# Treeton Parish Council Newsletter

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September 2022

## Chairman's Report

September already, where has the year gone!

As I write this I have memories of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, July & August heatwaves, the Women's Euro football matches at the New York Stadium and great summer staycation holidays to avoid flight dramas and disappointment and I'm looking forward to that illusive Indian summer through this coming month.

The flower holsters are back again and still blooming on lampposts throughout the village and the Parish Council hope you are as pleased as they are to have prioritised funding them again out of your Parish Precept.

We are really happy to share photos of Treeton celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with street decorations and street parties and of the Jubilee Bake Off competition inside this edition of the newsletter and I have to say those cakes were fabulous. We have some really talented bakers in Treeton and as a consequence are planning a Christmas Bake off. Look out for details in the coming weeks.

We have exciting news on our War Memorial project where we are progressing with the refurbishment of the memorial itself and have negotiated a transfer of the ownership of the plot of land to the rear and sides of the memorial from the Borough Council to the Parish Council. Our aim is to develop a really attractive and useful open space in the centre of the village for you all to enjoy both visually and practically as a place for quiet reflection and within this work on the trees to preserve and ensure their long term health. Wendy Parker-Foers is leading this project and really wants your views. There is more information inside and I do encourage any resident with an interest to get in touch with Wendy and maybe arrange to meet her on the site.

I am also really happy to share some good news from the Community Centre who have recently been awarded the Queen's Award for Community Services, a really proud moment for me with my 'other hat on' as Manager and Chairman of the Management Committee for the centre.

Councillor Terry Adair.
Chairman, Treeton Parish Council

#### Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was great to see the decorations and street parties over the long jubilee weekend at the beginning of June and the amazing skills of Treeton's bakers at the Treeton Bake off. The standard of baking and imagination of cake and cookie designs were amazing and we want to say a huge thank you to all of you that took part, you were tremendous

Thanks also to Beryl Nuttall for helping to organise the event and to Pat and Barbara who had the envious job of judging on the day.

We would also like to thank **Foers, Old Flatts Farm, Xhibit and Treeton News** for their very kind donation of prizes and to the **Miners Welfare Club**for the use of their function room for the day. Thank you all so much

It was a great event, really well received, not without the odd hitch or two and we will put the learning to use in our future events.



#### TREETON JUBILEE BAKE OFF THE RESULTS

VICTORIA SPONGE: JUBILEE CAKE:

1 ST RACHEL MARSHALL 1st RACHEL MARSHALL

2<sup>ND</sup> RUTH ROSS 2<sup>ND</sup> SUSAN BEEVERS

3rd Nadine Morritt 3RD BERYL LEE

COOKIES **CUP CAKES** 

1<sup>ST</sup> ISABELLE ROSS 1<sup>ST</sup> AVA JOHNS

2<sup>ND</sup> CHLOE ROSS

3RD NAOMI ROSS



















#### The Beryl Lee Award

The judges and Parish Council were really impressed by one baker and her masterpiece of a cake at the Bake Off and in recognition have decided that for future community competitions we will have a special award given at the judges discretion. From these pictures of Beryl baking her cake and the finished cake we hope you will agree.









#### What next .....

The Parish Council would really like to build on the success of the baking competition and on the interest expressed by bakers, judges, families and friends that encouraged and cheered our bakers to help organise more community activities.

Councillor Victoria Beckett is looking to start up an informal group of residents, young and old to work up ideas. Please do give her a ring 07932 719877

The Parish Council is happy to help.

We have already had a suggestion of a Christmas Bake Off but we are sure you will have loads of other ideas and we need you to get involved.



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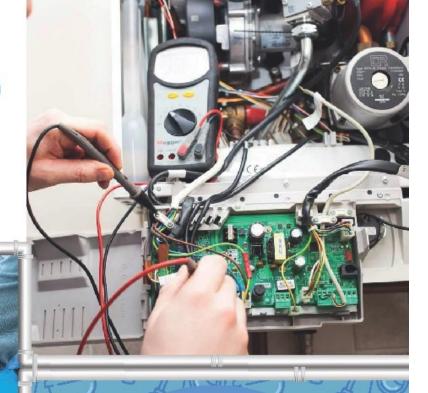




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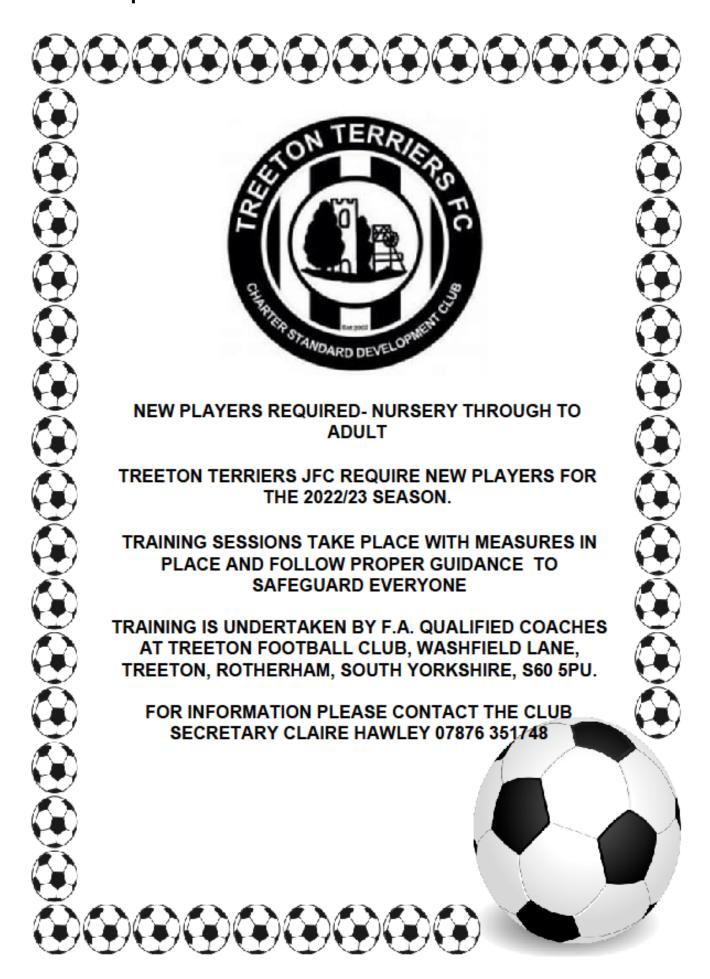
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# How To Book Your home emergency

If you need to book a plumbing or heating emergency, you can do so easily through our online booking form.





Tuesday morning - 7:30am or 9am Brinsworth West Community Centre S60 5DT

Tuesday evening - 5:30pm ONLY (7pm closed) Treeton Miner's Welfare S60 5PW

Wednesday evening - 3:30pm, 5pm or 6:30pm Brinsworth Social Club S60 5BX

Thursday morning - 9am or 10:30am Stag, Herringthorpe URC Church S60 4JN

Call/Text Caroline for more information 07857 979 258





## The Rising Cost of Living

Most households are concerned about the recent sharp rise in the cost of living and in particular the impact of rising fuel prices especially as summer is almost at an end.

There is some help available, it is however complex and can be confusing and sadly fraudsters are using this as an opportunity especially through 'cold calling' at homes and by gaining access to your information via the web. **Please do be alert and ask for help if you are at all unsure.** 

Below are headlines of the help currently on offer some of which is to all households and some to particular groups eg the elderly. There are also grants for those on certain benefits and support.

#### **Energy Bill Discount**

The government will give every household £400 off their electricity bill. This is called the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

You don't need to do anything to get the money, you will not be asked for your bank details and you won't have to pay it back. You'll get the £400 in 6 instalments starting from October 2022.

You'll get:

£66 in October and November

£67 in December, January, February and March

You'll get the discount monthly, even if you pay for your energy quarterly or use a payment card. How you get the discount will depend on how you pay for energy.

#### Winter Fuel Payment

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter. You can usually get a Winter Fuel Payment if you were born on or before 25 September 1956.

You'll automatically get an extra one-off 'pensioner cost of living payment' of £300 with your usual Winter Fuel Payment in either November or December.

You should start getting the Winter Fuel Payment automatically once you reach State Pension age, but sometimes you might need to apply. You can find out how to apply for the Winter Fuel Payment on GOV.UK.

#### **Cost of Living Payment**

Households on means tested benefits, including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credits, will receive a payment of £650 this year. This will be made automatically in two instalments, one in summer and another in the autumn, and is in addition to the £400 discount on energy bills.

#### Disability Cost of Living Payment

Individuals on disability benefits will receive a one-off £150 payment in September to help with extra costs, such as for specialist equipment or transport. This is in addition to the £650 Cost of Living Payment for disabled people who also receive means tested benefits.

#### **Warm Home Discount**

If you get benefits, you might be able to get £150 off your electricity bill or £150 added to your prepayment meter. You don't need to apply for the scheme - payments are automatic. You can only get the discount if your supplier is in the scheme. Check with your energy supplier to see if you are eligible

#### Rotherham Borough Council's Energy Crisis Support Scheme

Provides a payment of up to £250 to households struggling to meet the costs of their energy bills as a result of the significant rise in energy costs. Apply on their web site :https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/housing-grants-finance/energy-crisis-support-scheme

#### Grants to help pay off your energy debts

If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you might be able to get a grant to help pay it off.

The following energy suppliers offer grants to their customers: British Gas, Scottish Power, Ovo Energy E.ON Energy, E.ON Next Energy, EDF Energy, Bulb Energy, Octopus

If you can't get a grant from your supplier, you might be able to get a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust. These grants are available to anyone - you don't have to be a British Gas customer.

You'll need to get debt advice before applying - get help from a debt adviser. If you've already spoken to a debt adviser - check if you can get a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust.

#### Where to get help

Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 278 7911 Book a video advice call back 01709 515680 On the web: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/

## **Community Groups**

Treeton has a thriving range of community groups and activities that have now resumed however dates/times may have changed. Please do get in touch with individual organisers if you are interested in any of the groups to check dates, meeting times and to find out more.

#### St Helen's Church

St Helen's Church is part of the Rivers Team of churches and are offering a service at St Helen's on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11am.

The weekly Sunday service is at St Lawrence's Church, Tinsley at 10.30am, these services are streamed on-line. For further information or help about Baptisms or Weddings or to speak to a member of the clergy in confidence at the Team Office 01709 361630 or see their website for details: therivers-team.com.

#### St Helen's Church Coffee Pot

The weekly coffee morning has restarted it is held every Thursday 10am to 12 noon at St Helen's Church, do come along for toasted teacakes and a friendly chat.

#### Friend's Of St Helen's Church Heritage Trust

Friends of St Helen's church, work with the church to give practical support to the eleventh century Grade 1 listed building. The Trust continues to and is dedicated to supporting the Ancient Building. New members are very welcome and annual subs are just £3pp.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Wendy Parker-Foers on 0797 3310 680.

#### **Treeton Baptist Church**

Weekly services are held at 10.45am each Sunday morning with Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. The 2nd Sunday of each month is Children's story time.

The church also provides infant and child dedications, weddings and wedding vow renewals and funeral services. For more information please leave telephone on 0114 2694000 or go to their website for details: https://www.treetonbaptist.org.uk/welcome.htm and follow the inks to send a message.

#### **Treeton Baptist Church Friendship Lunch**

Held the last Tuesday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Soup with a roll, homemade pudding and tea or coffee. All welcome cost £2.00. Please ring 0114 2694000 to confirm the lunch is taking place.

#### **Treeton Baptist Church Community Library & Coffee Morning**

Held every Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.to exchange books and jigsaws. Refreshments available. Bookworms activities sessions for children during school holidays 9.30 a.m. to 12.30

## **Community Groups cont.....**

#### **Treeton Trudgers Walking Group**

Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the top of Washfield Lane for all except evening walks, with packed lunch, stout shoes and waterproof clothing. Generally held on the last Saturday in each month. All walks are around 4 miles long. All welcome, transport not essential.



For further details contact Ian Wall on 01709 519125 or Jim Cunliffe on 07867 641405.

#### Exercise for the over 60's



It's never too late to keep fit. Exercise classes for the over 60's or anyone with disabilities are held at Treeton Baptist Church every Thursday 2.30-3.30 p.m. The classes are led by Carole Burgin a trained 'Extend Exercise Instructor'.

Please ring Carole on 07969 073111 for further details.

#### **Treeton Miners Welfare Club - Sewing Class**

Has been running for over 25 years. Soft furnishing, dressmaking, patchwork, quilting, knitting etc., Every Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm. to 3.00pm. Refreshments available - Tea, Coffee etc., We have sewing machines and overlockers for use.



For more details contact Pat Trow on 01709 821363

### **Treeton Medical Centre News**

**Covid Updates -**Masks are still required when entering the surgery this is to protect our staff and patients. A range of appointments are available, including telephone, video and face to face.

#### **Surgery Closure Dates for Training and Bank Holidays**

Thursdays -15th September, 13th October & 10th November the surgery is closed from 12noon for training Monday 26th December & Tuesday 27th December Bank Holidays the surgery is closed all day

#### Flu and Covid Boosters

We will shortly be opening appointments for our Flu and Covid Booster clinics, you should received a SMS link to book your appointment if you are eligible and we have an up to date mobile number on your records. If you do not receive a message due to us not having a mobile number for you, updates will be on our website when appointments are bookable for you to contact the surgery.

Eligible Cohorts for this year for Flu: all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022 • those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups 2 • pregnant women • those aged 65 years and over • carers • close contacts of immunocompromised individuals • frontline NHS and Care home staff

<u>Eligible Cohorts for Covid Booster</u>: Over 50's • aged 5-49 in a clinical risk group,• pregnant women • close contacts of immunocompromised • aged 16-49 who are carers • residents of care homes • frontline health & social care workers.

#### **Booking Online Appointments**

Please ensure you book into the correct slot type:

TELEPHONE & FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS - Please ensure you have booked in appropriately. You must wear a Face covering for all face to face appointments. For Telephone consultations please ensure you are available within 30mins before and after your appointment time as we cannot guarantee you will be contacted at exactly this time due to delays.

SMEAR APPOINTMENTS (nurse clinic)- only book if you have received an invite from the surgery or from cervical screening. If you are not due for a smear this will discarded by the laboratory.

ADVANCE NURSE PRACTITIONER - The advanced nurse practitioner can deal with headaches, chest infections, sore throat, sinusitis, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, heartburn, sickness, UTI, thrush, gout, new neck or back problems, acne, eczema, rashes, warts, verrucae, impetigo, bites, ingrowing toenails, allergic reactions, hay fever, asthma attacks, medication reviews. The appointments are not appropriate for pregnant ladies or mental health issues. We have both female and male ANP's please do not book with Richard Sharp for female problems. Breast lumps will need to be booked in with a GP

PHARMACY APPOINTMENTS – Theses appointments are only for medication reviews.

ROTHERHAM HUB SERVICES include Physio appointments, Advanced Nurse Practitioner & GP telephone Bookable through Rotherham Health APP. Self-referrals to Ear Care, Continence and Mental Health Services. Appointments can be booked up to 28 days in advance online and with the reception team. Please try to ring after 10am if you do not require an on the day appointment or alternatively let the reception staff know your appointment request is not urgent. This will help patients who need to be seen on the same day access appointments.

#### **Travel Vaccination**

Now travel restrictions are being lifted and we begin to travel abroad again patients should ensure they are up to date with travel vaccinations. Patients should book at least 6-8wks prior to travel, this will allow time to build up immunity. You will require a 20min appointment followed by an additional 10 mins for each traveller. For information on vaccination required https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/

#### **Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

We would like to engage with our practice population on some of the issues we are facing at our surgery and are looking for enthusiastic patients who would like to run/be part of a PPG. We are interested in your views and support to improve our services and communication between the surgery and patients. This is not a forum for complaints it is a constructive way to engage ideas and support. If you feel you could offer a positive contribution to the PPG please get in touch with us.

#### **Useful websites**

https://rotherhive.co.uk/ **RotherHive** provides a range of verified practical mental health and wellbeing information, support and advice for adults in Rotherham – alcohol, bereavement, carers, dementia, depression / anxiety / stress, gambling, domestic abuse, drugs, homeless, mental health, perinatal, self harm / neglect, suicide prevention. Deaf support services. https://www.rotherhamgismo.org.uk/about/ **Rotherham Gismo**, the online directory of not-for-profit groups providing help and support to people living and working in the area. The site features around 600 groups offering a wide range of support services to individuals in the community. Each group has its own page to explain their aims and highlight the various services and activities they provide.

https://yourhealthrotherham.co.uk/ NHS Rotherham CCG Information, resources and advice to help you look after your health including information about COVID vaccines.

https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/websites https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/http://www.healthforteens.co.uk/ This is a collection of websites that provide information and support to young people and families. If you click on the image it will open the website in a new window. Most of the sites are free though some have paid components to access added resources/support.

#### Practice Website

## **News from across Treeton**

The summer flower holsters returned to lampposts immediately after the Platinum Jubilee & Shaun has planted out the mine wheel and coal tubs.

Thank you to Andy for help with watering Mill Lane wheel.

We really hope you're enjoying seeing them bloom and brighten our village











#### Allotments to rent

The Parish Council have allotments at the back of Well Lane, off Rother Crescent and at the back of Mill Lane and as a result of turnover of tenancies whilst all our plots are currently let there is a very short waiting list for the plots at the back of Mill Lane and off Rother Crescent. If you are interested in being added to the waiting list to rent a plot please get in touch with the Clerk by email at treetonpc@aol.com or telephone 01226 745910.

## Changes on the Parish Council Would you like to be a Parish Councillor and help make Treeton a better place to live?

As a result of the resignation by one of our Parish Councillors we now have a vacancy. We advertised this casual vacancy at the end of April and as there has been no call for a by-election the Parish Council is now able to co-opt into this seat.

Co-option is a process whereby the Parish Council considers applications from interested persons and can then select people to fill the seats.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please write to us and include a few details of why you would like to become a Parish Councillor together with the skills and experience that you have for the role.

If you need any information about qualifications for eligibility (these are residency/ presence in the village etc.) or just want more information about the role, please contact our Clerk: e-mail treetonpc@aol.com or telephone 01226 745910.

#### **War Memorial Project**

We mentioned in the June Newsletter that we were looking at restoring our war memorial and tidying up the land to the rear of it and Wendy Parker-Foers who is leading this project and has been hard at work has some great news to report and also needs your views and ideas as we develop plans.





How would you like this space to look?



We are really pleased to be able to share that work has started and to thank Equans who painted the railings for us and did some pointing of the flagged base in June as one of their social responsibility projects.

Wendy has now turned her attention to professional cleaning and restoration of the memorial itself. Please be reassured she is sourcing experts in the cleaning of historic stone work and be prepared to see scaffolding and the area 'off limits' for a few days whilst this takes place, hopefully in the early autumn.

Railings before







We aim to clean weathering and algae off the stonework & clean and repair the lead lettering







We have negotiated the transfer of ownership of the land surrounding our war memorial from RMBC to the Parish Council at nil cost to us and once the legal processes to transfer ownership are complete it will allow us to develop the site into an area fit for the centre of our village, both attractive to look at as you walk past and to provide a pleasant space for quiet reflection.

Those of you with long memories will recall there used to be cottages on the site and since, we assume their compulsory purchase, whilst the land had some early landscaping by RMBC it has now become very overgrown with brambles, heavy ivy, some of it dead and sitting atop mostly self set trees which have grown without any pruning or care and so are too close together with some having dead boughs which can make them dangerous. This means an early task will be to undertake significant professional tree work including some felling to ensure the future of health of the trees and to allow us to open up what has become an ever decreasing grassed area.

We have already started seeking expert advice and need to sit that with local opinion.

#### **War Memorial Project**

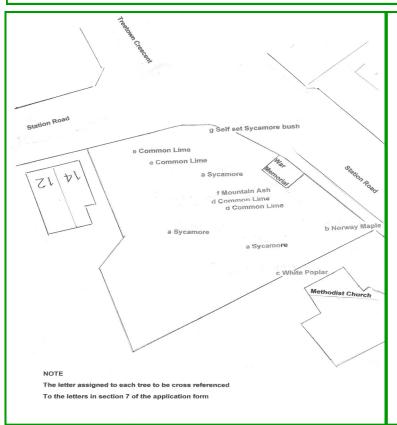
We have submitted a planning application to fell 3 of the sycamore trees to allow additional light into the area to provide the remaining trees with a better environment in which to thrive and to undertake pruning work essential to properly shape and balance other trees alongside removing dead wood and dead ivy within them.

We have selected these 3 trees on the basis of expert advice that they are a very intrusive type of tree which overshadows all others and needs around 8metres around each of them, they don't have this amount of space and so have crowded and taken light from the other trees affecting their ability to grow properly.

We need to seek planning permission because the site lies within the historic centre and conservation area of our village and whilst we have sourced our own tree specialist to help guide and inform our plans it will be helpful to also draw on expertise at the Borough Council.

You will see the statutory notices advertising our planning application close to the site & there are details in the Reading Room and below.

We welcome your views, please come & talk to Wendy during one of the Wednesday morning drop ins or stop her while she's out and about the village.



- **a** 3 x Mature Sycamores situated around the site to be felled to ground level.
- **b** 1 x Norway Maple to the left of the memorial (from Station Road) to be crown reduced by 30% and shaped.
- c 1 x White Poplar situated adjacent to the Norway Maple is misshaped and is to be pruned and reshaped.
- **d** 2 x Common Limes situated to the rear of the memorial to be reduced in height by about 5 metres and shaped.
- e 2 x Common Limes situated to the rear right have dead ivy in the crown. These are to be reduced in height by about 5 metres & shaped and the dead ivy removed from within the crowns of both trees.
- f 1 x Mountain Ash situated behind the 2 Common Lime (d) to have dead wood removed.

Our aim is to open up the space and ensure the remaining trees have the space they need to grow healthily, we plan to clear out the undergrowth, trim and tidy shrubs across the site, remove self seeded sycamores and ivy on the perimeter to a create a light and pleasant open space and garden around our war memorial fit for the centre of Treeton. We will also need to look at the hard paved areas and tidy them too alongside checking our boundary walls and fences.

We would like you views on maybe bulbs and bedding plants, other ground level planting, perhaps seating and so creating a Jubilee garden.

These are our ideas, what are your thoughts?

Wendy is looking forward to hearing your suggestions please do give her a ring on 07973 310 680 she is happy to hear what you think and chat through suggestions.

## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

## The Parish Council Team

Chairperson: Terry Adair - 07886 520586 Vice Chairperson: Wendy Parker-Foers - 07973 310680

#### **COUNCILLORS**

01142 690732 Andrew Badger Victoria Beckett 07932 719877 **Bob Croxton** 07750 489803 07939 282632 Olly Dixon **Eve Levin** 07445 382861

> Clerk: Julie James 01226 745910 Village team: Shaun Singleton

## **Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Our meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend and at the beginning of each meeting there is an opportunity for anyone attending to speak or to ask questions.

They are held in the Reading Room and commence at 6.30pm on:

26th September ~ 21st November 24th October ~ 12th December

## **Rothervale Ward Councillors**

Amy Brookes - Tel: 01709 255943 (Labour) - email: amy.brookes@rotherham.gov.uk

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## The Reading Room is Open

Come and join us alternate **Wednesday mornings 10.00-11.00** for a general community drop in & chat.

There will be a surgery hosted by one of your Parish Councillors along with a Rotherham Council Housing Champion and Community Police Support Officer who will be there to talk over any housing and other concerns you need help with.

The next ones are 14th & 28th September; 12th & 26th October; 9th & 30th November

Look out for dates on the notice board outside the Reading Room

## **Community Centre**

Treeton Community Centre is fully open. Here are details of activities the centre is currently running

Monday	Sewing Class Youth Club Scouts	1.30pm - 3.30pm 4.45pm - 7.00pm 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Sewing Class	9.30am -12.30pm
Wednesday	Baby Boomers Beavers & Cubs	9.00am - 1.00pm 4.45pm - 8.45pm
Thursday	NHS Diabetic Referrals Youth Club	9.00am - 11.00am & 1.00pm - 2.30pm 4.45pm - 7.00pm
Friday	Cricket Training	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	Diddy Kicks	8.45am - 1.00pm
Saturday Last of the month	Country & Western	7.00pm -11.00pm

Numbers are limited on occasions to allow space for everyone to enjoy their activities safely so please do check ahead for any activity you are interesting in attending.

If you need any further information please contact Terry Adair on 07886 520586.

#### **Treeton Lunch Club**

Our lunch club has restarted, come along and enjoy a 2 course meal for £5 followed by bingo and raffle. Dates for your diary are 12.00-2.00pm on Thursdays:

22nd September

15th December.

Booking is essential. Call Terry on 07886 520586



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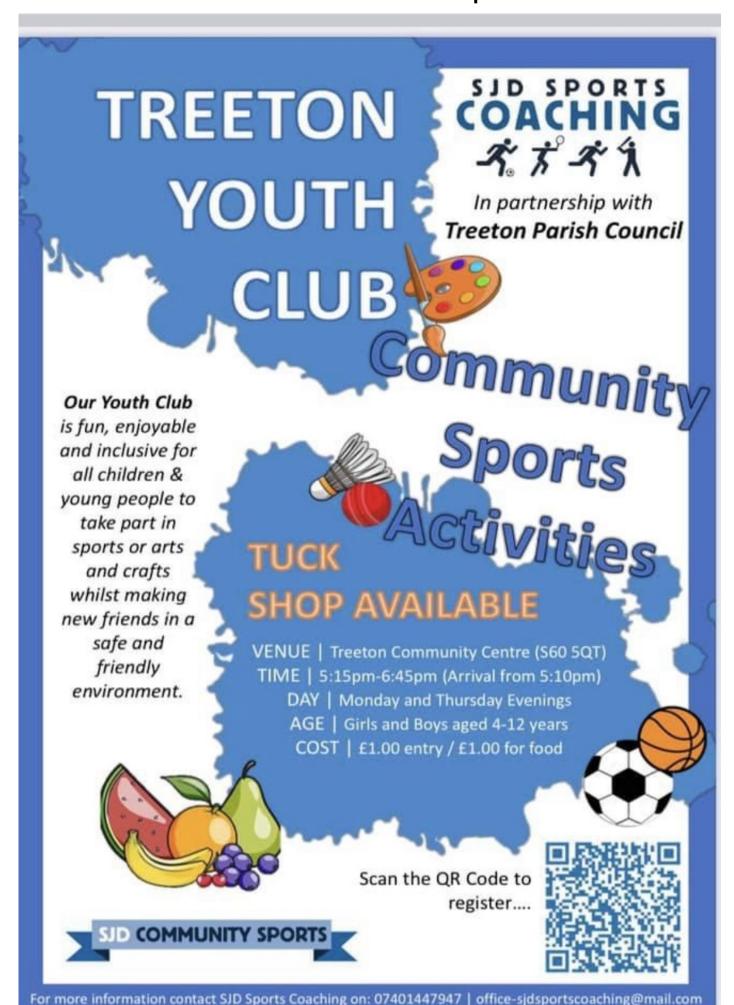
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