

Tintwistle Together



Tintwistle Together is still there for us all! Back in March 2020 as the Covid pandemic began a mutual support group was formed to help people of the village who needed practical support due to isolating or shielding. Many villagers volunteered to help others and many benefited from support with things like shopping or prescription collection. It was great to see everybody supporting each other at such a time of need. The group is here to stay

for a little longer and has expanded to support people of the village who may need it for any reason, not just related to the pandemic.

The group can link people of all ages with a willing volunteer to support with a range of practical tasks including shopping, prescription collection and snow/ice path clearing. They can also arrange for telephone calls for anybody who is feeling the need for a

friendly chat or even link people up to exercise outdoors.

Please remind your friends and neighbours that the group is there for all of us. They can be contacted on: Tel: 07519504889 via email: tintwistlehelp@gmail.com.

They also have a Facebook group: Tintwistle Together Community Support.

Sarah Leah

Another Village Defibrillator

Defibrillators are devices used in cases of cardiac arrest, restoring a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse to the heart. We have two in the village already, one at the Tintwistle Football Club and one outside the Conservative Club. However, there isn't one at the east end of the village so we have succeeded in arranging for an additional one to be installed outside the United Reformed Church. The Parish Council would like to convey their sincere gratitude to URC for giving their permission. The Church

will receive an annual payment to cover the cost of electricity and lighting. The Council has funded the purchase and installation at a cost of just over £2,500.00. A Tintwistle resident, Sharon Whiting, has kindly agreed to be responsible for regularly checking all three devices. One of the new conditions for supplying Heartsafe defibrillators is that they are identified by the **“What Three Words” app** and the **“What Three Words”** for all of our defibrillators are: The Football Club is **“posed. joyous-**

ly.inform”, Conservative Club is **“minivans. left.breeding”** and the United Reformed Church is **“distanced.sleeping.sprinkler”**

Cllr Tony Owens

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The Parish Council Precept

Councils are granted powers by Parliament including the authority to raise money through taxation. The precept is the Parish Council share of the Council Tax everyone pays. Every year,

at this time, Parish Councils determine their precept for the following financial year. The Tintwistle precept demand goes to the High Peak Borough Council, which is the

responsible authority for collecting the tax. Parish Councils can decide to raise or lower their precept. This year, Tintwistle Parish Council is maintaining the current precept level.

New Residents in Tintwistle

As a Parish Council we have no way of knowing, except by word of mouth, who has recently found a home in Tintwistle. However, we would like to give you a warm welcome and hope that you are settling in happily. It so happens that we

have Councillors running the only two businesses that can currently open due to Covid restrictions. Cllr Natasha Naz runs the Village Store and Cllr Emily Scriven you will find behind the counter at Pixie Bakes. Do feel free to

ask them about anything you need to know about Tintwistle and its surroundings. If they don't know you can be sure they know someone who does!

Cllr Marianne Stevenson

Allotments in Tintwistle

Following the inspection of plots in August 2020 and the appeals process, there are 6 new plots on the Arnfield site. The Clerk will contact those next in line on the waiting list.

There has been an increase in rat sightings. It is every ten-

ant's responsibility to help keep the rat population under control. Please email Marianne Stevenson if you need any advice. If you are struggling to maintain your allotment, please contact me, Cllr Pat Jenner, as it may be possible to subdivide your

plot. There will be a further inspection of all plots in early March 2021.

Cllr Pat Jenner, Chair of the Allotments Sub-Committee

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Tony's Targets

We have many unsung heroes in Tintwistle. Cllr Tony Owens is one of them. He has taken it on himself to keep a weather eye on all our gullies, drains and street lamps in the village. He has been responsible over the last two years for alerting Highways

England, High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council as soon as he is aware of blockages and outages. Sometimes this will take many prompts, sometimes there is a surprisingly quick response. Tony is delighted that the large pothole

just before you get to Millbrook has now been repaired after only one alert. This is what keeps Tony happy! Please let him know if you spot an overflowing drain or a streetlamp that isn't working. Tony will be on to it!!

Holybank Quarry ~ A First !!

Tintwistle Parish Council owns a piece of land called Holybank Quarry. It has lain undisturbed for decades apart from dog walkers, ramblers and the occasional abseiler attempting to climb the rocks. Two Councillors, Tony Owens and Marianne Stevenson, invited Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to visit the area in December and advise on how it could be retained for nature conservation. The DWT Regional Manager, Dave Savage was quite excited – the quarry, because it has been untouched for so long, has some interesting

flora and very few introduced species. He suggested that Tintwistle Parish Council sign up to the Trust's new initiative and become the first Parish Council to join the 'Wild Peak Network'. The Network is a movement of landowners and enthusiasts that want to improve biodiversity by managing their land a little differently – leaving land for nature to decide how it will be managed; allowing wildlife to lead on its own management. If human intervention is required, for example due to a decline in a species, then Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

will take appropriate action. Dave Savage and the new officer for the region will be visiting the Holybank Quarry in two weeks' time to support Tintwistle Parish Council in determining what practices they need to adopt to improve biodiversity in this area. Meanwhile the Parish Council is inviting local people to become 'Friends of Holybank Quarry' and contribute to maintaining this beautiful spot for future generations.

Please contact Cllr Marianne Stevenson

New Community Fund

At the Council's meeting on 14 December 2020, it was agreed to convert the Chair's Allowance to a Community Fund. £1,200.00 was earmarked for the fund and it was promoted with local organisations being invited to apply for funding pots of £100.00 or less. The

Selection Panel made 8 awards and a total of £744.00 was allocated in January 2021. At the Council meeting on 15 February it was proposed that the Community Fund should be continued as a discrete fund with an allocation of £1,000.00 a year. It was agreed that the Chair's

Allowance should be converted into a separate budget for Councillors' Business Expenses.

Cllr Marianne Stevenson

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A New Bus Shelter

As we go to print, some of you will have noticed that we have a new modern bus shelter installed by Derbyshire County

Council. The Parish Council will continue to be responsible for keeping the shelter clean and in good condition



Hurrah! More dog poo bins

At their February meeting the Parish Council agreed to the installation of three more dog waste bins to the five that have already been installed over the last two years. They will be sited in Crowden, beside the campsite, on Crossgates Lane at the end of the public footpath, and another one on the Sexton

Street field. The Parish Council will continue to be responsible for emptying the bins on a regular basis.

Cllr Emily Scriven

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Remember the crocuses— well here they are.....

4000 of them in total, planted in various places around the Village. Photo opposite of the ones in the round bed at the junction of Old Road and

Church Street, with the Rotary Club Plaque taking pride of place. A real sign of Spring for sure.....enjoy!



Role of the Parish Clerk/RFO

The Parish Clerk/RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) is a professional officer who has a key role in advising the Parish Council and its Councillors on governance, Ethical issues and procedural matters. The Clerk also ensures that other processes affecting the running of the Parish Council are observed. In addition the Clerk is entrusted to provide independent, objective and professional advice and support. The Clerk is responsible for financial matters relating to the Parish Council and an aspect of the Clerk's duties is to support the Council be-

fore, during and after meetings; gathering documentation for meetings and taking action to implement Council decisions.

The role of the Clerk is a mixture of the routine and the new. I enjoy the variety of the role as I am constantly working and communicating with different agencies, partners and local residents in relation to Council interests.

One aspect of the Clerk's role I enjoy is engaging with local residents (pre-covid, of course) ie coffee mornings and working with



unpaid Parish Councillors who to maintain and improve their community.

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Tintwistle Ladies / Well Dressing

Well dressing also known as well flowering is a tradition practised in some parts of rural England in which wells springs and other sources are decorated with designs created from flower petals. The custom is most associated with the Peak District of Derbyshire and Staffordshire. The true origins of well dressing are lost in the mist of time. According to some sources it developed from a pagan custom of making sacrifices to the gods of wells and springs to continue the supply of fresh water.

In 2009 a group of ladies from Tintwistle led by Lilian Marshal decided to recommence well dressing in the village, initially undertaken by the WI, but due to circumstances had ceased a few years before. Enthusiastic for the continuation, eleven women, with only four of the group with previous dressing experience, got together and planned how we could continue. Needless to say their help was invaluable to us “newbies”.

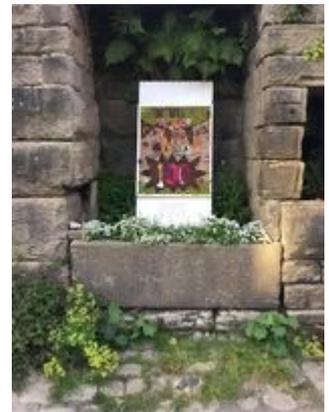
Since 2009 every year we produce a design specifically concentrating on our village of Tintwistle, that is until 2020 when COVID 19 stopped any outside gatherings. We are a voluntary organisation with no official funding so all money required to buy clay and flowers comes from different sources, mainly by holding afternoon teas, raffles, beetle drives and contributions from both TPC & HPBC. Over the years we have welcomed new members and said goodbye to others. The process of completing a design takes

some 6-7 days, but what satisfaction when all is done and the design comes to life! After this a group of men in the village place the board beside Holy Well on Old Road, which is still a running well. On the evening of completion we have a service at the well with vicars from both the village churches taking part.

In recent years the children from Tintwistle school have joined in the tradition, learning the skill of petaling to produce their own design board. This is a great achievement bringing together all ages to carry on, as we envisage never stop-

ping. The evening ends with a buffet generously donated by the Bulls Head. Sadly this year we lost one of our founding members Lilian Marshal but, due to her drive, we will continue as Tintwistle Ladies.

Paula Lord
Chair



Children's puzzle page

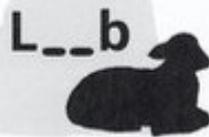
Compiled by Jemma Hall and Ruth Elder

Missing letters

Fill in the missing letters to complete these Spring words



B__ss_m



D__kl__g



What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny!

WHICH MONSTER PLAYS THE MOST APRIL FOOL'S JOKES?
FRANKENSTEIN!

Spring riddles

What type of bow can never be tied?



What can run but can't walk?



What has to be broken before you can use it?



What can be seen in the middle of March and April, but not at the beginning or end of either one?

Answers overleaf...



Spring wordsearch

bird leaf frog
sun bee
rain nest egg

u	v	l	e	a	f	r	h	m	z
t	w	y	w	f	m	k	s	f	i
m	u	f	a	l	g	i	l	s	l
a	b	m	f	x	q	s	g	k	u
i	a	i	s	r	n	b	u	y	y
e	k	b	r	b	o	n	m	n	f
x	f	x	q	d	b	g	y	e	r
w	e	e	g	g	i	e	q	s	a
q	o	y	m	p	i	w	e	t	i
g	x	g	i	y	j	z	i	g	n

Out of order

Put these words in alphabetical order.
The first and last ones have been done for you.

7
butterfly

bloom

bulbs

bunny

breeze

1
beehive

blossom

Picture equation

$$* + * + * = 15$$

$$\text{bird} + \text{bird} + * = 19$$

$$\text{bunny} + \text{bunny} + \text{bird} = 31$$

$$* + \text{bird} + \text{bunny} = ?$$

What goes up when
rain comes down?
An umbrella!

When do chimps
fall from the sky?
During Ape-rit
shovers!

Out of order (bloom, blossom, butterfly, bunny, bulbs)

Picture equation (2)

Riddles (A riddle: What, an egg, the letter E)

Missing letters (Tup, Blossom, Lamb, Ducting, Rabbit, Daffodil)

Answers

