

Twynning Bulletin



The Newsletter of Twynning Parish Council

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*Free bus service? Survey inside. Ideas for the new sports field?
Have your say!*



Above: Flooded Twyning Quay (Photo by Bob Walton)
What village greens are made for – the Sausage & Cider Festival and Village Fete.
(Photos by Dave Lockett and Roy Thomas)
Front cover: Parish Church midsummer flowers (Photo by Fiona Thornton)

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Twyning Bulletin. As well as the usual reports and pictures, this time we have two opportunities for you to have your say – see pp15–17. Please do give your feedback and support these initiatives.

As the festive season approaches (and we all know that time speeds up between now and the 25th December!) do keep an eye open for local events in the village – as you'll see there is the usual pantomime to look forward to, as well as carols in the village hall, and no doubt there will be much more going on. I even hear rumours that Santa himself may drop by! Do please send me reports and pictures of any village events – despite the wonders of the digital age we live in, the Bulletin is still an important way of communicating with residents in the Parish.

Fiona Thornton, editor

(see p30 for contact details)

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Keeping in Touch with Your Village

Twyning Parish Council Website

www.twyningcouncil.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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Village Noticeboards

The Parish Council has noticeboards outside the shop, at the bottom of Lynworth Lane, at TRAC, at Stratford Bridge and at 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.

Quick Contacts

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MP for Tewkesbury Constituency: Laurence Robertson – 291640

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 October edition of the Twyning Parish Bulletin. We welcome Jamie Bartlam, on co-option, to the Council and look forward to using his time and talents. Our Clerk, Michelle English, has tendered her resignation, as she will be emigrating 'down under' at the end of the year. Our thanks go to her for all the hard work she has done in managing a difficult handover from a series of temporary clerks and also picking up the reigns of Responsible Finance Officer mid-term. We wish her and her family well in their new life in Australia.

The Parish Council does not sit in August, but our sub-committees and working groups (Planning, Minibus and Kilmore Field) have continued their work over the summer and have held several meetings. We announced that Playgroup had approached the Council looking to occupy a part of Kilmore Field. Whilst this has not yet been formally approved or rejected by either party, Playgroup are currently investigating another site which may well offer enhanced facilities.

The Council is still exploring additional uses for the field. Our focus is on Twyning-based activities that are largely supported by Twyning children or adults. We are seeking the views of the Parish: see p17.

This summer saw the passing of Tom Brown. He was a member of the Twyning footpath gang for many years and was one of the few you could rely on to fix a stile, a gate, a bench or most things that needed fixing, He was also an active supporter of the Lunch Club and will be missed by the Parish for his friendly face.

There have been a number of planning applications, or threats of them, over the last few months and most have been notified on the village Facebook page and website. These need to be reviewed carefully and in light of our Neighbourhood Development Plan. Where there is no conflict in general the Parish will support, but where there is an attempt to ignore the NDP by developers (who have little regard for life of the Parish) and where the NDP is likely to be breached the Parish should object strongly. This is the approach the Planning Committee is taking.

The village website has been managed for over six years by Bill O'Dell who now wishes to hand over to a new administrator who can take it on and improve the service it gives to the community. Thank you Bill for all your time and care over the years. A new version of the website is under construction and will soon be ready. This is therefore a good time for a full handover and help in setting it up. If you would be interested in this role, please contact me by email (see facing page).

Winter is gradually approaching and with it may come power failures so please make sure you have contingencies in place. They always occur at inconvenient times so please check your supplies of torches, batteries, candles and fire lighters!

Jeremy Horsfall

Twyning Tots

Twyning Tots is open to all children under 5 years along with parents, grandparents or carers, every Thursday afternoon during term time.

As well as a warm friendly welcome and a cuppa we provide a soft and cosy baby corner, craft table, musical toys, sensory toys and ride-on trikes in our secure outside area. Not forgetting a drink, fruit and a cheeky biscuit at snack time.

TWYNING TOTS NEEDS YOU

Would you like to get involved in the running of Twyning Tots?

Do you have a couple of hours free on a Thursday afternoon?

If you or someone you know is interested in providing a welcoming safe place for our TWYNING TOTS to play and allow the grown-ups to have a natter about the fun and games that comes with looking after little ones, please Email Deb: Twyningtots@outlook.com

Twyning Playgroup

Twyning Playgroup have had a busy few months. We have had lots of visits to the local school. We have enjoyed a few trips using 'mini buzz' to the funky warehouse and to Dinky Street.

The children enjoyed lots of outdoor play with the lovely weather we had in the summer which ended with an end of term party, where the children were treated to a special visit from some wonderful reptiles. The children got to have hands-on experiences with tarantulas, snakes, lizards and a giant tortoise. Our pre-schoolers have all started school and we have welcomed lots of new children.



We have already been busy investigating a new water wall, and have been loving all the messy paint activities. We have been enjoying our new puppet show kindly donated by the Players. The children have also been engaged in outside learning and enjoyed making a wormery.

The Playgroup Committee have been busy behind the scenes planning for our next fundraiser for pudding night, and designing a new website.

Twynning Village Hall



The replacement and renewal programme for enhancing the village hall infrastructure is now complete. The final action has been to redecorate and change the colour scheme.

The hall has a fresh clean look and we request users take care, particularly when moving chairs and tables around the hall. Any damage caused should be reported immediately to a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

We are very grateful to Colin Jukes who redecorated the hall and has done a very comprehensive and professional job. His work is warmly recommended.

Colin G Jukes 07950 131495 colinjukes@googlemail.com

Bookings to use the hall to Jan Houlan please: bookings@twynningvillagehall.org.uk

Dave Lockett
Chairman

Children's Society Christingle Service

Your support at this year's Christingle Service will enable The Children's Society to continue their work with children who face life's harshest challenges. 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. Everyone welcome.

This year's Christingle service will be held on **24th December 2019 at 5.00pm** at Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

Lorna Herold 294292

Twyning WI

It's been an interesting few months for our members. Our May talk about a young eccentric abroad traced the travels of an amazing lady around the world which made some of us wish we had taken a gap year or could be a bit more adventurous with our holidays. Finding out about the Peregrine Falcons at Tewkesbury Abbey was fascinating. Most of did not even know they were there and to see video footage of where they nest way up in the bell tower was incredible. The male bird is quite a flirt and seemed to have a new female with him every year!

The sun shone on our July Garden Party: thanks to Margaret and Richard for hosting us and the committee for laying on a superb Pimm's and Afternoon Tea. Richard taught a few of us to play croquet and the rest of us had a good chat. Our August outing to Beckford Silk was well attended and everyone learnt something new about silk screen printing. The tea shop did well and is highly recommended!

We've been pleased to welcome a few visitors and hope they like what we do and want to come back for more. Our next few meetings will include a talk by Matt Johnson about his experiences as a policeman and an author and a talk by Fiona Hesketh about Assistance Dogs. November is our AGM but don't let that put you off coming to visit. The meeting is very short and there will be plenty of time for a natter and a quiz afterwards. In December we will hold our Christmas Party.

In addition to our monthly meetings, various members host a book club; a make and bake group; a Scrabble group and organise craft workshops. The two hours we spent at the Modern Calligraphy workshop flew by but amazingly we all managed to master the alphabet and wrote our first few words with a lot of concentration. We all took a kit home to practice with. Our next workshop is Indian Block Printing where we will print Christmas cards to use our calligraphy skills in!

Anyone interested in coming to visit us can join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Twyning Village Hall or can check out what we are up to by searching for Twyning WI on Facebook. We'd love to meet you!



Acorns Children's Hospice

We are slowly amassing our store of knitted animals, ready for next Easter. So far this year 400 animals have been knitted and we have some left over from last Easter to add to this total. It has been too hot over the summer months to do much knitting but two or three of our stalwarts have persevered and kept on producing. We have some new species being knitted... we shall have to wait and see what materialises! We do need more knitters and/or stitcher-uppers. If you think you could help, do let us know.

We raised £3,000 last year with no expenses – we would like to raise this amount again, or hopefully surpass it with your help. We were so fortunate this year that we didn't have to buy any chocolate eggs – we can't guarantee that this will happen again next year but we're optimistic that it will.

Thank you for all the donations of wool and thanks again to Louise at Tewkesbury Cards & Gifts and to *Tewkesbury Direct* for organising this. Thanks to Kerry at M&Co for liaising with the knitting group at the Roses Theatre on Wednesday mornings.

Unfortunately we have lost Tewkesbury Cookshop as a sales outlet now that it has closed, so if anyone has any contacts, or ideas as to where we might sell the Easter animals, do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us yet again.

Sam and Anita Haycock
15 Paxhill Lane, tel. 293890

Twynning Bridge Club

As there are many newcomers to the village, they may like to know that we are a friendly village bridge club with about 50 members and have been in existence for 18 years. We are always pleased to welcome visitors or potential new members. We play the acol system but are not affiliated to the English Bridge Union. Both evenings duplicate bridge is played. We do not run a host system but will try and find a partner if necessary.

We meet in The Ann Townend Hall, Church End on both Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 7p.m. If you would like to join us and need a partner please call either Sandie Kilner on 01684 592601 or Irene Fort on 01386 553605. You will be most welcome.

Irene Fort – Secretary

bundu@john-lewis.com

Beekeeping

Did you know that one third of the fruit and vegetables you eat are pollinated by bees? Imagine your plate without that one third. This is why beekeeping is so important. It's almost impossible to overstate the importance of pollinators in our ecosystem and honey is just a by-product.

While bees are not the only pollinators we have (bats, birds, butterflies and some flies can do this work too), bees are by far the best creatures for the job. This is due in no small measure to the fact that they need pollen (protein) to feed their larvae, so they're biologically driven to gather it and in so doing they pollinate the plants they visit. My neighbour has had better vegetables and fruit since I moved here with my bees.

It is said, unreliably, that Einstein quoted that we would only have four years to live if bees disappeared from the planet. But this may be closer to the truth than we imagine. Beekeepers are a vanishing group and it is really important to encourage young and old alike to look after and nurture bees and encourage their growth.

At the Twynning Apiary we run courses for new beekeepers and this year we have trained 30 new beekeepers. 10 have already got, or are getting, their own bees. This is a fantastic result for us and one we hope to continue in 2020.

If anyone is interested in a course, please take a look at www.mubk.org.uk where you will find details of those we run. Or if you would like, with a group of friends, a day's experience of bees, we are looking into one-day events to give you a flavour. Contact Bill on 07879 256016.



The advertisement features a black background with white text and graphics. On the left, there is a logo consisting of a grid of squares forming a triangle, with the letters 'Gk' in a stylized script below it, and the word 'TUTORING' in a bold, sans-serif font at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Are you finding Biology tough this year?' followed by 'Contact George Kirin to see how we can work together to improve your grades.' Below this, the contact information 'gktutoring@hotmail.com' and 'www.gktutoring.com' is provided. At the bottom right, it says 'Biology tutoring from KS3 to A Level'.

Longdon District Probus Club

The Club was saddened to learn that one of its members and long-time Twynning resident, Gordon Baker, passed away a short time ago. Gordon was a regular attendee at Club meetings and will be greatly missed.

On a lighter note, Sam Haycock has been a member of the Club for 30 years, joining the Club soon after its inception. To celebrate this occasion, Sam was presented with a certificate and lifetime membership. The photograph shows Sam (on the right) being presented with his certificate by Club Chairman Graham Francis.



Recently the Club was pleased to welcome two new members, Jeremy Horsfall and Jerry Wilkes. It is hoped that they will soon feel at home and enjoy the friendship and range of events that the Club has to offer.

In late August a group formed of Club members and guests had the opportunity to visit the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR). The day started for most members of the Group by enjoying breakfast at the Flag and Whistle café at Toddington, followed by a steam-hauled circular rail trip. The 10:00 train was boarded and travelled to Cheltenham Racecourse, hauled tender-first by immaculate 7903 Foremarke Hall. Club member John Westcott is shown with guest Jane Thomas at the Racecourse station. After an engine 'run-around' the train then travelled to Broadway, the newest station on the GWSR and completely rebuilt by volunteers. After a leisurely walk into town and light refreshment, the Group caught a train back to Toddington, arriving in the early afternoon. This trip enabled members and guests to socialise and to see some very pleasant countryside, particularly between Winchcombe and Broadway.



Longdon District Probus Club attracts members from a wide area around Tewkesbury. It meets on most Monday mornings at the Hunters Inn, Buckbury (together with social events and occasional trips out, such as the one above) and talks on a variety of topics are planned to take place throughout the year. If you would like to join the Club, or perhaps come along as a guest, then in the first instance please contact the Club secretary, John, at johnlridley@hotmail.com.

Roy Thomas

Twyning Players

ROBIN HOOD

Yes, nearly that time of year – again. The festive season is fast approaching and Twyning Players are hard at work on this year's pantomime.

Robin Hood, the prince of thieves, is on a mission! Join him and his swashbuckling merry band of men as they get robbin' the rich to feed the poor. Along the way they must undertake a quest to save good King Richard and the poor people of Twyning from the evil Prince John who is plotting to steal the crown. Will Robin and his motley crew save the day? Or will the feisty and fearless Maid Marion get there first? Will the Bryan Adams fan club prevail? Featuring Shakespearian plotting, moving trees, a talking horse and a very impressive magical horn... you DO NOT want to miss this!

This action-packed panto is the perfect Christmas treat for families. Performances will be at Twyning Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. Tickets will be available from the Village Shop and the Village Inn. Look out for posters nearer the time and tickets do sell quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment. See you there!

Carol Chapman, 293527

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VILLAGE HALL

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Twyning School

We're pleased to report that good progress has been made with our Secret Garden. Over two days in August we had 11 fantastic volunteers from GE Aviation who painted, pruned and planted to transform the space. There are some finishing touches still to make, including creating an entrance gate to a new outdoor classroom area. If this is something you could help with, please get in touch.

Sponsorship and donations from local individuals, businesses and groups have enabled us to improve the garden – thank you all. We would like to continue the outdoor improvement project including new play and gym equipment together with tables and chairs for lunchtime and breaks. To do this, we need funds and resources and are appealing to local businesses and the community to support the school for the benefit of current and future pupils. Carol Chapman has done a superb job in spearheading this project. Thank you Carol for all you have done together with our wonderful sponsors and volunteers.

There is still much you can do to support our village school so Contact Carol Chapman, 293527, if you would like to know more about our plans or can help us.

We also need to attract some new school governors. Joining our team means we can keep the school at the heart of our community. We need some parent governors but also others who just bring a will to see our school thrive. I knew very little about how a primary school ticks, but I soon learnt. So can you. Call me or email me soon.

Ron Hesketh, Chair of Governors, 01684 299773/ 07745 758899
ronhesketh@gmail.com.



Volunteers from GE Aviation at the end of a busy day in Twyning School Secret Garden

Twyning Minibus

The minibus is continuing to provide a great service to the school children in the village and is getting good use now by village groups for their outings. The bus is full for the current school term and we have a waiting list, so as soon as places become available those patiently waiting will be given the chance to join.

Does your club or friendship group want to plan an evening out, or a day out? Think of the Community Minibus and give Nici a call or email to discuss; using the Community Minibus could make your idea a reality!

In addition to this, the Minibus Team are considering putting on regular shopping trips to Tewkesbury, Cheltenham or Worcester. Included in this Bulletin (opposite) is a short survey to assess the likely demand for such a service and we would urge you to fill this in and drop it into the shop for us.

This service – and others we may want to put on from time to time – does require a driver to commit to the dates and times that we publish. If driving for the village would interest you, then we would like to hear from you – especially if you are PSV trained or have similar experience. We can make a small payment to you for your time and you'll have the benefit of knowing you are really helping some other villagers who can't get to the shops any other way.

Twyning Community Minibus – twyning.minibus@gmail.com tel: 07017 344688

Are you having a
**group outing, club day
out or special event?**

Why not use the Twyning
Community Minibus?

Our bus can seat up to 16 passengers and has wheelchair access.
£65 per day, £35 half day or £20 for under 2 hours.

Contact Nici Khor:
twyning.minibus@gmail.com / 07017 344688

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Transport Needs Questionnaire

Twyning Community Minibus Team are assessing the interest and need for a free transport service to Tewkesbury for older people, the disabled or anyone who is unable to access affordable transport through other means. Priority will be given to the elderly and disabled if demand is high. In the first instance, the service would run on a Wednesday to coincide with market day. All information collected will be treated in confidence. **Please return completed questionnaires to the box provided in the Village Shop by October 20th 2019.**

Name:

Tel:

email:

Would a free transport service to Tewkesbury be of interest to you?	Yes No	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
How often do you need to travel to access services or social activities?	Once a month Once a fortnight Once a week Other (please explain):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Which services do you access currently or would like to access regularly?	Town and market shopping Morrisons Doctor/medical appointment Visiting family and friends Group activity Other (please explain):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
What times of day would you require a regular service?	Morning (9:00 – 12:00) Afternoon (13:00 – 17:00) Other (please explain):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
What method/methods of transport do you currently use? Please tick all that apply	Taxi Train Bus I rely on friends/family Other (please explain):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>What travel need do you have which make it difficult to access public transport?</p>	<p>I am a wheelchair user I travel with a carer I travel with a guide dog I'm unable to walk more than 200metres without help</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If you do not use taxis or buses for your travel needs, please explain why. Please tick all that apply</p>	<p>There is no local bus route where I want to go The bus doesn't go at the time I want to travel I cannot get to the bus stop I am unable to board the bus on my own I cannot afford the cost Other (please explain):</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Are there any other destinations you would like a service to?</p>	<p>State where:</p>	
<p>Would a Christmas Market trip be of interest?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Would you be available to drive the minibus? Rate of pay: £9 per hour.</p>	<p>Yes No (You need a clean Category D full drivers licence and must be over 25 and under 70 years old. MIDAS training will be provided.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Any other comments?</p>		



NEW TWYNING FOOTBALL & SPORTS FIELD



The Village has a fantastic new sports pitch located just behind TRAC on Kilmore Field. As the grass is bedding in, Twynning residents have a chance to influence and participate in what activities could take place on the new field. We want to make the best possible use of this amazing opportunity which will benefit and be accessible to the whole Twynning Community.

Please have your say if you are interested in **organising, training, playing or supporting** activities for villagers of any age. Coaches, players and enthusiastic parents are all welcome to get involved and help develop or add to the great ideas so far:

- ◆ Twynning Junior Football;
- ◆ School athletics;
- ◆ Rugby & Hockey for all abilities;
- ◆ Outdoor activities (gym, bike track, skateboarding, climbing wall);
- ◆ New changing rooms.

If you are interested, please contact clerk@twynningcouncil.co.uk and we will be in touch to discuss how you can get involved, or complete below and return to the shop who are collecting these for us.

Name



Phone no.

Email

Interest

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Guide Dogs for the Blind

Eighty-five years ago Guide Dogs for the Blind was founded to help blind and partially sighted people across the United Kingdom by providing them with a Guide Dog, mobility and other rehabilitation services. There are currently 4,800 working guide dogs in the UK and more than 1,300 puppies born each year.

Guide Dog owners pay a nominal 50p for their dog. This ensures no one is prevented from having one due to lack of funds as the full 'lifetime cost' from birth to retirement is around £50,000. The charity is completely reliant on voluntary donations and legacy income and does not receive any government funding. Your bottle tops and donations all help greatly with the costs of training the puppies to become Guide Dogs of the future.

Talking of puppies, if you're thinking of buying a puppy of your own, see below for help in choosing a dog to suit your home and lifestyle! Have a lovely Christmas and keep on saving the milk bottle tops.

Brenda Mead + Builder

Question: 'How many dogs do you need to change a light bulb?'

Boxer: Who cares? I can play with my squeaky toy in the dark.

Labrador: Oh me me me pleeeze let me do it! Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeze can I change the light bulb?

Jack Russell: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the furniture and walls.

Spaniel: Why bother changing it? I can pee on the carpet in the dark.

Greyhound: It isn't moving, who cares?

Border Collie: Just one, then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Poodle: Let me blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he's finished rewiring the house my nails should be dry.

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people out of the dark, checked to make sure I haven't left anyone behind and make a last perimeter patrol.

Golden Retriever: The day is young. The sun is shining. We've got our whole lives ahead of us and you're inside worrying about a burnt-out light bulb?

Dachshund: You know I can't reach that dumb lamp.

Twynning Over-60s Lunch Club

The Club meets at the Village Hall on Fridays, during term times. Two courses are served and tea or coffee at a low cost of £3 each. Lunches are served at 12.30pm, with many members arriving early to have a chat. The excellent meals are prepared by four teams of cooks who work hard to provide the lunches and we thank them for giving up their time. We are a self-funding organisation run entirely by volunteers. As usual, we are still in need of people (male or female!) to step in occasionally when cooks and helpers are ill or on holiday. If anyone has time free on a Friday either early to help set up tables or between 10am and 2pm (not necessarily for the whole four hours) please let us know,

Attendance is running at approximately 30 on a regular basis. Sadly, we lost one of our regular cooks, Tom Brown – the gravy man – and then one of our long-standing members and well-known villager, Gordon Baker. We miss them both very much. We always welcome newcomers to our weekly gatherings.

Hilton Puckrup Hall kindly invited the members to lunch as part of their 100 year celebrations (see below) and we thank Gary Quinn for contacting us and the staff for their hospitality and excellent lunch. Our annual outing was to Slimbridge this year and in spite of an overcast day, most managed to dodge the odd showers. Mrs J Baimbridge and her family then kindly hosted lunch on a sunny day during the summer break.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Why not come along and give us a try!

Sam Haycock, 293890

Judith Allen, 292123



Twynning Motor Show

The Sunday of this year's August Bank Holiday weekend saw the first of the new expanded Twynning Motor Show. Traditionally a classic car event, this year the classics were joined on the green by a selection of fully electric vehicles, the idea being to juxtapose the history of the automobile with the future of transportation.

Both collections were represented well with rarities such as a BMW Z1, a Triumph TR6, a rally-prepared Jaguar, Austin Healeys, a Bentley and a Rolls Royce, classic MGs, Alfa Romeos and Ford representing classic automotive history.

The electric vehicle collection saw vehicles from Kia, Nissan, BMW, Mercedes, Renault, Hyundai and of course Tesla, with all three of their current models displayed generously by their owners. We were also lucky enough to be visited by a fully electric boat (aptly named 'Silent Adventure' and of course being towed by a dancing Tesla Model X) and a Jaguar iPace which had travelled from Liverpool specifically for the event, surely putting paid to the objection that you cannot do a long journey in an electric vehicle?

In all over 50 vehicles were presented by their owners (not including the 3 ride-on Teslas that were available for rides in return for donations to TRAC) for our community to enjoy and experience and we hope to develop and grow this in the coming years.





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Outward Journey

10.10 am	Twyning Green Shop
10.14 am	Shuthonger, Crown Inn
10.18 am	Tewkesbury High Street, Boots
10.20 am	Tewkesbury Crescent
10.35 am	Kingsditch Retail Park
10.45 am	Royal Well Bus Station Cheltenham

Return Journey

13.30 pm	Royal Well Bus Station Cheltenham
13.37 pm	Kingsditch Retail Park
13.52 pm	Tewkesbury Crescent
13.54 pm	Tewkesbury High Street, Anchor Inn
13.58 pm	Shuthonger, Crown Inn
14.04 pm	Twyning Green Shop

A copy timetable is on the Twyning notice board, outside the school. Full timetables are available from the tourist information office in Tewkesbury.

Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

Message from Canon Paul Williams, Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey and Twyning.

I am pleased to announce that Venerable Ron Hesketh will be licensed as Associate Priest in the Parish of Twyning and the wider benefice of Tewkesbury Abbey. This appointment is indeed good news, as I am conscious of the tremendous work that Ron has already done in the village, the strong contacts he has forged in Twyning and the deep respect in which he is held.

Note from Ron Hesketh about the above! Despite Paul's kind words, this does not change the price of fish and may be confusing to those who do not understand how the Church of England works. Since our last priest, Canon Barbara Messham, left over a year ago, I have been gladly giving ministry in this parish. I obviously have an official permission for this role and now in its own way the Church of England is making this a more 'official' part-time post. I expect it means I'm more accountable for screwing up. But in over 40 years of ministry mostly served outside parishes in the Armed Forces and the Police, I've never let a bit of paper get in the way of serving God in my own inimitable style! However, this licensing does underline the strong link between Twyning Parish & Tewkesbury Abbey. Canon Paul Williams is the Vicar of both, and it will be a pleasure to be part of his team and to strengthen the link with our mother church, the Abbey.

The **regular services** each month in Church are:

On the 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month **Parish Communion** is at 9.30am.

On the 3rd Sunday **Morning Praise** is at 9.30am – a non-communion service for all the family with tea/coffee and biscuits served from 10.40am and a stall selling goods to support Acorns Children's Hospice.

On the 5th Sunday in a month **Holy Communion** is at 9.30am from the Book of Common Prayer.

Each Thursday **Morning Prayer** is said at 9.00am.

See facing page for further events. Everyone is always welcome.

For more information, please give the Churchwardens a ring or look at:

www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene

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Churchwarden, Chris Cole, 01684 294 325

Churchwarden Emeritus, Margaret Bailey, 01684 298 268

Oct 6th	Sun	11am	HARVEST FESTIVAL EUCHARIST	Church
			followed by bring-&-share lunch	Ann Townend Hall
Oct 11th	Fri	7pm	A BRIEF HISTORY OF (TEWKESBURY) TIME A presentation about clocks by David Bagley	Ann Townend Hall
Oct 15th	Tue	7.30 for 8pm	QUIZ AT THE FLEET	Fleet Inn
Nov 15th	Fri	7pm	WHIST DRIVE	Ann Townend Hall
Dec 14th	Sat	4pm	CAROLS FOR THE VILLAGE	Village Hall
Dec 22nd	Sun	10.30am	SHORT SAID COMMUNION SERVICE	Church
Dec 22nd	Sun	11am	CAROL SERVICE followed by mince pies	Church
Dec 24th	Tue	5pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	Church
Dec 24th	Tue	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT MASS	Church
Dec 25th	Wed	9.30am	CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION	Church

Twyning Chapel

It was lovely to share in a joint service with our friends from the Parish Church on Sunday 25th August in the marquee on the village green, as part of the Bank Holiday festivities on a beautiful sunny morning. Coming up:

Sunday 10th November – our annual Remembrance Sunday service at the cross, together with the Parish Church and the uniformed organisations.

Our regular activities continue as follows:

Sunday Morning Worship – 10.30am. You would be very welcome to come and try us out – we are a friendly group and enjoy lively music and a variety of speakers.

Dinkies – fortnightly group on Friday mornings (usually advertised on the Twyning Facebook page) from 10–11.30am for all children from birth upwards. Lovely opportunity for children to play and parents/carers to meet up over a cuppa.

Bible Study and Home Groups – run on alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm either at the chapel or in someone's home.

Friendship Group – meets on alternate Fridays at chapel at 10.30am – for coffee, chat and outings/lunch out at times.

For more information about us or any of our activities, please contact Tom Brown, 01684 276578; Clive Porter, 01386 750400 or David Kendrick, 01684 438261

Twynning Bank Holiday and Fete

The holiday weekend got off to a great start on Saturday evening with the Barn Dance. The atmosphere in the marquee was fantastic and, with encouragement from the entertaining Caller, virtually everyone joined in! It was so nice seeing people of all ages really engaging in the evening and dancing together.

On Sunday morning the electric cars began to arrive before 9am and by the time the joint service between The Chapel and Saint Mary Magdalene Church began, in the marquee at 10am, there were lots of cars 'old and new' already on display.

And to top the weekend off what a glorious day it was for Bank Holiday Monday. This year the first car booter excelled themselves by turning up 4 ½ hours early!! Despite the heat the barbecue and refreshments went well and the bar was well supported. The whole event had a lovely feel to it and everywhere you looked there were smiling faces, as people tried their hand at the various stalls or looked for a car boot bargain. The horse-drawn carriage rides were even more popular than last year and in the arena we were entertained by the Rock Choir and Bucket List. It wasn't ideal conditions to perform in but both groups did a fantastic job and the fete continued well beyond 4pm, as no one was in a hurry to leave.

We also had our traditional Egg Throwing and Tug of War competitions, which are always good sport to watch, and this year also saw the return of the 'Dung Drop'. Despite the stress of trying to pin down a sheep for the event, luckily Brad the Goat stepped in at the very last minute.

In the marquee, whilst Cathy Evans and her team served endless cups of tea and cakes, visitors took the opportunity to look at the competition entries. The Photography class this year was set and judged by local photographer Jack Boskett and there were some fantastic entries: the new challenge cup went to Felix Crabtree. That was not the only trophy up for grabs though as our flower-arranging class was once again set and judged by local florist Hans Haverkamp. It was a really clever theme this year and the entrants certainly stepped up to the challenge. It was nice to see new people entering and indeed a new name is going on the trophy, with the winner being Chris Reeves. Congratulations to everyone who entered any of the categories and to all the judges for taking their tasks so seriously. But next year we definitely need more children getting involved!

Well done also to everyone who entered our Scarecrow competition. The theme was Lights, Camera, Action and we had 7 entries. The winning scarecrow was a fantastic version of Harry Potter catching a Quidditch, which was put together by The Westwood Family. The time and effort that all the entrants put into their scarecrows was amazing. The raffle was also a great success and a huge thank you is due to the Tennis Club for organising the ticket sales and prizes.

On occasions like these it is always difficult to thank everyone who helped make the whole weekend a success. I have tried to write to people individually but if I forgot anyone and you helped in any way, large or small, THANK YOU!

All invoices have now been settled and it looks like we have raised a fantastic £4,278 this year, so thank you to everyone for making it a huge success!

Every penny that TRAC makes is used directly on enhancing the area at Kilmore Lane. There are not many play areas in the area that are run by a committee of volunteers, rather than the local councils, but TRAC is! So we rely solely on membership fees, grants and fundraising events for our income.

Lorna Herold

From scarecrows to flowers to vegetable transport, village residents got into the competitive spirit!



TRAC

It has been a busy few months for us with the renovations on the playground equipment, the resurfacing of the courts and the landscaping on the top of Kilmore Field. For members of TRAC we ask you to bear with us, with regard the access to the courts, whilst we try to establish the best (and affordable) way forward to monitor this. Unfortunately we can no longer leave them open as the contractors have identified that allowing bikes to be ridden on the courts will damage the surfaces, which you can appreciate we wish to avoid. We also rely on the revenue of hiring the courts to maintain them. Hopefully a suitable solution can be found soon.

With regard Kilmore Field we have plans to enhance these facilities further with the following plans:

1. Installing outdoor gym equipment
 2. Marking out a running track
 3. Providing a football pitch large enough for 11yrs and under
 4. Providing opportunities for Hockey & Rugby
 5. Eckington Football Club to use the area for 3 different age groups
 6. Pete Healey to run a Tag Rugby Club after school for up to 16 children
 7. The school to start using the site
 8. (Potentially) providing a bike track at the far end
 9. Installing steps to ease access to the site
 10. Installing seating for spectators
- and more...

We feel sure that we are developing a recreational centre that the entire community will be proud of and more importantly make use of.

We made all these plans when we applied for the 106 monies, believing that the Parish Council would extend TRAC's lease to incorporate the top field. Regrettably though this is on hold pending a decision by the Parish Council on whether to grant the Playgroup and a private Wrap-Around-Care venture the ability to locate to this site.

TRAC fully supports Playgroup and we have offered the Playgroup the site adjacent to the Pavilion and offered the hours of 8.30–4.30, 5 days a week (with a provision to potentially extend these hours after 12 months). This would enable TRAC the ability to maintain the site without breaching the terms of our original

planning agreement (as outlined by Tewkesbury Borough Council Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Permission for development) and our constitution, which prohibits us from supporting private businesses, to pursue our own plans.

Unfortunately Playgroup have turned this offer down, as they feel without longer hours and the element of Wrap-Around-Care they cannot justify the relocation. As such Playgroup and Wrap-Around-Care are exploring their options on the top of the Kilmore Field, as well as another location close by, but until they make a final decision our plans are on hold.

Further 106 funds have also been granted for the provision of changing room facilities for the football pitch, in the vicinity of Kilmore Field. TRAC already have changing room facilities within the Pavilion and our suggestion to the PC is to use the money allocated to extend the current facilities in the Pavilion, rather than build new facilities on Kilmore Field.

So there are still lots of discussions to be had and decisions to be made, so please be patient with us and hopefully it won't be long before the football is up and running and the village has a fantastic facility to be proud of, whether this is led by the PC or TRAC.

Any comments can be made through the TRAC website (tracsport.org/contact-us/) and may be added to our new FAQ page.

Twyning Emergency Committee

Due to pressure of work the current Chairman of the Emergency Committee is seeking a replacement.

This is an important function which seeks to increase the resilience within the community through developing a robust co-ordinated approach that compliments the plans of responding agencies.

The Committee is well established and the job would entail keeping processes and procedures up to date, a task that will only take a few hours a month to maintain.

Liaison with the emergency organisation at Tewkesbury Borough is an aspect of the job.

Anyone who is interested can get more information by contacting either Mark Hartell on 07540 611600 or Dave Luckett on 297565.

2nd Twyning Scout Group

2nd Twyning Scout Group – Ian Palmer - theianpalmer@gmail.com

As you can see in the section reports, the group has once again had a very busy summer term to round off another very successful year. Our traditional end-of-term group event on the Village Green was again blessed with good weather, great activities and a big turnout – always a great way to end the Scouting year.

As the new Scouting year starts, each section will welcome new members and say goodbye to those moving up to the next section of the Group or to Explorers in the case of the older Scouts. Leader-wise, we say a sad farewell to Josie Palmer and wish her the very best in her new job.

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

Most of the summer term was spent outside, when the weather allowed, with many beavers completing their outdoor and adventure challenge badges. As well as water games, obstacle courses and making kites we had a trip to Cranham Scout Centre and tried out their new caving activity and the traverse wall. We also had hike around the village and did some tracking. Due to a flood warning on the Avon we had to postpone the canoeing evening to September. In June 9 beavers attended a fantastic fun day at Bristol and later in the month 6 beavers slept in tents in the school field, learnt about fire lighting and pioneering, ate their way around Piglet's garden and gained their camp craft badge.

We say a sad farewell to Eeyore and wish her all the best in her new job. We welcomed Emily and Joseph to the colony and say goodbye to Amelie and Ronnie as they move on to Cubs.

Beavers meet on a Thursday evening 6–7 at Twyning School. Please contact Anne if you have a child who would like to attend Beavers or you are an adult who would like to help on a regular basis. We are currently full and have a waiting list.

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

As the autumn term commences, the cubs will be concentrating on gaining their World and Skills Challenge badges. These badges can take weeks to complete at a time and involve learning about new cultures and skills. One of the new skills they will get to try is circus skills with a trainer visiting us in the hall.

We had a great summer camp in May and have already booked our autumn camp for October near Bristol, where cubs will be go-karting and doing create stacking, archery and rope climbing over the weekend.

Scouts – Age 10½ to 14 (Thursday) – Lorna Herold – l.herold@btinternet.com

The Summer Term already seems a distant memory but we tried to spend as much of it outdoors as possible, with activities such as rock climbing (thanks to Liz Orchard and her team for organising), putting up tents, map reading and wide games. Towards the end of term some of the scouts spent a day paintballing.

Unfortunately, due to leaders being unavailable, we were not able to fit in a summer camp this year, but this term 10 of our scouts are going on our annual narrow boat trip and 15 of them are entering this year's 'Operation Bald Eagle', which involves a weekend full of various day and night challenges that will fully test their teamwork and scouting skills.

Sadly at the end of last term we said goodbye to two of our older scouts and over the holidays, due to commitment changes, a couple of our younger scouts are having to leave us too. We wish them all well with their new ventures. On a happier note we welcome three new faces this term and, with the help of the leaders who volunteer each week, we are able to continue to provide a full and varied programme. We are always on the lookout for extra help though, so if anyone has the time and would like to join our team please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Explorer Scouts

Since the last bulletin, the Explorers have been busy with their expeditions which count towards the Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's/Queen's Scout awards. Some walked, other paddled, but the weather did thwart us on one weekend. The River Severn in Shropshire is not a good place to be when there are gales and thunderstorms, so we had to postpone. The expedition around Guernsey was particularly successful, with the teams visiting the many wartime sites, which followed on well from our visit to the Imperial War Museum in April.

Many of the explorers have gained the Paddlesport Passport award (the old British Canoe Union 2* award) which required them to be able to paddle efficiently and rescue themselves and others from the water. Final training is underway for our team going to the National Scout Rifle Championships, in October. This term started with climbing on Cleeve Hill and the next activity is the narrowboat weekend, with the Explorers on one boat and Scouts from Twynning on the other.

As always, a big 'thank you' to all the leaders and everyone else who supports us to make the adventure possible. We are fairly full, but if you are aged between 13½ and 18 years old and interested in joining Explorers, give us a call and join us for an evening to see what it is all about.

Dan Orchard, Explorer Scout Leader, 01684 298788, dan@twynning.net

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.

If you'd like to advertise in the Bulletin please contact the editor (see below for contact details).

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