

# Informer

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## Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Todwick Parish Council newsletter. As always, we hope the information is both useful and interesting. If you have any comments about the newsletter, suggestions about how it can be improved or if you are willing to help with deliveries on your street, please contact any of the Parish Councillor listed towards the end of the newsletter.

## Elections

As most of you will be aware there is a general election on Thursday 7 May 2015. Elections will also take place for Borough Councillors and for Parish Councillors on the same day.

Would you like to stand for election to Todwick Parish Council? If you would like to find out more, please contact Electoral Services on **01709 823 590** or email [electoral.services@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@rotherham.gov.uk). Requests for nomination and information packs must be made by 5pm on 24 March 2015. Even if you're not sure whether to stand for election or not, please request a pack then you have the option if you should wish to go ahead. Applications must be received by the returning officer between by 4pm on 9 April 2015.

## Pavilion

Work on our new sports pavilion is progressing steadily. Most of the construction work has now been completed with all of the inner walls up and the ceiling boards now in place. The next phase will be for the trades to move in over the next 2 weeks to carry out the plastering, electrical and plumbing work needed and all of the internal door frames, doors, architraves etc. fitted. The solar panel system is also currently being connected up via an inverter to the mains supply and, as soon as we can get an Energy Performance Certificate for the building, then we can get the system registered with the Government and start taking advantage of the Feed In Tariff payments. Over the next 10 days, we are also intending to install the large tank for the rain-water-harvesting system, which further endorses our "green" ambitions. In the next Informer we will give details of the grand opening day for this new addition to Todwick, which will probably be sometime in May. Watch this space!

## In Case of Emergency (ICE) Lions Message in a Bottle

Message in a Bottle packs are part of a voluntary scheme for anyone living at home, who might be reassured to know that essential information would be readily available to the Emergency Services should they suffer an accident or sudden illness. The scheme ensures that vital information is available not only to identify you, but to advise of relevant illnesses, allergies, medication and contact addresses. There is a form inside the bottle which you complete and then store in the fridge. Two stickers are available, one for the fridge and one for the entrance door so that the Emergency Services know where to look to find the information. If you would like one of the packs for yourself or a friend/relative in the village, they are available free of charge from Helen Greer-Waring 01909 774472 or Norman Anderson 01909 770130.

## Dates for you diary

**24 March** Final day to request election nomination & information packs

**29 March** Scarecrow masterclass starting at 2pm in Todwick Village Hall

**31 March** Parish Council meeting from 7pm in Todwick Village Hall

**11 April 1pm – 4pm** WI Spring Fayre in Todwick Village Hall

**18 April** Jazz in Todwick Village Hall tel: Sheila Pantry on 01909 771024

**24-26 April** Todwick Church flower festival

**7 May** Election Day

**16 May** Jazz in Todwick Village Hall tel: Sheila Pantry on 01909 771024

**14 June** Posh Tea in Todwick Village Hall tel: Sheila Pantry on 01909 771024

**21 June** Todwick Family Fun Day on the recreation ground

**4 July** Todwick Church Garden Fete

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**26 July** Best garden, allotment and scarecrow competition

See Todwick Village Website for more details



You can also find Todwick Parish Council on Facebook

Born at Walton Hall on the outskirts of Wakefield I spent my early years growing up in the small village of Newmillerdam. As a youngster my main areas of interest were gymnastics and athletics. I used to train with the Wakefield Harriers and competed in the long jump and discus. I later joined a local (Wakefield) Volleyball Team and competed in the Northern League.

After leaving school I studied full time at the Wakefield School of Commerce which led to a position in the Placements Office of training company where I worked mentoring young people. I was able to study part time for qualifications in Personnel, Training and Management. I also spent one evening per week as a volunteer tutor of adult literacy and numeracy.

I began working for the Civil Service in the 1980s in local benefit offices. I later transferred to Sheffield and as secretariat team manager I had day to day responsibility for a £xx million budget, project management and HR. I worked in several different Government Departments and undertook a wide range of roles. Much of the work involved a lot of travelling around the country, arranging and facilitating events, conferences and meetings. I particularly enjoyed working in London in some of the most incredible places and meeting some very interesting people. I think helping to run a Windsor Consultation and staying in Windsor Castle for a week was probably one of the more interesting experiences of my career. Whilst working full time I also studied part-time towards a degree in Social and Political History. I also undertook a range of voluntary work including as an Appropriate Adult and working for SAVTE (Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English).

Gary and I met in the early 90s when we were both working in Lytham St Anne's and we married in 1995 in a beautiful castle in Scotland.

I had my son William in 2006 and we moved to Todwick when he was just six weeks old. My 'secret passion' has always been a love of architecture, I would draw and design building as a youngster and it's been my hobby ever since. Being at home as a full time mum I have a lot of time to research on the internet and I was able to put that to good use last year when I began researching into people from Todwick who fought in the World Wars, for the new War Memorial exhibition. I uncovered some fascinating stories.

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**Mega-Active Playcamps**

Unfortunately, because of RMBC cut backs, the Play Camps will not be coming into Todwick or the surrounding area this year. The camps had been gaining in popularity each year and brought a very positive holiday activity to the village, so it is very much regretted that TPC are unable to continue the camps at the moment. The situation will be closely monitored in the hope that the camps will return to Todwick in the future.

**Red telephone box bookswop**

It has been decided to clear the box of books, make the box as watertight as possible, and seal the door. Since the new A57 was opened and the right turn into Goosecarr Lane stopped, fewer people have used the box and it has sadly become a dumping ground for some people to dispose of unreadable unwanted books and magazines. The books that are in good condition will be taken to Thornbury Animal Sanctuary. Thank you to all those who have used the box sensibly during the time it has been available.

**E – INFORMER**

Would you like the Informer to be sent to your email address? If so, please contact [helengreer-waring@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helengreer-waring@hotmail.co.uk)

## Sir Kevin Barron and Ray Sykes at Waverley with the Orgreave Colliery Commemoration sculpture



Todwick residents Ray and Sandra Sykes have campaigned tirelessly since February 2011 in their quest to have a commemoration to Orgreave Colliery. It is down to their perseverance that a sculpture has been erected.

Ray liaised with the landowners, Harworth Estates, who rejected the idea of a traditional pit wheel. They opted to go for something unique and commissioned an artist, Andrew 'Stoneface' Vickers who produced the original work which is carved from a large chunk of rock. It shows a miners' face and head, part of his torso and his feet. The sculpture is located high up on a footpath on the west side of the Waverley site and is dedicated to the workers of Orgreave Colliery 1851-1981.

Sir Kevin Barron did his underground training at Orgreave and was pleased to meet Ray to view the sculpture.

### Traffic and Highways Issues in Todwick

Councillors met RMBC representatives on the 6th of February to discuss several issues which Todwick Parish Council have raised with RMBC over many months.

#### 20 mph Report

The Local Transport Plan has been cut again the consequence of which is that there are no funds available here. It was hoped that some funding might be found through NHS sources, however there had been a change to the position of head of NHS locally which had put their funding in doubt. This impacted on other areas as well as Todwick. It is a plan which RMBC is keen on, as it offers a lot in terms of road safety for little true cost in terms of implementation.

#### Illuminated speed Sign at the entrance to the village from the Red Lion roundabout

There were no details of the vehicle which caused the destruction, consequently there was no prospect of a claim, therefore the cost of around £5,000 falls to RMBC, but they do not have funds available to provide a suitable replacement. Tube surveys carried out by the A57 developers showed that average speeds were between 31-33 mph. This allows RMBC to state that there are no plans at the moment to replace the sign. Additional surveys would be carried out and the situation reviewed accordingly. As the speed sign is no longer operational residents have commented on the noticeable increase in speed along that stretch of Kiveton Lane. Please report any incidents of excessive speed either to the Parish Council or directly to RMBC so we can monitor the situation.

#### A57 Speed Survey

This had indicated that there were a high percentage of vehicles travelling in the "high 50's". The average speed recorded during the survey was 55 mph.

#### Mobile Signs

Currently RMBC has no one available, after a retirement, to actually install these units. There is a plan to convert them to solar power, which would make siting a much easier process. However they still would need a person, and there was an element of uncertainty. They have four sites planned, and RMBC was reminded that Todwick should be added to that list. Particularly as Kiveton Lane is now exposed.

#### School Parking

Before attending the school at the appropriate time the representative from RMBC made the comment that people do need space to park and that further restrictions are inappropriate as it simply pushes the problem elsewhere. He outlined the critical issues for the benefit of local residents, these being: costs, accident figures, and time scales. Parents have been reminded by the school to park with care and consideration for local residents, pedestrians and other road users.

## Todwick Family Fun Day

The Parish Council is once organising the annual event and this year it will be held on Sunday 21 June on the recreation ground starting at 1pm until around 6pm.

We would like to make the afternoon a whole community event with attractions and entertainment to suit all ages and interests. The success of the day will depend largely upon a team of volunteers both on the day and in organising beforehand. If you would be interested in helping out, whether that be in planning, organising or just for an hour or so on the day, please contact either Helen Greer-Waring 01909 774472 or Rebecca Carter 07960 794 991.

Do you own or run a company or business and would you be willing to provide sponsorship for the event? All support is very much appreciated, please speak to Helen or Rebecca.

If you know of someone who would be interested in having a 'stand' or a 'stall' at the event or someone who could provide entertainment we would love to hear from you.

## Todwick Neighbourhood Watch

We are very fortunate in having a pro-active neighbourhood watch in Todwick. If you are a member you will have recently received your newsletter giving you plenty of valuable information and tips. If you would like to join the scheme (all totally free) contact the chairman Norman Anderson on 01909 770130 or email him at [norman.anderson621@btinternet.com](mailto:norman.anderson621@btinternet.com)

## Bin Collections

In the absence of new waste calendars, residents are being reminded that there will be no change to their current bin collection schedules.

The current waste calendars issued to all households by the Council indicating when bin collections take ran out on 20 February. It was planned that new calendars - detailing collections schedules from Monday February 23 - would have already been delivered. However, because of possible changes to schedules it was decided to wait until details have been confirmed before printing new calendars.

The new calendars - advising households of their new collection details from April until the end of November - are now due to be delivered to all properties in the next two months. Householders are also reminded that the garden waste collections will begin again on or after Monday April 6. The green bin should be put out for collection along with blue bags and boxes on their next recycling collection day after April 6.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
<b>NHS 111 (when it's less urgent than 999)</b>	NHS 111 s available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.
<b>Police 101 (when it's less urgent than 999)</b>	For non-emergency calls to report a crime or give information
<b>Streetpride 01709 336003</b>	Part of RMBC, report general problems with bin collections, street lighting, potholes or other road and pavement issues
<b>Traveline 01709 51 51 51</b>	Traveline is Travel South Yorkshire's transport helpline. We are open from 0700 to 2200 and operate seven days a week