



# Tintwistle Parish Council Newsletter June 2023

## View from the Chair

It's sometimes startling how quickly events pass, soon to be forgotten. It was barely a month ago that the whole country was celebrating – or not – the coronation of King Charles III. It was 70 years ago that the late Queen Elizabeth II sat on that same throne and was crowned. Both events that will go down in history – and both events were full of symbolism, ritual and tradition.

In each of the Parish Council newsletters we try to profile our community organisations, each of which have developed and are still developing their own traditions. All families have their own ways of recognising and celebrating important dates and events too. They often get passed down through the generations. Religious organisations have arrangements that go far back in history. Tintwistle Gala started

as a Children's Gala in the early 1900's when floats and a gala Queen were key features.

As human beings we seem to like the certainty that rules and traditions provide for us.

On 22 May the new Parish Council met preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, which everyone was invited to attend. The first thing new Councillors – and we have three this year – will have to get their heads round are the rules and processes which determine how the Council does its business, without which anarchy would probably reign (though some might welcome that level of uncertainty!!) Some of you will remember the 'Handforth incident'.....

Tintwistle Parish Council possesses few artefacts of any symbolic note. Perhaps the only objects we have are the 'Chains of Office'. One for the 'Chairman'



and one for the 'Chairman's Lady'. We think they were purchased in the early 1980's. The Chairman's has separate links for each of the different Chairmen – and Women – voted in over the last 40 years. Maybe the new Council will decide whether they are still appropriate and retained. After all, your last Chairman was a woman and the Chairman's Lady was a man!

**Cllr Marianne Stevenson**

## Your New Parish Council

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# ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

This is the final Parish Meeting report of the last Parish Council. Apart from my reporting what your Council has achieved over the last 4 years, we would like to hear your comments and suggestions – within the powers the Parish Council has, we shall use them to shape our aims for the next four years.

But the numbers in the box opposite, provide just part of the picture of what the Council has worked on, and I shall touch on other aspects of the Council's work.

First, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all the Councillors for the time and hard work they have put in over the last four years to help make Tintwistle and Crowden safe and attractive places to live in. Much of what we Councillors do is hidden - and therefore not always recognised. All Parish Councillors work in a voluntary capacity and receive no payment for the work they do. I hope this brief overview will help put this right and also give you an idea of what your Parish Council taxes go towards funding.

One of the main objectives of this Council has been to secure the funding and bring to fruition a new Community Centre to replace our now very decrepit building. An extremely challenging task at the best of times, but even more so at the time of a pandemic, when funders have been directing their funding towards Covid related projects. The Project Team, now the Community Centre Committee, has comprised Cllrs Jill Crossland, Thomas Wynne, Tony Owens, Allan Dyer and myself. We have worked with planning consultants to draw up initial plans for the building over the last year and submit the planning application to High Peak Borough Council.

## SOME NUMBERS May 2019 – April 2023

1 Parish newsletters published and distributed	16
2 Required policies published and implemented	16
3 Dog waste bins installed	10
4 Funds allocated to local community organisations from the new Parish Council Community Fund since 2021	£2,544
5 Parish Council Committee Meetings held	40+
6 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Chairs meetings attended	25
7 Planning applications considered	19
8 Correspondence with issues addressed and resolved	50+
9 Allotment Inspections	5
10 New allotment tenants	31

This has now been approved and we can move to the next stage which will entail securing a Public Works Loan, tendering for a building contractor, demolishing the current 'green hut' and eventually erecting a new building. We are aiming for your new Community Centre to be opened in 2025. An important aspect of current discussions is how the facilities for the Bowling Club will be accommodated. Shortly we shall be conducting a survey with all residents. This will seek to secure your views on having a new Community Centre and how it will be funded. There will be a special edition of the newsletter to describe the proposed new building and its facilities.

We have made sure that Crowden residents are kept informed of developments through the Crowden Residents' Association, and regular Councillor visits have been made to the community. I am delighted to tell you that as from this year Meriel Boyd, a Crowden resident, has been elected as the Woodhead (Crowden) Ward Councillor.

The Allotments Committee has been chaired by Councillor Jenner for the last 4 years. It is with huge sadness that this year Cllr Pat Jenner has stepped down as a Councillor for our Parish. Pat has served our community for 40 years and is well known to many of you. He has been a dedicated and active Councillor, particularly championing activities for young people. We wish him well in his retirement from the role – though as our adopted 'father of the Council' we shall no doubt be contacting him when we need his-

torical information about any issue. A significant number of allotments have come up for new tenancies. We have kept to the principle of creating smaller plots, which have enabled more people on the waiting list to receive a plot. This has necessitated new fencing on the Arnfield site. Revised Tenant Terms and Conditions, a Waiting List Policy and Code of Conduct are all in place. The Committee is responsible for regular inspections of allotments and the enforcement of the Terms and Conditions. There has been an improvement in the state of most allotments and the Committee will continue to make sure standards are maintained. Our thanks to the Committee for the work they have done so far.

Two of our other Councillors are also stepping down this year. Cllr Jill Crossland has been on the Council for almost the same amount of time as Pat. We shall miss her no end, her no nonsense approach and her extensive knowledge of Council business over the years. We wish her well with the huge job of running Tintwistle Athletic and the annual Children's Gala. Tom Wynne has also left the Council this year.

Cllr Emily Scriven has overseen the purchase and installation of new dog waste bins, which the Parish Council is responsible for emptying. To help us with this task and other maintenance jobs, the council has employed Paul Scriven. Many thanks to Paul for all he does on behalf of the Council. No job seems to be too much for Paul. We also have Cllr Scriven to thank for running three very successful

Markets on behalf of the Council on the Sexton Street field. We hope you can all make it to the Summer Market on 9 July, which Emily now runs in a private capacity, donating part of the proceeds to the Community Centre Fund.

Cllr Shaun Grace continues to successfully organise the annual Scarecrow Competition, the Garden Competition, ensure the village has a lit Christmas Tree at the Cenotaph and made sure that Remembrance Sunday is well organised. Thank you very much Shaun, we hope you can continue.

The Parish Council Community Fund was initiated by this Council using monies that were previously allocated to the Chair's Allowance. £2,544.00 has been allocated in grants to local organisations with a total of 16 applications. A decision was made at the Annual Parish Council monthly meeting to continue with this fund.

The A628 has continued to be a principal and ongoing issue for the Council. We initiated meetings with National Highways (NH) in 2020 and they have culminated in their decision to create a 'Village Gateway' along the A616 and A628 to include Crowden, Tintwistle and Hollingworth. This will be a set of traffic calming measures that are designed to slow down the traffic and make the road safer for motorists and pedestrians alike. The plans have been approved and we await information from NH as to when the work can commence. Meanwhile Cllrs Tony Owens, Stevenson and Dyer, have established a good working relationship and regularly raise issues with the NH Route Manager. The issues have often been brought to our attention by local residents. We are pleased to say that the response times have definitely improved over time. We also continue to pursue the congestion and speeding issues that plague our part of the A628.

Alongside other Councils across the country, Tintwistle has drawn up a Climate Emergency Plan. We are very pleased to have Sara Scott -Rivers support us as our Climate Change Campaign Coordinator. You will have seen her weekly posts on Facebook, which we hope are encouraging residents to make the changes in their lives that are so urgently needed to preserve our planet. We have no other planet to live on, as our children remind us. Shortly you will see the winning posters designed by children from Tintwistle CofE School reminding us to do our utmost to combat the effects of climate change. The Big Green Raffle was a great success in December '22 raising over £300 towards the Community Centre Fund. A Tombola run at the same time raised over £600.00. We hope to run both events again this year.

Tintwistle Parish Council owns the Holybank Quarry area, off Old Road. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have drawn up a 50-year Rewilding Plan for us for the area. Tintwistle Parish Council is the first Parish Council to join the Wild Peak Network. Pete Girdlestone is our Holybank Quarry Warden. He has organised a 'Friends of the Quarry Group' who have regular working sessions. They have kept the area litter free, planted some saplings, kept the paths clear, cleared the drainage channel, and created and are maintaining 'scrapes' to gather water. Already there have been several quarry visits by groups of children organised by the school. We have plans to install information boards about the plants, the wildlife and the fossils that can

be seen on some of the rocks.

The Tintwistle Parish Council Newsletter has continued to be published, with 16 publications to date. We have strived to make the newsletter attractive, interesting and informative. Huge thanks to Cllr Dyer who so ably puts the whole publication together and to Ruth Elder and Gemma Hall who have been designing the children's puzzle page - which we hear is also popular with some adults!

The Council needs to work with partners to achieve its objectives and tackle issues as they arise. Our thanks go to High Peak Borough Council and its Tintwistle Councillor, Rob Baker; Peak District National Park; United Utilities; Derbyshire Wildlife Trust; National Highways and Derbyshire County Council.

Last September we welcomed our new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Charlotte Strickland. Already a wide range of policy and administrative government requirements have been put in place and are up and running. Charlotte will be doing the Clerk qualifications which will enable the Council to be better informed and more accountable.

Finally our thanks go to all our residents, for the support you give the Parish Council, your feedback and the contacts with our Councillors, making us aware of the issues that are important to you.

**Cllr Marianne Stevenson  
Chair Tintwistle Parish Council  
2019-2023**

**Watch out for a New Community  
Building "Special" Newsletter  
coming through your door very  
soon!**

# CHILDREN'S



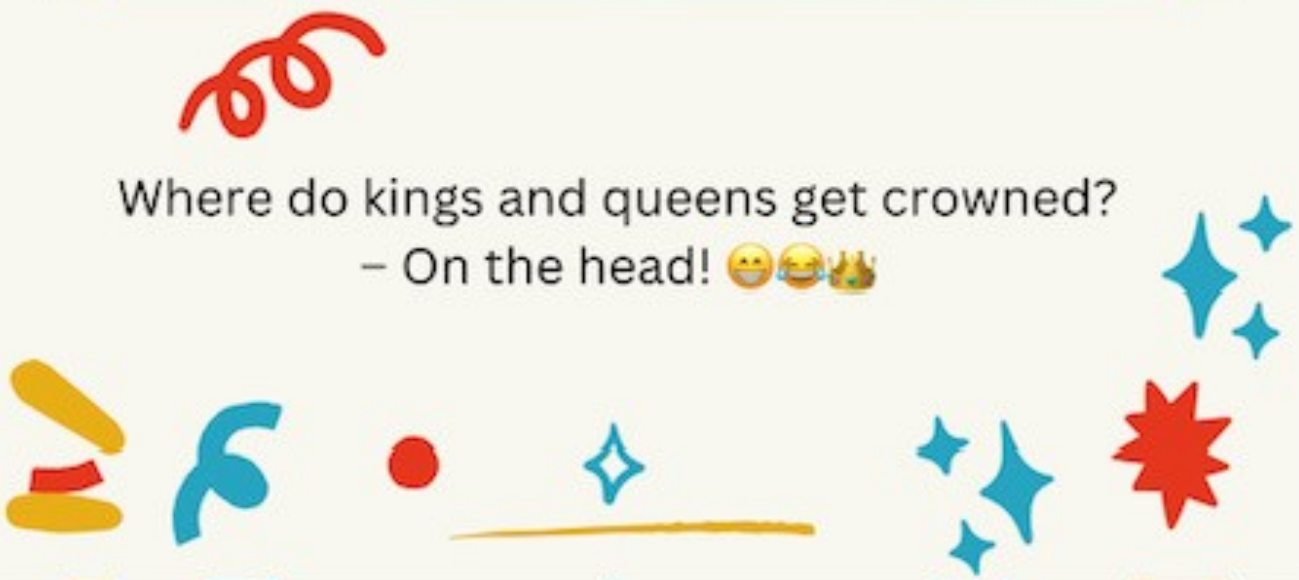
**King Charles Coronation Word Search**

Can you find all 15 of these coronation-related words?!

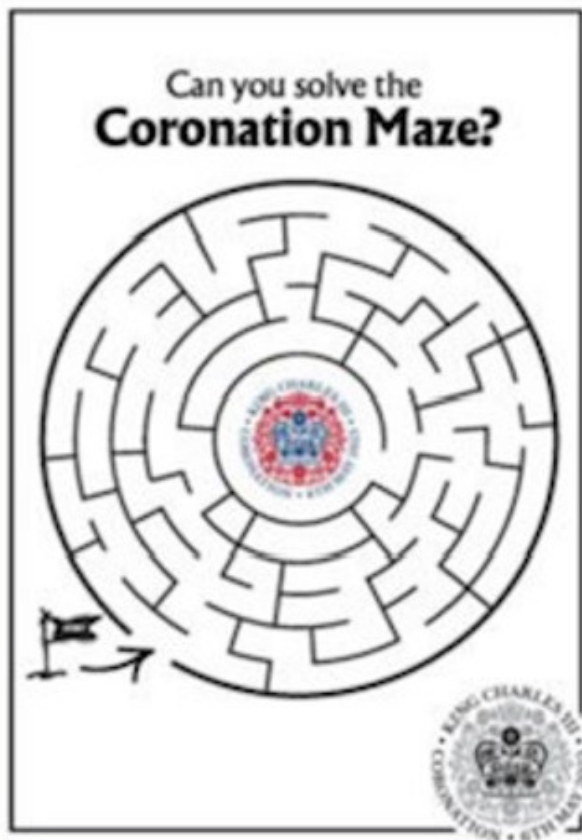
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 monarch      sceptre      street party      king      queen

Where do kings and queens get crowned?  
 – On the head! 😊😂👏



# PAGES



Where does King Charles keep his armies?

Up his sleeves! 😂😂👑



# Tintwistle Well Dressing

The origins of well dressings are various. Water has always been a precious commodity in Derbyshire and a ready supply of clean water is especially so. Early settlers chose hilltop sites for defensive purposes. However, because the carboniferous limestone plateau is porous, it drains rapidly, so within 30 minutes of a heavy storm, the surface soil would be dry. In fact, some Derbyshire valleys dry up during summer months and in times of drought, whilst others are dry all year round.

Hence it is hardly surprising that people made their homes in the area attracting a magical quality to the hillside springs, that were a vital source of fresh water. If these failed, life itself was in jeopardy. The gods and goddesses of these springs were worshipped, and gifts and offerings were made to thank them to ensure plentiful supplies of water in the future.

For the last 12 years the Holybank

Well, fed by springs further up on the moors, has been dressed by Tintwistle Ladies, the Tintwistle Well Dressing Association. It takes the members of the Association a week to create the well dressing. This year Pat Harvey has drawn up the design. It represents the Coronation of King Charles II, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the death of Dame Vivienne Westwood (the fashion designer, and a resident of Tintwistle). The 'picture' must be completely made of natural materials which are pressed into a bed of clay on a wooden frame. You will be able to identify things such as flower petals, dried flowers, wool, various seeds and stones. There is quite a skill involved in putting in the petals, called 'petalling', a painstaking and lengthy process. Finally, the now very heavy wooden frame is transported up to the well and carefully erected. De-

pending on the weather the well dressing will last up to two weeks, by which time some of the seeds have been lost to birds, the stones may have loosened, and the petals are no longer at their best.

More recently, Tintwistle CofE School has been dressing the little well further down Old Road near the United Reformed Church. Thereby creating a well dressing workforce for the future!

Once the well dressings are installed, both wells are blessed, and a short service takes place beside Holybank well, conducted by Christ Church and the United Reformed Church (URC) on alternate years. This year it will be conducted by URC at 7pm on Friday 23 June. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Paula Lord**  
**Chair of Tintwistle Ladies**



**St James Church Crowden update:** Gutters arrived, painted and about to be fitted. Two generators on free loan from locals to facilitate bell tower repairs. Saturdays 3 June & 8 July for volunteers to paint & polish pews and graveyard weed. Please look on St James

Church (Woodhead & Crowden) Facebook page for further details. Bid for funding from Tesco for a composting toilet under way. Please support if you can.

**Cllr Meriel Boyd**  
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## Litter Picking with Borough Cllr Rob Baker

Last Sunday of every month, join Cllr Rob Baker to do your bit for your Village. Meet at Conduit Street Playing Fields at 10:00am. Next one on Sunday 25 June. Thank you in advance.

## What is the Council's Co-option Policy?

This year the Council elections, which are held every four years, were on 4 May. Tintwistle Parish Council was an 'uncontested' election. This means that the number of Councillors who put themselves forward for nomination were fewer than the number of Councillor positions, hence there is no competition and no voting required. There is one Councillor for Woodhead ward, which includes Crowden, and 9 Councillor positions for Tintwistle

ward. The last four years we have had 9 Councillors with none for Woodhead ward. Three of those Councillors stepped down this year and 8 people put their names forward for nomination. So, we have two unfilled positions. When this is the case, the Parish Council can implement their 'Co-option' policy. In other words, if someone wants to be elected on to the Council after the government's official election process, they can inform the

Clerk to the Council who arranges for them to present themselves to full Council. The Councillors then decide if they are to be co-opted onto the Council. This is based on the skills and experience that that person can bring to the Council.

Look out for further news in our next newsletter.

**Cllr Marianne Stevenson**

## Climate Change Posters

You may remember that last year we held a poster competition for the children of Tintwistle CofE School. 3 posters were selected from different age bands. The children's drawings have been enlarged and mounted on to metal boards. The 9 posters will be installed around the village as a reminder to us all that we need to do all we can to tackle the impacts of climate change. We're very grateful to High Peak CVS for the grant to fund them.

Every week Sara Scott-Rivers,

who is our Climate Change Campaign Coordinator, puts a post on Facebook which alerts you to the wide range of things you can do – and not do – to prevent climate change.

The posters will be erected over the next two weeks so please look out for them!

Last year we organised a very successful Big Green Raffle. We shall be repeating this at the Tintwistle Christmas Market. Do start looking for things that are biodegradable, recyclable and

environmentally friendly, which we can include as raffle prizes.

Thank you.

If you would like to find out more please contact Sara Scott-Rivers on

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**Cllr Marianne Stevenson**

## Dates for your 2023 Diary

### **Annual Well Dressing**

Friday 23 June 6:30pm

Holybank Quarry,  
Old Road, Tintwistle

### **Tintwistle Children's Gala**

Saturday 24 June

1pm—5pm

Tintwistle Athletic Football Ground, West Drive, Tintwistle Climbing Wall, Archery, Birds of Prey, Giant Football Dominoes, Rides, Stalls, Band, Dog Show, Children's Races, Penalty Shoot Out, Bar, Ice Cream

### **St James Church, Crowden**

Saturdays 3 June & 8 July

Few painting & polishing

Graveyard weeding

Volunteers welcome

### **Tintwistle Summertime Market**

Sunday 9 July

12 noon—5pm

Sexton Street, Tintwistle

### **Parish Council Annual Flower Power Competition**

15 July

Entries into Parish Council

Office by 14 July

Entry forms from Village Shop, Pixie Bakes, TAGA Cabin, Parish council website

### **Parish Council Annual Scarecrow Competition**

17—23 July

Entries into Parish Council

Office on Sexton Street,

Tintwistle by 16 July

Entry forms from Village Shop, Pixie Bakes, TAGA Cabin, Parish Council website

### **United Reformed Church**

Sundays 16 July / 17 September

10:30am

Outdoor Services in Chapel  
Brow Cemetery

### **TAGA**

**(Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association)**

**Annual Show**

Saturday 9 September

1pm—4pm

Sexton Street, Tintwistle

### **Christ Church**

**Summer Fayre**

Saturday 22 July

10am—1pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **Serious**

Did you know Loch Ness contains more fresh-water than all of England's lakes combined?

Located in Scotland, Loch Ness holds more fresh-water than any other British lake at a volume of 263 billion cubic feet! If any lake could hold a mythical dinosaur-like monster, it's this one.

### **Not so serious**

That King Charles has had a frog named after him. Hyloscirtus Princecherlesi or Prince Charles Magnificent Tree Frog.

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# Tintwistle Bowling Club

Tintwistle Bowling Club is a Crown Green Bowling Club. It was formed in 1946 after WW2, open to any local residents. It has been in use ever since.

Over the years the club has been accommodated in a variety of temporary wooden huts and caravans. At times we have used portable toilets and had no permanent kitchen facilities. This has been disheartening for the users.

The Club Committee strongly believes it is time for a new facility. The current Council Offices building was installed on a temporary basis about 30yrs ago. Tintwistle Parish Council has been granted planning permission for a new building. The Bowling Club and Parish Council are currently discussing how the Bowling Club can be appropriately accommodated and, like many sports organisations, the Bowling Club has limited resources. The upkeep of the green is very expensive and re-



quires much hard work by members of the club to keep it in tip top condition.

We are working to attract new members regardless of age, ethnicity or disability. Bowling is



good for the mind and body. Many make new friends along the way. Given the effects of the pandemic it's even more important for people to socialise and feel part of a friendly community. It is great exercise and a sport in which all the family can participate. We currently have five teams playing in various leagues, of which most are mixed leagues. We are aiming to

provide more taster sessions to ensure everyone has the opportunity to try our great sport. We plan to have some sessions with Tintwistle CofE School this summer. Our young people are the future of all clubs.

And so, as residents of Tintwistle and Crowden, we are asking for your support for the new and long awaited Community Centre and Bowling Club facilities. We would love to see you on the green, very soon.

**Sue Downing**  
Committee Member



## WHAT IS TCHAT?

In our February '23 newsletter, we had an article about starting up a history association for Tintwistle and Crowden. We can report that the 'Start Up Group' has drawn up a Constitution for the group and two meetings have been held to attract members to the group. Those attending identified what objectives they thought were most important for the new association to achieve. They included:

- Creating a local heritage trail
- Collecting and storing the reminiscences and oral his-

stories of residents

- Drawing up information about the local area for visitors and new residents
- Identifying a local building that could serve as a small museum
- Securing grant funding
- Commemorating the life of Dame Vivienne Westwood and her links to the area and the textile and fashion industries

The meetings attracted a range of people. Some had considerable stores of local memorabilia, one was a metal detectorist (and

brought along a fascinating collection of his finds), others were willing to write up people's memories and tales of past times.

The consensus is that the group is called the 'Tintwistle and Crowden Heritage and Treasures Group' (TCHAT). A logo is being designed, and once a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are in place, it can be formally launched. Hopefully later in the summer.

**Cllr Marianne Stevenson**

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