

Twynning Bulletin



The Newsletter of Twynning Parish Council

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Above: New houses on the horizon (Photo by Bob Walton)
Winter mist on the rive (Photo by Jane Thomas)
Front cover: Winter sunrise at Twyning (Photo by Julie Catchpole)

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the first Bulletin of 2019. I was inundated with fantastic photographs for this edition, and I'm sorry there wasn't room to include more of them. Maybe in future we can consider a special picture edition of the Bulletin! They serve to remind us that we are fortunate to live in such beautiful surroundings, which I, for one, never take for granted.

As usual, as you read, you'll also see that we are very much an active, thriving community, with something for everyone, whatever your age or interests. Many of our local groups fundraise for various causes and it's always a pleasure to read reports of how successful these initiatives are.

Fiona Thornton, editor

(see p30 for contact details)

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Keeping in Touch with Your Village

Twyning Parish Council 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.

Twyning Bulletin

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 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

Parish Council Chairman: Denis Murray – 297493

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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

As we welcome in 2019, on behalf of my fellow Councillors may I wish all Twyning village parishioners a happy, peaceful and successful new year.

Firstly, and most importantly, may I introduce Michelle English who has recently been appointed to the dual role of Clerk and RFO (Responsible Finance Officer). Michelle has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the roles. Welcome Michelle.

David Lockett has decided to step down from his work as Tree Warden. Dave has played an active role in conserving and enhancing the trees that you see and enjoy. Thank you David for the dedication you have given to the work. Mike Reynolds, a Twyning resident, has offered to take on the role following a handover period. Welcome Mike.

Improving community engagement is of significant importance and I would like this to be a specific aim of the Council during 2019. Information about the Parish can always be found on the village notice boards and our website (see facing page for details).

Parish and Town Councils have the ability, through the Precept, to provide services and facilities for their communities in addition to, or to supplement the services provided by the principal authority. At the recent Parish Council meeting, it was agreed by Council members not to increase the Precept for this coming year.

Your Parish Council follows strictly the National Association of Local Council (NALC) guidelines. Full Council meetings and all committee meetings, where most decisions are made, are held in public, to be a completely open and transparent process.

You will have read quite a lot about S106 monies in previous issues of the Bulletin. **WE HAVE GOOD NEWS.** The completion of both housing developments and the commencement of occupation triggers staged payments of the S106 monies to fund the agreed schemes submitted by our working groups, in accordance with the laid down Tewkesbury Borough Council criteria. You will find more details of some of these payments in the pages that follow. To achieve this marvellous S106 success took many hours, by many dedicated people, over long periods of time: a truly magnificent piece of co-ordinated effort. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the people who were involved in the project, which is an enormous achievement.

Denis Murray, Parish Council Chairman

Christmas at Probus



Traditionally, the last meeting of the year of Longdon District Probus Club features a quiz prepared by one of our members. As a result of the non-availability of our 'quizmaster', the last meeting of 2018 was a break with this long-standing tradition. At the start of the meeting, which was well attended by members and guests, a decorated Christmas cake (prepared by a friend of a Committee member) was ceremonially cut by the Vice Chairman, Graham Francis. Afterwards, the first half of the meeting featured a presentation of Club photographs, including some rarely seen ones from the Club 'archives'. The older photographs brought back many memories, both happy and sad, and were greatly

appreciated, particularly by the longer-standing members in the audience.

The usual coffee break at 11am was replaced by light refreshments, which included a generous slice of the Christmas cake, together with mince pies. These pies were kindly prepared by the wife of one of the Club members. This last meeting of the year was a very pleasant way to round off a successful and rewarding 2018.

Longdon District Probus Club meets on most Monday mornings at the Hunters Inn, Buckbury, and membership includes a significant number of Twyning and Hill End residents. Talks on a variety of topics are planned for the coming year, along with social events and occasional trips out. If you would like to join the Club, or perhaps come along as a guest, please contact the Club Secretary, Graham, on 01684 594931.



TWYNING VILLAGE PLAYGROUP *Learning & growing through play*

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Builder – Guide Dog Ambassador

Another New Year and new adventures for me!

As many of you will know my career as a Guide Dog came to an abrupt end when my claws kept wearing down on hard surfaces, causing them to bleed. The Guide Dogs Training Centre decided to retire me from the programme and my Puppy Walkers



kindly took me back to be their Pet Dog. I am a bit like Mary Poppins – 'perfect in every way' – apart from my feet which, I hasten to add, have not troubled me since I came home.

I am to have a new job as an Ambassador for Guide Dogs by going to fund raising, 'Pat and Chat' events and helping other Guide Dog Puppies in training that may have various issues such as dog and people distraction and not wanting to travel in a car or on the bus. I go with them to give them the company and security they may need and hopefully help them to overcome their fears. It's great fun and I get to meet some very nice puppy friends. Usually at the end of the car journeys there's a fun activity like a good free run. I am also good at recall and come back to the whistle instantly, so I am used sometimes to help puppies who are a little reluctant to come back and just want to wander off. I like these sessions as Mum usually has something a little special as a treat to encourage the puppies back and I, of course, get some too. Well it would be rude not to, wouldn't it, considering Mum has gone to so much trouble? Life isn't so bad after all. I am certainly not bored and have plenty of puppies staying over for 'play dates' etc.

Thank you all for your support, be it through collecting the milk bottle tops (the red, green, blue and purple milk tops only please) or donation boxes in the Village Inn and the shop. Mum and her knitting friends made £180 from the sale of Christmas tree decorations. A big thank you to everyone who bought those. The knitting needles are still on the go as they are all geared up ready for Easter now.

Builder x

Brenda Mead – Puppy Walker (First Year Guide Dog Puppy Trainer), tel: 297540

Bottle tops can be left outside our house. Just call the number above for directions.

The bottle top collection for 2018 raised £236.82.

Twyning Memories by 'A Villager'

Part 3 – Mine's a pint!

When we think of pubs in Twyning today we think of the Fleet, the Village Inn and the Crown at Shuthonger. There used to be many more.

The Fleet Inn is a large riverside inn which was owned by the Cheltenham and Hereford Brewery Company. The pub has stood on the banks of the River Avon for hundreds of years, serving river and road travellers. Oliver Cromwell's soldiers were known to sit by its inglenook fireplace while resting there, as the pub is located at a popular crossing point of the river. During WW2 it was popular with the American army personnel who were stationed in the area, the piano being played by Flo Handcliffe at all hours of the day and night. The cellars were full of spirits sent from Birmingham pubs. After the war Harold Nind, then Pete and Ida Bowring, great favourites of many villagers, ran the pub, serving ferry and river traffic as well as locals.

The Village Inn was a Flowers Brewery pub. The pre-war tenants were the Hopton family. Harry West followed, running the pub until the late 60s. He was a retired jockey, a suitable occupation for a landlord. There was a canopy across the front, a small bar and a bottle room. The skittle alley was around the back.

The Crown Inn at Shuthonger on the A38 was an Ind Co-op inn serving lorry drivers from Schofield's Transport Café as well as locals and tourists. The Wheldon family ran the pub until the early 1960s. The pub was known for its large amount of Aston Villa memorabilia, as well as England caps and medals, all of which were on show. The landlord's father was Villa captain at the time the original FA Cup was stolen.

Now on to pubs you may not know!

The Tiger stood alongside the A38 at Shuthonger and was owned by the Ramsey family. It was closed pre-war and became a transport café. The café was closed around 1946 due to the accidents which kept occurring at the bottom of the hill. The hill is still called Tiger's Pitch to this day. The premises became a dairy run by the Ramsey family, who had a milk round in the Twyning area.

The Thatch – the demise of this building makes me very sad. It was a beautiful black and white timbered building with a thatched roof and a brew house where they brewed their own beer. There was also a large wooden barn, and it stood just 100 yards off Hillend Road. At one time it was known as the Gardener's Arms. It was owned by the Darke family, who were an old Twyning family. The pub stood in around four acres of land and today would have been a listed building. It mysteriously burnt down in the late 1960s.

Dixy Land was named after the Dix family who owned the land at Hillend, where there were once pools that have now been filled in. You went to the door of the house for your drinks and then to the field at the rear of the property where seats had been placed. You could sit and watch the foxes playing in the manor fields. In the field was a lilac tree on which a dart board hung – the locals affectionately referred to this as the Lilac Lounge. It was a very popular place in the summer with the locals and their children. In winter customers went to the shed at the end of the house. As well as the pub, the Dix family also sold groceries, vegetables, paraffin, carbide, flowers and plants.

The Beer House was situated opposite the Fleet, where you cross over the stile into Twyning Park field. This was frequented by river traffic, and the stone breakers for the roads. It was reached by gangplanks when the floods were up. I do not know a great deal about it, except the little my great-grandfather told me about it.

To be continued...

Twyning Short Mat Bowls

The weekly indoor bowls club continues to thrive. The well-equipped club provides good exercise and a friendly competitive atmosphere.

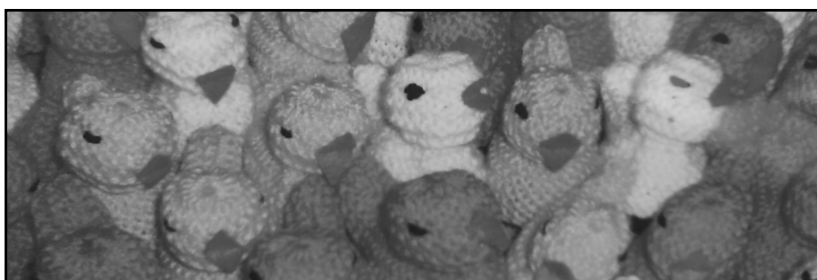
Additionally, there is an active social programme with cream tea afternoons, Christmas mince pies, a River Severn music cruise and most recently, our annual New Year's lunch (see below).

Club members come from all over the Parish for the Monday afternoon two-hour sessions in the Village Hall.

Contact Neil (593429), Malcolm (295512) or Fred (592175) and come along for a free 'taster' session.



Fundraising for Acorns Children's Hospice




The knitted animals are well on their way and so far we have **1,100** in hand, slightly up on this time last year. Sadly we have lost more of our knitters due to health- and age-related problems – we thank them for their efforts in the past.

We have had a fantastic response to our request for wool, thanks to *Tewkesbury Direct* inserting an advertisement and Louise from *Tewkesbury Cards and Gifts* organising the collection. We also have two new sales outlets.

The ladies who meet on a Wednesday morning at the knitting session held each week at the Roses Theatre now have wool and patterns and we hope will produce many small Easter animals for us. We are always on the look-out for new knitters and/or stitchers-up of the animals. Do get in touch if you can help, or if you have any wool, whole balls or oddments, that we can make use of.

The animals, complete with Cadbury's Creme Eggs, will be on sale from Friday 15th February until Easter, which is later this year, so gives us more time to raise money for the hospice. Last year we raised £1,900 – let's see if together we can beat that total this year!

Sam & Anita Haycock, tel. 293890; 15 Paxhill Lane



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The Children's Society

Many thanks to all who attended the Christingle service on Christmas Eve (see photo on back cover) and for your generous donations. We raised £268, which the Church generously made up to £350, for The Children's Society, with money still coming in. The service is always a great way to start the festivities and to give the children time to reflect on those less fortunate than themselves, and it has become a tradition with many families within the village to come along each year.

The uniformed groups led the prayers and Lilia Morley gave a very clear reading. Angela Cole (ably assisted by Ron Hesketh) kindly led the service and to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Christingle she asked if we could try to make the Christingles during the service this year. I must admit I was quite dubious at first, thinking it would end in sheer chaos, but I was totally wrong and it seemed to work quite well... although I'm still not convinced that any Christingles actually left the church completely intact! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to everyone who came along. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Box Holders

The box-holder scheme is The Children's Society's biggest fundraiser and the money raised within the village last year went directly towards helping the children supported by the society. March is rapidly approaching and boxes are due for emptying so I will be in touch with box holders shortly to arrange collection.

If anyone would like a box please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lorna Herold, 294292

French Group

French Group will meet again on Wednesday March 6, 7.30pm at Whites Cottage on the High St. If you fancy brushing up your French for a holiday or an exam, or just want to improve, come and have a chat with us. We are a friendly group, meeting once a month over a glass of wine or a cuppa.

For more information please contact Hilary 01684 299350

Twyning Village Hall

A concerted effort by all the Village Hall (VH) Committee saw the usual publicity effort during the village fete. New members of the VH Lottery were recruited and the 'guess the number of Smarties in a gin bottle' was won with a guess of exactly the right number (499). We do rely on the lottery as a source of funding and would encourage anyone who wants to join in the fun to contact Maggie Ball.

We were pleased to welcome Dave Lockett who has joined the committee to become our new Chairman and he is already well into the job.

We intend to commission extensive works to improve conditions in the hall. There are 3 projects in hand to use money allocated to the VH via the S106 contributions (£9,846 in our case) made by the two developers. As a result, the internal heaters will be replaced with radiators, and a projector and drop-down screen will be bought, together with a replacement front gate. Additional work will be undertaken during the February half term, to replace much of the internal electrical systems including emergency lighting and the main hall lights. This will be paid for from VH funds. We will continue to improve conditions in the hall: a replacement cooker is under discussion, as is an urgent repair to the dishwasher.

Hall bookings for private parties or gatherings can be made via our Booking Clerk, Jan Houlan, at bookings@twyningvillagehall.org.uk, or ring 299746.

Shopper Bus Service 481

****MONDAYS ONLY****

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 Playgroup

Twyning Playgroup would like to thank everyone that came along or donated raffle prizes to our annual pudding night. We raised over £300 for Playgroup and Tots. Playgroup will be using the money to purchase another iPad for the setting to enable staff to continue to use our online Learning Journals, now that we are a team of 7. We would like to welcome Christine to the team.

The staff have been on a whole-team course led by Anna Ephgrave, author of 'In the Moment Planning'. It was lovely to have it reiterated that what we do for the



children is amazing, following their interests in learning and meeting children's next steps in the current moment. We learnt about new styles of recording observations, and got ideas about how to reduce plastic toys, for example by using lots more natural items in our kitchen role-play rather than plastic food.

The children performed exceptionally in their nativity and we were very proud of them. Our nativity was based on children's current interests. Instead of 'going on a bear hunt, lion hunt, or dragon hunt', we went on a hunt to find the baby Jesus.

The children have been enjoying lots of outside learning at Forest School. We have been searching for bugs and going on a bear hunt using the nature around us. We have been looking at different holes and tracks to see which animal may have made them. We have been moving in different ways, rolling down hills and crawling under camo nets. We have been using firelighters and learning about fire safety. We loved having sparklers for firework night.

Numbers are nearly full at the moment, with a couple of new starters joining in February and April. We do have 1 space left on a Wednesday. If your child is currently 12-16 months and you would like space for September 2019 – Jan 2020 when they turn 2, please put your name down now to secure a place. We also have spaces in September for children who will be 3 and 4 years old. Please email Hayley.twyningpg@gmail.com for an application form.

From the team at Playgroup: Hayley, Helen, Chloe, Jo, Christine, Carol-Ann & Lynn

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Bredon Guiding

1st Bredon Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers also covers the Twyning area, so any new girls wishing to join us from across the river would be very welcome. Just visit

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter .

We have had a very busy 12 months with activities both at home and abroad. These have included Sparkle and Ice, a winter camping adventure; a joint Thinking Day event with local Scout groups; the Big Gig, a special Guides-only gig at Wembley Arena – this year we saw the Vamps, Rae Morris and HRVY amongst others; kayaking at Croft Farm; a visit to the Hollywood Bowl in Cheltenham; an indoor Lapland-themed holiday at Blackmore; and a week in Switzerland in August, here reported upon by one of our Rangers, Emily O.

Sarah Don-Bramah

Trip to Adelboden, Switzerland

When I joined Guiding at the age of 5 I had no idea that I would get the opportunity to go abroad.



On the 18th August 2018, 17 others and I from 1st Bredon Guides and Rangers caught a 1.5 hour flight from Heathrow to our destination of Switzerland, the home country of one of the Guiding centres, 'Our Chalet'. Our Chalet was brought to a small village called Adelboden by Helen Storrow. Due to this being the destination

of this Guiding and Scouting hotspot (the Scout hut is situated not far from Adelboden), there were many other Guides and Scouts who were also taking in the surroundings that this beautiful country has to offer..

During the week we had a lot of early starts, and many, many walks in the mountains, cable car journeys, a boat trip, plus other outings including shopping in Interlaken!. Overall the highlight of this trip for me was a zip wiring / climbing Adventure Park where I overcame my fear of cliff climbing, and also experiencing the rush of being able to scooter down the mountain into Adelboden.

I had a fantastic time and felt it was a very special place to remake my Promise as a Ranger, whilst at Our Chalet.

Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

Twyning Parish Church is just that. No prizes for being profound then! What I really want to say is that it exists for you, whether you come or not. If you look in any direction in this country, wherever you are, you will probably see a church tower or steeple. This is still a powerful symbol of inclusion. If you want some time to yourself... to think... to recharge... you will find our parish church open during daylight hours. Some may feel uncomfortable about approaching us about a baptism, marriage or other life events when they have rarely, if ever, been through the door. Please don't. We are there to be open, not to tie you to a pew! We also exist to pray for everybody in our parish. If you or somebody you know would like to be in our prayers, please let us know or leave a name in Church. We will treat such a request with whatever discretion you want. Similarly, if you would like a pastoral visit let us know. Conversations are different from formal counselling but they can be equally positive.

Ron Hesketh – Associate Priest

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

On the first Sunday of each month **Parish Communion** is at 9.30am with a **Sunday Club** for children of all ages.

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

On the third 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 fifth 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.

Other dates to note can be seen on the facing page.

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

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

Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

Ven. Ron Hesketh, 01684 299773; mobile 077 11 09 69 21

Parish Lay Minister, Angela Cole, 01684 294 325

Churchwardens, Chris Cole, 01684 294 325 , Margaret Bailey, 01684 298 268

Feb	15th	Fri	7pm	WHIST DRIVE	Ann Townend Hall
Mar	6th	Wed	7pm	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	Church
Mar	31st	Sun	9.30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY COMMUNION	Church
Apr	14th	Sun	9.30am	PALM SUNDAY MORNING PRAISE with a donkey	Church
Apr	18th	Thur	7pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST	Church
Apr	19th	Fri	7.30pm	GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC 'THE CRUCIFIXION'	Church
Apr	21st	Sun	9.30am	EASTER DAY EUCHARIST	Church

Twyning Chapel

We are a small but friendly group of people and we welcome you to any of our regular activities which include the following:

Sunday Morning Worship – 10.30am. This includes lively music; creche is available if needed; informal introduction and message from a wide range of speakers.

Dinkies – Certain Friday mornings 10–11.30am. For pre-school children (from birth onwards) with fun, activities, refreshments – play time for the children with opportunity to meet other parents/carers for chat over tea. All welcome.

Spring term dates: 1st and 15th February; 1st, 15th and 29th March.

Summer term: 26th April; 10th and 24th May; 7th and 21st June; 5th and 19th July.

Bible study and home groups – run alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm either at chapel or someone's home (for details contact one of the people below).

Special services coming up:

Sunday 31st March – Mother's Day – we will be having a café-style service. This involves meeting from 10.15am for coffee/tea and chat followed by an informal service.

Good Friday (19th April) – 6pm communion service with readings and Easter music.

Easter Sunday 21st April – 10.30am service.

For more information please contact: Tom Brown, 01684 276578; Clive Porter, 01386 750400 or David Kendrick, 01684 438261

Twyning Players

Thanks to you, our audience, Twyning Players had a successful 2018. Numbers were strong for our two productions, *Neighbourhood Watch* and *Cinderella*, and we were pleased to welcome new members both on-stage and behind the scenes.

Mounting a production is costly when you take account of royalties, scripts, hall hire, the set, costumes, properties and printing. We have to ensure a fund sufficient for the next production, but we are essentially non-profit-making and over the last 15 years have made donations to local charities. Having reviewed finances at our recent AGM, we are delighted this year to be able to support the Twyning School Playground and Outdoor Refurbishment Project with a £500 donation. Many of the school's pupils take part in our pantomimes and often go on to become members, so it is especially pleasing to be able to contribute to this. In addition, Patti Cane raised over £350 for Parkinson's UK last year by organising pub quizzes.

Our next production will be **Ghost Train**, the classic drama where mismatched travellers are stranded overnight in a lonely, rural railway station. The legend of a phantom locomotive together with things that go bump in the night are unveiled in a creeping mystery that's a gripping, edge-of-the-seat experience. Look out for further information nearer the time and get your tickets early for **16, 17th and 18th May** at the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you then!

New members are always welcome. We have a thriving social calendar so there's plenty to get involved with between productions. If you would like to be involved in any way, do talk to any Twyning Player or give me a call.

Carol Chapman, Secretary, tel. 293527



Local Success!

Isaac Hartley from Showborough (who runs Hartleys Hounds dog day care) won the Kennel Club ABC Agility Final at Olympia in December 2018 with his dog Keira, a five-year-old crossbreed.

Well done to Isaac and Keira!

A Personality and Retirement Study

Are you aged between 50 and 70 and classify yourself as fully retired from the workforce?

Would you like to take part in a study about retirement?

My name is Jackie – I live in the village and am a mature third year Psychology student at the University of Worcester. I would like to invite you to take part in a research project that aims to explore the retirement experience.

In this study you will be asked to answer a series of questions about your personality type and experiences of retirement. This information will be used to assess what influence personality types have on retirement adjustment with the overall aim of making more information and support available to people approaching this significant stage in their lives.

If you wish to take part please either use the link below, or contact me on 01684 290192 if you wish to complete the survey on paper.
It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

<https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/098713a>

THANK YOU!

All information that you give is confidential and will be processed in accordance of GDPR guidelines.

This research has been approved by the University of Worcester Institute of Health Ethics Committee.



Twyning Parish Community Minibus



The minibus is now in active use by residents of the Twyning Parish and is being regularly used by local organisations and resident outings. It is also proving very successful in providing transport to ten Hanley Castle students, taking them to and from school each day. All regular drivers have undertaken the nationally recommended MIDAS training and those transporting children and other vulnerable individuals have also undergone enhanced DBS checks.

The minibus working group meets up every few weeks to ensure its smooth running and to discuss any outstanding items. Nici Khor now heads up the management of the minibus, replacing Paul Wilcox, and is extremely proactive in taking care of the myriad of tasks involved – from insurance to bookings and everything in between! We would like to thank Paul for all his hard work in making our community minibus a successful venture and great asset for the Parish.

Last year we asked children to design a logo and name for the minibus and the winning design was created by Lilia Morley. This is now prominently displayed on the minibus's livery. Well done Lilia and thank you to all those who participated!

If you are interested in using the minibus, or have any questions, please visit the Parish Community website: <https://www.twyningvillage.co.uk/minibus> or telephone 07017 344688.

We are also looking for members of the Parish to step forward and offer to become a volunteer driver. This wouldn't be a large commitment and the more drivers the better! As a volunteer driver, you would be asked to help out and drive the minibus for community events such as taking elderly residents out for a shopping trip, theatre visit and such like. Training will be provided! If interested, please contact us at twyning.minibus@gmail.com.



Twyning School

Some time ago the staff and Governors had an aspiration to equip Twyning School with a suite of iPads. In today's financial climate it felt like a mountain to climb! However with a generous donation from Tewkesbury Rotary Club and magnificent fundraising by the PTFA and other school events the aspiration has been realised. It is important that our children are given the tools to prepare them for senior school and the world beyond. The staff will now have to teach pupils how to use this technology both creatively and responsibly. Pleased as we are to have these electronic aids to learning, I'd like to share with you a comment from our Ofsted Inspector who praised Twyning School for having so many books on display and the encouragement to read them. Thank you to all who make it possible for the school to give the broadest possible educational experience.

We might produce a rather dull bunch if it was all about ipads and books. So the headteacher, staff and governors are always looking for ways to open up and sharpen up all the ways that our children will experience their world. If you gave some money at Christmas to the Twyning Carol Singers you will have contributed to the £650 we are receiving towards a Secret Garden. This is a project which cannot move forward without local funding. A big thank you to all who went out on some pretty cold December evenings. You are not only maintaining a traditional activity, but your efforts will help us stimulate an interest in horticulture which may have a long-term impact. Every child can benefit from time out in a garden. The project is yet to be realised and if you have ideas or practical skills which could help us please let me know.

Lest you think we are pleased with ourselves for what has been achieved over the last year the Governors are launching a 2019 campaign to raise £10,000 for the improvement of the playground and outdoor areas so that the children can spend time more productively out of doors. This will include extending the grassed play area; updating and extending the playground markings; providing new, permanent outdoor play and gym equipment and providing tables and chairs for lunchtime and breaks. Governors will be approaching local businesses to form partnerships. If you feel you can help in any way, please let us know!

In my view educational statistics are for educational nerds and they will never be short of employment. But that said, I do take note when I read that Twyning School is well above average when it comes to Attainment: 79% as against 64% nationally, which means that locally only Ashchurch did better! We will have them in our sights.

Ron Hesketh – Chair of Governors

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Editor's note on above: I enquired about those who do not have internet access. Apparently you can also register by writing to:
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 1 Waterwells Drive,
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 GL2 2AN

Twyning Carol Singers

So many thanks to those who made the sum of **£1,583** possible over the Christmas period in support of our chosen charities. This time we supported Gloucestershire Nightstop for homeless people and Twyning School Secret Garden who each received £350, with the remainder supporting Twyning Church. We welcomed a number of Twyning Scouts for one night and our hope is that they will return next time too. Oh – and we didn't get wet once this year!

We were also grateful for hospitality on our rounds. It was a very busy time this year, and our hope is to visit different areas next year – it would take over three weeks to visit the whole village!

Beryl Chescoe

Good Friday Singers

No auditions necessary, but an invitation to join this established group of singers is open to all who wish to sing *The Crucifixion*, music by John Stainer. It is an account of the events of Good Friday set to music. It is not difficult, though some rehearsals will be necessary. They will be on

Wednesday March 13th; Tuesday March 19th; Wednesday March 27th; Tuesday April 2nd; Wednesday April 10th; Tuesday April 14th

On Good Friday it will be 6.30pm with the performance at 7.30pm. I hope that you will be available to join us.

Beryl Chescoe, 295352

Tewkesbury VIPs



At Tewkesbury VIP club meetings we have a lovely time. It all happens on the first Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 pm at Tewkesbury Baptist Church. We enjoy some very good and varied musical entertainment with pop songs and music from shows and films that everyone knows, and can join in with and sing along.

For the interval tea, Tewkesbury School provide us with delicious homemade cakes and we have hot and cold drinks. Birthdays are celebrated with a card and a small gift. You don't get many presents when you are in your eighties and nineties! We also have a raffle with prizes generously donated by local retailers.

Members can be transported to meetings by trained volunteers for a small cost or they can make their own arrangements. The club is organised for those who might be lonely and have difficulty getting out and meeting people as well as people who have restrictive visual or mobility problems. Do you know someone who might like to give us a try? If so, contact volunteer organiser Chris Chapman: 01684 293527 or mail@cchapman.co.uk.

2nd Twyning Scout Group

I am delighted to report that one year on from the closure of the Cub section, the section is re-establishing itself and its contribution to the local community. In November, members of all sections collectively made 100 red poppies to help the village mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I (see back cover).

Organisationally, Danielle Morley has now moved from the Beaver section to the Cub section after two years: thank you Danielle and good luck. Anne Green has stepped up to lead the Beaver section and Josie Palmer has also swapped from Cubs to Beavers to help balance the leadership team across the sections. Sincere thanks to Jane Freeguard who stepped down as our Treasurer at our AGM after four years of sterling service. We welcome Libby Flackett into the role as our new Treasurer. One other change is that Beavers are now meeting on a Thursday at the school.
Ian Palmer, theianpalmer@gmail.com

Beavers – Age 6 to 8 (Thursday) – Anne Green, thefamilygreens@btinternet.com

We had a very busy autumn term. In September we visited Piglet's house for a mini beast hunt and spent another evening learning the names of all the trees on the Village Green. As a group we had a fantastic bonfire; the Remembrance service was well attended and the poppies made by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts made it a memorable occasion. For the international badge Owl brought some Japanese food to try, and Beavers learnt the Japanese Beaver promise and wrote their names in Japanese. We also had a night hike to see the Christmas lights of Twyning. During the term we awarded 11 Bronze Chief Scout Awards (the highest Beaver award). Well done to all the Beavers who achieved this. Thanks also to our young leaders Ollie, Sam and Izzy, who are all volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

Please contact Anne Green (Piglet) 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.

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

The Cub pack is thriving after restarting in May 2018. We have doubled the numbers of children attending as well as providing for Beavers swimming up to us from the Beaver section. We now have a team of four adults and a young leader running the Thursday evening meetings. Over the last two terms we have been indoor rock climbing, canoeing on the river, completed our first hike and worked towards gaining numerous challenge and activity badges. We have also been involved with local charity events such as Children in Need and participated in the annual St George's Day and Remembrance Sunday parades.

This year we are planning our first summer camp and helping our Cubs to achieve the Silver Chief Scout Award. Thank you to everyone that has supported us in getting the new pack up and running. We look forward to our new adventures and activities ahead.

Scouts – Age 10 ½ to 14 (Thursday) – Lorna Herold, l.herold@btinternet.com

In September Helen Ide, Tim and I took 10 Scouts away on a narrow boat weekend in Braunston. In November we joined the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, had a shared Bonfire night with Beavers and Cubs and joined in with the Children in Need Skittles at the Village Inn. In December, 6 of our Scouts took part in the Twyning Players pantomime and we had a group evening of Laser Tag in Gloucester. We rounded off the term by joining Twyning Carol Singers for an evening in the village before attending the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

This term our new senior Scouts will be working hard to complete their Chief Gold Scout Awards and our younger scouts will commence work on their Skills Award.

We remain full at the moment and still have names on our waiting list; if you would like to add a name to the list please do get in touch, as things do change.

With the help of the leaders who volunteer each week, and the support of the parents who help out on rota, we are able to continue to provide a full and varied programme, but we are always on the lookout for extra help. If anyone has the time (you don't necessarily need to have a child at Scouts) 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 off to Gilwell Park, the HQ of Scouting, to take part in a large Halloween-themed activity camp, called Scarefest. At the time of writing, we had just visited Gilwell again, for Winter Camp for more activities (including ice climbing) and the chance to meet scouts from all over the country. We have been air rifle target shooting on a regular basis and did well in the District competition, with 3 of our Explorers getting into the team of 4 to represent the District in the County competition. This was held in early January and we were again successful, with the team coming first. We intend to continue the coaching and enter a team in the National Scout Rifle Championships in October.

Expedition planning for the 2019 season is underway with one team planning to circumnavigate Guernsey whilst exploring the sites of the German occupation during WW2 and another planning to canoe abroad (somewhere). We will start our navigation training with the newer Explorers this term and test out the fitness by walking the Malverns, end to end, before heading to the Black Mountains. As always, a big thank you to all the leaders and everyone else who supports us to make the adventure possible. If you are between 13½ and 18 and interested in Explorers, give us a call and join us for an evening to see what it's all about.

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

TRAC

At the time of writing this bulletin we have exciting times ahead for TRAC.

S106 monies

We know there have been a lot of 'Chinese whispers' within the village and on Facebook about the allocation of the 106 monies to Twyning, but the facts are that the distribution of 106 monies is controlled by deeds agreed between Tewkesbury Borough Council and The Developers with specific criteria having to be met by those applying. The money was not guaranteed to come to Twyning.

The TRAC committee have worked extremely hard over the past 18 months to ensure that Twyning benefitted as much as possible from the money on offer.

The main areas/criteria of how the money was to be allocated were:

(P=Persimmon contribution N= Newlands contribution)

P1 – Playing pitches – 'towards the cost of providing playing pitches within the vicinity of the site'

P2 – Village Hall/ TRAC – 'towards the improvement of the village hall or provision of TRAC facilities'

P3 – Astroturf – 'for the provision of Astroturf at Tewkesbury Sports Centre or resurfacing on the MUGA at the TRAC facility'

N1 – Play Facilities – 'towards the cost of providing and/or improving play facilities/equipment which can be securely sited and utilised by young people for recreational purposes'

N2 – Astroturf – 'towards the provision of off-site sports Astroturf'

N3 – Twyning Village Hall/TRAC – 'towards the provision of funds for the facilities at the Twyning Village Hall /TRAC facility'

However the 106 money is calculated, the sum on offer, under each title, was predetermined and TRAC had to apply, along with all other interested parties, in the hope that our bids were successful. Which we are pleased to report they were!

Under the playing pitches category TRAC put in a bid to secure money for the development of the top site at TRAC. For a long time people have been asking for a suitable area to play football in the village and although we did attempt to cut the area, the ground was too uneven to play safely upon. We have now instructed a contractor (who lives in the village) to flatten the area and prepare it so that five-a-side football can be played on it. We have also worked closely with the school to ensure that they are able to utilise the site as much as possible: the area will also be marked out with 10 x10 grids for multi use by the children. There will even be a small running track marked out. We have plans to install outdoor multi gym equipment stations and also hopefully a small area for a BMX bike course, to ensure that this is contained in a specific area. Hopefully through these plans we have accommodated a lot of different needs within the village.

Also under this category we have instructed contractors to resurface the two tennis courts and the MUGA court. We are so lucky to have a thriving Tennis Club in the village and the courts are used regularly, but they are in dire need of resurfacing. Hopefully by improving the facilities even more people will use them.

With the money allocated to TRAC for 'play facilities' we are looking to have the play area equipment refurbished: although our play area is one of the best locally, in parts it is in much need of a facelift. Due to new regulations we would have to redesign the whole area if we wanted to replace the equipment, which would be outside our budget, but within guidelines we are able to refurbish with 'like for like'!

Any other monies will be used to improve the site once these projects are complete, providing more seating, tables, bins etc. All the work is due to start in the Spring and will be carried out with as little disruption to users as possible.

It is appreciated that our proposed improvements won't be how everyone hoped that the 106 money would be used and some may feel aggrieved that other areas are not benefitting from the 106 money but the TRAC application was made with the best intentions of ensuring that the village community benefitted and the final say was made by the Borough Council, so we hope you will support TRAC in the decisions that we have made.

No footpath

There have also been a lot of rumours that there will be a footpath from the new Persimmon site through TRAC to the village, however this is not the case. Not only would this have safeguarding implications for children using the play area, but it would also not be possible to have a path straight across a football pitch. Under our constitution TRAC needs to ensure that the site is locked in hours of darkness, so an open footpath would not be permissible. I understand from the Parish Council that now that the pavement has been widened and pedestrian access has been provided from the Persimmon site to the village, there are no plans to provide another path. If you have any further queries, please approach the PC.

Ongoing funding / membership

Most play areas in our neighbourhood are paid for and run by their local Parish Councils but this is not the case in Twynning. TRAC is run by a very small committee of willing volunteers who are prepared to do all they can to provide a fantastic facility for the whole of our community. *TRAC is a non-profit-making charity and all our funds come through our court membership fees, the Village Fete and grants* (which are scarce). So obviously we are really grateful to have been awarded this 106 money and we ask that, once the work is complete, you support us as much as possible and try to use the fantastic facilities that will be on offer by becoming a member at TRAC. **Annual membership costs just £12.50 (less than 3.5p a day) a year for an adult member or £5.00 (less than 1.5p a day) for a child under 16.**

Please see website for further information on how to join: www.tracsport.org

Once we have these facilities we need to have support from people who are able to run a football club or other sport activities on the site, so please make contact with us to ensure that there is a thriving sporting future for the youth and all in the village to benefit from these improvements.

Lorna Herold, Chair

Bee Keeping



The 2019 bee keeping year is getting off to a good start with more Twyning residents starting the Malvern and Upton Bee Keepers Training Course in March. The emphasis this year is going to be on managing diseases whilst growing more colonies for better pollination and honey gathering.

Some people say the only way to keep bees is naturally, with the minimum of interference. And experienced bee keepers would wholeheartedly agree. The less intervention, the more honey is produced. Our training bees do not produce a lot of honey as we manage them every week as part of our training programme, and handling bees is an essential part of that. But we do make sure that our bees are well fed over the winter. Minimum intervention, though, does not mean doing nothing. Diseases are a major problem these days, as are poisoning from pesticides and agro-chemicals. So we bee keepers need to be vigilant and treat our bees to keep them happy and productive. The more healthy bees there are overall, the better it is for our farmers and gardens.

If you'd like to learn more about bees, contact Bill O'Dell on 07879 256016

Twyning Over-60s Lunch Club


The club meets at the Village Hall on Fridays during term time. Lunches are served at 12.30pm (at a low cost of £3 each), but many members arrive early to have a chat. The excellent meals are provided by four teams of cooks. We are a self-funding organisation run entirely by volunteers. Newcomers are always welcome.

During our summer break we visited the Lygon Arms at Chipping Campden; also, Mrs Baimbridge kindly hosted a cold lunch, prepared by Mrs Gill and Mrs Henshaw. Our thanks go to these ladies for their time. The Christmas lunch was a great success, when Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Denning and Mr Stanley prepared an excellent meal for members, cooks and guests. Thank you to everyone who made it so enjoyable, and to Mrs Sparrow for playing the piano for carols.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support. However, as always, **we are still in need of people** to step in occasionally when cooks and helpers are ill or on holiday. If anyone has time free on a Friday we always appreciate help, either early, for setting up tables, or any time between 10am and 2pm (not necessarily for the whole four hours). Sam Haycock, 293890, Judith Allen, 292123

The Herbert Protocol for dementia

**Don't wait until
your loved one
goes missing..**



Are you looking after someone with dementia, and have concerns about what will happen if they go missing? The individual may look to return to a memorable place or location. Disorientation and confusion may quickly follow, making them extremely vulnerable, and it is vital for searching officers to locate them quickly.

You can help by signing up to the Herbert Protocol on their behalf (see box below), filling in significant details on a simple form which is retained just in case there is a time when they go missing. The form includes things like previous addresses and special locations, such as a family grave, which may be a draw to them; hobbies and regular routines; photos and an up to date description – sometimes hard to recall in the panic of finding that your loved one has gone missing.

Gloucestershire Constabulary is working with the Alzheimer's Society to promote this scheme, named after war veteran George Herbert who died whilst missing and trying to return to his childhood home.

Editor's note: I have repeatedly asked the Communications Officer at Gloucestershire Constabulary for alternative contact details for those who do not use the internet. None have been forthcoming although they 'appreciate my concerns' on the matter! Their stance is 'You can ask someone to do this for you' – my stance is 'Why should you have to?'



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**The Herbert Protocol is a form that contains
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quickly & bring them back to safety.

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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.

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

Deadlines for the year's Bulletins are:

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War memorial on Remembrance Day

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