



INFORMER

Well, spring has finally arrived although, bearing in mind the arctic weather we are still having, you might be forgiven for thinking that we are still in winter.

As usual in spring the garden will beckon and also the potential for new things. In our village there is an enormous range of activities. Take a look at the Village Hall and Church Hall programmes and you will possibly find something to interest you. People often say that they are not keen on joining things, or committing, but please consider what may be gained before writing off the idea.

David Gregory, Chairman.

1918 – 2018 (100 YEARS)

REMEMBRANCE IN TODWICK - 11TH NOVEMBER

TPC and groups in the village are hoping to set up an exhibition in the Village Hall to commemorate the ending of the Great War. This will be ready in time for our usual Remembrance Sunday Services in the Church and at the War Memorial.

We would be grateful for any artefacts, memorabilia, photos and stories which can be loaned to us for the exhibition.

Please contact **Eileen Northall**, who is coordinating items for the event, on 01909 770050 or email siggismum@aol.com. Items can be collected if necessary.

Anything loaned will be treated with the utmost respect and care.

Contact Eileen with any queries you may have.

FUN DAY - SUNDAY JUNE 10 1PM

This event is one of the highlights of the **village** calendar. This year we have a **country show theme** with all the usual activities plus a few surprises including a **live egg hatch!** Come and have fun, great **food and drink** and let the kids play, play, play.

Stalls from £10!, plus lots of educational activities this year!

STORTH LANE

Most of you with children who attend Wales School will be aware that Storth Lane became a quagmire last year and virtually unusable. We are delighted that, following our entreaties, RMBC have totally re-surfaced the road from the boulders to the school. Additional drainage systems have been installed to deal with the water runoff from the adjacent fields. We have asked that the remaining section from The Pastures to the boulders be screeded with planings and with a footpath to one side. We hope that work will progress on this soon, now that the weather is improving.

CHILDCARE IN THE VILLAGE

There are various options for childcare in the village but one many don't know about is Todwick Early Years;

Todwick Early Years is an independent nursery that provides quality childcare and education in a purpose built unit within the grounds of Todwick School. The unit is Ofsted inspected and employs fully qualified staff. They offer two daily nursery sessions for 2-4 year old children and wrap-around care for 3-11 year olds (Kidz Club).

For more details see: <https://sites.google.com/site/todwickearlyyears/home>

MULTI USE GAMES AREA (M.U.G.A.)

As a result of our application for a grant for new facilities on our recreation ground, we have been awarded a substantial amount of money that will enable us to make some exciting new changes!

We are so thrilled to inform you that our grant application for over £60,000 was approved by the Board of The Veolia Environmental Trust on 6th March 2018.

The MUGA basically comprises a full sized, double tennis court but with the area also marked out for 5-a-side football, netball & tennis. In front of the MUGA will be exercise machines and a picnic bench.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Brian White and Jean Leah for this achievement. We are very lucky to have people like you working so hard for us all.

TODWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings commence at **7.30pm**. See the village hall for their events diary.

£1 for members and **£2** non members including refreshments;

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KEEPING FIT – TICK OFF SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Now that we're into spring it's time to work off that extra winter layer and get active; The days are getting longer and there's more time to get out and explore the local area. Try organising walks with friends and family; or visit the recreational ground. For other activities why not check out the village hall website for more details on clubs you could join. <https://sites.google.com/site/todwickvillagehall1//home>

HISTORIC CHURCH YARD

In Todwick we have a church which dates back to the Doomsday 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. We are faced with the question of "why do weeds grow stronger and faster than any other plant?" **Therefore, your Churchyard really could do with your help.**

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.

Many of the current members go beyond the prescribed timings and spend additional time in the church yard.

The involvement can be very therapeutic and certainly **rewarding** when we can clearly see what has been achieved. So please come along and join in making a contribution to our wonderfully peaceful haven.

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.

CRIME IN THE VILLAGE – SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Crime in Rotherham has steadily increased* over the last year and recently areas like the Tearoom, Shop and Takeaway have been hit with a recent incident that involved all 3 being broken into in one night! If you ever notice anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to inform the police.

Please look out for each other and local business, if we want to keep these services around we need to ensure they know they have a solid customer base that is willing to support them and use them. Otherwise they might one day just disappear.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE NEIGHBOURS

Whether you enjoyed the recent Beast from the east and other snow-fuelled storms or not some people need a little extra help coping in the sub-zero temperatures; Hopefully we're beyond that now were into spring but please keep an eye out for each other and help out those who can't make it out or need help navigating the icy glaciers of Todwick!

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Do you enjoy living in Todwick, whether you are new to the village or have lived here for years please take a few moments to reflect on the place you have chosen to call home. If you are very happy living here please consider if you can contribute in some way to developing the village. The reason for asking is the fact that the Parish Council has vacancies and is looking for people to join it. It needn't be a hugely onerous or time-consuming commitment. The Council meets once a month, except in August. Meetings generally run for about two hours. From those meetings opportunities will arise to join sub-committees in areas where your particular skill set will help. The two main events previously mentioned will require a little work but, as one would expect, the more people involved make the overall task easier. Interested? Then please contact any of the Councillors, whose details are included below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| | April |
| Churchyard | 7 th |
| | May |
| Churchyard | 5 th |
| | June |
| Churchyard | 2 nd |
| Fun Day, 1pm | 10 th |
| | July |
| Churchyard | 7 th |
| Church Garden Fête | 7 th |
| | November |
| Bonfire Night | 2 nd |
| Remembrance Day | 11 th |

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!

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