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Front cover - Bike Meet on the Village Green, July 2022, Dave Lockett

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the October edition of the Twyning Bulletin. As the nights draw in, our village transforms from summer to winter with its most beautiful autumnal colours on display.

If you have any news about clubs and activities you would like to share with the village please do send it my way using the email address below as we now have a new webpage that features all the villages's community groups. We also have a calendar of village events on our Twyning village website, www.twyningvillage.co.uk, If your event or group is not featured please contact me on the email address below.

Sarah Don-Bramah
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Keeping in Touch with Your Village

Twyning Village Website

www.twyningvillage.co.uk

All sorts of useful information on the village and its amenities - everything from councillors to footpaths.

Facebook

Twyning Community on Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with up-to-date information on events, get advice or share any security concerns. There are other village pages for selling, for photos and for many of the village organisations.

Twyning Bulletin

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Village Noticeboards

The Parish Council has noticeboards outside the shop, at Lynworth Lane, TRAC, Hillend, Church End, Stratford Bridge and Shuthonger. The Village Hall and church have their own too. There's also a noticeboard on the side of the school, and one in the shop which will display adverts for a small fee ***Event organisers are encouraged to use the boards to reach village residents who aren't on Facebook!***

Parish Council

Twyning Parish Council meets on the second Monday of every month (excluding the August recess, and December) at Twyning Village Hall or occasionally at the Ann Townend Hall. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas are normally posted on Parish Council notice boards one week prior to the meeting. Minutes can be viewed on the village website and on the notice board outside Twyning shop.

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A full list of parish councillors, along with email contacts for local representatives, can be found on the Twyning Village website (see above)

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the third Twynning Bulletin of 2022 and what a busy summer it has been!

I start my tenure as Chairman with a huge thank you to Jeremy Horsfall for his time and commitment in the role over the last few years. Both Jeremy, and his predecessor Denis Murray, have steered the Council through some very challenging times, enabling the village to thrive and remain a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

It has certainly been a great summer in Twynning:

Before the holiday period, our amazing school continued to 'punch above its weight' academically and on the sports field. This year's SATs results were impressive and the students also excelled in sports and other activities across the Borough and beyond. We must applaud our Headteacher, Lucy Halling, and her team for their commitment to our children's welfare and education. It does not go unnoticed how many teachers and staff are in school for long working days and throughout their holidays. The popularity of the school has resulted in a consultation for the expansion of the existing site over the next few years which would mean investment in additional staff and facilities, if plans are approved.

We were treated to Twynning's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June, only to be matched by an amazing Village Fete on the August Bank Holiday. After a three year gap, the rounders tournament, classic car show, church service, car boot sale and the fete itself were a credit to all the hard work undertaken by TRAC and other organisers. A popular addition this year was the Twynning Dog Show, organised by the PTFA, and we hope to see this featured in future events.

TRAC itself continues to thrive as the sport and recreation hub for the village. Thanks to the efforts of the Committee, coaches, players and supporters, there is a really 'buzz' around TRAC. Saturday mornings particularly have Twynning Tigers on the field, Tiger Cubs on the MUGA, Cardio-Tennis and a very busy play area.

Our Village Hall is another example where, with an excellent Committee and many enthusiastic groups and societies, a wide variety of meetings, activities and performances are held. Whether the WI, sewing group, lunch club, bowls club or model railway club are your thing, or you attend playgroup, cubs, scouts or even karate, Twynning seems to have a club or society for everyone.

Twynning Players have now started rehearsals and preparations for their annual pantomime (oh no they haven't!) which this year is Hansel and Gretel. The ever-popular performances will take place 1st - 3rd December 2022 with an additional matinee on Saturday 3rd. A tremendous amount of effort (and talent) goes into these productions and the performers I am sure will have your support again this year.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of hosts in the Parish, we have had five Ukrainian families staying in and around Twynning. We must applaud those who have battled through the red tape to welcome your guests and the resilience of the families who have travelled so far from home.

Twynning continues with initiatives to help our residents with accessibility and their health and wellbeing: The Community Bus trial is ongoing on Wednesdays each week, taking passengers to Tewkesbury's market day. This is a book in advance service with pick-up points around the village. Please make use of this service if you can as it will provide evidence that a permanent bus service should be reinstated.

Strength and Balance classes have been running at Twynning Chapel every Wednesday (1145-1230) since June. This is an initiative run through the GP Practices at the Devereux Centre to target those who may have lost some mobility and resilience over the last two years and includes time to socialise afterwards.

Our last bulletin referred to 'the siege of Twynning' from a housing development perspective. Whilst planning permission has been granted for two residential developments and an extension to Duddage Business Park, the Parish continues to resist inappropriate development in Twynning. I am pleased to report that Tewkesbury Borough Council's Local Plan has now been adopted and the Borough can show a five-year housing land supply. This will hopefully move us away from 'planning permission by appeal' and the presumption in favour of development which has dominated how applications have been determined over the last couple of years.

We have an important few months ahead for the 'Landslip / Petticroft / Nut Orchard' site off Hill End Road. The developer (Hayfield Homes) has submitted an appeal to develop 55 houses, which would completely remove over 2000 mature trees planted to celebrate our late Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. This appeal will be heard in January at Tewkesbury Borough Council's offices. The landowners are also challenging the status of the land as an 'Asset of Community Value'. They are taking the decision to award this status to Tribunal in November/December. Residents have done an amazing job in resisting development on this site so far - let's keep the momentum and hope common sense prevails!

The Parish Council has unfortunately accepted two Councillor resignations over the summer - Alan Wardrop and Jamie Bartlam - due to their work and other commitments. I am pleased to report that Dave Lockett has now been co-opted onto the Council until May 2023 and the other vacancy is currently being advertised. Please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@twynningcouncil.co.uk) if you are interested in becoming a Councillor and help keep Twynning thriving!

We are very keen to improve interest in and attendance at Parish Council meetings. There is some formality to these monthly gatherings but they are also an opportunity to suggest how the Parish can be improved and a forum to support local groups, societies and for key and current issues. Please come along!

Best wishes to you all

Pete Hadley,

Chairman TPC

Gloucestershire Carer's Hub

Are you Carer Aware?

Gloucestershire Carers Hub are commissioned by Gloucestershire Council along with the NHS to provide a free of charge service to support informal, unpaid Carers across Gloucestershire (People looking after a loved one/family member/friend or neighbour). As part of our service we offer Advice, Information, Guidance and Support.

If you are a carer, you can join the Carers Hub by calling 0300 111 9000.

Gloucestershire Carers Hub is helping Carers to self-identify and recognise where they can find support. There are 6.5 million carers in the UK and more than 63,000 in Gloucestershire. With 1 in 10 people having caring responsibilities, it's likely that everyone knows someone who is an informal, unpaid carer, but may not be aware of it.

Carers can wear one of our Carer Aware badges to help other people identify carers.

Registered Carers can also request a Carer Aware Discount Card to allow them to access discounts. The card offers a discrete way for carers to identify themselves to registered discount providers or to access other concessions.

Businesses and employers who are Carer Aware can recognise Carers, support them within their organisations and signpost them to Gloucestershire Carers Hub. If you would like to find out more about the free Carer Aware Training or our toolkit for employers email us careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call 0300 111 9000.

If you are a business owner you could help carers by providing discounted access to your services. We would be happy to list your business on our pages once you have signed up to offer a discount. Email us at careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call 0300 111 9000.

For more information visit our website at <https://gloucestershirecarershubs.co.uk>

Village Hall

I write to appeal to all parishioners to think about providing some necessary support to the Village Hall Management Committee. We are currently short of a Trustee, someone who represents the parish as a trustee of the charity. This is not an onerous task, but we do need to fill the vacancy.

After 5 years in the role and having achieved most of my aims in regards roof to floor refurbishment of the hall, I will be resigning as Chairman and Trustee at the February 2023 AGM. With the hall in good order, a new Chairman would, ably supported by the Committee, oversee the good governance of the charity for the benefit of the community.

I need to stress that filling these two vacancies is fundamental to the smooth running of the hall. If anyone is interested in either post please give either Maggie Ball or myself a ring. Thank you.

Dave Lockett, Chairman, 297565

Ann Townend Hall

(Couldn't be much closer to Twynning - it's in Church End, if you are new to the area.)

Facilities

It has seating for up to 60 people, with a fitted kitchen and enough tableware to cater for this number. There is a large, enclosed garden behind the hall. Plus, there is a drop-down screen for films which can be used in the daytime as blinds are on all windows! Car parking is available in the Church car park.

Booking

We do have just a few regular bookings but there is lots of capacity for others. The Hall can host a variety of events such as children's parties, family events, community occasions, you say, and we can probably do.

All charges are per/hour

Event type	Summer (Apr-Sept)	Winter (Oct-Mar)
Children's party	£ 8.00	£ 9.00
Parish Council / adult party / wake.	£11.00	£12.00
Commercial / one off hire	£12.00	£13.00

To book call Bill Chescoe on 01684 295352

We look forward to your enquiries and hiring of the Hall. PLEASE USE IT.

August Bank Holiday 2022



Photos - Twynning August Bank Holiday, 2022 For the full report he Fete visit p9, Pics SDB.

Do you have a historic picture of Twynning that you would like to share? Send a copy to editor@twynningparishcouncil.co.uk letting us know where and when it was taken and we'll feature it in a future Bulletin or on the village website.

2022 Village Fete

It was good to be back! The bank holiday weekend of 2022 kicked off with some competitive fun on Saturday afternoon, with the second Rounders tournament of the year. Six teams took part and Twyning Lightning took first place, being awarded a very unique trophy that was kindly donated by Denise Clayson.

On Sunday morning, Twyning Church and Chapel held their joint service in the marquee, with over 80 people in attendance. This was followed by a display of some fantastic classic vehicles. Many people came to display their prized possessions, whilst enjoying a delicious bacon bap (courtesy of the O'Hanlon family).

Then, on Bank Holiday Monday, lots of happy people and a beautiful village green, were the main ingredients for the annual TRAC (Twyning Recreation and Amenity Complex) fete. Hundreds of villagers and visitors came and browsed the stalls, enjoyed music from our local group "Bucket List" and some even took part in a friendly tug-of-war and/or (a slightly more competitive) round of egg-throwing!

As always, the car boot sale was in full swing well before 1pm and kept our visitors very busy around the edge of the green. Within the main area, there was a chance to get more hands on - our popular tombola drew in the crowds, the Scout's "Plate Smash" provided an opportunity for people to get rid of their pent-up frustration and some even pretended they were a hamster for 5 minutes with some 'zorb'ing!

We even had a range of animal attractions this year too, with the PTFA running our first dog show, which was extremely well supported! Playgroup brought along a gorgeous calf for everyone to get up and close to and we had our very own unique "Duck Drop", courtesy of Luca Halford.

The lucky winner of the raffle scooped £100 as the first prize (a full list of winners is on the next page), a barbecue catered for the hungry and the bar quenched the thirst of many. In the marquee, there was an opportunity to sit down with a cup of tea and a slice of cake, whilst taking a look at the competition entries. Chris Reeves retained the Flower Arrangement trophy this year, which was once again set and judged by local florist, Hans Haverkamp. There was much deliberation for Jack Boskett, who judged all our photographic entries with great care and Mrs Booth and Judy McVicar enjoyed sampling the delights of all the edible entries.

Also located around the village were the entrants to the village Scarecrow and Wheelie Bin competitions. First place for the Scarecrow went to The Stow Family for their Glastonbury Scarecrow and the top Wheelie Bin prize went to The Hopkins family for their "Digger" bin. Congratulations to everyone who entered!

The fete is held to raise vital funds to support our village play area and sports facilities. However, TRAC is not the only one to benefit from the day being a success. Every organisation in the village that runs their own stall is able to raise both awareness and much needed funds for their cause and, to everyone who attended, we would like to express our thanks and gratitude. Without you the day would not have been the success that it was.

Usually following the fete, I would write personal letters of thanks to everyone who

contributed, in anyway big and small, but this year there were simply too many people to reach out to! I would therefore, on behalf of TRAC, like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you who helped in any way to make this year's fete hugely successful... whether it was simply donating an item for the tombola, baking a cake for the refreshment tent, rallying your whole family together to provide cones for the weekend, assisting people to park, or by volunteering to help on the day, we thank you!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

TRAC Committee

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| 1. £100 cash - Pinah Hesketh | 2. Luxury Hamper - Chris Ann's |
| 3. £50 voucher - Ron Hesketh | 4. Champagne Tea for 2 - Dawn O'Hanlan |
| 5. Fruit Hamper - Liz Orchard | 6. Acting Sessions - Guy |
| 7. Drum Session - Christie | 8. Cup Cakes - Eddy |
| 9. Hair Products - Bethany | 10. Trainmaster Session - Gerald Palmer |
| 11. Free MOT - Tom Badger | 12. Film Tickets - Sarah Holden |
| 13. Afternoon Tea - Mary Heeks | 14. Cheltenham Race tickets - Anne |
| 15. Cinema tickets - Chris Berry | 16. Clare Burn Massage - Nicky from Spar |
| 17. Slimbridge ticket - Gerald Palmer | 18. Family Fun session - Thea Price |
| 19. Cotswold Motor museum - Richard Bailey | 20. Justine Manicure - Jeremy Horsfall |
| 21. £10 voucher - Anne Spry | 22. OS Backpack - Sue Holden |
| 23. Pub Quiz game - Rachel Taylor-Ball | 24. Glass Bowl - Jane Thomas |
| 25. Twyning Garage MOT - Rachel Taylor-Ball | |

Twyning Over 60s Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is continuing to serve meals on Fridays and we would welcome more new members from the village - time to chat to friends, make new friends and enjoy a cooked meal without the need to do the washing up! The Minibus Committee have kindly continued with transporting members from Tewkesbury, outlying areas and the village. We are grateful to them for their continued help.

Although we had a break during August, we organized two events. The first was a trip on the "steam" railway from Cheltenham Racecourse to Broadway. Unfortunately, due to the very hot weather, the steam train was not able to run, but this was compensated by an excellent afternoon tea provided by the Flag and Whistle Café at Toddington (See photos). Thanks must go to Mrs Rowena Capper who kindly hosted a cream tea the following week which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We would also like to thank all our volunteer and reserve cooks for their continued support. Also, those members who help to serve the meals and the team of helpers who set up tables early in the morning. As usual we are always on the lookout for an extra helper or two for any of the above. If anyone has time free particularly early on a Friday morning or help with cooking please contact Judith Allen on 292123/07817984737.

Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

From Twyning Parish Church

It was a privilege for the Parish Church to be a place where the residents of Twyning could pay their respects to our late Queen. The bells were muffled, and the Union flag flown at half-mast. But perhaps the most poignant tributes were the condolences left in writing before a picture of the late Queen. There were so many heartfelt expressions of thankfulness for her life. Following the State Funeral, I took the condolence sheets to the Borough Offices where they will be combined with other tributes from around Tewkesbury and the local area. This will become a historical archive. But I doubt that Elizabeth II will pass into history without making a lasting impression on the way we view a life of dedication and service.



The Venerable Ron Hesketh CB (Priest/Vicar...whatever you care to call me but just as accessible as the Parish Church, I hope!) ronhesketh@gmail.com 01684 299773/07745 758899.

The regular services each month in Church are:-

On the first Sunday of each month Holy Communion is at 9.30am

On the second and fourth Sundays Holy Communion is at 9.30am.

On the third Sunday Morning Praise is at 9.30am - this is a non-communion service for all the family

On the fifth Sunday in a month Holy Communion is at 9.30am

Other dates to note are:-

Oct	2nd	Sunday	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL	in Church.
			from 12 noon	BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH	in Ann Townend Hall.
Nov	6th	Sunday	9.30am	SERVICE for ALL SOULS	in Church.
Nov	13th	Sunday		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
			9.30am	Parish Communion	in Church
			10.45 am	SERVICE	at the War Memorial.

More details of these and any Christmas Services will be posted at the Church Gate, on notice boards and on the Parish Website. <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene>

Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

For more information on any of these or other events please call:-

Ven. Ron Hesketh		01684 299773	mobile 077 457 588 99
Parish Lay Minister	Angela Cole	01684 294 325	
Churchwarden	Chris Cole	01684 294 325	
Churchwarden Emeritus	Margaret Bailey	01684 298 268.	

Twyning Chapel

As we start our new scholastic year, Twyning Chapel is busy looking forward to future events on the horizon.

In the summer holidays we ran our second Neurodiversity family fun day, which once again was enjoyed by all. We run this group in collaboration with Tewkesbury Baptist Church, and while our coffee mornings take place at the chapel, we use their venue for the family days as there is more space. We had summer crafts, a bouncy castle, sensory room, chill out zone for older children and teens, table tennis, pool, a baby and toddler corner, coffee shop and much more. It was highly successful, and we are looking forward to our next one later in the Autumn. We had a booking system this time to help us manage things, but due to high demand we feel we may need to offer two slots next time. It's all a learning curve. We also introduced an exclusive slot at the very start of the event for children with very severe needs who cannot be around large groups of people, and this went well and built the confidence of those families.

Our next Neurodiverse coffee morning for the parents and carers, runs at the chapel on Monday 3rd October at 10 am and will be our first of the school year, so do pop along if you can. Drama, friendship group and Dinkies are all continuing to thrive at the chapel, we have our first Dinkies of the year this coming Friday 9th September, which all the families are looking forward to. We still host further events happening from outside providers, such as a group for the local Ukrainian community, which I hope to build on this year, and activities run by the Devereux Centre.

It was great to be able to join with St Mary's for the annual combined church service on the green. This year it was led by the chapel and was based on a sporting theme highlighting the lengths St Paul went to, talking about Jesus. It was a busy afternoon at the village fete meeting old and new friends and handing out literature about Jesus and the work of the chape. On the 1st September we held our end of summer picnic on the green, which we run in collaboration with St Mary Magdalene's Church, and which due to popularity now seems to be becoming an annual event. Myself, Angela Cole and Jan Millett coordinated this, and we enjoyed food, fellowship, craft and games on the green, following a Jonah theme, with around 40 people in attendance, with children's ages ranging from 0 to 12 years.

Our family services take place at 10.30am at the Chapel on Sunday mornings. This coming Sunday is our Harvest café style service which is suitable for all the family, and on the Sunday 18th September there is a specific children's service. Other events on the horizon include a coffee morning to raise money for the Jeans for genes charity on 22nd September, a youth evening, and special church service in October and the return of our light party. More details to follow in due course.

We also hold a Zoom prayer meeting at 7pm on Tuesday evenings which I can provide the details for if you wish. Alternatively, you could contact me to request our newsletter, where the details of such events will be sent out each Friday.

If you would like any information about our children's work, or about any of the above events, or in fact anything which is happening at the chapel in the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact me on emilyhastingsactingup@gmail.com and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards Emily Hastings, Community Outreach Worker and Youth Coordinator – Twyning

Twyning Playgroup

Over the summer Playgroup enjoyed their summer outing to Cattle Country which was a massive success with all the children falling asleep on the way home on the mini bus! Whilst there they enjoyed a picnic lunch, tractor ride and a meet and greet with the animals.

With reports written and stay and play sessions having taken place, along with watching a performance of the Lion King at school. It was time to say goodbye to our pre-schoolers with an epic graduation! We were really lucky to welcome back Emily, Chloe and Helen for graduation, all the children were presented with certificates, and a bag full of goodies. They sang their hearts out to "I wanna celebrate and graduate" waving their arms around surrounded by a sea of dancing parents and staff.

Then came the last day of term and party day. We had a treat snack with cakes and chocolates, did lots of dancing and even played pass the parcel. The day came to an end and we said goodbye to our pre-schoolers and wished them all the best on the next part of their journey. There were many tears shed by both parents and staff!

That saw the end of the term and the end of Emma's time as acting playleader. We have been incredibly lucky to recruit two fantastic new members of staff. Susan has joined us a Play Lead, she has many years' experience in early years and key stage 1 settings. Lizzie has joined us as a SEN specialist and again comes with a huge breadth of knowledge and skills.



The term has started with lots of laughs, creativity and play. We are celebrating all things Autumn, with planting, leaf rubbing and pumpkin decorating. We will practice our motor skills with activities such as threading, and we will stimulate our senses of touch and smell with cinnamon playdough.

We can't wait to see what the next year will bring. Look out for fundraising events in the Autumn and winter including table top sale and Christmas wreath making in early December

The Children's Society

Christingle Service

This year's Christingle service will be held on 24th December 2022 at 5.00pm at Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

Your support at the service will enable The Children's Society to continue their work with children who face life's harshest challenges and following the past few years and in our current climate, they need our support more than ever. The service held in Twynning is very popular and has become a tradition amongst many families. It is truly a lovely service and a great way to start celebrating Christmas, so if you haven't been before, please come along and join us.

Box Holders

Over the next month or so, I will be contacting all current box holders directly, to see whether or not you are happy to continue to be a box holder. I have had feedback from quite a few of you saying that you just don't have the spare loose change now, as you don't carry much cash, and that you are finding other ways to donate directly.

Due to work commitments, I have also found it hard to give my time to the box holder collections over the last couple of years. If there is anyone in the village, who feels that they have a little spare time to take this on, I would be extremely grateful. Over the past 20 years that I have been coordinating the box donations, Twynning has always stepped up and the donations received have gone directly to help those children facing the most difficult times. It would be wonderful if we could continue to support such a worthwhile cause. If you are able to help, please do get in touch.

Thank you
Lorna Herold
294292

Twyning School

As we begin a new academic year, I have taken over the role of Chair of Governors from Ron Hesketh. Ron has been associated with the school for many years and has been a great support to Mrs Halling who became Head Teacher at exactly the time of the Covid crisis. He has led the Board of Governors through a period of change from which the school has emerged even stronger and he had used his networks and connections to advantage. With his military background Ron is a man who gets things done and governor meetings have been run with timeliness, precision and a focus on results. On behalf of the governors and everyone at school, thank you Ron for your wisdom, invaluable input and sense of humour. You are a hard act to follow but I will do my best!

In July we also said goodbye to Mrs Barbour and Mrs Palmer who both retired. We are delighted to welcome Miss Copson as new Reception Teacher and Mrs Curtis as Teaching Assistant in Rabbits class.

The expansion of our school is limited by its physical size but we start this term with more children than ever before and we are moving to a five, rather than four, class arrangement. As well as Rabbits, Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Owls, we now also have a Foxes class. Mrs Halling and her staff have been very busy adapting the curriculum and other arrangements to provide the best possible support to the children. We also have a number of Ukrainian children and are very pleased to have Georgia Boote as part of our team of Teaching Assistants. Georgia has recently graduated in Russian and will be working mainly with our Ukrainian children until January. Also new for this term is a trial of Before and After School Care. This should be a real benefit to working parents and will hopefully become a permanent feature.

During the summer holidays there were a number of improvements made including painting of the outdoor classroom and areas of the playground. If you walk past, you may have noticed that the outdoor areas are looking much brighter and more stimulating for the children. This type of work is almost always done by our staff in their own time and special thanks must go to Rachel Taylor-Ball who following her amazing work in the school library has been pivotal in organising a lot of these amazing improvements. We always need support so if you would like to help us in any way, we would love to hear from you. We particularly are looking for someone to join our governing body who is not a parent in school. It would be great to get the input of someone from inside or outside our community who has experiences other than that of Twyning Primary today. It would be brilliant to hear from someone with experience of other primary schools or experience of running a local business, perhaps some whose children have recently finished their experience in education. If you are interested in supporting the governors or know of someone who might be please contact me (chair@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk). If you would like to support the school in any other way I'm sure Mrs Halling would love to hear from you.

Jamie Bartlam, Chair of Governors

TRAC

We last provided an update to you in May this year and since then the summer has come and gone and Autumn is upon us. This summer we've been able to come together for two great village events The Queen's Jubilee and The Village Fete, there more about these events in a separate article.

Since May the TRAC Committee has been busy managing and maintain the TRAC site and repairing parts of the playground that shown some wear and tear. We'd had an issue with the new swing, and you might have noticed it missing for a while, but I'm pleased to say it's now back up.

As I mentioned in our previous report the MUGA Court and Tennis Court 3 are open for general use if you want to turn up and play or available to book if you want reserve a specific time to play.

The site continues to have plenty of use from our sports teams and clubs including Tennis, Netball, Football and Rugby. Details are posted on the notice board at TRAC or via the email address below.

As we head into the Autumn the Committee will be looking at some further improvements to the site, it's too soon to give you specific details but some aspects of the site like the Pavillion, Tennis Court 3 and some of the benches/seats around the site are in need of some TLC.

Finally, I am always keen to hear from anyone who has ideas about how we can further improve the TRAC site, no matter how small or ambitious the idea. If you're interested in starting or joining a team, booking a court or want to get involved in any way please drop me a line on tractwyning@gmail.com.

Many thanks

Ian O'Hanlon

Chair of TRAC

Twyning Short Mat Bowls Club



Village Hall. 1.45-3.45pm every Monday.

This well-equipped Club rolls the 'woods' down the mat every Monday afternoon in the Village Hall. All equipment is provided to ensure a good afternoon enjoying some gentle exercise, all played in a friendly and a mildly competitive manner.

For just £3.00 per session enjoy your village indoor sport. Start with a free 'taster' session.

For more details, contact Fred 592175, John 290388 or Malcolm 295512

Twyning Chapel Friendship Group

The Friendship group continues to meet on alternate Fridays in the chapel.

We have 23 members and at most meetings 17 or 18 people attend. At the meetings we enjoy a cup of coffee and cake or biscuits and always try to celebrate birthdays. We give support to anyone who needs lifts or company and from time to time arrange to go out for lunch or meet up for coffee. We advise the group of bus services and exercise groups and any village activities that can be an advantage to them.

Obviously with the advancing ages there are a couple of the members who have enjoyed respite stay in Tewkesbury Fields home and Hilary has visited and taken other members up to visit.

We have one very active member - John Westcott who has always got a magic trick, game or quiz that he shares with us all, and keeps us entertained and amazes us with the results.

We encourage people to talk about their interests and should any one wish to speak at the meeting of a function or hobby that could be of interest to the older generation then please get in touch.

If you would like to find out more about the group, please contact: Hilary Caudle 07770 571755.

Twyning Scouts

All sections enjoyed a productive summer term and have already started a busy autumn term as detailed in the section reports.

Back by popular demand, the Scouts ran the Plate Smash stall at the Village Fete, raising £130 for Scout Group funds, as well as making a donation to TRAC. Thanks to John Westcott who repaired the shelving unit for the stall, which was showing some signs of wear and tear, after some very enthusiastic throwing by some of the fete-goers. Many thanks to those of you who supported the stall.

The Queen

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts throughout the world are united in sorrow for the loss of our Patron, HM The Queen. She leaves a bright legacy of hope and promise for future generations.

We will remember her, and give thanks for her kindness, her service, and the unwavering support she showed the Scout movement over many decades. She was truly a friend to Scouts everywhere. For seventy years, HM The Queen stood at our side, encouraging our volunteers and inspiring our young people to learn new skills, help others and shine brightly. Her sense of duty and kindness was an outstanding example to every single Scout. On behalf of Twyning Scout Group, we thank HM The Queen for her service. We will never forget her.

Beavers - Age 6 to 7 (Thursday) - Anne Green thefamilygreens@btinternet.com

A busy summer term for Beavers who undertaking their adventure and outdoor challenge badges.

We had a fun afternoon at Cranham scout centre where beavers tried archery and traversing as well as toasting marshmallows, lighting candles and mini pioneering.

Everyone got wet on our annual water games evening including the leaders and young leaders. Thanks Matt, Marissa and Andrew for being up for the challenge.

Lodge leaders enjoyed a sleepover event, and Kellan, Maisie and Bertie were awarded their bronze chief scout award. Many congratulations.

We celebrated the Queen Platinum Jubilee with a group evening on the green where lots of fun was had, ice-creams were eaten and special jubilee badges were awarded.

We say a sad farewell to Kellan, Maisie, Holly, Bertie, Livvy and Zane as they swam up to Cubs

If your child is 4 and at school and you wish their names to be added to the waiting list. Please contact Anne thefamilygreens@btinternet.com

Cubs - Age 8 to 10 (Thursday) - Julie Catchpole - jdcatchpole@yahoo.com

During the summer months the Cubs have completed the road safety badges, athletics and the new world issues badges. Activities involved pledging to save water, learning to speak...

Ukrainian thanks to our guest speaker Richard, bringing in items from another country to show and learning what to do in the event of a natural disaster.

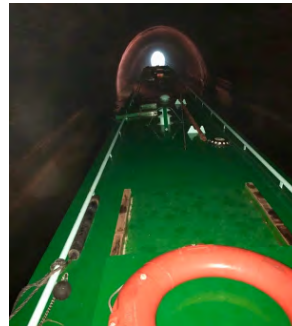
The highlight of the summer was participating in the joint Jubilee Games on the Green with the Beavers and Scouts and being rewarded with a special badge marking the queen's reign. In June some of our Cubs participated in the 'Strategy & Evolution' camp based in Cirencester involving a weekend of activity bases scoring points as a team around a large site. Scouting Units all across the West of the Country participated with thousands of Children in all. We also have our yearly end of term games night at trac before the start of the school holidays which is a great evening to end on.

The Cubs are currently working on the Local Knowledge Badge, learning about famous landmarks and people in the area, making family crest shields and designing tourist leaflets.

In the October Half term, Michelle our Assistant Leader will be on Maternity leave. We are looking for help one hour a week to ensure Cubs can continue to meet during her absence. Please contact one of the leaders if you are able to help.

Scouts Age 10 - 14 (Thursday) - Dan Orchard - dan@twyning.net

The new term began for the Scouts with a weekend aboard the 70' narrowboat, Guinevere, on the Grand Union Canal. As well as steering the boat, learning about the engine maintenance checks, negotiating 2 long tunnels (twice) and operating the locks, the Scouts planned the menus, ingredients, prepared, served and washed up after all the meals, completing all the requirements for the Chef Badge.



Later this term, the Scouts will be competing in Operation Bald Eagle. Based at the Scout campsite next to West Midlands Safari Park, they will take part in a night hike involving multiple, Scouting, physical and skills challenges, as a team, against hundreds of others from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, and Worcestershire. In the meantime, the Scouts have been planning their own challenges to complete in their patrols, as well as personal challenges, such as being helpful at home for a month! Other planned activities include hikes, climbing and hopefully caving.

If this sounds like fun to you, we have space for more boys and girls to join us, but we do need help with running some of the evenings where we don't have all the leaders available. Parents, relatives, friends - if you have a skill or activity to share with us, please get in touch.

Explorer Scouts



After a summer break, the Explorers who have turned 18 have left us and headed off to university or apprenticeships. New Explorers have joined us, and our numbers have grown back to 26, with more joining this term. After the sad passing of Her Majesty, the Queen, our new members will have to get used to making a new Scout Promise, when they are invested, pledging duty to the King!

This term's events include a narrowboat weekend on the Grand Union Canal, and competing in the National Scout Shooting Competition, in Surrey, the first time it has been held since 2019. Will any of them be invited to join the National Scout Squad, and compete against Cadets around the country?



The Explorers have also been planning a winter camp and activities to be based in North Wales.

In addition to some traditional Scouting skills, such as pioneering and fire lighting, the youth-led programme this term will include climbing, navigation, hikes, escape rooms, cooking and Parliament Week activities.

Dan Orchard, Explorer Scout Leader,

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Men's Shed

Twynning now has its own Men's Shed. Based at Green Farm, it meets every Wednesday mornings and is a community space for men to create, connect and converse. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're enjoyable. Think BBC Repair Shop meets Scrap Heap Challenge and you'll have an idea of what we are about!

Life after employment can be difficult and men often feel that they've lost their sense of purpose and place in the world. They can miss the routine and camaraderie between colleagues that often comes with working life. This can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation which can be dangerous for their health and wellbeing. However, recognising that age isn't the only factor in loneliness and isolation, and that there is more to Men's Sheds, for example sharing skills, informal learning and enjoyment, some Sheds have younger members as well. Twynning Men's Sheds age range from 42 to considerably older!

We work on projects to make or repair items brought to us and we charge for materials and ask for a donation to cover our running costs. So far we have repaired a bench, a garden table, 2 village notice boards, several garden forks and spades with broken handles, and work in progress includes a generator, plant pot holders, bird boxes, wine racks and more. So we are productive during the time we are together and every morning at 11.00am we stop to drink tea and chat. Sometimes about important things sometimes very trivial, but what is said in the Shed, stays in the Shed so it is a safe place for men to talk about sensitive issues.

But are Men's Sheds sexist? Well that depends on your outlook. The WI don't admit men because it is "based on the idea of bringing women together, providing them with educational opportunities and the chance to make a difference in their communities".

The same is the case for Men's Sheds although many do have women only days or allow women to join. Currently Twynning Men's Shed is men only, or people who identify as a man, and we have not had an enquiry from a woman to join.

So if you have something to be repaired, we can have a go. We will have fun doing it, and being challenged by the repair, and we may return to you a fully restored and useful item!

If you want more information contact Bill O'Dell wro@idspartners.co.uk or Dave Lockett dlockett71@googlemail.com

Twyning Bridge Club

We re-opened properly in September 2021 and we are now in our 21st year of existence as an official club. We aim to provide a friendly sociable environment offering duplicate bridge on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Ann Townend Hall, Churchend. We have several members who live in Twyning and if you wish to come along to play you would be very welcome, it is also a good way of meeting new people.

If you would like to learn how to play bridge we will do our best to put you in touch with someone to help you.

Please look at our website under www.bridgewebs.com/twyning which will give you more information or ring me or e mail me.

Irene Fort 01386553605 or bundu@john-lewis.com

Twyning WI

Twyning WI meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. We often invite speakers, and we've had some very diverse ones from 'The Garden's of the Italian Lakes' to 'Tarantula hunting!', or we may have crafting evenings or social events. We also have our other monthly Make and Bake, Scrabble and book clubs.

We also had a fantastic afternoon at the Village Fete where we sold our homemade produce. It was a very successful afternoon, thank you for all those who supported us.

We are always looking to attract new members and we would love to know what you would like from your WI, what would attract you to join us. You can find all our information on our Facebook Page 'Twyning WI'. Please feel free to contact us with your ideas and suggestions.

By the time this bulletin goes to print and out to the public we will have had a change to our committee and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hard working members, who after doing more than their fair share, have decided to step down. A huge 'thank you' from all members present and past.

We hope to see you soon at one of our future meetings. Check the Facebook page for our programme of events.

1st Bredon Guides

Bredon Guides had a great summer term. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea complete with cupcake decorating, sandwich making and bunting (of course!).

The unit gets out and about in the summer months to enjoy the light evenings. This year included a penny walk (where your route is down to the toss of a coin), kayaking at Croft Farm, a walk around Kemerton Lake, an outdoor BBQ at Forest School, and an sports evening to mark the Commonwealth Games. The girls also worked towards their Camping Skills Builder and there were some impressive mini bedding rolls created.

This term the girls have choose a new Skills Builder "Live Smart" which has included life hacks, designing a game and upcycling, as they work towards their Theme Award. Other meetings planned before Christmas include Parliament Week, Crafts and a Halloween party.

If you have a daughter aged 10-14 who would be interested in becoming a Guide, just email bredonguides@gmail.com or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Sarah and Jane



Bulletin Photo Competition

The next edition of the Bulletin is due out in February 2023 and your photo can feature as the front cover! The theme is '**winter in Twyning**', and the winner will receive a bottle of wine, or non-alcoholic equivalent, kindly sponsored by Spar Twyning.

To enter just send your photo to editor@twyningcouncil.co.uk by 31st January. The format must be portrait and supplied as a high res jpeg.

Twyning Players



It's hard to believe, with the sun shining as I write this, but panto time is approaching
OH YES IT IS!

You are in for a treat this year with a show that we haven't done before: Hansel and Gretel. Yo Director Phil Hodge has rehearsals well under way and is knocking the cast into shape. Will Bluebell, the Fairy of the Forest, manage to rescue Hansel and Gretel before they are eaten by Nightshade the Wicked Witch of the Woods? Who keeps knocking Peggy Pumpernickel's knocker? Will Nut-meg and Basil make money from any of their schemes? Can Prince Johann find love? How loudly can the audience boo and hiss?

To find out, come along to one of the performances which will be on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon. Look out for posters nearer the time and tickets will be available from the Village Shop and the Village Inn...We look forward to seeing you all for a fun-filled family occasion!

Carol Chapman, Secretary

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Bulletin admin

Submissions of articles and photographs relating to Twyning are always welcome for the Bulletin. If you run a club or stage an event in the area let us know! You don't have to be part of a club or organisation to contribute, though - the Bulletin is truly a community effort for everyone to share in.

Please make sure that you have permission for anyone featured in a photograph.

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