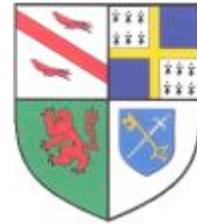


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Welcome to the latest edition of The Informer. The observant will notice that it is early, and indeed it is, with so much happening it was decided to bring this issue forward. This issue is packed with events, so please take a little time to read. It also includes an update on the planning issues which were highlighted last year.

David Gregory, Chairman.

## Fireworks and Bonfire

Just a reminder that on **Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** we are planning to have a bonfire night with a fireworks display, the first in Todwick after many years without one.

We have invited the pupils of Todwick Primary School to support the event and make it a special one by making a Guy Fawkes.

Starting at 6.45pm, the fire will be lit at 7pm and at 7.30pm there will be a 20 minute, professional fireworks display. Some caterers will also be supporting the event and it will be possible to obtain food, beer, tea, coffee, soft drinks etc. to make it a memorable evening. Be aware that, because of much tightened safety regulations, the bonfire will be fenced off and "personal" fireworks such as sparklers cannot be allowed. Also, for obvious reasons, pets cannot be allowed in. There will be no car parking for safety reasons, other than disabled badges.

A nominal charge of £1 per person (5 years and above) will be made at the gate to help towards the overall costs.

## Todwick Church Garden Gang

The group meet up on the first Saturday of each month from 10am. Help is always needed and if you can help please bring along some basic gardening tools to use, although sometimes the garden gang do have some spares with them. Refreshments are provided.

## Church Christmas Craft Fayre

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** in the Church Hall between 11am – 4pm. There will be a range of stalls and a Grand Raffle.

## Remembrance Service

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, the service will start at 9.45am in the Church, followed by a short act of worship, including 2 minutes' silence at the Village War Memorial. Tea & Coffee will then be served in the Village Hall.

### **Village Hall Christmas Fayre**

This will take place on **Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>** from 2pm to 4pm. Santa will be in his grotto. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm.

### **Church Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 10am to 12.30pm.

### **Community Carol Singing with Vicky Camber**

A new event for this year will take place at 5pm on **Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall. It will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Village Hall.

### **Grey Matter in Todwick \_\_\_ *"The Community Friendship Club"***

**Open every Friday from 2pm to 4pm, @ Todwick Church Hall.**

If you are over 55 and wish to join us to chat, play quizzes, board games, also participate in occasional outings and crafting, as well as making new friends along the way, give Janet or Richard a call on 01909 771344 or 01909 772204 respectively for more details... or just turn up, we will be delighted to welcome you! The club was created in 2015 to meet a desire by the Village to support the older resident who may be living alone, who wishes to make new friends, or may need help and guidance.

In conjunction with the Parish Council, the Church and outside organisations like Age UK Rotherham, we provide a weekly place to meet for the range of pleasurable activities, alongside help and advice provided by our outside partners. Our desire is to serve the local community, so it is not exclusive to Todwick residents, despite our quirky name!

Why not give it a try? The club meets every week so you can dip in to suit yourself, knowing that if you miss a meeting another one will turn up a week later.

We are an informal group and a friendly welcome awaits you some Friday soon.

### **Proposed developments in Todwick**

Many of you will be aware that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) has proposed a number of sites for development across the borough, for new homes and for employment land. In Todwick, 107 new homes are proposed on the west side of Kiveton Lane, on the edge of the current village. In addition, a huge employment site is proposed on the north side of the A57, immediately opposite the Red Lion Hotel.

Public consultations were undertaken on these proposals in 2014 and 2015, and many of you provided comments. Whilst the number of comments about Todwick proposals exceeded those for any other location except Rotherham itself and an alternative housing proposal was made by Todwick Parish Council, RMBC decided to proceed with its existing plan.

RMBC proposals, together with all objections/comments raised at the 2015 (Final Draft stage) consultation, together with additional comments by those who asked to be involved in this stage is currently being examined by a Government appointed Inspector. It's worth noting that the Inspector will also review the decisions rejecting other sites, given that several other Todwick sites were put forward for consideration for housing development.

Todwick residents/participants (including TPC) have set out a range of compelling arguments, including: wholly inadequate consultation and engagement, repeated failure to provide information, serious failures in process and evidence, inconsistency of standards, disproportionate allocation of homes in relation to the size of the village, failure to follow their own plan and rules, coalescence of Todwick with Kiveton, impact on the school, impact on the volume of traffic on Kiveton Lane, ability of the Red Lion roundabout to cope with extra traffic from the Todwick North employment site, impact on the environment and Green Belt.

The Inspector should complete his deliberations by the end of December. Whilst we are hopeful that the strength and range of our arguments will demonstrate that the proposed Todwick sites are inappropriate, it's difficult to know how this will turn out.

Building on approved housing sites could start as early as the 2019/20 financial year. The employment site would be developed later.

## **Parking**

There have been numerous concerns raised by people in our village with regards to how and where vehicles are parked. Please be courteous in your choice of parking position.

### **The Highway Code Rule 244 states:**

You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

Some of the rules mentioned in the **Highway Code Rule 243** states that you **DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- **opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space**
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge

- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

### **Village Contractor**

Mark Archer will be leaving this role at the end of November, we wish to thank Mark for everything he has done to ensure the Village looks as good as it can. We also wish him well in his new career. This does of course create an opportunity for someone else. Anyone interested in the role is asked to contact Bryan Ferris.

### **Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox appeal**

This year again, Todwick Church will be involved in this appeal. There are boxes available to collect from the church porch - or you can decorate your own shoebox if you prefer. Please feel free to collect a box, together with a leaflet of how to pack it and an age related label - you can choose which age group you prefer to send your gift to, and also whether the contents are for a boy or a girl. You are invited to enclose a donation of £3 towards shipping costs inside your box (details on the leaflet in the porch).

You are invited to bring your box to the Shoebox service on **Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10.15am in the Church hall. If you are not able to do this - then please leave your box in the church porch where it will be added to the collection.

More information can be found in the Church Todwick News Magazine or on the Samaritans Purse website. Thank you for making a poor child's Christmas special!

### **New Website**

A new website for the Parish Council is now available. it carries up-to-date news, meeting minutes and the Informer. Please visit [www.todwickpc.org.uk](http://www.todwickpc.org.uk).

### **New Parish Councillors**

We are delighted to welcome Becs Arden and Chris Lightfoot to the Council,

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