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Welcome to the first edition of the Informer for 2015. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are now looking forward to a healthy and happy year ahead. After the excitement and excesses of the festive season, January and February quite often feel dreary with long dark days and cold dismal weather, but we know too that Spring is just around the corner and we will soon see daffodils and other spring flowers popping up everywhere – always a cheery sight! As always your Parish Councillors have been busy on your behalf and we look forward to a further successful year of village events and special occasions which will bring all sections of our community together. Not least of these will be the opening of our new sports pavilion which will give very much enhanced facilities to the users of the Recreation Ground as well as providing a brand new venue, and I'm sure will prove a real asset to the life of Todwick. I send my very best wishes to everyone. **Stephen Hill, Chairman.**

A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR COMES TO TODWICK

On the evening of the 17th December Father Christmas took time out from his busy schedule to pay a visit to Todwick. He arrived on his sleigh at Todwick Interiors at about 6.00 p.m. and travelled around the village for about two and half hours taking in as many roads as possible and seeing as many Todwick children as he could. Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas as well as children of all ages came out to see him and many had their photographs taken with the great man. It was a magical evening and really kicked off Christmas for many people in the village.



It's hoped that Father Christmas and his elves will pay us a similar visit next year – **BUT ONLY IF WE'RE GOOD!** Todwick Parish Council wishes to thank Sitwell Rotary for their help in organising the event.

TODWICK PAVILION

Steady progress is being made on the total re-build of the Todwick Sports Pavilion and the contractors worked hard in some awful weather to successfully get the roof on before Christmas. Very fortunate in the event, since we had the 4/5" of snow on Boxing Day!

Work will now start on the structural work inside the building and in setting out the new drains.

The solar panels will also be installed over the next few weeks and the rainwater harvesting system just after that. Then comes the exciting bit – the final phase of fitting the rooms out with sanitary ware, kitchen units etc. and the decoration. The list of items required is extensive, including electrical items such as fridge and dishwasher, through crockery to tables and chairs.

We would be most pleased if anyone wishes to contribute towards the final completion by funding any of the items required. Any member of the project team would be delighted to discuss this with you.

Already plans are being made for a grand opening ceremony. We are working towards a March/Spring opening and more details will follow.

RMBC CONSULTATION!

Rotherham Council have been working on a new Growth Plan for Rotherham. The vision for the plan is:

To make Rotherham a place where:

Businesses will flourish and grow;

the population is highly skilled and enterprising; and

there is quality housing provision for all sections of the community.

For the Rotherham economy to flourish and grow it needs more and better jobs. To achieve this; the business support, property, infrastructure and people all need to be of high quality to meet existing business needs and attract additional investment. If you have any comments on the Growth Plan please feel free to email or phone one of the following:

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In addition we will also be holding a drop in session on Thursday 22nd January, Riverside House, 1.00-3.30, if you wish to discuss the plan in person. Alternatively we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet and discuss the plan.

The consultation period will close on Friday 30th January 2015, with the published Growth Plan available during April 2015. Please note, a number of maps have been taken out of the consultation version to make the file a suitable size to email, should you require a complete version please let one of us know.

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