

INFORMER

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Informer, which is full of information and opportunities. We are very fortunate to live in such a lovely village, as house prices might indicate Todwick is a much sought after location. There are many reasons for this including an excellent Primary School and the easy access to the Motorway Network. Whilst our village may lack some amenities we have reasonable access to meet most people's needs. Todwick has often been referred to as a 'dormitory' location, which suggests that people simply live here but carry out their 'lives' elsewhere. However, Todwick is a vibrant community with many and varied activities taking place every day. Our Village Hall is always in use and our Recreation Ground is busy every weekend with active participation. It is the active participation that we would like to build on. In this newsletter you will see opportunities to get involved in the building of our community. Please have a go at joining in.

David Gregory, Chairman

Todwick Parish Council budget (precept)

You may have seen that many local authorities have been given licence to increase Council Tax by up to 1.95%. In addition 2% may be allowed to pay for increased child protection and adult care facilities. The precept that RMBC pay to Todwick is made up by a set amount and a grant. The value of the grant element has been reduced and to maintain the precept level the Parish Council has requested a small increase in the set amount. Effectively the Parish Precept will not increase.

Spring clean and de-clutter?

Have you got things cluttering your house or garage that you want to get rid of? Why not take advantage of a communal skip? On **March 18th** there will be a skip sited on the car park of the Recreation Ground. The skip will be manned, so that assistance can be provided with difficult items. The skip will stay until 2 pm or when it is filled whichever comes first.

Posters will be located on boards to advise closer to the date. From 11 am on the same day, there will also be a community led village tidy, litter pick etc. Anyone who wishes to join in is most welcome.

Allotments

Would you like a slice of 'the good life' or somewhere to escape the daily grind? Having your own allotment is an increasingly popular pastime for young and old alike.

Allotment plots in Todwick come available each year and the waiting list isn't very long. If you would like to rent a plot you can add your name to the waiting list, by contacting me, Bryan Ferris, on:

M: 07905 269 404 or

Email: bryan.ferris@btinternet.com

Recreation Ground

There is a piece of unused land at the top right hand corner of the recreation ground, adjacent to the bowling club, which the Parish Council are intending to develop into something useful for the community. The best suggestion so far is to create a multi-functional sports area and any ideas on what this should comprise of would be very welcome.

Indeed, any other ideas for what we might use this site for would be welcome for consideration and if you have any thoughts then please pass them on to any member of the Todwick Parish Council.

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Holiday Play Camp

As previously advised there will be two opportunities to take advantage of the Play Camps this year. The first will be Tuesday May 31st to Friday June 3rd. They will begin at 10.00 and end at 3.30 each day. Pre-booking is advised as this greatly assists in the planning of activities and ensures that there are enough coaches available. There is also an opportunity for young people to assist the coaches. The camps would benefit from the help of anyone aged 16-18. The volunteers would also benefit from being able to include this act in their future CV. Anyone interested is asked to contact Eileen Northall: email siggismum@aol.com

Village event

Would it be a good idea to have an event that all the family could enjoy? What about a 'picnic in the park'? Okay that's agreed then! So all we have to do is get together and organise things. To make it simple we are looking at Sunday July 3rd, using the day after the Garden Fete means that we can make use of the gazebos which would have been used on the day before. Where we need some help now is in areas such as Marketing the event, this is something where expertise is required, do you have specific skills in this area?, would you be prepared to help? Other areas are First Aid on the day, Marshalls to assist in the need for emergency evacuation (the things you have to consider!). Also car park arrangements. If you would like to become involved in the planning and operation of this Village Event then please contact either Vicky Camber, Peter Beevers or David Gregory.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is not only about crime, the threat of crime and its prevention, but about community spirit.

It's free of charge to register and members will receive regular newsletters and information on security and safety equipment.

To register please contact Norman Anderson on 01909 770130 or email: norman.anderson621@btinternet.com

**When it's not as urgent as 999 use
101 to contact the police**



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