

INFORMER

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Spring has sprung and many thoughts now turn to summer holidays and the potential of exotic locations all over the world. Let's not forget however just how many truly beautiful places we have in our own County and Country. A big part of the excitement of holidays is the deciding and the planning. For some it could be a 'done deal' as they are visiting family and friends. Whatever you do and wherever you go, I hope that everyone enjoys their well-earned holidays. For those of you at home in the summer, may I remind you of the events in Todwick and ask that you consider including them in your plans. On Sunday 26th June we will hold the annual Family Fun-day at the Recreation Ground and on Saturday 2nd July there will be the Church Garden Fete. This will be followed on Sunday 3rd July by a Village Picnic. More details will be presented closer to the time of the events. I am sure you will appreciate that all such events require a lot of work, not just on the day but also in the planning and organising, and we look forward to the continued support from everyone in Todwick. **David Gregory, Chairman**

Multi-Sports Camp – Spring Bank

Tuesday 31 May to Friday 3 June 2016

This is a popular multi-sports camp for school age children during the school holidays and is partially subsidised by the Parish Council. For those who have been before, you will know that it's run by the 'mega-active' team from RMBC.

Full day is £6 per child, £3 for half day.

There is a Supersaver discount -

£18 if all four days are booked and paid for in advance

£20 if all four days are booked and paid for on the first day

Please help us identify the number of coaches needed by booking in advance if possible.

Mega Active are also looking for young people aged 16 or over to assist at the sports camp. Please call 01709 363355/822453 or email:

sportsdevelopment@rotherham.gov.uk for more details.

Rounders in Todwick

We have an opportunity to set up an 8 week community rounders session in Todwick COMPLETELY FREE. Ages from 14 upwards but younger children can be included if one or both parents also play. Equipment will be supplied. However, to take advantage of the offer, a co-ordinator is needed to organise and oversee the sessions. Please speak to Eileen Northall on 01909 770050 if you are interested in co-ordinating rounders in Todwick.

Junior Cricket

This season Todwick Cricket club will be offering junior cricket coaching sessions for all children 11-14 years old with a view to building a thriving junior section. Sessions will be run by an ECB qualified coach and will start on Thursday 21st April running throughout the summer (weather permitting).

Meet on Todwick Recreation ground off Goosecarr Lane. Times 18:00 to 19:30. All abilities welcome, from beginner to experienced. Equipment provided.

First Battle of the Somme – 1st July 1916

At around 9pm on Saturday 1st July, candles will be lit at the War Memorial in Todwick to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. Everyone is welcome to come along and light their own candles and/or place their floral tributes.

The Battle of the Somme, also known as the Somme Offensive, was one of the largest battles of the First World War. Fought between 1st July and 1st November 1918 near the Somme River in France, it was also one of the bloodiest military battles in history. On the first day alone, the British suffered 57,470 casualties, of whom 19,240 men were killed. By the end of the campaign the Allies and Central Powers would lose more than 1.5 million men.

Village clean up in Todwick



The three borough councillors, Cllrs Beck, Watson and Whysall, recently organised a skip for Todwick to allow residents to get rid of large items from their garages and gardens that were too big to go in dustbins. On the day, they also joined David Gregory, the chair of the Parish Council, in a litter pick to tidy up the recreation ground.

A priority of the Borough Councillors over the coming months will be to try and reduce the amount of dog fouling in the village. It has been suggested that this could be improved by better siting of the dog waste bins. If you have any suggestions about this please let them know.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

This is our man of the month!

Luke Robins is 13 years old and currently attending Wales High School. He has entered into an exercise to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award and, as part of that exercise, is carrying out lots of community work in Todwick.

Over the last few months he has done extensive litter-picking, chopped a tree down for one of our elderly residents and helped in the work to tidy up our churchyard. And he's not finished yet!

Thank you Luke and good luck with the Award. If there are any other young people who would like to follow in your footsteps, then we would be pleased to hear from them.

M1 Junction 28 to 31

From Highways England:

The M1 is a major strategic route connecting people, communities and businesses, carrying over 95,000 vehicles per day between junctions 28 to 31. Highways England is now opening a new section of smart motorway on the M1 between these two junctions. This means there will be:

- An additional lane for traffic increasing capacity to reduce congestion
- More technology on the road to manage incidents
- More reliable journeys

Safety, red X sign and incidents

You will see red X symbols on a gantry sign over the motorway or on a gantry sign at the side of the motorway.

We use a red X symbol to show that a lane is closed because of an incident or people working on the road.

Red X also provides access for emergency services.

Driving in a lane with a red X symbol is dangerous and drivers must NOT use it.

Incident management is controlled by teams in our control centres. Incidents will be detected by traffic sensors, CCTV or calls from the public. The control centre will set signs to protect incidents and clear an access route for emergency vehicles. Control centre staff will monitor traffic conditions throughout each incident, ensure signs are set to manage traffic, and will reopen lanes as soon as it is safe to do so.

What to do if you breakdown

If you need to stop in an emergency on a smart motorway: Use an emergency refuge area, motorway service area or leave at the next junction. If that is not possible try and get your vehicle off the carriageway, if it is safe to do so. If you have to stop in a live lane: Put your hazard warning lights on to help other drivers see you and help our control room staff spot you on CCTV. If you are in the left hand lane and it is safe to do so, exit the vehicle via the left hand door. Wait behind the barrier if possible. If you cannot exit the vehicle, do not feel it is safe to do so, or there is no other place of relative safety, remain in the vehicle. Keep your seat belt on and dial '999'.

Easter news from Church

Easter preparations began in earnest when a few of us went into Todwick Primary School for “Messy Easter” last week. We have been taking Christmas and Easter into school in a different way for a few years now, over several days - with craft activities, storytelling, and sometimes seasonal food.

However, the best part of those times in school are asking questions, and specifically this year, “What does Easter mean to you?” As you might imagine, there were a whole range of answers. I expected the children, especially the youngest, to think that chocolate, the Easter bunny and a holiday from school would be the most popular answers. But I am always surprised.

“Jesus is important because he died for us,” one said. “The life of Jesus is told in a story and part of it is when he was crucified and rose again,” added another. “Jesus’ death is the beginning of everything beautiful”, and many were happy to share simple but profound thoughts, that made us adults think again about what we believe.

Many knew that the egg is the symbol of new life and that is why chocolate is given at Easter time. And many won’t celebrate Easter as a religious festival but they still spend time with families and build special memories.

Tiddlywinks Toddlers (every Monday 9.30-11am in the Church Hall) enjoyed their Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard this week and have decorated an Easter Tree with egg prayer cards for the church porch.

Easter, for me, is about embracing all of life once more. Not to stay in despair and darkness but to take hold of the gift of life. Nobodies can become somebodies; difficult situations can be faced; love can give us all life.

“Death is not the end: life is” was the most uplifting answer we got last week in school.

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