



# INFORMER

*Welcome to the September issue, many of you will, by now, have had your summer holidays. No doubt the weather would have helped enormously if it was here in the UK. Of course, post school holidays see a lot of people going away, if so have a great time.*

*We are delighted to introduce two new members to the Parish Council. **Nicola Robinson** joined in June and **Jim Dixon** in July. It's fantastic that villagers are prepared to step forward and contribute to our village. This takes the Parish Council to its full strength.*

David Gregory, Chairman.

## **OBSTRUCTIVE AND DOUBLE PARKING TODWICK VILLAGE**

We have recently received several complaints of concern from local residents and the utility services with regard to obstruction of drives, footpaths, double-parking and parking on and around the above location.

Could all residents please ensure that they park in a considerate manner so as not to cause problems to other road user's. If properties have a driveway then please ensure your vehicle is parked on it, if you have more than one vehicle please ensure that it is sensitively parked so as not to inconvenience others, do not block driveways or park wholly on pavements. Please ensure you leave sufficient space for a mobility scooter or pushchair to pass freely. Please do not park within 10 metres of a junction.

I appreciate that it is often difficult to find a balance when there is a demand for parking on the highway, particularly in instances such as this where properties were originally built with no forward thought to an expansion in vehicle ownership, however I hope that this can be overcome with some cooperation between neighbours.

If driveways are being obstructed or vehicles parked in such a position as to prevent free passage along the highway, which includes footways or parked too closely to junctions, then this may amount to an obstruction, for which a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued. Vehicles parked on or close to junctions is a hazard both to other drivers and to pedestrians.

I am hoping that we can work together to achieve a sensible resolution to the parking problems by the community all working together.

PCSO Dane Plant

## **PARKING AND SPEEDING ISSUES**

Over the last couple of months there have been several complaints about parking. A meeting has taken place with South Yorkshire Police, photographs have been passed to the Police, they have also been alerted to the comments on social media.

They have advised that they will increase their attendance in Todwick, particularly acting where offences have been committed. Their attention will be focused on vehicles causing obstruction and speeding.

For example, parking too close to a junction. It would therefore be advisable to take note of the broken line in the middle of the road at junctions. These lines are there to ensure that vehicles are not parked too close to a junction. Sadly, ignorance of the law, is no defence. A vehicle parked too close to a junction restricts the view of drivers. This will bring about a fine.

The Police will also be addressing pavement parking. Before leaving your vehicle check that there is sufficient space for pedestrians to pass. A pedestrian with a push chair or a wheel chair will need more space. A simple guide is to stand by your vehicle and open your arms out wide.

Finally speeding issues have been raised and discussed with the South Yorkshire Police and ongoing measures are being taken to hopefully deal with this problem.

Really folks it is only a little consideration that is needed to avoid causing distress to others.

## **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.

## **FINAL WORD ON PARKING**

We are all busy, and nowadays homes have more than one car in family use. When any family member or visitors are parking on the road please be a little more considerate. If there is a car parked opposite, why not park on that side of the road? This simple act will avoid the creation of the chicane we often see, this can limit vision of vehicles coming in the opposite direction and often requires vehicle to reverse when confronted with this.

## **KEEP TODWICK TIDY**

It has not taken long to notice that there is currently no one regularly picking up litter. Everyone can help, initially by not leaving litter, there are bins around the village. It is particularly noticeable in the play grounds.

The lovely weather has brought out many more people to enjoy the area. Whilst most take their rubbish away, sadly far too many do not.

One thoughtless person even left a soiled nappy on the grass. We believe that Todwick is a desirable place to live, a place where people are considerate to others. There is no reason why once having enjoyed your visit you need to leave your rubbish for someone else to deal with.

## **MULTI USE GAMES AREA**

Work is progressing very well in the construction of our games area at the top right hand corner of the recreation ground.

Streetscape, our contractor, have already built the full sized double tennis court , including the imitation grass base. This has been fitted out with netball hoops, inset goal posts and bolt on cricket stumps and will soon have lines painted to mark it out for tennis, five-a-side football and netball.

Outside the fencing, a picnic bench, a Teqball table and 3 exercise machines giving have now been installed giving something for everyone to enjoy.

Work is expected to be completed within the next few weeks and there will be an official opening in early October which we hope will be carried out by our local MP Sir Kevin Barron and to which everyone is invited.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2018, 9.15 - 11.15AM**

The staff and children of **Todwick Primary School** invite you to

“The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning”

**Please come along to support this Nationwide fundraising event – the perfect chance to catch up and have a slice of something delicious.**

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.todwickpc.org.uk).

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

## **BONFIRE NIGHT – FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

This year our bonfire and spectacular firework display will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup>** of November.

Once again there will be food, beer, coffee, tea, soft drinks etc. to make it a memorable evening. Be aware that we are not allowed to have “personal fireworks” such as sparklers etc. and there can be no pets.

**The fire will be lit at 6.30pm with the firework display starting at 7pm.**

Other than Security Services, there will be no parking allowed at all.

**A charge of £1 per person, 5 years and above, will be made to help offset the cost of the event.**

## **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**

### ***September***

Macmillan Coffee Morning 28th

Fun Day, 1pm 10<sup>th</sup>

### ***October***

Churchyard 6<sup>th</sup>

### ***November***

Bonfire Night 2<sup>nd</sup>

Church Craft Fayre 3<sup>rd</sup>

Churchyard 3<sup>rd</sup>

Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup>

### ***December***

Village Hall Christmas Fayre 1<sup>st</sup>

Church Christmas Coffee Morning 8<sup>th</sup>

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