com

In the Community

Mobile Library

The mobile library comes into Todwick each Friday between 11.15 and 12.15 and parks in front of Todwick Interiors on The Pastures.

The library is well stocked with a range of recent and classic books, as well as books of general interest and leisure activities. They also stock a good range of audio books. The staff are friendly and informative and are very willing to order any books they don't carry. The service is free so please consider using the mobile library as it is a very useful facility for the village. IT MAY BE A CASE OF USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Play Camp in Todwick

A play camp will take place from May 27th to May 30th and is suitable for children from 5 years to 15 years. The cost will be £5 per day.

The camps are designed to engage children in fun activities and are run by fully qualified staff. To register your child please ring Sports Development Officer, Chris Johnson, on 07525944722 or 01709 363355. email: Chris-sdo.johnson@rotherham.gov.uk

TODWICK WAR MEMORIAL



On a warm spring day, Saturday the 29th March 2014, even the weather seemed to conspire in making the day a memorable and historic one for the village of Todwick.

In front of about 200 people, the Todwick War Memorial was unveiled by Rotherham Borough Councillor Gordon Watson in an elegant and moving ceremony devised and led by the Reverend Vicky Camber, Priest in Charge of Todwick Parish Church.

Almost two years in the planning, the War Memorial had first been discussed at a Parish Council meeting following comments made by villagers, and it was decided to send out a special questionnaire on the matter. The results of this and of comments made whilst compiling a new Parish Plan, when villagers said they would like to see a 'centre' to the village – something which would give the village a heart – encouraged TPC to take the project further.

Several new War Memorials have been raised in the South Yorkshire area in the last few years, and following a careful study of these and of many War Memorial styles, the council drew up a design for Todwick which would reflect the unique character of the village and also enhance the designated space.



Once planning permission was granted the question of timing and costs needed to be addressed. Time wise, it seemed that we would be missing a great opportunity if we did not raise our Memorial during the 2014 100 year commemorations of the Great War starting. Eurovia, the A57 contractors who have been so splendid in engaging with the local community, were approached and willingly offered their help. A great deal of help actually as the work they have done has accounted for over half the estimated costs in developing the Memorial Corner. We cannot thank Eurovia enough.

It's wonderful that so many people attended the unveiling, and the exhibition and reception which followed. This was a real village affair, a proper community event bringing all the people of Todwick together.

Grateful thanks are due to all those who contributed items for the exhibition; to RMBC Councillors Watson, Whysall and Beck for their interest and support; the Royal British Legion for their attendance and assistance at the ceremony; Mr Paddy Bass for his moving sounding of the Last Post and Reveille; Lieutenant Alan Dickson for the laying of the poppy wreath; Todwick Girl Guides for taking such a poignant and important part in the ceremony; Hobsons Nurseries for the supply of the lovely plants, quite a lot of which they donated; John Gabbitas for setting up the sound system; the caterers and their amazing helpers for a delicious afternoon tea; and last but not least TPC Councillors and their partners who dedicated themselves to making the unveiling day a day to remember.

There are always things in the Village that need to be addressed but there is also much to be proud of – a beautiful recreation ground, an elegant and well run Village Hall, a gorgeous and ancient church, and now an elegant new War Memorial which any town or village would be proud of. Well done Todwick!

