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Welcome to the latest edition of the Informer. It's that time of year when we take time to reflect – on Remembrance Day we think of the past conflicts and of lives lost. This year it was all the more poignant, being the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1. We also reflect on what we have achieved over the year. I have had the pleasure and honour of chairing Todwick Parish Council throughout 2014 and I believe that it has, overall, been a good year. I am very fortunate in having a group of committed Parish Councillors who each take on tasks to represent and to benefit our village. Some of what we do goes unseen or unnoticed, but that makes it no less important. We each have a shared passion and that is to see our village thrive and maintain a strong sense of community. On behalf of the whole Parish Council I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year.

Stephen Hill, Chairman

Green Bins

A reminder that the Green Bin (garden waste) kerbside collection has stopped now and will resume again in Spring 2015. Stopping the green bin collection over the winter months is a way RMBC are trying to save money as the amount collected is usually very small. If you do have any garden waste it can be taken to any household waste recycling centres.

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**

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th November

17.00 deadline for comments on the Final Draft Sites & Policies Document of the Rotherham Local Plan

Tuesday 25th November

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.

Saturday 29th November

14.00 – 16.00 Christmas Fayre
Todwick Village Hall

Saturday 6th December

10.00-12.30 Christmas Coffee Morning,
Church Hall

Tuesday 16th December

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Remembrance Day

Sunday 9th November 2014



People met at the Church of St Peter and St Paul at 9.45 for a service, blessing of poppy wreaths and crosses and laying of wreaths at the Memorial window. A procession made their way along Kiveton Lane to the War Memorial on The Pastures where a two minute silence was observed at 11.00am and wreaths laid.

The remembrance service was followed by tea & coffee in the Village Hall, courtesy of the Church. There was also an exhibition of information and research about WW1 and WW2 gathered by Todwick Historical Society and Todwick Parish Council.



Parish Councillor Bryan Ferris

Bryan was born in Pretoria, South Africa and spent much of his early years there and in the Far East. His ability to mix well with many different peoples from a wide range of cultures has taken him to work in interesting parts of the world - the Maldives, Cyprus, Libya and Sri Lanka. Bryan's Yorkshire roots began when he was educated in Harrogate and Thirsk in North Yorkshire and spent most of his teenage years based in North Yorkshire. He joined the RAF in ground communications and spent 12 years working in air traffic control and did a short spell in Cyprus in the UN. Bryan also spent time in Libya and on an atoll, Gan, in the Maldives. He qualified as a parachutist although this was not one of his favourite experiences he liked the extra cash it brought. More recently he voluntarily worked in Sri Lanka during their civil war to help academics upgrade their IT skills at the University of Peradeniya.

On leaving the RAF, Bryan worked for British Aerospace and subsequently moved to DuPont UK as an engineer. His work with DuPont took him to the USA and all over the UK. Historically, DuPont manufactured gunpowder and, after a serious incident which resulted in many lives being lost. DuPont worked hard to create a safety culture among their staff. One of Bryan's responsibilities was to lead on the Road Safety section to win the national award from RoSPA for DuPont and his interest in defensive driving and safety on the road became a passion.

Reorganisation of DuPont resulted in Bryan working for CreoScitex for the last few years before his retirement. Bryan opened a driving school, the Todwick Driving Academy which ran successfully for a number of years until he made the decision to retire fully. Part of his work with driving included remedial driver training for those involved with accidents or who had been caught speeding. Bryan received much of his training for this through the traffic section of the local police force and he worked with the police force in Kirklees, Doncaster and Barnsley to promote safer driving.

Bryan has a great sense of commitment to helping the community and on retirement studied counselling and became a voluntary member of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Mosborough. His many hobbies include Nordic walking, reading, Radio Amateur and playing with gadgets. Bryan is also heavily involved with raising money for charity.

Bryan's family is large with many relatives in South Africa, which he regularly visits, and in Yorkshire. His daughter, Wendy, is a sister in the A&E Department in Doncaster and his stepson, Gavin, is a student Occupational Therapist at Coventry University. Bryan's wife, Christine, is an academic at Sheffield Hallam University and has her own local Clinical Hypnotherapy business

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Rotherham Local Plan Consultation

The final draft of the Sites and Policies document of the Rotherham Local Plan has significant implications for Todwick. Because of this, the Parish Council drafted and hand delivered a leaflet to each house in the village informing people about the plan consultation. Posters are on the Parish Noticeboards and information is on the Village website and on the Todwick Parish Council Facebook page.

The Parish Council Meeting on 28th October and the consultation drop-in held on 6th November in Dinnington were both well attended by people from Todwick to discuss the proposals. Several people in the village are working hard to ensure everyone is aware of the proposals and encouraging people to participate in the consultation process.

LDF0730 – Land off Kiveton Lane, with a proposal for the development of 107 homes.

LDF0830 – Land opposite the Red Lion, with a proposal for a 'special policy area' which means the land is to be used for employment purposes to include things such as offices, light industrial units, warehouse etc.

Documents are available to view in person at all local libraries during normal opening hours and also available on the internet at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

To participate in the consultation, the web address is: www.rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal you will need to register in order to make comments.

You can email your comments to: planning.policy@rotherham.gov.uk

Or you can write to: RMBC, Planning Policy, Riverside House, Rotherham S60 1AE.

CONSULTATION CLOSSES AT 5PM MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2014

Do you like reading?

The mobile library comes into the village each Friday and parks in front of Todwick Interiors. It is there from 11.15am until about 12.00 noon. It is comprehensively stocked but if there is a particular book that you want, the friendly helpful staff will order it and have it waiting for you the following week. **The Red Telephone Box in Goosecarr Lane** is still being stocked with books and is there for everyone in the village to use. PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS OF OLD UNUSABLE BOOKS IN THE BOX TO BE DISPOSED OF BY SOMEONE ELSE!!!

Vintage Parlour Readers

The Readers Group had had an eventful year having read a very wide variety of books ranging from the classics to modern thrillers, and in the Summer we enjoyed an interesting trip to the DH Lawrence Museum at Eastwood. We now also have a connection with a readers group in Canada, the Bodacious Bookworms, and we look forward to interesting exchanges with them in 2015. Whilst the group is about at full strength, if you are an avid reader and feel you would like to join us, please speak to Eileen Northall on 01909 770050.

Who do you think you are?

If you are interested in your family tree you will be keen to know about the Family History Group which started on 21st October in the Village Hall. All classes are booked from 7pm to 8.30pm and are informal with an open exchange of family questions and how to go about searching for the right family. The next sessions are 18th November, 20th January, 19th February, 19th March and 16th April (there is no meeting in December). We have found that family history tends to be a Winter pastime, when people are indoors. Please feel free to come along, whatever stage you are in the process – if you have hit a 'brick wall' with your search then 'we' might be able to knock it down and come at it from a different angle. I have been a family historian for over 47 years and I'm constantly learning new ways to search. Since the use of computers has expanded and more information is being uploaded and made available there are many search engines for you to use. All are welcome, please contact Alan Turner on 01909 770726 for more information.

What has Todwick Parish Council been doing this year?

The Parish Council manages the Parish Precept – the amount of money given to them by RMBC to spend in the Parish. A significant amount of this money (around 25%) is paid back to RMBC for recreation ground maintenance, this includes the bowling green. We also paid for essential maintenance of the Bowling club, replacement and repairs to signs which have been repeatedly vandalised as well as the purchase and siting of two picnic benches in the children's play area. We were extremely fortunate in obtaining a grant towards the partial rebuild and total refurbishment of the Pavilion and work began on this in September. TPC has sent literally hundreds of letters of application for various grants to further assist in financing the refurbishment and we have been allocating a sum of money each year towards the overall cost.

Another big development took place earlier in the year, not in terms of cost or size, but in terms of developing community spirit and closer working between the Parish Council and the Church. This was the War Memorial. The area on the corner of The Pastures was redeveloped and enhanced and we were able to negotiate with Ringway (A57 developers) who undertook the work as part of their Community programme. Our local Rotherham Borough Councillors contributed towards the exhibition which helped us display the rich local and family connections with WW1 and WW2. We were also able to use this again following the Remembrance Service and took it into Todwick Primary School for the children to see.

You may have noticed the increased number of hanging baskets around the village in the summer and we hope this has created a positive impression and feel in the village. TPC made a grant to Sheila Pantry in order to organise and run the popular Summer events which comprised the Fun Day, Music by Moonlight and the Garden, Allotment and Scarecrow competitions. By way of recognising the enormous contribution the late Clive Pantry made to the village we redeveloped the now 14 year old Millennium Gardens and dedicated it to Clive.

As people in the vicinity will be aware, there has been some issues of flooding during periods of heavy rain at the corner of Goosecarr Lane and The Pastures. TPC arranged for the ditches to be cleared and a 'trash screen' made and fitted to reduce the potential for water to collect. Waiting restrictions around the school and Village Hall were negotiated and implemented. Additional CCTV cameras have been installed at the Village Hall which will cover the defibrillator and the War Memorial area. Once again in December we will be arranging for a Christmas Tree and lights on the corner of The Pastures and Kiveton Lane.

We hope this gives you a flavour of what we have done this year, in addition to attending meetings and negotiating with SYPTE regarding the bus situation and dealing with numerous other issues. Everyone is always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held on the last Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when there is no meeting and December when the meeting is usually brought forward one week. All the Parish Councillor contact details are in the Informer, on the Todwick Village Website and you can contact and keep up to date with what we are doing via our Facebook page.

Delivering Rotherham's Priorities: Council launches budget consultation

Rotherham residents are being asked to give their views on how Rotherham Borough Council's budget should be spent and where cuts should be made.

"We want to deliver on the priorities of local residents but we must also face up to the ongoing challenge of funding cuts. The next few years will continue to be very tough so we want to make sure we hear residents views"

The consultation will take place during November and December and the council is proposing three priority areas for the budget over the coming year:

1. Protecting our most vulnerable children and adults
2. Getting people into work and making work pay
3. Making our streets cleaner and better

The consultation invites members of the public to go online at www.rotherham.gov.uk/budget and contribute to the online forum debate where ideas can be discussed.

Information will be provided in libraries and other council buildings.

Residents can also send comments directly to the consultation by emailing asim.munir@rotherham.gov.uk or by writing to: Asim Munir (Community Engagement Team) Second Floor, Riverside House, Rotherham.