

Informer

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Informer. The Parish Council is constantly looking at how we can improve our village within the constraints of the finances available to us. We are very fortunate in having a community where a significant number of people contribute their time and energy for the benefit of villagers, whether this is as part of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Church and recently, the Todwick Bus Action Group. Communicating effectively with the community is something we're looking to improve upon. I hope you find the newsletter informative and helpful. We also use the noticeboard situated outside the Village Hall and for those who are on social media you can find us on Facebook, simply search Todwick Parish Council and 'like' our page to see updates.

Stephen Hill, Chairman

A new bench in Todwick



You may already have noticed we have a new bench in Todwick. It has been kindly donated by Anne in loving memory of her late partner John Topham, who had lived in Todwick for over 50 years and was a very well respected Sheffield businessman. It is sited at the entrance to Kiveton Lane opposite the Red Lion and

when the flowers start to bloom next summer it is perfectly placed to enjoy the poppy field opposite.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30th September

18.00 - 19.00 Councillor Gordon Watson Surgery in Hall 1, Todwick Village Hall.

Followed by:

19.00 – 21.30 Todwick Parish Council meeting with public open session from 8pm in Hall 1, Todwick Village Hall

Sunday 12th October

10.00 – 16.00 Craft Fayre
Todwick Village Hall

Saturday 8th November

Craft Fair, Todwick Church Hall

Sunday 9th November

9.45 Remembrance Service at Todwick Church

11.00 Todwick War Memorial two minutes silence

Saturday 29th November

14.00 – 16.00 Christmas Fayre
Todwick Village Hall

May and Summer Sports Camps in Todwick

Mega-Active Holiday programmes came to Todwick again this year at May half-term and again on the 21st to 25th July. Unfortunately the May camp which ran from Tuesday to Friday was rained off for most of the time but 27 children between the ages of 6 and 12 attended for a total of 57 visits.

The Summer camp ran from Monday to Friday and enjoyed far better weather. The total number of children attending was 49 and the total number of visits was 244. Children came from many villages surrounding Todwick such as Harthill, Kiveton, Shireoakes, Aston and even from as far away as Kimberworth!

Activities consist of a varied programme of sports and games including football, hockey, cricket, tennis, kangoo boots (huge fun), dodge ball, rounders, basketball and to top off the week a frantic water fight (weather permitting). The main aim though is to provide children with a day of activity and lots of fun in complete safety.

The attendance fee for the camps have remained this year at £5 per day or £2.50 a half day. The costs of running the camps is high as at least two trained Sports Coaches are in attendance and usually one coaching scholarship volunteer. The numbers attending at Todwick do not come near to covering the costs of the camps but Todwick Parish Council are happy to pick up the shortfall in order that the camps can continue. Numbers have increased over the three years the camps have been running and we are hopeful that this trend will continue, especially as in future years we will be able to provide wet weather accommodation once the new sports pavilion is completed.

LET'S KEEP THE NUMBERS GROWING!

Remembrance Sunday

This year there will be a Remembrance Service at Todwick Church starting at 9.45am during which poppy wreaths will be laid at the Memorial Window; progress will then be made from the Church to a gathering at the War Memorial for 2mins silence at 11.00am and the laying of further poppy wreaths followed by a short service. Everyone will be very welcome to come to the War Memorial to pay their own tribute and remember their loved ones and it is especially hoped that all committees, groups and clubs will wish to lay a wreath on behalf of their members.

Mark, the village handyman, has taken over the maintenance of the flowerbeds at the War Memorial. A huge thank you Mark!

School Crossing Patrol

It's been a vacant position for a couple of years, but we finally have a new school crossing patrol in the village! We are delighted to have Mark as our new school crossing patrol and he's already making it safer to cross The Pastures in the morning and afternoon. Please help him do his job by not parking carelessly or illegally and waiting for his signal when crossing the road.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: Parish Councillor Rebecca Carter

I have lived at Burne Farm just outside Todwick all my life. I attended Todwick Play School and then Todwick Primary School from 1981-1987 in the days when Mr Powell was headmaster, so you could say I am Todwick born and bred. In those days I had a little palomino pony bought from the late Miss Sandford who lived on Kiveton Lane. We broke the pony ourselves and I still recall my mum walking her up into the village to pick me up from school on sunny days where I would get on and ride her back home.

After Graduating University in 2001 I began a career in Pharmaceuticals where I have predominantly worked in marketing and sales for some of the largest companies who have a presence here in the UK. I find my work extremely rewarding and it is common to receive letters from individual patients felling me how the medicines that I work with have changed their life.

My husband and I met at Nottingham University and we married in Todwick Church in 2005. We had our reception at our home Burne Farm which was the most fantastic day. We then began converting one of the barns on the farm ourselves. It was a tough job but after lots of blood, sweat and tears we had built a lovely home. I have to say that I am in no rush to build again though! In 2013 my husband and I were blessed with the most beautiful baby daughter who has given us more happiness than we thought possible. Her grandparents are in the house next door and my sister who is also my closest friend is here every day. My horses are still a big part of my life, I currently have 5 at home and I also enjoy teaching children and adults on a Saturday from home so spare time is something I hear about but have never experienced.

In 2011 my friend John Palmer asked me if I was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor after I had successfully arranged a couple of events in the village. I joined the council in 2012, to be part of a group of highly committed and hardworking councillors. My main motivation at that time was to help look after the village that means so much to me and represent the views of my fellow parishioners. I feel I still have a lot to learn but I have the time to let my role develop. I am now involved in many of the village improvements and long term plans for the parish to ensure that my daughter and her local friends grow up in the very same happy and beautiful village that I did. Unfortunately John Palmer is no longer with us but I am so grateful he encouraged me in this direction.

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Footpath on Todwick Road

The scheme to join up two sections of footway on the B6463 Todwick Road should begin by the end of September, once issues regarding the gas main that sits in the same vicinity are resolved.

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Todwick

Will be holding a Harvest Festival on Sunday 28th September at 10.15

Rotherham Older People's Day

Is being held on Wednesday 1st October, 10am to 2pm. The Rotherham Older People's Forum jointly with RMBC Active Always are hosting an Older People's Day Event at Roundabout Leisure Complex (nr St Ann's Roundabout). The event will have a particular focus on 'keeping well'. To find out more call 01709 822 453 or email rotherhamopf@outlook.com

Rotherham Youth Cabinet

manifesto launch event – Thursday 16th October 5pm to 6.30pm at Rotherham Town Hall (Moorgate Street, S60 2TH). If you have any questions about Rotherham Youth Cabinet, the manifesto launch event or would like to book a place please contact Oliver Blake 07985 357 406 email oliverblake11@gmail.com

BUSES

Almost 100 people turned out on Thursday 17th July to the meeting in the village hall regarding the changes to the bus service in Todwick. The overwhelming opinion was that Todwick would be receiving a significantly poorer service following the July changes. This gave us the mandate to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Rotherham Bus Partnership where we handed in the petition signed by over 450 people. A small number of residents set up the Todwick Bus Action Group and represented the opinions of the villagers. Representing Todwick was: Marie Dabell, Parish Councillor Helen Greer-Waring, Alan Turner, Brenda Waller and Borough Councillor Gordon Watson. We were very clear about the difficulties faced by people in Todwick as a result of the withdrawal of the 27 service resulting in no direct link to Dinnington or Crystal Peaks. Personal testimony from several residents supported our case. Despite some positive discussion and the representative from First Buses agreeing to look at the possibility of re-routing one X5 per hour through Todwick the response was that First are unwilling to consider the proposal even on a trial basis on the grounds that 'it is not commercially viable to do so'.

The petition will be formally received at the meeting of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee Meeting (22 September) and we await their response.

SYPTe say their role is to encourage the maximum use of the public transport services. One of their primary goals is to provide **a realistic alternative to the car that will encourage a shift in people's mode of travel and good quality transport for those without the use of a car, to enable them to access jobs, education, shops, healthcare and other facilities**. When talking about the new bus partnership, Karl Battersby, RMBC's Director of Environment & Development Services said: **"One of the specific improvements as part of the partnership include improved links for smaller communities"**. We can say, without any hesitation, that they have failed in every respect in Todwick as the changes to the bus service has had entirely the opposite effect.



On Friday 12th September a number of Todwick residents along with Borough Councillor Dominic Beck, posed for photographs in order to highlight the bus issue in the local media. We have had articles published in the Rotherham Advertiser, Worksop Guardian, Sheffield Star and Yorkshire Post. As part of our media campaign we are updating key contacts with any changes and communications as appropriate. Todwick is not the only village to fall victim to the changes in the bus service, the village of Ravenfield is in a similar situation. If you are able to provide any support to our campaign for a direct link to Dinnington, please contact Alan Turner 01909 770726 or Helen Greer-Waring 01909 774472. We have a huge amount of support from our borough Councillors and local MP Kevin Barron. If you feel

strongly about the village bus service, please write or email you local MP so he is aware of the strength of feeling. His contact details are: kevin.barron.mp@parliament.uk tel: 01909 569974, or call in to one of his surgeries at his constituency office which is at 9 Lordens Hill, Dinnington between 10.00 and 12.00, no appointment is necessary. The upcoming surgery dates are: Saturday 27th September, Saturday 11th October and Saturday 25th October.

Door 2 Door Transport Service

If you find it difficult to use standard public transport, door 2 door services may be able to help. Door 2 Door services are operated using fully accessible vehicles. They can take you directly from your home and around the local area, making your travel experience as easy as possible.

If you think door 2 door can help you get out and about, you will need to register. Registering is easy and free. Just call Rotherham Community Transport on **01709 517 100**. All door 2 door services must be pre-booked before travel.

The door 2 door shopper bus is the best service for you if you want to travel to Crystal Peaks, Worksop or Dinnington. The shopper bus picks you up from home and goes to the set destinations at set times, charging a flat return fare of £2.

What's going on in Todwick? Quite a lot!

Monday	Tiddleywinks Toddler Group (Church Hall) Computer Club Pilates Over 60s Circuit Training
Tuesday	Toddler Group in the Village Hall Active Always (exercise for the over 50s) Beginners Computer Club Mothers Union (Church Hall) Historical Society Trace your Family Tree Three Shires Clog Dancing
Wednesday	Yoga Indoor Bowls Craft Group Zumba
Thursday	Luncheon Club (Church Hall) Women's Institute Circuit Training
Friday	Table Tennis (Church Hall) Active Otago Zumba
Saturday	Weight Watchers

Door 2 Door

Shopper Bus Timetable

From Todwick

DESTINATION	DAY	ARRIVE	RETURN
Crystal Peaks	Tuesday	10.00	12.00
Worksop	Wednesday	11.00	13.00
Dinnington	Friday	10.00	12.15

This is just an indication of what is happening in the village. Some activities are weekly, others are monthly. The noticeboard outside the Village Hall will show details of all current activities along with contact details to find out more.

Both the Village Hall and the Church Hall are available for private hire.

For information about the Village Hall, contact **Mark Archer - 01909 774353**

For information about the Church Hall, contact **Audrey Radford - 01909 771931**

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Norman Anderson **01909 770130**
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Streetpride

If you have any problems with bin emptying, damaged bins, street lighting, potholes or other problems associated with roads and pavements you can contact RMBC direct on: **01709 336003**



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