



INFORMER

Under normal circumstances at this time of year I would write about “new beginnings”, or holiday planning. However, with so much uncertainty around, and a situation which changes every day it is challenging to look to far ahead. We are facing unprecedented times and nobody can foresee what awaits. We can be assured that we have many of the world’s top scientists and practitioners working on the problem. For our part I can only suggest we stay calm and follow the guidance of the experts. For our immediate area I would ask everyone to be even more considerate of those around you.

If you know of a neighbour who may be at risk then why not make contact. A note through a letterbox offering assistance with your contact details, could make a huge difference. Not everyone has access to, or is able to gain information from the internet. Next time you intend to shop why not see if a neighbour needs anything? Sometimes a worried person might just want someone to listen and allay their concerns. I have belief that we will get through this, and if as many people as possible help those who might need it, when we do come out the other side our community will be even stronger.

David Gregory, Chairman Todwick Parish Council

FUN DAY 2020 – 14TH JUNE – FROM 1PM

We’re still aiming for the 2020 Todwick Fun Day to take place on 14th June from 1pm if we are still permitted and it makes sense to do so at the time of the event.

As well as the usual activities the theme for 2020 will be “old school sports day” and will include a few traditional races with prizes for ALL ages!

Come and join us for great food, beer tent, treats, craft stalls, inflatables, entertainment and laughs!

Entry is **FREE** so put the date in your diary!

CORONA

This is just a polite reminder to parishioners to protect themselves against becoming infected by following the well-publicised Government and NHS advice to frequently wash your hands with hot water and soap for 20 seconds.

If you develop any symptoms self-isolate and ring 111 and follow their advice.

As usual; please keep an eye on your fellow neighbours and relatives who may already be vulnerable that may be “self-isolating” as a precaution. Keep in touch via phone or social media and check-in to see if they’re in need of anything.

WEBSITE / EMAILS

We have a brand-new shiny website on the horizon along with formalised email addresses for getting in touch. We're not quite ready to switch over to it yet but we wanted to let you know it's in the works! If you have any ideas of things you'd like to see on the website -- please let us know.

RECREATION GROUND

Following a recent discussion with parents, we must make it very clear that the building of 'dens' on the Recreation Ground is not permitted.

Whilst it is understood that such things are currently popular, there are concerns about safety, which we cannot resolve.

Outside of the borders of the playing fields and play grounds we cannot apply the same conditions. As the land outside of our recreation grounds are not under Parish Council control.

It must be understood that the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for any injuries which might arise from creating and playing in dens.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year there was to be local elections, one third of RMBC Councillors and all Parish and Town Councils would have to stand for the positions they currently held. Due to the impact of Coronavirus and the concerns around timing these elections have been put on hold for one year. The immediate impact on Todwick Parish Council is that there will be three seats available. Todwick has 9 Parish Councillors, clearly three fewer people means that the Council is seriously impaired. Those that remain have to do much more to compensate. If you feel that you can make a difference and wish to be a part of the future direction of the village then please make contact with any of the current councillors who will be more than happy to assist you.

ACTIVE TODWICK AND THE MULTI USE GAMES AREA

The MUGA is available for use of Football, Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Cricket, from Dawn until Dusk in a safe environment. All enquires to **Norman Wright** on 07891131372

The Pavilion is available for parties with the use of large grass area's toilets and kitchen facilities.

We are also able to facilitate another adult football club for the coming season. Also are there any junior football teams looking for somewhere to play, if so we will provide a marked out pitch area . All enquires to **Norman Wright** on 07891131372

CHURCHYARD – FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – FROM 10AM

Instead of simply informing you of our group meeting, we would like to invite you to see for yourself.

Over the last few years projects have included work carried out on the lovely big Lime tree on the right as you enter. Nothing would grow under it, except weeds, the canopy of the tree was very full of old fallen branches and leaves as well as spindly branches growing twisted within them. Now the canopy is nearly cleared to allow stronger upward growth and the base has been thoroughly dug over and cleared with a coating of shredded wood to suppress the weeds.

The borders, all along the left extreme edges have been weeded, and then treated with the same material to keep the weeds down.

Graves reclaimed, the excessive ingress of brambles and nettles over 5ft tall in most areas have been cleared, their roots dug out, and where applicable area seeded with grass, several previously covered grave sites have been reclaimed.

Perhaps the most ambitious project has been to create a “wildflower garden”. This area is in the top left hand corner, lots and lots of digging to remove bramble and nettle weeds, three small pathways have been created, it was seeded in October last year, and we are hopeful that many will have taken.

The area will also include aromatic herbs and it is hoped that it will become a haven of peace and quiet. A bench will be sited so you can rest relax and enjoy the space.

There are still lots of projects to complete.

We meet on the **first Saturday of each month, from 10am**. Refreshments are enjoyed about half way through our work. Whilst there is a need for physical input, there are also light work requirements, more volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

See you there!

BOUNDARY CHANGES

From May this year, Rotherham MBC will introduce changes to their Ward Structure to more evenly divide the Wards based on the number of residents. Todwick will then be in Aston Ward and not Wales. We will be represented by one of two Borough Councillors, details of which will only be finalised after the local elections in May. The Wales Ward currently has 3 Borough Councillors and this will reduce to two. In Rotherham as a whole, there will be three fewer Borough Councillors as a result of these changes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Tuesday 31st TPC Meeting (TBC)

Saturday 7th Churchyard

May

Saturday 2nd Churchyard

Tuesday 26th TPC Meeting

April

Saturday 4th Churchyard

Tuesday 28th TPC Meeting

June

Saturday 6th Churchyard

Sunday 14th FUN DAY!

Tuesday 30st TPC Meeting

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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!