

Twynning Bulletin



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Twyning then, and now



*Top - the view across Hillend Road towards Lynworth Lane before Freemans Close was built. 1970s, Don Tennant. c/o Mike Tomkins
Bottom - the view today.*

Do you have a historic picture of Twyning that you would like to share? Send a copy to editor@twyningparishcouncil.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.

Front cover - Twyning lambs and buttercups, the Manor Field, SDB.

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the summer edition of the Twyning Bulletin. As the UK begins to open up we are seeing all sorts of activities and clubs restarting in the village. If you are involved in an activity or club that isn't currently featured in the Bulletin please contact me on the address below and we will look to include it in the next edition.

Finally I would like to plug our excellent village website. Given the gap between editions of the Bulletin, it is the place to find up-to-date info on everything to do with the village and the Parish Council. Just visit www.twyningvillage.co.uk

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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.

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Published three times a year by the Parish Council, and delivered to your door.

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 when the meeting is on the second Wednesday) 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 are also displayed at the Village Hall 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 all to this edition of our Bulletin delivered by volunteers to every dwelling in the Parish. We also welcome Sarah Don-Bramah our new Editor and wish her every success in this task, in addition she has been appointed co-ordinator of the Parish Council website

We also welcome Cate Cody our newly elected County Councillor.

Assuming Covid matters progress as we hope we will again be holding Council meetings in the Village Hall. The Agenda for the next meeting will be available on the Council website.

John Irwin has tendered his resignation from the Council, and the Council is now in a position to Co-opt a new member to join us.

We await a date when the planning application to develop a site at Hillend Road (the Nut Orchard) will come before Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning Committee. It is of interest that to date there are just under two hundred and eighty objections including an objection from the Tewkesbury Borough Council Tree Officer. Thank you to all who have responded to this matter.

You will no doubt, shortly see new seats appearing on the Green and the Quay using Covid related grants.

During the Pandemic our Emergency, together with additional Volunteers, have been available to offer assistance when required however I am pleased to say that they have only been called upon on a few occasions clearly due to the great Community Spirit of Relatives, Friends and Neighbours, which clearly is a matter we can all be proud of. Well done all.

As the Council are not permitted to use reserves other than for Capital expenditure it was necessary to make a small monetary increase in your Council Tax to meet a rise in the cost of services.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who have supported myself and the Council at a very difficult time, my Colleagues on the Council, John Irwin, our Clerk and RFO, the Footpath Gang, our Tree Warden, the Emergency Committee, the Minibus Committee, Kevin Cromwell, and our Borough Councillors.

Best wishes,
Stay Safe and hopefully enjoy more freedom.

Jeremy Horsfall Chairman

Acorns Children's Hospice

A lot of you will know my news but for those that don't, here it is. Sam my husband, father to our three children and joint partaker in all our fundraising for local charities, sadly died on Sunday 13th December 2020.

The family and myself have been overwhelmed with all the tributes and sympathy cards we have received. It has been a great comfort to us to know that he was so well thought of and will be missed by so many, from pupils he taught at the Hill School Upton, Scientist Sam at Playgroup, Nurse Hannah at Tewkesbury Hospital Fete, Hearing readers at Chance St School, Twyning Lunch Club, Probus and so much more.

He will not be forgotten, donations in his memory will be collected and given to support Acorns Childrens Hospice, Worcester.

Thank you

Anita Haycock and Family.

Anita Haycock, 15 Paxhill Lane, tel. 293890

Children's Society

Box Holders

Firstly apologies to those of you who have been waiting patiently for your boxes to be collected and emptied this year. The box-holder scheme is The Children's Society's biggest fundraiser and the money raised goes directly towards helping the children supported by The Children's Society and this year they need our support more than ever.

I know we haven't probably been using cash as much, and therefore haven't accrued the loose change that usually goes into the box, but every penny counts. If you currently have a box and you are in a position to drop it round to me to empty that would be fantastic, alternatively please give me a call to arrange a convenient time for me to come and collect it.

If anyone who doesn't already have a box would like one, please do not hesitate to contact me. Lorna Herold 294292

Twyning Tennis Club

Hello Twyning.

Hopefully, you will already know that you have a very active local Tennis Club based in Kilmore Lane as part of the Twyning Recreational Amenity Complex. We always welcome new members of all ages and abilities, and currently have around 120 members made up of individuals & families.



We also have a very active coaching programme that caters for all levels of ability (children, adults, improvers etc) which is run by a locally based LTA Tennis Coach. Our coach also runs CardioTennis sessions which is great for improving your fitness, whether you play tennis or not. We have local fun tournaments as well as putting in six teams (two men's & four ladies' teams) into regional summer league tournaments this year, which is quite an achievement.

Or, you can just book a court and play. We can cater for everyone. So you can see we have a lot going on, and it's local to you. Tennis is fun for all, great exercise, great opportunities - can we produce the next British No 1!!!



We will also restart social activities later this year to keep us in the mood. If you want to get started, or just like to know more please send an email to twyningtennisclub@gmail.com or look at our website; clubspark.lta.uk/TwyningTennisClub. We look forward to seeing you.



Twyning Tennis Club

For further details email twyningtennis@gmail.com

Twyning Short Mat Bowls Club



**Proposed re-start is July 26th
Village Hall.
1.45-3.45pm every Monday**



This well-equipped Club is looking forward rolling those 'woods' down the mat once again. 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 Neil 593429, Fred 592175, Malcolm 295512

Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

Message from Ron Hesketh, Associate Priest*

We are looking ahead and anticipating the great opening up. You could call it a glass half-full or in our case an act of faith! See below our programme for the next few months. If all goes well, we also hope to have one of our popular pub quizzes in the autumn and re-start our Friday evening events in the Ann Townend Hall. Although sponsored by the parish church there is a warm welcome to everybody in our community. They don't work without you!

Are you receiving our monthly newsletter? It will bring you some interesting articles, news of our events, notes on the most historic building in our community, the editors pick of cartoons, and few things you might not expect of a parish mag! Our circulation goes to lots of people who just want to touch on their parish church with no strings.



Our main Sunday service is normally at 0930hrs, but we vary times a bit for special events. Keep an eye on our notices in the monthly newsletter or on the Church noticeboards. There is one way you might be able to help us. We need volunteers to keep the churchyard in good shape by some grass cutting or strimming. All equipment required is provided. The families of those buried in our churchyard and our visitors are appreciative of all we do. If you want to join our team call Ron Hesketh (299773) or Richard Bailey (298268).

It's good to be back in contact via this Bulletin and wish the Editor well in her new role. Take care & God bless.

Ron

The Venerable Ron Hesketh CB ronhesketh@gmail.com 01684 299773/07745 758899

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN 2021

For worship, fundraising and fellowship, all subject to Gov't guidelines at the time

- July 18th Sunday 10.30am **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** in Church Morning Service followed by **COFFEE/TEA/CAKE, RAFFLE & FUNDRAISING STALL** in aid of **ACORNS CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**.
Aug 1st Sunday 10.30am **BAPTISM** of Sophia Rose Munro during Morning Service in Church.
Aug to be notified **TEA in the Garden** at Vera & Ron's home, Whistledown, Village Green.
Sept 1st Wed 12noon Church & Chapel **PICNIC** Village Green.
Sept 11th Saturday 9.30am **RIDE & STRIDE** from Village Green Back for a cuppa at Vera & Ron's.
Sept 22nd Wed 10am-12 **COFFEE MORNING** at Junie's home, Gosling Cottage, Twyning Green.
Oct 2nd Saturday 9.30am **WORKING PARTY** Churchyard.
Oct 3rd Sunday 11.00am **HARVEST FESTIVAL** in Church new time followed by **BRING & SHARE LUNCH** in the Ann Townend Hall.
Oct 17th Sunday 9.30am **MORNING PRAISE** Service in Church.

Ideas in the pipeline - all awaiting confirmation - are reinstating the Friday evening programme in Sept/Oct in the Ann Townend Hall and a Quiz in October.

Further details will appear in the Newsletter, Church noticeboards and website - <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene>

Everyone is always welcome at all our services.

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Twyning Chapel

At Chapel - since January this year - we have met most Sundays on Zoom and over recent times - we have been able to have a couple of Sunday morning services at Croft Farm in the garden when the weather has allowed us to and this has meant - we can actually sing and chat over refreshments after the service. We have decided to wait until the next announcement before returning to face to face services in chapel as the technology has facilitated us sharing virtually and safely. We have also met every Tuesday evening on Zoom - to have a short time of reflection and prayer which has been a great focus for the week!

Sadly we lost one of our much loved chapel members at the end of last year -Keith Carley who many of you will have known from Dinkies, JAM Club and other youth work at chapel over the years as well as Open the Book at Twyning school. Keith also played the piano every Sunday morning and we will miss his nimble fingers tinkling the ivories. Keith was very creative and made numerous props for Open the Book and chapel events; he had a kind, gentle and natural way with children; was always able to get their attention and was very popular with the little ones! Thank you Keith for all you did and we miss you.

The village Friendship Group (which was set up by Jim East a few years ago for people who have been bereaved) uses the chapel for their fortnightly meetings on a Friday morning for an hour at 10.30am. It is an opportunity to meet others in the village, have a cuppa and a chat and trips out are arranged from time to time. If you would like to know more or would like to join this group - please contact Hilary Caudle on 07770571755. One new development is our appointment of Emily and here are a few words from Emily who will explain her new role with us:

"I would like to introduce myself as the Community Outreach Worker for Twyning chapel and am a point of contact in the village for any one who would like to chat or needs support with anything. One major part of my role is youth work and events, which has proved more than a little challenging through lockdown. However we were able to get around that with lots of treasure hunts and a few activities via Zoom. We have enjoyed one face to face Dinkies toddler group meet at Twyning Chapel this term, where we welcomed lots of young families back in for the first time in over a year. We plan to have one final get together on the green before the end of term. I am excited to be able to start planning more events in the Autumn term providing it is safe to do so. We are kicking off with an end of summer picnic on the 1st September which will be suitable for families with children of all ages. On 20th September we are having our fist coffee morning for Neurodiverse families, which I am really excited about, it's something very close to my heart, and we have plans for an Autumn Light Party. If you have any questions about my work or enquiries about any of the above events please don't hesitate to contact me on emilyhastingsactingup@gmail.com and I'll be happy to help"

Emily Hasting, Community Outreach Worker

Twyning Playgroup

The past few months we've spent lots of time welcoming all the children back and welcoming new starters. It was so lovely in March to be able to have everyone back. We've boosted our numbers to 28 and have a waiting list for September. We do have some Pre school spaces left for a Tuesday if anyone is interested in putting their child's name down.

Now restrictions have started to ease the Pre School children have loved visiting school in small groups and making use of the newly refurbished outdoor area, the sand pit and large cuddly teddies all a big hit.

Helen has been running Forest School sessions down at Twyning Park. Thank you so much to the Simmons family for continuing to support Playgroup and having us back. One of our favourite activities has been using the clay to make sculptures. We also watered the village car park and drew around the shapes with chalk. We went down to Forest School and the children were encouraged to think about what might happen to our water whilst we were gone. The language from the children was fantastic.

When we got back all that was left was our colourful outlines of chalk. We had lots of questions and ideas such as the water drying, going down the drain and 1 child knew the term evaporated. A fantastic learning experience created by the staff but led by the children.

This term at Playgroup the children have been enjoying their role play. We had a few children talking about weddings and getting married and so we have had our very own wedding with accompanying music thanks to the large screen and projector. We also used the Projector to make a fruit order from Woody's where the children sat and chose their own favourites to add to the basket. When it arrived they used shopping baskets to carry it in and then practiced chopping the fruit.

We love being outdoors whatever the weather and have been watching our potatoes growing. Did you know that old strong cardboard boxes make great planters for potatoes and are very eco friendly. On the subject of eco friendly we also created our own glitter using salt and food colouring which of course is biodegradable, rather than using tiny shredded pieces of shiny plastic.

Staff have completed training on the New Early Years Framework which is coming into place from September. The New Framework focuses less on paperwork and on more quality interactions which we pride ourselves on doing anyway, but is great to know this will now be recognised by Ofsted.

We are looking forward to Sports Day, a summer outing and hopefully we will be able to invite parents to an end of year variety performance.

Twyning School

If I begin to tell you about all that has happened since I last wrote for the Bulletin, I might not be the editor's friend! Our relatively new Headteacher, Lucy Halling, has had to lead her team through the unique circumstances of the pandemic. Every effort was made to keep schooling going for the children of key workers and for the majority of children, who had to stay at home. Given the size and resources of a village school, I think most parents would agree that this task was met well. I obviously cannot comment on the sanity of parents and guardians!

The challenge of the pandemic is not behind us with the re-opening of school. The staff face the formidable task of assessing where the children are now in their educational journey. It is really important that the 'recovery plan' becomes just a natural part of their school day. The plan involves a careful look at each pupil and a strategy to get them back on track. This is all extra work for the staff, but they are certainly fully engaged with the challenge. As for the children, well their natural resilience is evident in the way they have settled back into school environment. If anything, staff report that their behaviour is better than pre-pandemic and that might reflect a maturing through the extraordinary experiences of the last year. Let us hope that it's a lasting silver lining.

Despite all the extra classroom tasks the staff have given of their own time to do some much-needed facelifting both to the interior and exterior of the School. As there has been limited access to the school building and surrounds much of this great work may have gone unnoticed. I hope it will not be long before you can see for yourself how much more care is going into making the school a welcoming place. Much more in terms of premises improvement is in the pipeline, including a full wall mural in the school hall reflecting Twyning and its environs. Rarely are these improvements covered by official funds, so we are grateful for any donations. Recently we have received generous support from the Village shop & the Parent-Teachers Association.

You will be pleased to hear that our school is popular and the planned intake for September is at the upper limit of our capacity. This brings significant challenges but also the benefits of extra funding and resources. Our aim is to provide places for all the children who want to come to us from Twyning. A good village school has much to offer and whilst space is at a premium there are clearly many other plusses which our parents and guardians recognise.

The governors and the staff look forward to Twyning School moving from strength to strength. If you want to know more visit our website which contains lots of interesting information. It too is having a major facelift!

Ron Hesketh - Chair of Governors

Twyning Village Hall

Village Hall Management Committee Announcement

As the Village Hall slowly starts to return to normal operations, we look forward to the moment when the Government releases us from this Covid nightmare.

The Management Committee have agreed to revise and simplify both the hourly charging regime and also our booking forms.

In brief these are the main points that will become effective from the 1st September 2021.

Regular users

Parish Clubs & Societies with VHMC representative.	£8 (per hour)
Parish & Non-Parish Organisations with no VHMC rep	£10

Business rates £15

Private Hire

Parishioners	£10
Non-Parishioners	£15
Conferences	£25

A deposit of £50 is payable upon confirmation of the booking.

Cancellation.

The cancellation of a booking within 14 days of the due date will incur an administrative charge of £20.

Hire is per hour and the minimum hire is one hour.

There will be no charge for a period of 15 minutes either side of a booking to allow for setting up and clearing away.

Our booking forms will reflect the new rate from 1 September 2021

Booking can be made by either phoning 07875 771871 or by e-mail to: bookings@twyningvillagehall.org.uk

Dave Lockett
Chairman VHMC.

Twyning Players



“Ahoy There”!! from Twyning Players

It has been a long 18 months but we are delighted to announce skulduggery is afoot! Come and join the crew of Captain Smellit and Long John Slither for “Treasure Island, The Pantomime” planned for 2nd, 3rd and 4th December.

It will feature the usual dazzling special effects, massive musical numbers and second-to-none acting skills from a cast made up of “The Quality”, “The Scum of the Seven Seas” “Los Espagnols”, a lost tea lady, Captain Haddock (a talking parrot) and assorted pirates. If that doesn’t shiver your timbers shipmates, I don’t know what will.

You will understand that all this is subject to Covid restrictions, health and safety on the cutlasses and RSPCA guidelines on impersonating a parakeet and using a tank filled with deadly sharks in the Village Hall.

Rehearsals start on 5th September. If you would like to come and join us on stage or back stage, we welcome new members and would love to talk to you. Nearer the performance dates we will, of course, be scouring the locality for junior pirates to join the chorus and dancers.

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2nd Twyning Scouts Group

Ian Palmer - theianpalmer@gmail.com

To manage Scouting during the pandemic the Scout Association established a traffic light system to provide guidance on what activities and meetings could take place and on what basis.

After prolonged periods of RED (no face to face meetings) and AMBER (outdoor face to face meetings upto 15 young people) , Beavers, Cubs , Scouts and Leaders throughout the UK are delighted that we are now able to operate at Readiness level: YELLOW which means : Section meetings can take place outdoors and indoors. Limited small group residential activities may take place. Please see section reports to see how the leaders have responded to status YELLOW.

In the midst of the Covid pandemic, the Scout section was temporarily closed for the autumn term as both Lorna Herold the Scout section Leader of 10 years standing and Tim Orchard elected to stand down at the end of the summer term. As a group we are deeply indebted to them both for making the 2nd Twyning Scouts such an exciting and positive Scouting experience during that time.

Scouts restarted in Jan 2021 with Dan Orchard kindly volunteering to restart the Scout section. Scouting constantly evolves and I would like to extend a very big welcome to new leaders : Ben Wilson, Charlie Edwards , Matt Wills, Rachel Taylor-Ball.

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

Beavers are back face to face and after a year of mainly zoom meetings, it is great to see and hear the children having fun. Many thanks to all Beaver parents for facilitating the zoom meetings and helping with craft when needed.

We currently have 13 Beavers, and welcome 2 new leaders Matt and Rachel and young leader, Rose so we have a great leadership team. This term, Beavers are working towards their Adventure Challenge and Outdoor challenge badges and we have managed all evening outside in the school playground.

Beavers have learnt about St Georges day, what to do in an emergency and simple knots. We have put up tents, washed up and packed for camp - hoping sleepovers will be allowed soon. Beavers are well prepared! We have made wormeries and masks using flowers and leaves from leaders gardens as well as playing lots of games. We have a hike around the village and a trip to Cranham scout centre to look forward to. We will also be celebrating the Queen Birthday with a special badge and Beavers will be learning about countries in the commonwealth and playing games from them.

We currently have a long waiting list for Beavers but if your child is in reception and you would like to add their name to the list or you are an adult who would like to help on a regular basis please contact Anne Green (piglet) thefamilygreens@btinternet.com. Beavers meet on a Thursday evening 6-7 at Twyning School.

Cubs - Age 8 to 10 (Thursday) - Julie Catchpole - jdcatchpole@yahoo.com. We are finally back in the Village Hall and meeting together after months of zoom calls. We have not missed a meeting over the winter months and need to congratulate the parents in joining in with the activities at home. As the restrictions eased recently, we managed to have outdoor meetings on The Green, before all the rain set in!

This term we focused on the World Challenge badge and the impact we have on our environment. The badge work led to the chance of helping the community tackle the issue of dog fouling. The Cubs tied templates of dog faces on road signs and railing bars around the village to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. We hope it was a useful reminder and thank the village community for supporting the awareness. We also saw the older Cubs who gained their Chief Silver Awards move up into Scouts thanks to the wonderful new leadership team that stepped up and resurrected the group. We miss them greatly after being with us for two and a half years but know they will have great fun and be in good hands at Scouts.

We continue this term with having fun inside the hall and outdoors doing the communication activity badge and navigator badge. In September, our pack will be expanding to even more numbers and we look forward to welcoming our new adult leaders. I am always grateful for the tremendous efforts and time that the adults give and volunteer in making Cubs happen, which would not exist without them.

Scouts - Age 10 ½ to 14 (Thursday) - Dan Orchard - danorchard111@gmail.com

We are very pleased to report that the Scout section has been back meeting every week, since January. I am thankful to be supported by other section leaders in the Twyning Group, (Richard and Danielle Morley) who have made a commitment to Scouts, and two new members of the Twyning leadership team, Ben Wilson who has also kindly volunteered to get involved and Charlie Edwards who is one of our ex-Explorer Scouts.

We restarted with 8 Scouts, and with some of the older cubs moving up plus some recruitment following a 'virtual' bring a friend evening, we are now standing at 14 members. The restrictions due to the Covid19 pandemic meant that our programme was delivered via Zoom until Easter. In addition to games, quizzes, investing new Scouts, and working towards various badges, we did manage to have some fun outdoor activities, which were enjoyed as individual family groups, rather than all the Scouts together. The Scouts and their families have spent several weekends exploring the footpaths around the village, whilst Geocaching (a global treasure hunt activity), and taking part in giant outdoor versions of the board games Cluedo and Monopoly.

Since we have been allowed to return to face to face Scouting, after Easter, the young people have been brushing up on their First Aid and the skills they will need to complete their expedition challenge and other elements of the Chief Scout's Gold Award. The Scouts have also enjoyed Canoeing and Climbing sessions (thank you Liz Orchard), bicycle maintenance, and are planning bike rides, archery and target shooting as soon as possible.

Explorer Scouts



With our everchanging situation regarding Covid, Explorer Scouts did manage to have some, socially distanced, face to face activities outdoors, when the Tier status allowed. These included a navigation 'treasure hunt' on Bredon Hill, a Cluedo-based wide game and some target shooting and archery. Following that, there have been online quizzes and games plus some science and engineering talks. Since 'face to face' Scouting has been allowed again, after Easter, the Explorers have enjoyed more widegame challenges around Twyning, brushing up on their (socially distanced) First Aid skills, canoeing, climbing and getting back up to speed with their expedition skills, which will (all being well) culminate in walking and canoeing expeditions in Scotland during August. We have been pleased to welcome 3 new members to the Explorer Unit, with more set to move up from Scouts later in the summer.

Our treasurer, Jane Freeguard, who has served the Explorer Unit well for several years (and Twyning Scout Group before that) is looking to hand over the reins. We all thank her for the sterling work. We would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to Annie Siddall, who has agreed to become our new treasurer.

Dan Orchard, Explorer Scout Leader,
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1st Bredon Guides

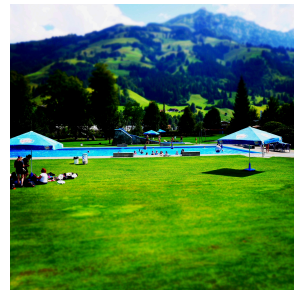
After 15 months of Zoom meetings Bredon Guides are now back face to face. We managed some fun activities even virtually including making mug cakes, pancake flipping and taking part in UK Parliament Week but nothing beats physical meetings for the girls.

The summer term is always full of fun outdoors activities but this year seems even more special for obvious reasons. So we will be paddle boarding, kayaking, geo caching, taking a penny hike and undertaking outdoor cooking.

We are a very active unit in normal times and in the past three years have taken our Guides to Switzerland, undertaken a Harry Potter tour of London, enjoyed the London Eye, been camping indoors and out and attended the Big Gig at Wembly (in fancy dress).

If your daughter would like to join just visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register your interest and we'll then get in touch!

Sarah Don-Bramah



Longdon Probus District Club

The last year or so has been a difficult time for clubs such as Probus where, for such a club to thrive and expand, social contact is an absolute necessity. The prevalence of Coronavirus meant that person-to-person contact ceased in Spring last year (for good reasons) and so different means needed to be found to maintain some degree of contact, even though those different means may be second-best. The only two realistic alternatives that were open to our Probus club were Zoom and email. As a result, our Club still manages to 'meet' on-line via Zoom on Monday mornings and continues to be entertained by a variety of speakers, both in-house and guest. E-mail is also useful for Club business such as the AGM, together with keeping in touch generally.

We are looking forward to returning to normal as soon as circumstances permit, resuming our regular Monday morning meetings at the Hunters Inn and undertaking other social events. This may happen in July at the earliest, depending on how Coronavirus variants behave. Hopefully, sometime soon, we will meet up once more with Probus friends and colleagues, including those who decided not to participate in our Zoom meetings.

For further information contact the Secretary at johnlridley@hotmail.com.

Emergency Committee

The Emergency Committee (EC) was established to increase resilience within the local community through developing a robust co-ordinated approach that compliments the plans of responding agencies.

That is our aim today and will continue to be so in the future.

Having responded to the Covid pandemic in providing help and assistance, it was very encouraging to see that parishioners in the main, helped their family and neighbours overcome the difficulties of lockdown.

The EC team has been refreshed over the last few months and stands ready to respond as required.

Part of the Plan contains a list of vulnerable residents - these people will receive our priority support in an emergency. If you would like to be included on the list (in confidence) please contact myself or Dave Lockett. (297565)

In the event of an emergency arising, a dedicated mobile phone number 07936028908 will be activated.

Ian Ferguson

Chairman

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Bridge Club

I see that the last time I wrote anything about the club was in October 2020 never imagining that in July 2021 we would still be in a partial lockdown. I am, however, pleased to report that all of our members have not only survived but have not, to my knowledge, had the virus. We are now all waiting for the announcements this month and if all distancing rules are lifted then we shall be hoping to open the club again very soon afterwards.

For anyone new to Twyning we play in the Ann Townend Hall, Church End on Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7 pm. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and relaxed club and visitors are very welcome. We do not run a host programme but any of our officers would be happy to try and find a partner for you if you need one. We have a website which gives more information. My telephone number is 01386 553605 should you need any further information.

Irene Fort, Secretary

QUIZ!!

Name the British Event !! Clue- 7 and 8 might work well together! All answers on p20

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QUIZ ANSWERS

Name the British event- the answers

1. Obby Oss, Padstow Cornwall
2. Bog Snorkelling, The Waen Rhydd Bog, nr Llanwrtyd Wells
3. Flaming Tar Barrels, Ottery St Mary, Devon
4. Cheese Rolling, Coopers Hill, Gloucestershire
5. Shin Kicking, Cotswold Olympicks, Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire
6. Stinging Nettle Eating Championships, Marshwood, Dorset
7. Gravy Wrestling, Rossendale, Lancashire
8. The Yorkshire Pudding Boat Race, Ryedale, North Yorkshire

Twyning Minibus

Hurrah- the Twyning Community minibus is once again available for use by Parishioners!

We already have a few bookings over the summer, so if you are planning any trips or outings, do check out how to book here: <https://www.twyningvillage.co.uk/mini-bus>. Alternatively, Adam Walker is the person to get in touch with and you can reach him by email: twyning.minibus@gmail.com.

In other news...

After extended periods of inactivity, our minibus has been out on daily exercise taking children to and from Hanley school. Whilst masks have to be worn and surfaces cleaned daily, we are so pleased that despite the pandemic, we are able to offer this vital service.

We bid farewell to Nici Davey, who is in the process of leaving our committee (handing over everything she has taken care of is a time consuming task), and we thank her 100% for the amazing work she has done - it's amazing how time consuming managing the minibus is, so we are sharing out the many duties she undertook. Adam Walker and Hywel Griffiths joined us a little while ago and Delta Ferguson has also volunteered to help. Without their support and that of other key individuals, we would not be able to keep the minibus running.

Hywel is focused on taking forward our plans to offer a service for the elderly and infirm of this Parish with a weekly trip into Tewkesbury combined with bringing people to Luncheon Club. Plans were obviously put on hold but we are excited that we can start this project again and hope to be in a position to offer this regular service as soon as it is safe to do so.

Hopefully, by the time of the next Bulletin, some of you will have had the opportunity to use the minibus!

Are you planning an
**outing, club day
or special event?**

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*depending on latest
government advice.



COMMUNITY
Twyning MINIBUS

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.

If you'd like to advertise in the Bulletin or be added to the email contact list for reminders, please contact the editor (see below for contact details).

***The deadline for the next edition of the Bulletin is
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