



Tintwistle Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2023

View from the Chair



In the last couple of months, we have had successful local events where residents have had a chance to demonstrate their extraordinary creative skills and imagination – the Scarecrow Competition, the Flower Competitions and the Tintwistle Allotments and Gardeners' Association Village Show, where handicrafts are a popular section. Where do people get their ideas from and turn them into something beautiful, interesting – and useful??! As a one-time teacher, I was taught that there are different kinds of intelligence – which we all have to a greater or lesser extent – and one of which is creativity. But being creative, using your imagination, is much more than producing an eye-catching painting, an attractive woven quilt, or a sculpture that sends a

ream of messages to the onlooker. I think it is as much about problem solving – tackling a challenge to overcome a problem. That often-quoted Einstein reckoned imagination and creativity was more important than knowledge. To find solutions to our own problems, and those of others, requires knowledge (so often derived from Google in the 21st Century) and skills but, without creativity and imagination too, finding an effective solution to everyone's needs and desires is limited.

Parish Councillors and residents are searching for a solution to making sure we have the right venues and range of activities that everyone would like to use and participate in. This is requiring a lot more than a single solution – it requires imagination, creativity and a selfless approach to problem-solving. We are very

grateful to all of you who have contributed your views so far during the Community Centre consultation period. Many of you have suggested new ideas and different ways of approaching this challenge. The outcome may not be what anyone first envisaged but, if it goes towards meeting your needs and those of generations to come, that is a solution to a problem – to which all our imaginations and creativity will have contributed.

Cllr Marianne Stevenson

Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2023

Every year the Parish, along with the rest of the country, commemorates those service people who were lost in the two world wars and other conflicts. Remembrance Sunday takes place every year on the second Sunday in November. Since 1921 residents of Tintwistle and Crowden walk from Conduit Street up Old Road to the Cenotaph led by

the brass band. You are invited to gather at 10.30am on Conduit Street. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short service led by the United Reformed Church followed by the two minutes silence. One by one representatives of local organisations and businesses lay their wreaths on the War Memorial. For many years the British Legion have provided the wreaths which have been or-

dered through Dorothy Crutchley in Hollingworth. This will be Dorothy's final year of carrying out this valuable service to the community. Next year a new arrangement will need to be organised. Meanwhile if you have ordered a wreath this year it will be available for collection from the Conservative Club the week before.

Cllrs Grace and Stevenson

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COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

In July the Parish Council issued a Special Newsletter that focused on planning for a new Community Centre. With advice from the Derbyshire Association for Local Councils (DALC), the Council chose, in the absence of any other funding opportunity, to apply for a Public Works Loan. This is a government fund which requires a local authority to calculate the contribution of Band D taxpayers to pay back the loan. The PWLB needs the Parish Council to ask 2 key questions – whether an individual would like a new Community Centre (located on the old site) and if so, what time period the Council should apply to the payment of the loan – 15, 25 or 50 years. PWLB instructs the Council to issue voting forms to all residents. Residents have been returning the forms, though unfortunately some were flawed. To date a total of 9 consultation meetings have been held and a total of 74 people attended, some coming to more than one session, roughly 2% of the population of Tintwistle and Crowden. In addition, the Parish Council has received questions and comments from over 30 people.

At the Parish Council meeting on 16 September, it was resolved to extend the consultation period to 22 October to enable more people to contribute their views and ideas.

There is a concern that the consultation process has not been as inclusive as it could be. Not everyone wants to or can come to a public consultation meeting so we are looking for other ways in which we can make sure we reach you and listen to your views. The Council has approached public venues in Tintwistle to arrange to hold drop-in sessions on their sites. The Clerk and Councillors welcome comments and questions from anyone who has not responded so far, in writing, by email or in person. The dates and times will be publicised shortly. Please look out for posters, on Facebook pages and the Parish Council website for further information. Because the consultation period is being extended the final outcomes will be published in a November newsletter.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council is working on several fact sheets in response to questions that have been raised in the consultation sessions: the role of the Parish Council and Councillors; the PWLB requirements and costings; a timeline of planning decisions

made on the Community Centre; the story of the Bowling Club and information on the plans for the new building, what it will be used for and why.

Several other events have occurred which are further shaping decisions about plans for a new Community Centre. The Tintwistle Cricket Club has submitted a proposal to develop the Cricket Club pavilion as a 'community hub'. This proposal has been formally presented to the Tintwistle Community Centre Committee and full Council. Discussions are underway. The proposal can be viewed on the Council website and is available on paper from the Clerk. Secondly, there is a government funding stream, the Community Ownership Fund, which has been opened up to Parish Councils. The Parish Council is submitting an Expression of Interest. This funding does not require a taxpayer contribution. Thirdly, the Council has agreed to a structural audit of the 'green hut' which will be carried out in the next few weeks. This will determine how long this building can be used before it must be closed for use and demolished.

Cllr Marianne Stevenson
Chair

Climate Change –Christmas Cards

This year we are pleased to offer Tintwistle & Crowden Christmas/New Year cards for sale, available from the Village Store and Pixie Bakes. They have been designed by a local artist and will be sold in packs of four from early November for £5.00 a pack. The proceeds will go towards the planting of more trees in the parish, part of the Tintwistle Climate Change Campaign. Thank you to Cllr Baker for the generous contribution to this campaign.

Sara Scott-Rivers
Climate Change Campaign
Coordinator



MEMORIAL STONE ~ MISSING

Dotted around many reservoirs on hillsides, small shanty towns had sprung up to accommodate the navvies and their families. Houses, built of piled stones and mud, were thatched with ling from the moors, and many used potato sacks as doors.

A tragic incident concerning one family was reported in the Manchester Guardian on Saturday 26 August 1854:

Sad death of two children. On Monday afternoon last, an inquest was held before Mr C Hudson at the Black Bull, Tintwistle, on the remains of Joseph Forshaw, aged two years and Robert Forshaw, aged four years, the children of James and Ann Forshaw, who resided in a hut near the first milestone from Tintwistle, on the Woodhead Road, no other habitations being nearer than 400 yards. The hut in question was only one storey high, and was built of rough stones and clay, and covered with straw thatch. It had two rooms, in one of which there were beds for six lodgers, and in the other there was sleeping accommodation for the father, mother and three children. The mother's statement was to the effect, that she generally arose at 4am in the morning, in order that her husband, who was a sub-contractor under Mr Taylor, at the Arnfield Reservoir, and the lodgers, might go to their work

in due time.

The children generally arose with her, and after her other boy had gone to his work at the mill, she made a practice of going to bed again with the children for about an hour. She had done so on the previous Friday morning, and after rising a second time, she milked a cow and occupied herself with other work until between nine and ten o'clock. She then went to weed a patch of potatoes close by the house, leaving a fire burning, and the two children asleep in a bed which stood about a yard from the fire. She had been in the potato ground for about an hour, when she bethought herself of going home to the children, but on looking at the house, she saw that it was enveloped in smoke.

She unlocked the door and tried to go in for the children, but she was compelled to retreat, as the roof was falling in, and the place was in flames. Other Witnesses stated that they saw the fire, and went to the place, and one of them broke in through the lodgers' room, but could not render any service, as that part was on fire. The children's remains, which were found where the bed stood, were drawn from the burning ruins with a potato hoe, their bodies falling in pieces. The beds, furniture, clothes, and other con-

tents of the house were consumed.

The jury returned a verdict of 'accidental death', stating at the time, that there had been gross neglect, which had been the cause of the accident. The children were interred in one coffin the same evening.

To remind us where the incident occurred, a marker stone was put in place, built into the stone boundary wall on the reservoir side of the road, a mile outside Tintwistle.



The marker stone is inscribed: 'Burned down. Two children burnt to death, aged 3 and 5 years.'

Very recently, the stone wall was severely damaged as a result of a lorry crashing into it and the stone has disappeared.

Anyone with any knowledge of where it has gone, please call Paul James on 07980 177385

TCHAT (Tintwistle & Crowden Heritage & Treasures Association)

TCHAT now has a Constitution and confirmed members. As a result, the TCHAT Start Group has become the TCHAT Committee. The TCHAT Chair is Tony Owens, and the Secretary is Sara Scott-Rivers. A 'Project Enquiry Form' has been sent to the National Heritage Lottery to seek funding for the activities of the Association, including a heritage trail, oral history training, a ded-

icated area or building for a permanent museum/archive and resident & visitor leaflets describing the history of the area, its key buildings and features. A successful public meeting was held on 19 August. Those who came along talked about and showed coins, postcards, photos, house deeds and old booklets - and their memories of times gone by. The next

public meeting will be held on Saturday 11 November at the Council Offices on Sexton Street at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Do bring along any artefacts or memorabilia that you think others would be interested in.

**Cllr Tony Owens
Chair TCHAT**

Dates for your Diary

Tintwistle Athletic Football Club
Tintwistle 2024 Gala Meeting
West Drive Football Ground
Saturday 14 October - 10am
All welcome - refreshments free

Christ Church—Tintwistle
Harvest Festival
Sunday 15 October—10am

Tintwistle Parish Council
Community Fund
Opens on 16 October for local organisations to apply for funding up to £150. Email the Parish Clerk for an Application form on tpcounciloffice@aol.com (£1000 paid out last year)

Tintwistle Conservative Club
Coffee Morning & Halloween Bingo
Saturday 21 October from 11am
Eyes down at 12noon

Tintwistle Village (Lib) Club
Mike Manroe
Saturday 28 October
Club opens 8pm

Tintwistle Village (Lib) Club
Quiz Night
Every Thursday from 8pm

Well Dressing (Fundraising) at the
Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association (TAGA) Cabin, off Old Road, Tintwistle
Soup n Social Lunch
Monday 30 October
All welcome at 12 noon

Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association (TAGA)
Bacon Butty Sundays
29 October, 3 December,
10am-1pm

Tintwistle Cricket Club
Bonfire Night from 5pm
Featuring "Woodstock Pizza"
Saturday 4 November

TCHAT
(Tintwistle & Crowden Heritage & Treasures Association)
Next Meeting- Council Office,
Sexton Street
Saturday 11 November 4pm

Christ Church - Tintwistle
Autumn Fair
Saturday 18 November
10am-1pm

Tintwistle Parish Council Office
Coffee Morning
Every Tuesday 10-11am

Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association (TAGA)
Christmas BBQ
Saturday 2 December - 4pm

Christ Church - Tintwistle
Christmas Carol Service
17 December - 6:30pm

Tintwistle Conservative Club
Over 70's Christmas Party
Saturday 2 December - 5pm

Tintwistle Conservative Club
Christmas Eve
Guitarist / Vocalist Dale
24 December - from 3pm

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 ones on Sundays 29 October & 26 November. Thank you.

REPORTING ROAD ACCIDENTS & NEAR MISSES

Following a few recent accidents at the junction of New Road and Manchester Road (A628) it has become apparent that a need exists for residents to report any accident. Equally as important, also report any near misses, including vehicles speeding through the village to the following authorities, either on-line or by phone:

Tintwistle Parish Council on
tpcounciloffices@aol.com

The Traffic Commissioner on
enquiries@otc.gov.uk

Derbyshire Police on
derbyshire.police.co.uk OR
phone 101

Highways England on
0300 123 5000

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