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Welcome to the March Informer. There is a lot of important information enclosed, including exciting opportunities to get involved with what goes on in your village. For anyone with questions about the content or indeed any other issues, all the contact details of the Councillors are included. The Council Meetings take place in the Village Hall on the last Tuesday of the month, starting at 7pm, with an open session at 8pm when questions are taken.

David Gregory, Chairman.

Holiday Play Camps

There will be two opportunities to take advantage of the Play Camps this year. The first will be Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June, the second Wednesday 26th July to Friday 28th July. The costs are £6 per day. However if pre-booked it would be £20 for 4 days and £15 for the three day. Pre-booking is advised via www.activerotherham.org.uk. Helpers aged 16 or over are also invited to apply as it may support a university application or CV.

Todwick Church Garden Gang

Are you green fingered or even just willing to lend a hand? Willing helpers of all ages are welcomed to help keep Todwick church gardens neat and tidy. Can you spare an hour or more? A group of hard working people 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.

Gardening Club at Todwick Primary School

At Todwick Primary School we have a new polytunnel and a group of eager children who would like to take part in a gardening club one day per week after school. If anyone or a couple in the village enjoys gardening and working with children age 8 - 11 and is able to commit to one voluntary hour per week - Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - please get in touch with us, we would be happy to hear from you! (safeguarding checks would be carried out by us)

Todwick Sports Pavilion

The Sports Pavilion is available for hire at reasonable rates. Plenty of parking and excellent facilities. The venue is perfect for sports based birthday parties and would be an ideal starting and finishing point for walking, cycling and running groups.

Coming in March

Tai Chi at the Pavilion. Come along and try this invigorating yet relaxing and easy form of exercise. Please contact the Secretary Eileen Northall on 770050 or the Chairman David Gregory on 771307 for further details.

Date for your diary

The Todwick Fun Day will be on Sunday 11th June and will be bigger and better than ever this year with all the usual activities including some new fun ideas!

Please keep an eye on our facebook page for more details and if you would like to get involved or have any suggestions to make our day fun for all the family then please let us know either via our facebook page or by contacting Rebecca at rstv@hotmail.co.uk

Community Payback

Have you ever wondered what the people who are sentenced by the courts to Community Service actually end up doing? Having asked just this question we have discovered a valuable resource. The first utilisation of this resource will be to clear up all the litter and rubbish which has gathered on the old A57 heading south towards the cul de sac at the new road. Anyone who walks this route will be aware of the problem. It is hoped that this will be completed by the middle of March. It is the Parish Council's plan to utilise this source of valuable assistance to its full.

Proposed Developments in Todwick

As we go to press we are still waiting to hear about the Planning Inspectors report regarding the building of houses on Kiveton Lane and the Industrial Estate opposite the Red Lion.

There was a recent Public Inquiry held by the Traffic Commissioners regarding the operation of goods vehicles from Kiveton Hall Farm. This led to a lot of mis-information and incorrect reporting. The Parish Council was not permitted to raise any objections, in fact the criteria for objections, as laid down by the Commissioners, is very narrow. Only those very close to and likely to experience such things as vibration were permitted to object. The Inquiry was not an opportunity for anyone other than those directly affected to raise objections, or indeed to participate. The Parish Council is a statutory body, and as such is bound by protocols, policies and procedures. We, as opposed to individuals with no accountability, cannot express an opinion. Everything we say and publish must be the true facts. Therefore, if there is something which concerns you, then please ask any Councillor. If we do not know we will find out and report back to you.

Neighbourhood Planning

There is now an opportunity for Todwick to have a much greater say in future developments in our village. For example, we could say precisely where we want any new houses to be built - as importantly where we do not. The Localism Act of 2011 introduced the facility, which is now growing in take up. The key fact is "Community". The plan has to have a wide engagement within the village. It must also conduct surveys to establish the widest possible viewpoint. Details can be found on the following site:-

www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk

Also www.gov.uk/neighbourhood/planningbill/overarchingdocuments. To achieve our own plan will require a number of committed people to work on it. Without these people it simply will not happen. To participate or if you require any further information, please contact any Councillor.

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.

This Community Friendship Club is open every Friday from 2pm to 4pm in Todwick Church Hall.

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately, we have to raise this unsavoury issue again. In doing so may we, first of all apologise to every dog owner who acts responsibly which we know are the vast majority. Sadly, there are others who do not act in a decent and responsible manner. You know who you are! You cannot possibly not know. The Parish Council have no powers in this area. However, we have requested that RMBC patrol the village. It is a very difficult task to catch offenders. RMBC have entered into an arrangement with a company to supplement their

operation. The Dog Wardens have also requested that we ask owners to ensure that their dogs are “under control” in public areas. Their definition of under control is on a lead.

Parking

In the last Informer there was a request for more considerate parking, unfortunately there has been little difference noticed. There are still large numbers of vehicles blocking footpaths and people still park too close to junctions. At the last Area Assembly, the local police Inspector committed more resource to penalising offenders.

Todwick Parish Council Website

The website carries up to date TPC news, meeting minutes and the Informer. Please visit www.todwickpc.org.uk. We are also on Facebook.

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