



Tongham Parish Council Autumn Newsletter

As we move into Autumn, we look back over 2022 with mixed emotions. June brought the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with many of the local community enjoying either street parties or joining us in The Rec for a picnic and fun and games. Then in early September the country and, indeed, the world was saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Many of us have known no other sovereign and this constancy is now broken. A Book of Condolence for the village was opened and made available in various locations for those who wished to express their sympathies. Now, we look to life with a new monarch, King Charles III.

We believe such major events deserve a permanent recognition, and we hope to put a memorial in place somewhere in the village. We welcome any suggestions as to what form this might take so please communicate any ideas via the council website <https://tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/contact/> or the clerk clerk@tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Road and environment improvements

Work has been taking place to develop plans for an improved environment, focusing on The Street. A consultation with the public took the form of displays of the initial plans with an opportunity to make comments. The day was well attended and there is an online platform where comments can be left until **14th October 2022**. A link can be found on the council website <https://tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/> We will endeavour to keep you informed of further developments so please watch the website!

Around the village

The defibrillator in the old telephone box at the crossroads is now live and ready to be used. There is a video on the parish council website giving straightforward details on how to use a defibrillator <https://tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/defibrillator/>



Some bus stops in the village have been tidied up with the Manor Road/Spoil Lane junction shelter being given a complete overhaul.



During the summer the Parish Council undertook an on-line consultation regarding the design of a planned teen shelter for The Rec. Results of this have been correlated and we are now proceeding with the purchase and placement taking the views expressed by the survey participants into account.

There have been some works in the junior playground where a piece of equipment was removed due to safety concerns. We are arranging for a replacement to be supplied. We are also making arrangements to address the problems with the trampoline in the larger playground, it is a very popular feature and we are reluctant to replace it better drainage will hopefully solve the problem and we hope to have this in place over the coming months.

Improvements to the football pitch in The Rec have also been carried out to provide a better playing surface and trees in the woods will be attended to ensuring the safety of people using the "roadway".



Once again, we wish to remind dog owners to ensure they clean up after their pets and dispose of poo bags in any of the many bins in the area. A good number of people do follow this guidance but, unfortunately, there are still some who do not and this can be a hazard for the general public and means that someone else has to do it for them.

The Parish Council will be launching their own Facebook page. This should provide an additional platform whereby we can keep the community informed of events.

Bonfire Night in Tongham

We will be holding a Bonfire Night celebration on Sunday 6th November and are looking forward to seeing many of you there. The building of the bonfire will be on Saturday morning 5th November and any suitable items to add can be brought to The Rec on that morning **only** up until midday. We are in particular need of pallets this year and if you are able to provide any we may be able to arrange to take delivery of these prior to this date, by mutual agreement. If you would like to arrange to drop some off please email the clerk at clerk@tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk



Parish in Bloom



Our entry into the Parishes in Bloom run by South and South East in Bloom this year saw us gain another Silver Award. Well done Tongham!! To improve our rating, we need to work on community involvement and awareness and the organisation have given some suggestions which we will be looking at. The ideas will involve both local groups and individuals and we hope that there will be a good response to requests made. If you should have any ideas as to how you or your group might contribute, please email Cllr Habgood at susiehabgood@tonghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tongham Community Centre

Do you need a venue for a celebration...?



Maybe a party, children's party or even a wedding?

Tongham Community Association is proud to offer the Community



Centre in the Recreation Ground in Poyle Road. It has a bar, a large, air-conditioned hall, a lounge area, outside play areas for children (in nice weather) and lots of parking.

To hire, contact the centre manager on 07825 708288 or complete an enquiry form online.

The website address is www.tonghamcommunitycentre.co.uk we look forward to hearing from you!

