



Tintwistle Parish Council Newsletter July 2024

View from the Chair

Elections seem to be all around us this year. There are 195 countries across the globe. 64 countries, that is 49% of the people in the world, will be going to the polls at some time this year, including the UK. The results will inevitably determine the shape of the world to come. In some countries, voting is compulsory - Singapore, Australia, Greece, Argentina to name a few. In the majority of countries, it is a citizen's choice whether to vote or not. We hear more people in this country are disinclined to vote, influenced maybe by the inability of politicians to deliver on their promises or the unacceptable conduct of some of them. Whether you vote or not is your choice, but either way, someone or some political party will be in power because of those who went to a polling booth and put a cross on their voting form. The successful candidates will be responsible for determining the public services you receive, how much you pay for them and how effective they are and whether they meet your needs. We hear that many young voters (over 18s) are reluctant to make their choices at the ballot box. A tragedy in my view. Your

politicians need to hear your views, your priorities and be influenced by them. What do vou want for the families and communities of the future? Voting is as simple or complex as you want to make it. But it does involve critical thinking skills, weighing up the pros and cons. What have your candidates done to improve the lives of others, are they trustworthy, do they put their communities first? Listen to what candidates sav about each other, their motivations, the example they set. Are they truly interested in combating climate change, do they understand the challenges of living in a rural community where public transport is limited, do they appreciate what it is like being a young person in an area that feels unsafe? And then there are the myriads of elections that take place every year at annual general meetings when an association, club or local organisation choose their Committee positions. Any role on a Committee comes with a degree of power and authority. As a voter you entrust these people to do their job, as a chairperson, treasurer, secretary and to do it with kindness, diligence and expertise. Who puts them there? We all do by



voting, or not. By not voting you let others have their say but any views you have – and we all have those! - will not be taken into account. You will have to roll with the majority. When it's all over I believe we, as citizens, then have a duty to hold to account those who have been elected. We need to question and support, as the successfully elected get on with their jobs, to help them be more effective.

The next Parish Council election is in 2027. Your Council has three more years to deliver on their priorities. Hold us to account, but also ask what can I do to contribute to my community's wellbeing.

Cllr Marianne Stevenson

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Talking to the Young People

So often, regretfully, our children and young people get left out of the picture when it comes to planning services and new facilities. The Parish Council is trying to put that right. Cllrs Anthony Vanterpool and Marianne Stevenson arranged to meet groups of students with the assistance of staff at Glossopdale School. We particularly wanted to find out what activities we could provide in a new Community Centre and how we could make more effective use of the Sexton Street field. The young people we listened to were not short of ideas! We have splendid and well-run football and cricket clubs which are attracting an increasing

number of children and young people, but if that is not your thing, then what else is there? This list gives you an idea of the range of activities they came up with ~ netball, orienteering, film club, cooking classes, rounders, an arts & crafts club, cricket nets, basketball, archery, somewhere just to cool down and chat to their friends, a homework club, a youth club, a reading club, a drama club, challenges in the summer holiday. They liked the space to kick a football around on the Sexton Street field but was there any chance of levelling it? They liked the tennis/basketball

court area but, rightly pointed out, it needs repairs and, if possible, enlargement. Some of the students liked the idea of a Youth Council, where they could be trained as young councillors to feed ideas and opinions into the current Parish Council. Councillors are working on what can be provided in the short term. Meanwhile do keep the ideas coming and the Parish Council will search for funds to make it happen. A huge thank you to our young people who joined the sessions, for making the time and sharing your suggestions.

Cllrs Marianne Stevenson and Anthony Vanterpool

Improving river water quality in Tintwistle

Here at United Utilities, we're taking action to improve river health in your area. We've carried out, and continue to carry out, wastewater treatment upgrades in Derbyshire, with more schemes planned at our works in Glossop, Whaley Bridge and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

We are also making significant investment in our operations to increase the treatment capacity of our works in Tintwistle. This investment will help to reduce storm overflow spills into the River Etherow, protecting wildlife and habitats in the area.

Stop the Block

Millions of pounds are spent cleaning drains and sewers right across our region because of products that shouldn't be in them. Wet wipes, period products, cotton buds, nappies and dental floss are just some of the culprits. Flushed wet wipes don't just disappear down the u -bend and disintegrate, they clump together and cause havoc in the pipes, drains and sewers.

Doing your bit for Tintwistle

Did you know you can help improve river water quality too? By making small changes to your daily habits, you can help to protect your home, neighbourhood and the River Etherow.

Only flush the 3Ps down your loo – that's Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper

Put all wet wipes, period products and bathroom rubbish in the bin.

Please also remember to scrape cooled cooking oils, fats and any leftover food waste into the bin. Cooking fats and oils can also create blockages known as 'fatbergs' (a congealed mass of fats, oils and bathroom rubbish) which clog up the underground sewer pipes. Blockages can lead to sewer flooding in homes and the environment.

Thank you for your help in protecting the River Etherow.

To find out more about our investment plans to improve the North West's rivers, please visit http://www.unitedutilities.com/ better-rivers/

Shelina Begum United Utilities



Tintwistle Well Dressing 2024

Every year, Tintwistle Ladies, the village Well Dressing association, designs and makes the Well Dressing board which is installed at the Holybank Quarry well on Old Road. It depicts either a local, national or global event. This year our theme was the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings. The people who support and help us are too numerous to list, but a massive thank you to them, the ladies who spend a full week to do the 'petalling', and the residents of Tintwistle who support us every year by turning up, rain or shine, for the Well Dressing Service, when the wells are blessed.

More recently, Tintwistle

CofE Primary School have been creating a Well Dressing at the small well further down Old Road. They did a most effective Well Dressing, also commemorating the D Day Landings.

Paula Lord Chair, Tintwistle Ladies





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That Road? We're on it....I



National Highways (NH) is responsible for the A628 which passes through Crowden, Tintwistle and on to Hollingworth. The Parish Council has developed a strong working relationship with the Regional Route Manager. This means we can get timely information in advance of press releases and gain details which are specific to the Parish.

The Village Gateway Scheme, which the Parish Council instigated with NH for quietening and pacifying traffic speeds, is well underway in the planning stages and it is expected to be delivered during the later part of this year and early 2025. It will also include road resurfacing and grid improvements. Repairs to the dilapidated stone walls and accumulated rubbish, along The Woodhead Road between Millbrook and Saltersbrook, are being dealt with by NH on a piecemeal schedule. They do not merit partial road closures alone, only when other roadworks are being carried out and the damaged walls are nearby.

The poor state of 'The Cat's Eyes' along the A628 is a matter of concern for NH and villagers, who have seen these loosen and become projectiles due to traffic and road use. This repair and revision is in the final stages of being addressed and acted upon.

The improved street lighting seems to be very effective and trouble-free but we have brought to NH's attention any overhanging tree foliage which is causing darkened areas. They are planning to remove the excess tree growth. The Parish Council strives to enable this busy road to be as safe as possible for residents and road users alike. Any defects that you notice, when brought to our attention, can be forwarded & reported to NH.

We are taking stock of the state of grids/gullies through Tintwistle/Crowden. We shall take photographs and provide a damage description, then submit these to NH for appraisal so that comprehensive work proа gramme can be considered. Improvements and repairs to potholes, grids and lighting on our side roads, however, are not under the jurisdiction of National Highways but are the responsibilities of Derbyshire County Council. We, and our Borough Councillor, Rob Baker, are constantly reporting the defects and difficulties that residents face.

The Parish Council has no powers or the budget to carry out any roadworks ourselves, but we can constantly badger the authorities to provide safe speeds, adequate maintenance and flood prevention for the safety and wellbeing of our village residents.

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The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings - Thursday 6 June 2024

This was a significant event in the Tintwistle War Memorial Association's calendar. It was supported by Tintwistle Parish Council, who had secured a grant from High Peak Borough Council. The grant contributed to the flowers for this year's Well Dressing, the subject of both the Tintwistle CofE School's and the Tintwistle Well Dressing Association's was the D Day Landings.

From 8.30pm people began to assemble around the Cenotaph, the bunting fluttering gently in the chilly wind, while 1940's songs were being played. Norman Winterbottom had taken his impressive American 1940's jeep out of mothballs and stationed it by the Memorial for all to examine. Cllr Shaun Grace supported by local children, Tilly, Willow & Billy lit up the Beacon. Gary Brierley played the original recording of General Eisenhower's announcement of the 'Overlord' invasion of the Normandy beaches, which had involved the largest number of servicemen and women in recorded history. We all stood motionless during the two-minute silence, as we dwelt on this extraordinary anniversarv.

In addition, the grant has funded



two pink cherry trees, one of which will be planted on the grassy bank by the Cenotaph and the other in the churchyard at St James' Chapel. We shall let you know when the tree planting ceremony will take place, and all will be invited to attend. Plaques will be installed commemorating the anniversary.

Thank you everyone who came out on a very chilly night to remember the brave service people who lost their lives that day 80 years ago.

Susan Brierley Tintwistle War Memorial Association Cllr Marianne Stevenson







Christmas Tree Lights

Each year, Tintwistle Parish Council decorates the conifer tree up at the Cenotaph with lights. These lights are well past their best and need to be replaced.

This year the Parish Council would like to invite a sponsor to provide the lights. The sponsor's contribution will be acknowledged and publicised by the Council. Would you, your organisation or business like to be the first sponsor? We hope someone can help us make sure 2024 has a tree that we can all be proud of! Please contact Cllr Shaun Grace on:

shaunrecymec@hotmail.com or 07774 812801

Cllr Shaun Grace

Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2024

Last year Dorothy Crutchley, who has organised the provision of poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday from the British Legion for over 20 years, finally gave up her role. The digital age had replaced pen, paper and cheques and she felt, quite rightly, that she 'had done her bit'. Her legacy was a comprehensive notebook detailing exactly how she had organised everything - invaluable! Earlier this year, Mary Bagshaw, a member of the Hollingworth and Tintwistle British Legion, informed the Tintwistle War Memorial Association (TWMA) that this local group was disbanding and therefore Tintwistle needed to decide how wreaths would be supplied and distributed in future years. As they had a bank account could they help? The TWMA (Bill Clarke, Shaun Grace, Susan Brierley, Ann Rochell and Marianne Stevenson) agreed that they could take on the task. So, this year your wreaths will be organised by the TWMA. To en-



sure we order enough, we need to know as soon as possible if you would like a wreath. We plan to maintain the orders for the groups that have ordered year on year (we have Dorothy's list!) so if your business or group hasn't had a wreath before and would like to, or if you no longer want one, please contact:

Susan Brierley on 01457 862032 keithbrierley92@btinternet.com

Marianne Stevenson on 07878 777056 or

stevensonmc@hotmail.com

We are very grateful to the Conservative Club who store the wreaths until they are distributed. The TWMA will make sure you receive your wreath in advance of 10 November, and we will let you know how to pay. A service sheet is compiled each year and those laying wreaths on the day are listed on it.

If you have any questions, please do contact Marianne Stevenson or Susan Brierley.

Susan Brierley Cllr Marianne Stevenson



Green Champions

Before she sadly passed away, we approached Dame Vivienne Westwood, about our Green Champions campaign, and she gladly signed some certificates. Dame Vivienne was a staunch supporter of combating climate change, campaigning at every level. We have now launched Tintwistle & Crowden's Green Champions and we hope as many people as possible will take part to nominate their 'green champion'. Nomination forms are in Pixie Bakes and The Village Store on New Road, or you can get more details by sending an email to tintwistle.climate@gmail.com



Tintwistle Summer Market & Big Go Green Event



Parish Council Community Fund 2024/25

The Parish Council Community Fund, open to local, notfor-profit community organisations, is launching its first 2024/25 round on 1 July 2024, closing on 22 July. Application forms are available on the Parish Council website, Pixie Bakes or the Village shop for your specific organisation to apply for up to £150 towards a project of your

UP TO £150 PER APPLICATION. DON'T DELAY APPLY TODAY AS FUNDS ARE LIMITED choice. You must be a Tintwistle-based Community Organisation, be constitutionally established with a bank account and your application must demonstrate visible and appropriate community benefits. Evidence of safeguarding and DBS checks will be required, where appropriate. **Cllr Allan Dyer**

Community Fund Chair

Dates for your Diary 2024...

Tintwistle Village Club

Saturday 27 Jul 8:30pm Marie Lowry

Saturday 10 Aug 8pm Mamma Mia Party

Saturday 31 Aug 8:30pm Rachel Farrow

Saturday 28 Sep 8:30pm Elaine B Bailey

TAGA

Bacon Butty Sundays

4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct 10am - 1pm Arnfield Cabin, off Old Road

Annual Show

Saturday 14 Sep 1pm to 5pm Sexton Street, Tintwistle

United Reformed Church

Open Air Services on 21 July and 11 August both at 10:30am on Chapel Brow.

Messy Church 14 July 2-3:30pm in the main church building, upstairs

Tintwistle Conservative Club

Every 3rd Saturday Bingo & Coffee Morning 11am, Eyes Down 11:30am (In aid of Over 70's Christmas Party)

Sunday 4 Aug 3:30pm Dale Rocks

St James Church, Woodhead

Monday 1 July **"A Trip Through Time"** Tim Campbell-Green Matt Hill

Monday 8 July "Escape from the City" Matt Ross—PDNP Ranger Theatre premiere of "A Picnic at Woodhead"

> Monday 15 July **"Lines on the Land"** Tim Campbell-Green Mr Magpie

Monday 22 July **"A Sonic Celebration"** Clare Savory and Arnfield Brass Band and a comedic re-telling of witches & folklore

Details of all the above events on https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ longendale-tales-arts-collective-70818140013

Christ Church Tintwistle

Saturday 21 Sep 10am ~ 1pm Autumn Fayre

Saturday 9 Nov 2 ~ 4pm Brass Band Concert

Tintwistle Summer Market

Sunday 14 Jul 12noon ~ 5pm Sexton Street, Tintwistle

Tintwistle Cricket Club

Friday 19 July - Saturday 20 July Gin Fest 2024 Friday 19 July Junior Presentation & Pizza Saturday 20 July Live Music and Street Food From 4pm

Tintwistle Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday morning 10am to 11am at the Community Centre, Sexton Street, Tintwistle Coffee, Tea, Cakes and a Raffle

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