



INFORMER

Welcome to the December issue, as we head into a hectic festive season, I would like to take a look back at the year. Our most recent event was the Village Bonfire and Fireworks. Over 1300 people attended, and the feedback suggests that most people enjoyed it. We end the year with a full council which is encouraging for the future, and should enable us to achieve more. Our collective efforts around Remembrance helped to suitably mark the significant occasion, and we can be justifiably proud of ourselves. Many people driving through our village will have been impressed. May we wish you all a very happy Christmas, and all best wishes for next year.

David Gregory, Chairman.

REMEMBRANCE IN TODWICK

Todwick can be very proud of the fact that as a village it came together to play its part in the 100 year commemoration of the November 11 1918 Armistice. There were events taking place throughout the whole of the UK and Todwick people did not fall behind in showing their interest and support of this great anniversary. As well as the poppies on the lamp posts, Todwick produced approximately 2,000 handmade poppies for display at the War Memorial. Todwick Craft Group, Todwick Church Ladies, Todwick Primary School and Todwick Early Years all made poppies as well as very many Todwick residents, some of them contributing anonymously. Following Remembrance Sunday, The poppy tributes by Todwick Primary and Todwick Early Years were placed in the window of Todwick Interiors and for that we have to thank Suzanne, who made a wonderful display of the lovingly made poppies.

On Sunday morning November 11th approximately 250 people joined together in an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, poppy wreaths being laid by several Todwick organisations, the Police and Todwick residents. Following the moving service taken by our Vicar the Revd Vicky Camber, people were able to meet together in the Village Hall for a welcome cuppa and biscuits. There was also an interesting Exhibition of WW1 memorabilia with some special family displays of letters, photographs and artefacts.

Thank you to all who contributed to Todwicks's beautiful and moving tribute to this very special 100 year Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

PARKING ISSUES

At the risk of becoming boring it has to be reported that whilst there have been some improvements there remain far too many situations where inconsiderate parking causes issues for others. Parking too close to road junctions impedes the view of vehicles using that junction, it is also an offence, which can result in a fine.

Parking on footpaths creates an issue with pedestrians and in particular our disabled villagers, and in many cases blocking drives or the road by parking adjacent to another vehicle. Consideration in keeping the road clear should not be the priority, if cars are parked on the road, in the event a driver has to stop to allow other cars to pass, will reduce speeding, (which is another issue the village has to cope with). Parking safely on the road should be the prime thought process when a driver needs to park their vehicle this ensures all pedestrians can pass without being impeded, and also that other road users can access or egress their drives safely. Parking on a footpath is inconsiderate to all pedestrians, in particularly those in wheelchairs or who are unsteady on foot. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle.

FATHER CHRISTMAS 6PM - 8PM WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Father Christmas is coming to Todwick. The Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell are bringing him to see the young people of Todwick. His sleigh will be outside Todwick News, The Pastures on Wednesday 12th December from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. Hopefully you will be able to meet Father Christmas and contribute to the charities that are supported.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

We have five shops in Todwick offering a varied range of products and services. If we wish to have people prepared to invest in our village it makes sense to support these premises with our custom when it is possible to do so. Of course, it is your own personal choice where you shop, however it is too late to complain when a lack of local support forces people to close.

TODWICK EARLY YEARS

Todwick Early Years is situated in the grounds of Todwick Primary School and is the successor to Todwick Pre School Playgroup which had operated from the Village Hall for over 30 years.

Over £300,000 of funding was raised by the current directors who were members of the pre school playgroup committee. With the enthusiastic support of the then head teacher of Todwick Primary School, Rob Lincoln, Todwick Early Years first opened its doors in September 2004 and is now entering its fifteenth year.

Early years education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and also a breakfast and after school club for children aged 3 to 11 are provided in an OFSTED registered setting. At this time it was the first children's social enterprise in Rotherham. Since opening, hundreds of children from Todwick and surrounding areas have benefited from their childcare services.

From September 2018 the popular breakfast club will be opening its doors earlier from 7.30am. With the continued support of local residents Todwick Early Years will continue to provide this valuable service for many years in the future.

MULTI USE GAMES AREA

The MUGA is up and running now and available for hire, for the use of:

- Tennis
- Basket Ball
- Cricket
- Football
- Netball

All for hire as a promotion to welcome any villager to see and take advantage of the new facilities @ £5 per hour.

It is open from Dawn until Dusk at the moment. Also, just outside the MUGA are 4 exercise machines. I have had excellent inquiries up to now and hopefully it will go from strength to strength.

Anyone wishing any further information can contact **Norman WRIGHT** on [07891131372](tel:07891131372)

COUNCILLOR BRIAN WHITE

The end of the year will alas mark the retirement from the Parish Council of Brian White. For over eleven and a half years Brian has devoted himself to the service of the community. Joining in May 2007 he also Chaired the Village Hall Management Committee for over seven years. Apart from numerous projects and tasks, Brian was heavily involved in gaining the grant to refurbish and extend the Sports Pavilion, he also Project Managed the building work. We owe him a huge debt for the new MUGA, which is a fitting testimony to the dedicated man he is. Whenever help was needed, in any way, we have always been able to rely on Brian. He leaves very big shoes to fill. We wish him a long and fulfilled retirement from the Parish Council.

VILLAGE CONTRACTOR

A vacancy exists for a person to take up the role of supplying the village with a maintenance service. It is a self-employed position providing 3 hours a week to carry out litter collection, cleaning of war memorial area. The candidate must have indemnity insurance. Whilst the 3 hours total is fixed the precise timing is very flexible.

Contact **Christopher Lightfoot** on lightfoot256@gmail.com or message us on Facebook

ALLOTMENTS

The allotments at Todwick continue to be very popular & well used and, although the annual rents are increasing nominally from £12 to £20 for a full-sized plot and £7 to £10 for a half plot, they are still amongst the cheapest in South Yorkshire. If you want to get your name on the waiting list, then please contact **John Jeffrey** on [01909 770888](tel:01909770888).

PAVILION FOR HIRE

Did you know you can hire the Pavilion? Why not hold your next birthday party there! Prices start from £10 per hour; kitchen and toilet facilities are available. Get in touch to negotiate arrangements.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

For TPC news, meeting minutes and more please visit

www.todwickpc.org.uk.

You can also find us on Facebook – make sure to check us out and give us a Like!

HISTORIC CHURCH YARD

In Todwick we have a church which dates back to the Domesday Book, and a wealth of history protected within a peaceful tranquil environment. There is now a huge challenge to combat the unwelcome side of Mother Nature.

For the last couple of years people have gathered once a month to ensure that the area is as good as it can be. We meet in the **first Saturday in the month at 10am**. **Refreshments** are provided at 11am, and work concludes at 12.30pm.

There are a range of projects offering a mix of digging, planting, weeding as well as the much lighter work of planning and organising. Even helping with the tea making.

So please come along and join in making a contribution to our wonderfully peaceful haven.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Village Hall Christmas Fayre 1st
Church Christmas Coffee 8th
Morning

January

Churchyard 5th

February

Churchyard 2nd

March

Churchyard 2nd

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