

Twynning Bulletin



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Top: Blossom on a stormy day (Photo by Fiona Thornton)

Above: Village Green and 'Sir Hiss' (Photos by Roy Thomas)

Front cover: Rainbow over Twyning (Photo by Mike Mulrenan)

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the June edition of the Twyning Bulletin. A special welcome to newcomers to the village. As you'll see from the pages that follow there is a lot going on in Twyning! So whether you're a newbie or an lifelong resident, there are lots of activities available if you'd like to get involved in this thriving community. In this issue we're appealing for volunteers for some of the community initiatives that benefit us all, so if you can spare even an hour or so, do have a look at pages 16–17 and see if there's something that you'd be able to help with.

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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

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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!

Wanted!

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! If you'd like to advertise in the Bulletin contact the editor for details.

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Chairman's Parish Bulletin Report – June 2018

Once again it has been a busy a year in the life of your Parish Council, which has seen both change and the foundations laid for new projects. We have recently appointed a new Clerk, Michelle English. Michelle is an experienced Clerk well versed in the workings of Parish Councils. Welcome, Michelle to the Parish Council team, we are looking forward to working with you.

The Council continues to meet on a monthly basis, normally the second Monday in the month with the exception of the month of August. Information about the forthcoming meetings can be found on the Parish notice boards.

We operate a number of working groups/Committees – Planning, Staffing, Minibus, Footpaths and S106 contributions. These groups meet as required and deal with the individual issues that arise throughout the year. I thank all the Councillors and volunteers for their on-going time and contributions. The annual internal elections took place on Monday 15th May, the results of which will soon be available on our notice boards and website.

Without doubt the most significant achievement within the Parish this year was the completion (after 4 years of sheer hard work) of our Neighbourhood Development Plan. The NDP was formally adopted by TBC on the 17th April this year. The figure that absolutely astonished the team and the Parish Council was the public vote. 536 parishioners voted at the referendum and 95.9% of the vote was in favour of the plan. What a great achievement. THANK YOU ALL!

I was recently approached by a parishioner and asked 'What do the Parish Councils actually do?'. Good question. In a nutshell, your Parish Council makes all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that Parish Councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

You may have noticed that certain grassed areas of the village have only just been cut: this was due to Tewkesbury Borough Council's review of their many grass cutting contracts. It would seem that there were quite a number of areas within the Borough that should have been cut by landowners. This has now been sorted, so hopefully further grass cutting will be carried out on time and to a better standard. Our Village Green is a Parish responsibility and that has recently been cut to a very high standard.

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Parishioners are increasingly becoming aware that we now have a new minibus. The minibus management team have worked so hard to ensure the vehicle livery truly represents the village. Information on how to hire this minibus is contained within this bulletin.

S106 (Section 106 Agreement)

Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local planning authority, like TPC, to enter into a legally binding agreement, or planning obligation, with a landowner as part of the granting of planning permission. The obligation is termed a 'section 106 agreement'. Such agreements are a way of delivering, or addressing, matters that are necessary to make a development acceptable in planning terms. The S106 monies can be used to support the provision of services and infrastructure and improvements in recreational facilities. The current S106 topic is funding sports and play facilities within the village, and enhancements to our Village Hall.

Beneficiaries of the S106 monies from the Persimmon and Newland sites are in the final stages of approval by the Borough Council team.

Denis Murray – Chairman, Twyning Parish Council

Tree Warden

The Tree Warden undertakes monthly inspections of all trees on Parish Council land and reports his findings to the Council. Bi-annual inspections are undertaken by a qualified arboricultural consultant and works recommended by him are undertaken in the following two years by a qualified tree surgeon.

All trees on the Village Green are protected by Tree Preservation Orders and unauthorised work on them is illegal. For the most part, planning applications have to be submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council for work to be undertaken.

Recently unauthorised lopping of the small Sessile Oak on the Green has occurred. I draw everyone's notice to the following extract from Government legislation.

14. What happens if I carry out work on a protected tree without permission?

If you deliberately destroy a protected tree, or damage it in a manner likely to destroy it, **you could be liable to an unlimited fine.** You could also be fined if you cause or permit such work. Other offences can lead to fines of up to £2,500.

D J Lockett, Tree Warden

Twyning Community Emergency Committee

Many parishioners will be aware that we have had an Emergency Plan and Committee since July 2009. The aim of the plan is increase resilience within the community through developing a robust coordinated approach that compliments the plans or responding agencies.

In April of this year we hosted an exercise designed to test the efficacy of the Plan. The exercise has identified some deficiencies in our planning, which in follow-up action we are looking to address. The most obvious problem we experienced (in a scenario that saw 160 houses evacuated) was that we had insufficient members of the team to administer and direct the amount of people that were likely to arrive at the place of safety (in this case the Village Hall). So we would like to appeal to you all for volunteers to address three issues.

- For up to 4 more people to come onto the main Emergency Committee.
- For as many of you as practical to allow your names to be added to a stand-by list of people we could call on to assist in an emergency.
- For owners of 4x4 all-terrain vehicles to allow their details to be recorded in the Plan as a source of emergency transport.

If you are in a position to help us support our community in any of the above capacities, please contact me. Thank you.

Dave Luckett: dluckett71@gmail.com, tel. 297565

THE social event of the year is back!

Put on your checked shirts, grab your partners by the hand & come along to our:

FAMILY BARN DANCE

With music from 'Hetty Peglers Tump'



Saturday 25th August 2018
The Marquee on the Green
7.30pm-11.30pm



It really will be an evening for the whole family so please put the date in your diary NOW! Licensed bar applied for.

Ticket prices held! Adult £13.00 Child 12 yrs and under £5.00

ALL adult tickets purchased before 1st August 2018 ONLY £10.00!

Tickets available from Lorna: 294292



ATTENTION PLEASE!

ON MONDAYS ONLY, FROM MONDAY 14th MAY

A SHOPPER BUS SERVICE NUMBER 481

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 Memories by 'A Villager'

Part 1 – The highwayman, secret passages and a good scoff-up!

Twyning is a large village with its northern border separating Gloucestershire from Worcestershire. The Bow Brook is the border. The brook rises in Harbour Wood at Strensham, flowing through Stratford Bridge and to the back of Ripple Church. It flows on past Towborough Hill and under Bow Bridge along the edge of Twyning Pastures, before eventually flowing into the River Severn. The Twyning border north-east goes from Harbour Wood to the bottom of Oaks Bank by the M50 to M5 junction, carrying across the summer pasture into the Avon near Strensham Lock.

Walk from the motorway down the A38, going past the spot where Turpins Oak once stood. This is a large oak tree where a highwayman was caught and taken to Duddage Manor. He was held overnight before being taken to Gloucester for sentencing the next day. The demise of the oak tree was caused by early motorists who used to light fires around it when having their picnics! The screen in Twyning church was made from the oak's wood by Mr Hurcam, who was a carpenter employed by the Taylors of Hillend. The screen was blessed on completion by the Rev Marriott. Photos of the tree, the vicar and Mr Hurcam still exist.

There is a small lane going off the A38 on the left, approximately a quarter of a mile from Brockeridge motorway bridge. This lane leads to a copse in a field in which are the ruins of the original Twyning Manor, which was called Foxhall Manor. All the cellars of this building are reputed to have passages which lead directly to Ripple church. The cellars are still there, with wide steps going down.

At the bottom of Ripple Common, there used to be huge quarries from which stone was extracted for about 20 years. It was found, however, that the stone perished easily, and would open up like slate. Many buildings were made of this stone, including Twyning New Manor, the high wall on the A38 at the Mythe and also the toll house on the Mythe Bridge. All of these have shown signs of wear and splitting. If you cross the common, many quarry holes can still be found. As children, we would ride our bikes down them and go about a third of the way up the other side at speed. Sadly, Tewkesbury Borough Council started tipping in them; it took around 5 years to fill them in with salvage.

The tea hut, now called the Hut Café, used to be owned by the Bradley family. The water used by the café came from a natural spring in the ditch. All we children used to go there for what we called 'a scoff-up at Mrs Bradley's'. She loved children and always made us welcome.

To be continued...

Twyning Tennis Club



The tennis season is well underway and members are enjoying social tennis, matches and tournaments.

We are very pleased to have Malvern Tennis Academy come on a Monday evening to put on a coaching programme. Junior sessions run from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Then there is the popular 'Cardiotennis'. This is open to teens and adults, members (£6) and non-members (£8) for the hour, payable on the day. At 7.30pm there is team coaching for team players.

There will be a Tennis Open Day again this summer, 23rd June, from 2.00pm–4.00pm. There will be plenty of opportunity for anyone of any age to try tennis, or have some coaching. Fun and games for all the family, refreshments, Pimms, scones and a raffle!

Come and join us and see what is happening!

As well as tennis we organise social events too. On Saturday 14th July, 7.00pm, we will be having a skittles evening in the Village Inn, with buffet.

If you'd like to know more about the club, do get in touch or come down on a Tuesday evening at around 6pm and see what's going on.

Hilary Davies, tel. 299350 / Peter Gold, tel. 292586

The Children's Society

£500 raised!

With a couple more Children's Society boxes yet to be emptied at time of writing, I am delighted to report that over the past 12 months the box-holders have raised over £500, which is fantastic!

Thank you to all of you who choose to support this charity. In doing so, the money you help raise makes a real, tangible difference to the lives of so many children and young people.

If anyone else feels that they can help by having a box, please get in touch.

Lorna Herold, tel. 294292

Village Scarecrow Competition!



Everyone is invited to enter this year's Village Scarecrow Competition being held on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The theme this year is: **POP IDOL(s) THE SCARECROW (s)**
(*Famous Musician(s), Group or Band*)

Entry is just £2 per Scarecrow and forms will be available from the Village Shop.

All entries are to be received on or before Saturday 25th August. The Scarecrows must be in full view by 09.00 on Monday 27th August 2018, so that judging can take place in time for the Village Fete, when the winner will be announced.

Let's see if we can get the most Scarecrows ever! GOOD LUCK!

Twynning Church Heritage Weekend

July 21st and 22nd

The weekend will celebrate the anniversary of our patron saint, Mary Magdalene. On the Saturday from 11 till 4 we will welcome organists, bellringers and a host of items usually locked away because of security. The ladies of the flower rota will add decorations in gold and white, depicting the liturgical colours of the season.

On Sunday at 9.30 a.m. we shall welcome the Bishop of Tewkesbury, Rt Rev Robert, who will preside at our morning Eucharist together with Canon Messham. This will be followed by light refreshment. The church will remain open until 4 p.m. when 'Songs of Praise' will take place. If you wish to submit a suitable hymn for consideration, do let me know in advance.

Light refreshments will be served during the day, and together with entrance each day, will be for a donation which will assist the work of our church. Do come along and enjoy our treasures. We will be pleased to welcome you.

If you wish to help with refreshment or a duty on either day for an hour or two there will be a list in church on which you may place your name, or contact me directly.

Beryl Chescoe, tel. 295352

French Group

French Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm at Whites Cottage, High St Twyning. Conversation bubbles away over a glass of wine or a cup of tea or coffee. The atmosphere is very relaxed and there is no pressure to speak in French if not ready to!

For more information please do get in touch.

Hilary Davies, tel. 299350

Twyning Over-60s Lunch Club

The club meets at the Village Hall on Fridays, during term times. Lunches are served at 12.30pm, but many members arrive early to have a chat. Two courses are served, plus tea or coffee at a low cost of £3 each. The excellent meals are prepared by four teams of cooks who work hard to provide the lunches. We are a self-funding organisation run entirely by volunteers. Our numbers are running at around 30 on a regular basis and we have welcomed new members from the village during the last few months. Sadly, we have lost three members recently who had been with the Club for a long time.

Our meetings finish on 20 July for a summer break and we are hoping to have a club outing on 3 August and a summer lunch on 17 August at the home of one of our members.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, though 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 4 hours), please let us know.

Sam Haycock on 293890 or Judith Allen on 292123.

DINKIES

Dinkies is held at the chapel on alternate Fridays from 10am–11.30am. It is for parents and carers of babies & toddlers from 0–4 yrs with free hot drinks for the adults and drinks & snacks for the children.

Fundraising for Acorn Children's Hospice

£1,900 raised!

In spite of losing two of our outlets for selling our knitted animals, complete with creme eggs, we managed to raise £1,900 and a cheque for that amount has been presented to Acorn Children's Hospice, Worcester.

A total of 1,792 animals were knitted thanks to our industrious knitters. Sadly, due to health problems we have lost four of our most prolific knitters, so if you can knit or know someone who would be interested in helping this very worthwhile cause, do get in touch. We can supply samples, patterns and possibly wool.

We were very fortunate this year to receive many donated eggs. This was made possible by the generosity of many stores and the hard work of the new fundraiser at Acorns – well done Mel! M & Co were the top store for selling this year, helped by the knitting group that meets at the Roses Theatre on Wednesdays. A big thank you to all out helpers, whether you knitted, stitched or donated chocolate eggs. Please, keep up the good work so that we can support Acorns again next year.

Anita Haycock, 15 Paxhill Lane, tel. 293890



THE LIVE EXPERIENCE FESTIVAL

The Live Experience Festival is back this year on July 7th, and will be held in the beautiful gardens of Showborough House.

As with previous years there will be an eclectic mix of professional bands and talented young musicians – the youngest performer this year is 7! There are several children from the village playing, as well as several local professional bands who are there to inspire and balance the programme. For the youngsters there is also an art space as well as face painting and henna tattooing.

The event runs from 12pm to 8pm, with music starting from 12.30pm. Picnic lunches are welcome and there is a tea room and burger stall running across the day.

For tickets and more info please visit www.theliveexperiencefestival.com

This event is non-profit, and the ticket price only covers running costs.



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Twyning School

First, some really good news: Twyning School roll is growing. For some time our numbers had been rather static but as of April we now have 98 pupils. With a capacity of 106 we are confident that the new builds in the village will soon fill up our gaps. However, rather frustratingly, we may not be able to meet some applications for places, as the available places are not always evenly spread across the year groups.

And more good news: our finances are now not quite so finely balanced. In the Headteacher's words, 'better but still fragile'. A government review of school funding has given some relief to our previously beleaguered budget, together of course with the upturn in the school roll. That said, we still do not have enough financial resources to provide all that the school requires to meet a well-rounded educational environment: we need ipads for instance. You may think them a bit of a luxury, but as our children move through their educational journey they become a daily tool of learning. So far the Rotary Club of Tewkesbury and the Parent, Teacher & Friends Association have given generously towards the ipad project, and our Village Shop has been very supportive and given us a boost to our fundraising. The School Finance Committee plan to explore other streams of funding including approaching local businesses.

As I reported in the last Bulletin, the academic results have held up very well indeed against national scores. Only Year 6 (top year) Maths and English results are published nationally, as well as scores for Phonics for the younger children, but all the children are constantly monitored across the board. Sport and 'wellbeing' are also very strong elements of the school day, and the school is in the process of revalidating the Healthy Schools award. The children use the TRAC facilities weekly, and are well represented in all local and area sporting events. Our most recent projects include enhancing the provision of Music and working towards the '360 Computing Safety Award', a nationally recognised quality safety standard.

In time all our children have to move on to various secondary schools. You may be interested in where they go. This September, 25% of children are going on to Hanley Castle, 50% to Tewkesbury and 25% to grammar schools in Gloucester.

The school now has a Facebook page, managed by the office staff. This proved very effective during the past winter, keeping parents well informed about some last-minute closures for snow. The school also runs a Twitter account. We expect to be fully GDPR compliant by the end of May. There is a cost to this, of course, with no additional funding from Government!

Ron Hesketh, Chair of Governors

www.twyningschool.co.uk

Village Volunteers Wanted!

Twynning Parish is beginning to expand and among the residents and the newcomers there must be a lot of people who could put a couple of hours aside a week to help others in need and enjoy the social benefits of volunteering. We are calling for volunteers to help with several local activities.

Minibus:

Administrator for Minibus – as the demands on the minibus increase we would like some help in the organising and bookings management. This is only an hour or two a week, or sometimes less, but is a vital role in helping to keep things ticking along, and making sure we operate legally and professionally.

Village Minibus Drivers – drivers are needed to help us provide services for local residents. We'd like to offer a shopping trip to Tewkesbury a couple of times a week and help local residents go on outings and trips. Volunteers would be MIDAS trained (see pp24–5) so you would be comfortable driving the vehicle.

School Run to Hanley Castle – If you were willing to commit to a morning or afternoon trip regularly, then you could be driving the local children to Hanley Castle school, or picking them up. If you are a parent you can save on other forms of transport and on driving days the cost for your child is NIL!

Please call Paul Wilcox 07957 116735 or email minibus@twynningvillage.co.uk

Emergency Committee (see also p7):

Our Emergency Committee needs some additional volunteers to act as second-tier contacts to carry out certain functions in the event of a major incident in the village. You would only be called upon for some training and if we had a real emergency. That would be something like a major outage of water or electricity, a plane crash or large motorway incident.

Please contact Dave Lockett on 297565 or email dluckett71@googlemail.com

Friday Lunch Club (see also p12):

Every Friday the Lunch Club meets in the Village Hall and puts on a lunch for residents over 60. They are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of the Hall, lunches, washing up and clearing away.

Please contact Judy Allen: judy.allen@virgin.net, tel. 292123

Litter Pickers:

Keeping Twynning looking as good as it does means litter picking needs doing fairly regularly, and we are in need of some help. Contact Dave Lockett (see above).

Footpath Gang (and Bridleways too – see following page):

Why not join the happy band of residents who pop out and help keep the many miles of footpaths in Twynning clear and accessible? Ably managed by Bob Beetham, three or four times a year a party will clear an area or footpath to ensure continued access for the more difficult footpaths.

Please email bobandjanisbee@hotmail.com or call Bob on 290711.

Church Grass Cutters:

St Mary Magdalene Church in Church End are always looking for grass cutters to help keep the churchyard looking its best – and it always does! Some new volunteers are needed to share the load and commit to an hour a week or more if they can. You will be allocated a small part of the grass to maintain and all equipment, mowers fuel etc are provided. The mowers are even powered and key starters so it couldn't be easier really.

Please contact Richard Bailey on 298268 or email rabailey@btinternet.com

Good Neighbour Scheme:

A number of times we have tried to get a Good Neighbours scheme going. This means someone in each road to take some responsibility for knowing who is elderly or vulnerable in their immediate area and keeping an eye on them. This of course could be a shared responsibility and result in neighbours getting together socially as well as for looking after each other. If you are interested please make contact with Bill O'Dell on 07879 256016 or wro@idspartners.co.uk.

Twynning Tots:

Twynning Tots needs your help - come September quite a few of our tots will be moving onto school. We want Tots to continue but we need more help.

You don't need to have children at Tots in order to volunteer! If you have a few hours free on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3pm to help with making tea, doing some craft or tidying up we'd love to hear from you. You don't need to be there every week.

Contact Lizzie at the Fleet or find Twynning Tots on Facebook.

TRAC (see also p26):

Twynning Recreation Amenity Centre, which includes the tennis club, children's play area, and multi court are always looking to boost their committee, or help on the play area rota. Helping to run the facility, fundraise, and organise the annual village fete (August Bank Holiday weekend) is a big undertaking and the small group of hard-working volunteers would love some help to share the load, just a little! If you are interested in sports, maybe running a football team or 'couch to 5k' fitness and want to be a bit more involved, then please get in touch.

Please contact Lorna Herold 07711 239768 or email l.herold@btinternet.com or Hilary Caudle, 293860

Bridleway Review



There are some 17 miles of footpaths in the parish, but only a very small section that is bridleway. Added to that there are several stables and riding schools in the parish and a lot of horse and pony riders. Some vehicle owners are less than sympathetic to horse riders, and some horse riders are ungrateful when you slow down for them. But we all have to live together and use the highways and byways together. So is there a way forward that is compatible with both?

Well, one way would be to make it easier for horse riders to access bridleways and the open country without the need for riding on the roads. Win-Win!

So the footpath team, the Parish Council, local farmers, riders and road users will be encouraged to form a working party to open up the existing bridleways and look to see if there are opportunities to improve or increase the number of bridleways. The working party would clear the overgrown bridleways, look at existing ones and where possible links could be created and negotiations initiated with landowners and farmers etc, so that a proposal could be put to Gloucestershire to upgrade.

Whether you are a horse rider and would like to take part in clearing the bridleways so you benefit from the newly opened access, or you would simply like to take part in clearing the bridleways so horses are more on bridleways and less on the roads, please contact Bob Beetham, Footpath Coordinator.

Bob Beetham: bobandjanisbee@hotmail.com, tel. 290711

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Tewkesbury VIPs

Tewkesbury VIPs is a monthly social club which meets between 2pm & 4pm on the first Thursday of every month at Tewkesbury Baptist Church. It's an opportunity for people who may have difficulty getting out, who may be lonely or who are visually impaired to enjoy a social occasion.



We offer:

- transportation to and from home (for a small charge)
- care from trained volunteers
- musical entertainment and other activities
- refreshments and cakes supplied by students at Tewkesbury School
- outings to local attractions

We have members and volunteers from Twyning – do you know someone who would like to come along?

Contact Chris Chapman, tel. 293527, mail@cchapman.co.uk

Twyning Players

Thanks to all of you who came along to support our recent production of 'Neighbourhood Watch' by Alan Ayckbourn. We were a little concerned when the posters first went up – several people said they didn't realise there was a play coming but thought that there was a new village Neighbourhood Watch scheme!

In the event, we had good audience numbers and very positive feedback. David Herold is a familiar face onstage but this time around he dusted off his Directorial expertise to create our latest play. Our thanks go to David, cast and crew for making this such a successful and enjoyable show.

A little respite for the thespians over the summer months although our social calendar continues with a variety of activities. Planning will soon begin for our winter production taking place **29th November– 1st December**. Do make a note of the dates and get your tickets early as they are likely to be in great demand.

If you would like to be involved in any way, on stage or behind the scenes, talk to any Twyning Player or give me a call. New members are always most welcome.

Carol Chapman, Secretary, tel. 293527

Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to thrive thanks to the support of the Parish's regular groups, and has just hosted The Twyning Players' latest performance, 'Neighbourhood Watch', which, as always, was a great success! We continue to work hard to provide the community with a great venue and encourage you to consider the Hall for any groups or activities planned over the coming months.

The Village Hall Management Committee keeps on top of regular maintenance tasks and we are pleased to note that Playgroup is assisting the Village Hall in its efforts to be environmentally friendly. In other news, the Village Hall has been identified as a Primary Place of Refuge in times of emergency and an electric switch has been installed so that a generator can be supplied for the electricity required to provide cooking, lighting and heating when needed.

Village Hall Lottery

In this edition of the Bulletin, we thought we would bring your attention to our Village Hall Lottery. Would you like the chance to win in the monthly draw? Maybe not on such a scale as the National Lottery, but you will experience similar excitement when a cheque appears in your letterbox – is it £10, or even £100?

It's simple to join Just contact us, and we will help you with the rest: for as little as £1/week, you will be in with an excellent chance of winning. Not only does the Lottery benefit the lucky winners, but the money received plays a major role in keeping the Hall hire costs down and contributes to its running and maintenance.

For more information, please contact Maggie Ball, Treasurer, on 292550 or email maggieball@btinternet.com.

Beekeeping

The new apiary in Twyning built by members of Malvern and Upton Beekeepers Association is proving very popular this year. 24 new members are going through the beekeeping course. Having had 4 weeks' theory at Hanley Swan Village Hall, the practical sessions have now started and some proper hands-on experience is being had by the students.

So far this year we have amalgamated two weaker hives, carried out an artificial swarm control process and watched as the bees are starting to significantly increase their numbers, gathering pollen, nectar and propolis in abundance. The

current flowering of the oil seed rape is helping them find huge sources of nectar that will become the spring honey that will be available in the months to come. We are very lucky in Twyning with a large number of willow trees, as these are a fantastic source for the bees, and as many gardens start to flower there is a good supply of nectar and pollen, the two main ingredients of the hive.

If we lost bees from our environment, we would lose about one third of the fruit and vegetables that we currently enjoy and with pollination having to be done by hand, prices would soar. Having a hive in your garden is a very rewarding hobby and one of our neighbours has found a significant increase in garden produce since we brought our bees here.

If any local groups are interested in visiting the apiary, we can provide some suits for those wanting to get close to bees and see how they manage in sometimes quite hostile conditions and how they proliferate. We are also happy to run a taster session for budding beekeepers. Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult; other age groups just need to bring their glasses!



Bill O'Dell: wro@idspartners.co.uk or 07879 256016

Explorer Scouts

By the time you read this, Liz and eight of our young people (together with two others from Scouting in Gloucestershire) will have been to Buckingham Palace to attend the Gold DofE award presentation ceremony. This is a fantastic achievement for one unit in a small village.

This term at Explorers we have been concentrating on navigation skills, expedition training and working towards canoeing assessments, in support of all the expeditions planned later this year. The Explorers will also be doing volunteering projects: if you have an idea for a community project in Twyning, please let me know.

As always, a big 'thank you' to all the leaders and everyone else who supports us to make the adventure possible. We have space available in Explorers, so if you are aged between 13 ½ and 18 years old, give us a call and join us for an evening to see what it is all about.

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

The Parish Church Of St Mary Magdalene

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

On the first Sunday of each month **Family 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 **Parish Communion** is at 9.30am with tea/coffee 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 are:

June	22nd	Friday	7.30pm	CONCERT given by the Worcester Cathedral Choir	Church
June	24th	Sunday	2.30pm	TEA in the GARDEN in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice	Birds Farm
June	30th	Sat	6pm	CONCERT given by the Silurian Choir	Church
July	21st/ 22nd	Sat/Sun		HERITAGE EXHIBITION to mark the Festival of our Patron St Mary Magdalene	Church
Aug	26th	Sunday	10am	SERVICE in the MARQUEE Jointly with Twyning Chapel	Village Green
Sept	1st/ 2nd	Sat/Sun		FLOWER FESTIVAL with contributions from the village community	Church
Sept	8th	Sat		RIDE & STRIDE sponsored event for Gloucestershire Historic Churches	

For more information on any of these or other events, please give the Churchwardens a ring or look at:-

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene>

Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

Canon Barbara Messham, 01452 780880

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

Churchwardens: Chris Cole, 01684 294325; Margaret Bailey, 01684 298268

A story...

Two brothers, one a bachelor, the other married, owned a farm whose fertile soil yielded an abundance of grain. Half went to one brother and half to the other.

All went well at first. Then, every now and then, the married man began to wake with a start from his sleep at night and think. 'This isn't fair. My brother isn't married and he gets half the produce of the farm. Here I am with a wife and five children, so I have all the security I need for my old age. But who will care for my poor brother when he gets old? He needs to save much more for the future than he does at present, so his need is obviously greater than mine.'

With that, he would get out of bed, steal over to his brother's place, and pour a sackful of grain into his brother's granary.

The bachelor too began to get these nightly attacks. Every once in a while he would wake from his sleep and say to himself, 'This simply isn't fair. My brother has a wife and five children and he gets half the produce of the land. Now I have no one except myself to support. So is it just that my poor brother, whose need is obviously greater than mine, should receive exactly as much as I do?' Then he would get out of bed and pour a sackful of grain into his brother's granary.

One day they got out of bed at the same time and ran into each other, each with a sack of grain on his back!

Many years later, after their death, the story leaked out. So when the townsfolk wanted to build a church, they chose the spot at which the two brothers met, for they could not think of any place in the town that was holier than that one.

We are blessed in Twyning to have two centres for worship – the church and the chapel – and we are blessed that we work and play together. Hence the joint service on the Green at 10am on August Bank Holiday Sunday (thank you TRAC!) to which everyone is invited. After all, the important religious distinction is not between those who worship and those who do not worship but between those who love and those who don't.

Yours, in Christ,
Barbara



Longdon & District Probus Club

On most Monday mornings, at about 9.30, a small 'convoy' of motor vehicles can be seen leaving the village. 'Where are they going?' I hear you ask. Well, they are off to the local Probus Club at the Hunters Inn, just outside Tewkesbury on the Ledbury Road. A significant number of Club members live in Twyning (together with Hillend and Shuthonger) and consequently share transport to Club meetings and events.



The Club year ends with the AGM in March, where Club business is discussed and officers for the coming 12 months elected. The retiring Chairman, Twyning resident Dennis Harvey, is shown here congratulating Nigel Thompson, the Chairman for 2018/19.

April saw the start of a new quarterly programme of speakers, who provide enlightenment and/or entertainment for Club members and guests. In addition to speakers, Probus provides companionship, together with plenty of time for a chat before meetings or during coffee break, or over a beer afterwards.

Longdon District Probus Club meets on most Monday mornings at the Hunters Inn (together with occasional trips out and social events). If you would like to join the Club, or perhaps come along as a guest, please contact the Club in the first instance at longdonprobus@gmail.com or the Secretary, Graham, on 594931.

Twyning Minibus

The minibus is getting good use and is going out on many trips for residents in and around Twyning. Being a new minibus it is being very well received by users and is a significant improvement on our old minibus. Rates start at £35 for a half day and a recent user who had it over a weekend contributed about £300 to the Parish. He had had a quote from a local hire firm of £1100 so was delighted with our bus and structure.

As many of you will know it is now doing a regular trip to Hanley Castle School daily in term time and the trips are being well received by parents and students

alike. Paul Wilcox, who is currently operating the minibus, has been instrumental in the creation of this run and is daily driving our children to Hanley Castle. The trip takes about 30 minutes morning and evening and he will be pleased to hear from any parents or volunteers if they would like to help.

September is approaching and the new school year, which means more village children going to Hanley Castle. If you would like to book your place, please do now before all the places have gone and the bus is full.

We have two Councillors now who have attended a MIDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) Trainer course and we are now able to provide training for MIDAS certification. So if you would like to do it, or know someone who would, we can offer this service.

Paul Wilcox, minibus@twyningvillage.co.uk, 07957116735

Guide Dog Puppies

Guide Dog Puppy Builder went into training in March with Merry, his new Training Instructor. Unfortunately, soon into his training he met with a problem. He was wearing his claws down, causing them to bleed, which means a four-week 'paws pause' and wearing special booties to see if the problem can be resolved.

In the meantime we have been asked to board a 9-month-old Labrador puppy called Emily to try and help resolve some of her behaviour issues, including people and dog distractions and attention seeking – the tendency to steal things that she shouldn't and then expecting you to chase her to retrieve them! A few of you may have met us walking round the village with her. She is improving with people but other dogs remain hard for her – she just wants to jump up and greet everyone she meets. Resolving her attention seeking is a slow process and it's necessary to keep a sharp eye out for where she is and what she's doing. So far, we have had two houseplants stolen and shaken over the lounge carpet and I'm still looking for one of my slippers. Oh! And we don't talk about the destruction of the pond lilies!! Regardless, we love her to bits. She is very loving and loves contact with you. I think we will get there but it will be a long job requiring a lot of patience.

Thank you all once again for collecting your milk bottle tops.

Guide Dogs are looking for new Puppy Walkers. If you are interested you can either go to the Guide Dogs Website or you are most welcome to discuss any interest with us.

Brenda Mead, tel. 297540

TRAC

With the help of the S106 money (see p6) we are hopefully looking at exciting times ahead for TRAC. The TRAC committee have worked extremely hard putting the 106 proposal together in the hope that it will benefit the whole of our community. Running the site is costly though, and if Tewkesbury Borough Council accept our 106 proposal, we will need to be able to sustain the area once the improvements have been made.

In our requests we are looking to refurbish the play area equipment, resurface the courts and develop the top site into a playing surface for multiple sports. In doing so we feel that we are not only ensuring that the children's play area remains one of the best in the area and that the children of Twyning Primary School have immediate access to excellent sport facilities, but also that we are covering a large range of sports: tennis, netball, 5-a-side football, athletics and others, which will hopefully serve a larger number of our community.

Our play area is open to the general public and although it does not require membership we would welcome regular users to become members, in order to help us raise funds needed to maintain the site and equipment. The play area at TRAC is one of the few in the area not funded by the local council, so we have to raise all the funds ourselves and as we are only a small committee of volunteers we would welcome your open support.

Membership is just £12.50 a year for an adult or £5 for a child 12 years and under. Full information can be found on the website or call Hilary on 293860.

We would like to inform everyone that, as our memberships are so important to us, we are looking into introducing a gate/fob security system in the very near future which will mean that all users of the courts will have to be able to produce membership ID in order to gain access.

If anyone would like any further information about TRAC or would like to join our committee and help with the future developments of the site, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If anyone is interested in starting up or running a club, or even hiring one of our courts, please do visit our website for further details or contact me on email below.

Lorna Herold, Chair, TRAC, tracsports.org, l.herold@btinternet.com

August Bank Holiday Weekend

We are hoping that the Bank Holiday weekend festivities will start on **Friday evening** with something for the younger folk but plans are still being discussed... more information to follow!

On **Saturday evening** it's time to dust off your boots and put on your check shirts and come and join the fun as, back by popular demand, we see the return of the Family Barn Dance and Barbecue by Halfords Butchers! Tickets £13.00 an adult £5.00 child 12 and under (Adult tickets purchased before 1st August just £10.00!)

On **Sunday** the Church and Chapel will be holding their service in the Marquee from 10.00am and on the Green we will see the return of the Twyning Motor Show where classic cars and bikes will be on display. Why not come and join us for breakfast and enjoy a delicious bacon bap whilst looking at the vehicles?

On **Bank Holiday Monday**, 27th August from 1–4pm we will have the village fete. A whole array of entertainment is planned for the afternoon so why not come early – enjoy a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea or something stronger at the bar amid a host of stalls, sideshows and arena events. Not forgetting the chance to grab a bargain at our popular Car Boot Sale.

In the marquee, along with the refreshments, we shall have our competition entries on display. They provide a real focal point for visitors to the fete to enjoy and there are plenty of categories to choose from, so hopefully something will catch your eye. Entry forms available from the Village Shop. Wouldn't it be amazing if we had at least one entry per household! See overleaf for competition categories.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the run-up to the fete and on the day and there are always many fantastic prizes to be won. The Village Scarecrow competition will also be returning – see p11 for full details – and we hope that lots of you will enter.

If you would like to hold a stall at the fete please contact us and let us know your ideas so that we can avoid double ups and allocate an area for you. The fete is a great opportunity for you to raise funds for your cause; all we ask is that 10% of your takings are given to TRAC, as the fete organisers, and all money raised will go towards maintaining the excellent sports and play area facilities that we are lucky to have in Twyning.

Finally if you would like to get more involved in the run-up to the fete or you can spare an hour or two to help out on the day we would love to hear from you. We are a very small committee at the moment and none of us are getting any younger so please do help if you can. Many hands make light work!

Lorna Herold, 294292

Village Fete Competition Categories

Under 6 Years

PICTURE OF YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL (*Using any materials*)

6-12years

USEFUL ITEM MADE SOLELY FROM RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

HOMEMADE GREETINGS CARD

Design an A4 Poster encouraging people to REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

TEENAGER

4 HOMEMADE SCONES (SWEET OR SAVOURY)

OPEN

PHOTOGRAPH – Title: 'Nature at its best'

PRESERVE – SWEET

PRESERVE – SAVOURY

HOMEMADE BEVERAGE

VEGETABLE CAKE

APPLE PIE MADE BY A MAN – *Homemade pastry must be used*

4 HOMEGROWN TOMATOES

MEDLEY of 3 HOMEGROWN VEGETABLES (min 2 of each)

GREAT TWYNING BAKE-OFF

BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE *Only made from the following ingredients:*

200g golden caster sugar, 200g unsalted butter, 4 eggs, 2tbsp cocoa

powder, 1tsp baking powder, ½tsp vanilla extract, 2 tbsp milk

Chocolate butter cream

SPECIAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASS: 'A Summer Cocktail'

ENTRY £2.00 – Challenge Cup for First Place

95% of materials used must be natural. To be made in a cocktail glass 60cm high & 20cm wide (opening). Space allowed – 50cm width x 50cm depth x 90cm high

Glass to be provided – please call Hans on 07818 040312 to arrange collection.

2nd Twyning Scout Group

Goodbye and a **big thankyou** to Scout Leader Steve Ide

Hello and a **big welcome** to new Beaver Leader John Irwin, new Cub Leaders Julie Catchpole, Becky Smart and Josie Palmer and new Scout Leader Andrew Green

Beavers (6 to 8 yrs), Tues 6pm. Danielle Morley: 302782, daniellemorley@aol.com

What could be more exciting than a Beaver sleepover in the Village Hall? For many of our Beavers, it was their first night away from home but their scouting adventure spirit carried them through. This term, the Beavers also set themselves personal challenges to complete at home which included dusting, hoovering their bedrooms, washing up and feeding their pets! All of these activities have led to two of the challenge badges being awarded and a number of our older Beavers are heading towards their Chief Bronze Scout award!

We are currently full at Beavers but encourage interested parents to register to join our waiting list which is growing fast!

Cubs (8 to 10yrs), Thurs 6.15. Julie Catchpole: 299225, jdcatchpole@yahoo.com

Cubs restarted in May with a new leader team initially comprising Julie Catchpole, Becci Smart, Josie Palmer and Kate Masters. Parents are encouraged to give the new section their full support to get the Cub section re-established. Children who are interested in joining the Cub Section should contact the leader team direct.

Scouts (10 to 14yrs), Thurs 7.30. Lorna Herold: 294292, l.herold@btinternet.com

Last term the Scouts worked hard towards their World Challenge Badge. This involved each Scout fulfilling six hours of community service, as well as supporting a Community Project within their patrol. The leaders do not set the criteria for the badges and we are aware that some badges involve what seems like a lot of 'homework' for the Scouts to do; this is why we plan to do it all in the winter months, but thankfully summer is finally here and this term we are going to be outside as much as possible doing 'Scouty' things! We have already spent a couple of evenings skinning rabbits (thanks to Pete Healey for all his help with this project and hats off to all those Scouts who gave it a go!) and building bivouacs.

Tim, Rich and myself try very hard to provide fun-packed and exciting things for the Scouts to do and we are extremely grateful to the parents who help out each week on rota and to anyone else who helps us deliver our programme but, with our numbers remaining high, we are always looking for other volunteers to join our team. If you think you might be able to spare some time please do get in touch.

Twyning Parish Community Minibus

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- Drivers available
- Side door & Step

Wanted!

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! If you'd like to advertise in the Bulletin contact the editor for details.

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