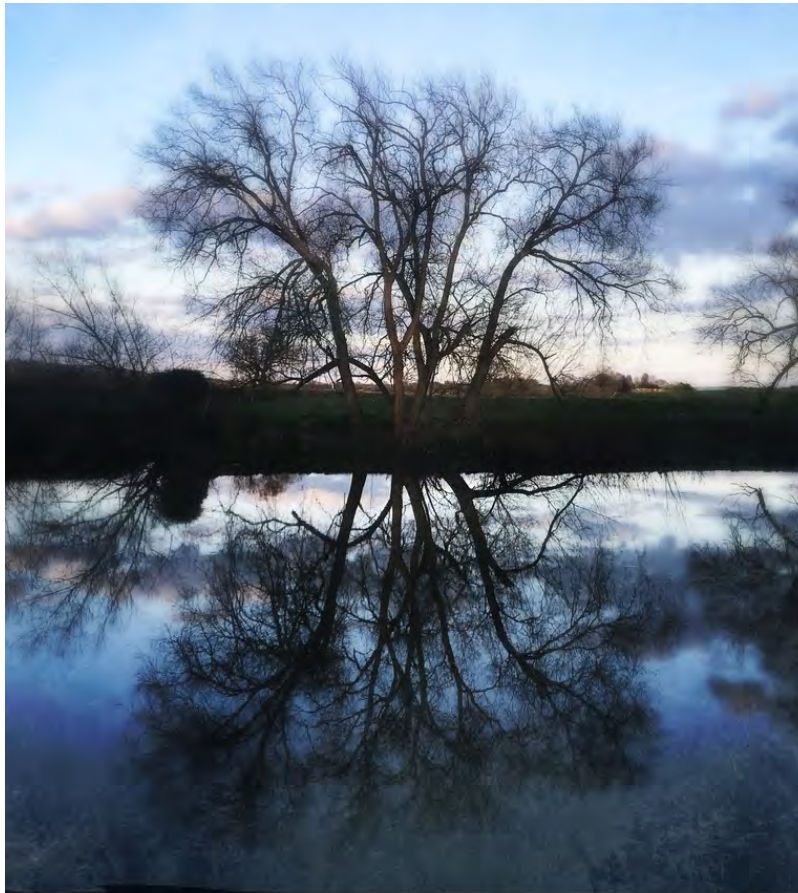


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Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the October edition of the Twyning Bulletin. In this edition, we have the report on the highly successful August fete, a round up of Twyning Tigers' 22/23 season and a fascinating piece about the village's charitable trusts dating from the turn of the 20th Century.

The Parish Council has a new website for all information and news about the village. You can find it by visiting www.twyningparishcouncil.com. If you have a news story you would like to share please email clerk@twyningcouncil.co.uk.

Sarah Don-Bramah
editor@twyningcouncil.co.uk

Front cover - Perfect reflections, the river Avon, Twyning, SDB

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Keeping in Touch with Your Village

Twyning Village Website

www.twyningparishcouncil.com

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

Facebook

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

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Village Noticeboards

The Parish Council has noticeboards outside the shop, at Lynworth Lane, TRAC, Hillend, Church End, Stratford Bridge and Shuthonger. The Village Hall and church have their own too. There's also a noticeboard on the side of the school, and one in the shop which will display adverts for a small fee.

Event organisers are encouraged to use the boards to reach village residents who aren't on Facebook!

Parish Council

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

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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

This has been a relatively quiet period when many of you will have enjoyed a holiday abroad and missed some of our gloriously wet summer.

Picking up on some of the items mentioned in the previous Bulletin, we await the installation by TBC of the litter bins on the Quay and the training and installation of our traffic speed sign by GCC.

I return to the subject of the Parish Council, where we continue to attempt to manage affairs with 7 Councillors. We are short of two councillors and this makes the workload for the 7 of us even more challenging. When you consider the number of adults in the Parish it is extremely disappointing that we cannot run the Council at full membership. Anyone who may be so moved to join us, is asked to contact the Parish Clerk. (clerk@twynningcouncil.co.uk)

The Village Hall Management Committee were in a similar position, but thankfully a new Trustee has recently volunteered and moves are afoot to re-arrange some key positions on the Committee.

Planning matters have also declined in number, although we are aware that an up-to-date Addendum to the Planning Statement for the Brockeridge Business Park major extension has recently been submitted (22 Aug 2023) by the applicant's agent. There is no indication at this time of when the application will come to Committee at TBC. TPC will respond to the addendum.

Thankfully the weather over the August Bank Holiday was kind to us and the TRAC Committee once again put on a very successful weekend of activities, culminating in a well-attended Fete. This is TRAC's major fund-raising activity for the year, so we hope their bank balance has been suitably refreshed. Our thanks go to all the TRAC Committee who participated in the administration, with special mention to Lorna and David Herold who once again held the team together. Thanks also to Mandy Nevin who made her field available again this year for the essential car parking.

The community are grateful and thank the unsung parishioners who have cut up fallen trees, maintained the war memorial and areas round the parish. Also, those ladies who I see out with their litter-pickers keeping the village tidy.

Advance Notice

I appeal to all residents to avoid driving past the war memorial during the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November between 1045 and 1115.

The Men's Shed is thriving after its first year in operation and many parishioners will have availed themselves of the repair services on offer. I hope you will have noticed all the Village Green benches have been refurbished and a programme is underway to refresh or replace some more of the noticeboards. Both these activities have saved the Council money.

The trees on Parish Council land have had their bi-annual formal inspection and we will now undertake a programme of maintenance to address the issues raised. A new initiative to leave uncut a small area round all base of all the trees on the green is already underway.

We look forward to providing support to the Parish for the rest of the year and don't forget, there are only 99 shopping days 'till Christmas!. Dave Lockett, Chairman

Post Script

The Parish Council was alarmed to receive official notification from the Lead Member for the Built Environment Cllr Mary Jordan who stated that "as the Council's new administration they were working hard to ensure that fewer appeals were lost" having failed to win a number of appeals and having a number of applications un-determined. The Council also heard that the Joint Core Strategy had not been reviewed promptly enough and was being rebranded and would now presumably be reviewed at pace. The natural conclusion to this is that things are in a bit of a mess at the Planning Department and more inappropriate development may be seen in the near future.

Tewkesbury Borough Report

Following the loss of a planning appeal at Gotherington, Tewkesbury Borough has now conceded that it doesn't have a 5 year housing and will produce an interim Housing Position Statement. The statement will explain how the council will work proactively to address the shortfall in housing land supply, detailing the councils overarching approach to future residential development proposals.

This interim Housing Position Statement will be considered at the Executive Committee for endorsement in Autumn 2023.

Longer term the Council has agreed to continue to work with Cheltenham and Gloucester councils to produce a new Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan (CGTSLP) for long term determination of where developments should go. As part of the process a local development scheme (LDS) for each council will also be produced to provide a planning framework for each individual council. The advantage of using this approach will be to save costs by having only one local public enquiry on the development plans.

We have concerns over this approach as in the last Joint Core Strategy Tewkesbury Borough has ended up providing houses for Cheltenham and Gloucester but cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing supply for itself leading to unplanned development in Tewkesbury Borough. The timeline for developing the CGTSLP is public consultation (Reg 18) in winter 2023 to start engagement for which areas should be considered for development, followed by further public consultation in spring 2025 on the councils preferred options for development then followed by further public consultation (Reg 19) on the soundness of the plan in spring 2026 before it goes to the Secretary of State.

In the meantime the Borough Council is continuing with the Tewkesbury Garden Town with a commitment to greater consultation with the public, parishes, developers and other partners. This follows a review of the project which highlighted a number of deficiencies in the process so far. For us one of the biggest issues is that despite 5 years work the Garden Town hasn't been consulted on and doesn't form part of any development plan.

Councillor Mike Sztymiak and Councillor Philip Workman

News from the County Council

Greener Together Event

Sat 23rd September, 11am-3pm in the gardens of the Town Hall - stalls with free activities for children and adults, plus plant-based street food on sale.

Tewkesbury Repair Cafe

Next session Sat 21st October, 2-5pm at the Baptist Church.

Daytime Discos

Free events, all are welcome - you can enjoy a cup of tea, a chat and some happy swing music, or even join in with some dancing if you like. Next event Tuesday 31st Oct, 1-4pm, Watson Hall.

Fostering

There is a shortage of foster carers in Gloucestershire, if you'd like to find out more, lots of information can be found here. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering/

Thriving Communities Grant 2024

A programme to support not-for-profit organisations in Gloucestershire to deliver projects which help people to stay well, connected and living independently for as long as possible. Funding can be used to: develop new or existing projects that strengthen community-based activity; staffing costs; overheads; volunteer expenses; continued delivery of projects or increased activity to meet demand. Grants can be: up to £7,500, applicants must be for not-for-profit organisations; collaborative and partnership bids welcomed. Applications close 15th Oct, notifications Dec '23 and grants paid in Jan '24. To request an application form, please send an email specifying where your project will be delivered: thrivingcommunities@gloucestershire.gov.uk For support with Tewkesbury related applications, email: communitydevelopment@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Village Hall

August has traditionally been a very quiet month for the Village Hall, only one of the regular groups meet and therefore it gives time for maintenance to take place. This year the wooden floor was stripped and repolished but sadly it has already been damaged.

The July Management meeting is when the Committee considers the pricing structure for the hire of the Hall for the coming year and once again it was decided not to increase the charges despite electricity and water costs rising. It is now over ten years since hire charges went up, the only way we are able to keep them so low is because the surplus monies from The Village Hall Lottery are used as a subsidy. So if you are not a member I would urge you to join.

Maggie Ball
Treasurer

Historic Twyning

A story of Old Twyning...

Once upon a time, long, long ago there began a small settlement on the banks of the river Avon called Twyning.

Actually it used to be spelled Twinninge from the Saxon word Twii meaning two and the word Inge meaning meadow.

The village grew in size and stretched out beyond its original borders. All around the fields were filled with England's bounty; crops and animals were cared for and raised by farmers, smallholders and landowners and all existed in harmony.

Within the hierarchy of this ancient countryside system there were men who, when they died, left no descendants or who philanthropically left their estate to be distributed to those in need in the village and the St.Mary Magdalene parish church. There were also rents or tithes that were paid into these estates which eventually became charitable trusts.

At the turn of the century (the one before last!) Twyning had five of these trusts originating from the wills of John Best, Richard Edghock (who lived at the Fountain), Charles Hancock, Richard Portman and John Turberville.



In the early 1970's, Major John Wilder, whose family had lived in the village since 1932, took it upon himself to work with the Charities Commission to integrate these trusts and bring them into line with the present day. In 1972 the Twyning Relief in Need Charity and the Twyning Charity for the Vicar were registered. The governing documents, dated November 1978, to both charities list the following as their objectives:

Twyning Charity for the Vicar... "Income to the Vicar of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Twyning, for his/her own use and benefit"

Traditionally this has been gifted to the vicar and clergy in the form of book vouchers. Larger sums have been given to help fund sabbaticals.

We have three trustees of this Charity. The Venerable Ron Hesketh, Mrs Margaret Bailey and Christopher Cole. I act as Clerk and general administrator.

Twyning Relief in Need... "Relieving, either generally or individually, persons resident in the Parish of Twyning who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons"

This charity receives an income of £300 per year and has in recent times donated small sums of money to support some of the organisations in the village such as Twyning School, Twyning Scouts and The Lunch Club. As well as this we have been able to make small gifts to families who are going through difficult or distressing times due to illness, accident or war. This in some small way recognises them and is a display of community support rather than being of any significant financial help.

It is interesting to note from the records that back in 1922 there were at least 76 beneficiaries of the charity all of whom received a sack of coal to help them through the winter months.

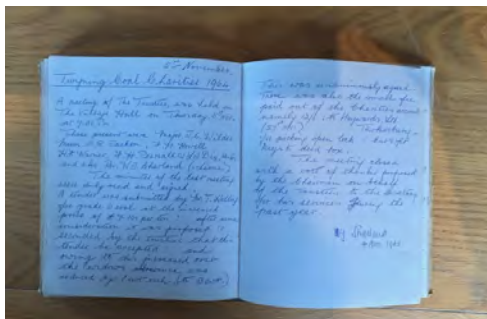
At time of writing we have 5 trustees who include myself, The Venerable Ron Hesketh, Dr David Herold ,Sarah Palmer and Councillor Jeremy Horsfall. We hope to appoint Mrs Anna Parkinson at our next meeting.

It was a general consensus that the name of the charity should be changed to reflect modern times with a nod to the past so from now on it will be known as **Twyning Historical Charity**.

Please feel free to contact any of us by whatever means if you, or if you know of anyone, who might benefit from inclusion in our donations. The trustees take their role seriously and as the village grows in size, we need your help to identify those who might appreciate consideration.

If any of you are at all interested in having a look through the old minutes or accounts from many years ago including the 1920,s when it was known as the Twyning Coal Charity, please contact me and I will try and arrange.

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Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

Each month in the Parish Calendar has its highlight event engaging a large part of our community. By the time you read this Harvest will be past but not the need to celebrate and thank the farming community who work around this village. Moving on into November there will be a significant gathering around the Village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. It has been noteworthy just how many turn out for this event and rightly so. Look out for our uniformed organisations who parade on this day and are a credit to our village. Then, and sooner than we might expect, we are into December. There are so many opportunities to come together but I would just like to highlight a few. Carol singing, Christingle and the 'Carols for the Village' in the Village Hall are all opportunities to celebrate regardless of your religious affiliation or not! Details will appear on the Village Noticeboards & social media nearer the time.



We have just passed a significant milestone in the history of the Parish. It is 300 years since the current bells were hung in the tower (and they were not the first set). If you live in Church End you will doubtless have heard the celebrations! Such a celebration may not float your boat but it is a reminder the Church and Churchyard are our repository of community's history, to be proud of and to cherish. However, if they were just that we would call them Twyning Museum and charge you entry! The Parish Church is a worshipping community and also a place where you can come at anytime during daylight hours to pause and enjoy time and space. We are now preparing to welcome the Village Beavers. No dam building, just the mayhem of village youngsters enjoying and exploring a special place.

Events & Special Services. Our Newsletter available in email and print form gives you up-to-date information.

OCTOBER

Oct 1st	Sunday	11.00am	HARVEST SERVICE	Church
		12noon	BRING & SHARE LUNCH	ATH Hall.
Oct 5th	Thursday	6.00 to 6.45pm	TWYNING BEAVERS	visit Church.
For each of these three Sundays		Oct 15th Oct 22nd Oct 29th		
		9.30am	COMMUNION SERVICE	
		5.00pm	EVENSONG	
			with Canon Nick Davies and visitors from Tewkesbury Abbey.	

Oct 25th Wednesday 10am -12noon COFFEE MORNING
with Junie & Robert at Gosling Cottage, High Street.

NOVEMBER

Nov 12th Sunday REMEMBRANCE DAY

9.30am MORNING SERVICE Church
10.45am SERVICE at the War Memorial.

Nov 22nd Wednesday 10am -12 COFFEE MORNING

DECEMBER

Dec 13th Wednesday 10am -12 COFFEE MORNING
with Richard & Margaret Bailey at Birds Farm.

Dec 16th Saturday 4pm Carols for the Village in the Village Hall

Dec 24th Sunday 5.00pm CHRISTINGLE Church

Dec 25th Monday 9.30am CHRISTMAS DAY Church

Dec 31st Sunday 9.30am COMMUNION Church

Up-to-date information can be found on the Church website and the Twyning Village website.

For more information on any of these or other events, please give Ron or the Churchwardens a ring or look at:- www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene

Everyone is always welcome at all our services.

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Parish Lay Minister Angela Cole	01684 294325	
Churchwarden Chris Cole	01684 294325	
Churchwarden Emeritus Margaret Bailey	01684 298268.	

Twyning Chapel

August Bank Holiday Weekend 2023

Combined Morning Service

It always good to join with our brothers and sisters from St Mary Magdelene at Church end. This year was their turn to take the major role in the service, with Ron leading and presenting the sermon, which was very good and enjoyed by all, I imagine. Junie and Tom Brown led the singing, and I presented the closing session of prayers. Fellowship followed over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Bank Holiday Monday **The Annual Fete**

It was so good to have a lovely day for the Fete, and as usual The Chapel had our Tent, kindly loaned and erected by Giles, with some help from Clive and Donald, from the Chapel. I supplied a variety of Christian literature which was inspected by a few visitors, and some was gladly given to those who chose to accept copies. A few interesting conversations were held. I think that the footfall was increased this year, due to the position of the tent being in a more prominent position.

A number of 'little ones' called in to do some colouring and drawing with aid of Jan from Dinkies at the Chapel.

David W Kendrick, Elder, Twyning Chapel

The Friendship Group

The group is held in the Chapel alternate Fridays at 10.30am.

We continue to grow in numbers and have now got about 28 members,

These are informal meetings of people who have lost their partners and we enjoy coffee and biscuits or cake and have a good chat and catch up with each other's news.

Ida from Age UK comes every few months to chat to us and update us with any help that Age UK can give to the aging society, and keeps us informed of groups in the area, They arrange walking groups or craft meetings, and many other activities.

Age UK are in the Tewkesbury Library every Thursday and always give advice on technical issues or help with getting financial advice.

One of our ladies has had to go into a home in Cheltenham and we try to visit her regularly to keep in touch with the news and what other members are doing.

We went for a lunch at Rose Café at NuYard Garden Centre, and enjoyed a lovely lunch and we were very well looked after by their staff.

John Westcott continues to show us regular magic tricks and he is a member of the Men's Shed, so any DIY we need doing we ask John, and he sorts it out for us. He is also good at catching Moles..

Our meetings run throughout the year and the next one is September 22nd and then alternate Fridays, if you wish to join us, please contact Hilary Caudle 07770 571755.

Twyning Chapel Youth Work

We finished off the summer term with some great events such as Dinkies Teddy Bears Picnic on the green, Blaze Youth Club Summer Party, and an end of term coffee morning for our Neurodiversi-Tea Natters group. I also conducted a Sunday summer service geared towards children in July, where we played a lot of games and generally had some fun within the church setting. The children joined in with the first part of the main service and then we continued the fun upstairs in the Sunday School room. In August we teamed up with Tewkesbury Baptist Church once again for our family fun day, which was aimed at families within our Neurodiversity group.

This term Dinkies 0-5 group, Blaze Youth Club and Neurodiversi-tea Natters will continue regularly (for times and further details on any of these events please contact me on the address below). We are also looking forward to another family service on 22nd October, with the aid of Steve Hutchinson, and hopefully a children's Light Party in half term.

On Monday 2nd October we will have a coffee morning at 10 am to raise money for Jeans4Genes. All Welcome.

Twyning Chapel runs services every Sunday Morning at 10.30am. We love to see children and young people in attendance and will always make sure there are age-appropriate activities and learning for those who are with us.

Drama classes also take place on term time Saturday afternoons in Twyning Chapel for children.

If you would like more information about any of the youth work, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Emily Hastings - Twyning Chapel Community Outreach/Youth Coordinator/Drama Practitioner.

Twynning School



At the end of July we said goodbye to 14 children and sent them on their way to secondary education. They left on a high with above-national-average Key Stage 2 SATs results which will get them off to an excellent start.

The end of the summer term was marked by a number of events including a very successful Sports Day, the Year 6 Leavers Service at Tewkesbury Abbey and two Discos. Two performances of Shrek the Musical were presented by Year 5 and 6 children and were absolutely outstanding. The hall was packed and family and friends clearly had a great time. What a wealth of talent we have amongst the children: storytelling, acting and singing were of a high standard and it was obvious that they were enjoying themselves. Mrs Halling has already had enquiries about next Summer's show! Thanks go to all the staff for their support with posters, props, costumes and face painting and a special 'well done' to Mr Davies, Year 6 class teacher, for the overall direction and co-ordination.

A proud finale to the last week of term was the prestigious Heritage Schools Award from the Department of Education. The Heritage Schools programme aims to help school children develop an understanding of their local heritage and its significance. A huge thank-you goes to Mrs Wiseman (History subject leader) and our children for all of the hard work that has gone into achieving this. Finally, a lot of fun was had with a 'Break the Rules' last day of term which also raised some money for the school.

The PTFA issued a Summer Challenge to children to each raise £20.23 towards the cost of new outdoor equipment. Many activities were completed including selling plants, litter picking, doing chores and sponsored bike rides. Some children also participated in The Library Challenge where they find out what their local library means to them by completing a range of tasks, including reading any books they choose, taking part in events and getting into nature.

And now we're into a new academic year. At the beginning of September we welcomed 15 children into Rabbits, our reception class. A combination of pre-start school visits, information for parents and a Buddy system where new starters are paired with a Year 6 child helps to smooth the transition from nursery or Playgroup. We are also delighted to welcome three new teaching assistants to the staff team: Mrs Calder, Mrs Holtham and Mrs Treanor.

You will no doubt have noticed that our new classroom is built. Work continues on the interior fitting with a target date of October half-term for completion. Some classes have moved to a different room and this will create better opportunities for children to share resources and learning with other year groups. Once ready, the reshuffle can be completed with Rabbits (Reception) class moving into the new classroom. This new environment will help support the transition between pre-school and Reception as well as providing a larger outdoor learning space. We must say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who has supported the build including the parish council and our neighbours, a particular thanks to the Irwins for putting up with a building site on their front lawn.

Jamie Bartlam
Chair of Governors, Twynning School

Twyning Tigers

I am delighted to report that the past year has been a hugely successful one for our football club.

We started the year with a lot of energy and determination to push towards club affiliation which has proved highly complex and full of challenges. I would like to thank each team member for their individual efforts and time taken to complete the necessary trainings. Above all, I would like to thank Pete Hadley for his efforts which ultimately made this happen! Thank you, Pete!

Aside from affiliation, the whole club also spent a lot of energy and determination to push towards improving our skills and become a stronger team. And we certainly achieved that! The players, from the cubs to the eldest Tigers, have shown great commitment and dedication, showing up for every session with enthusiasm and passion. In fact, this year we have seen an average of 37 Tigers every week! At one point our Tiger Cubs were as little as 2 or 3, over the past 10 weeks we have seen this number raise to 10-12 committed young Tigers. Great Job coach Claire!

Thanks to coach Adam, we had some fantastic matches this year, home and away covering all our key age groups. Even though we faced tough opponents that have, in general, played far more matches than us, our players learned quickly, never gave up and most importantly had fun! Each team played with heart and determination, always striving to do their best and support each other on the field - an excellent reflection on our local community. This year we also held our first ever #Thisgirlcan session attended by 16 girls, half of which were non-members, an area to develop I'm sure we all agree.

Off the field, our team has also grown stronger. We have a close-knit community, where everyone is supportive and encouraging of each other. Seeing TRAC field full on Saturdays is a great joy. This is a vital part of teamwork, and it's wonderful to see how the players have developed not only as footballers but also as individuals.

Going into 2023/24 season it would be great to consider some additional events, such as team outings, fundraising activities and social events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the amazing coaches, and volunteers who have contributed to the success this year. Your support and dedication are invaluable, and we could not have achieved what we have without you.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the players for their hard work and achievements over the past year. They are all superstars, and we are incredibly proud of them all. Let's continue to work hard, continue to enjoy playing football and most off all continue to have fun!

Yours sincerely,

Steven Wilcox
Chairman, Twyning Tigers



Twyning WI

We had a very successful open meeting in June, when Hans Haverkamp entertained us with the story of how he started working with flowers and demonstrating a few floral displays along the way. In July, we managed a lovely evening garden party with scones and Pimms. We don't meet during August but an outing was organised and several members visited the Art Pad Glass Garden, in Offenham.

We are kicking off our new season of meetings with a talk about the SS Great Britain on September 12th. We are using our local talent again in October with a mindfulness session led by Vicky Smith.

Come and join us at the Village Hall, 7,30pm, every second Tuesday of the month. We are always looking for local speakers so if you can help please contact us. Please email twyningwi22@gmail.com for any further details.

Ann Townend Hall

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

Facilities

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

Booking

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

All charges are per/hour

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

To book call Bill Chescoe on 01684 295352

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

Twyning Men's Shed

Twyning Men's Shed operates from Green Farm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have 20 members all of whom bring differing skills to the Shed so we are able to offer repairs to a wide range of domestic equipment and furniture and garden furniture too. If you look around the village there are many benches that we have refurbished on the Green and around, giving them a new lease of life. We also repair bicycles, tools, engines in lawn mowers hedge trimmers and so much more

So if you have any repairs to do, we are more than happy to give it a go and you will likely get a full repair and we will have had fun. Doing it! We don't charge for our services, other than the materials we buy to make your item whole again, but we do ask for a donation commensurate with the work we have carried out.

Now that we are 20 strong, we are opening for a further session on Tuesday afternoons. So if you are a man, or identify as a man, and can commit to a Tuesday afternoon regularly, we would love you to come down and have a trial session with us.

For some of our members, the Shed provides a safe place to meet up with other men and enjoy some banter, have the pleasure in working with wood, or electrical items, and of course we all enjoy the mid morning tea break! For others it is a more important part of their week for companionship and a safe place to talk - what is said in the Shed stays in the Shed.

So come along and see what we are all about, even if you don't want to join! If you want more information contact Bill O'Dell wro@idspartners.co.uk or Dave Lockett dlockett71@gmail.com

Twyning Short Mat Bowls Club



Village Hall. 1.45-3.45pm every Monday.

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

For just £3.00 per session enjoy your village indoor sport. Start with a free 'taster' session. For more details, contact Fred 592175, John 290388 or Malcolm 295512

August Bank Holiday Fete

The fun started on Saturday afternoon with a competitive game of rounders on the Green. The weather just about held off whilst the teams battled it out between them. Then, we saw the much-anticipated return of the Barn Dance in the evening and what a great evening we all had! The caller was fantastic, but only because he had such a great crowd to work with. Everyone picked up the instructions quickly and it was lovely to see mixed generations dancing together, having a jolly good time. The pork rolls were delicious (the crackling was flying off the shelves!) and the cost for the evening was kept down by making the event a "Bring your Own". The dance is not a profit-making event, with all funds raised going a little way towards covering the cost of the marquee for the weekend. We think it was probably the biggest attendance we have had for a barn dance ... I know that some of you are already looking forward to next year, maybe we should start our early bird tickets even earlier!

When the sun rose on the Sunday morning, we were already hard at work, sweeping out the marquee from the night before and setting up for the church service which was shared between Saint Mary Magdalene Church and the Chapel. This was followed by a display of over 60 fantastic classic vehicles. Many people came to admire the prized possessions, whilst enjoying a delicious bacon or sausage bap (courtesy of the O'Hanlon family). There was the addition of a raffle and a small table top sale to help further boost the weekend of fundraising.

Next up, the main event! On Bank Holiday Monday, lots of happy people came together in the sunshine on our beautiful Green to enjoy the festivities of the Village Fete. Everyone was able to browse the stalls, whilst enjoying the music from Twyning's very own talented duo "Too Young to Know, Too Old to Care" and watching or taking part in some friendly tug-of-war and slightly more competitive egg-throwing! It seems some people had been practicing, with 360 spins forming part of the battle to be the last-standing egg pair.

As always, the car boot sale was in full swing well before 1pm and kept our visitors very busy around the edge of the Green. Within the main area, there were numerous stalls run by the village's organisations, who were all trying to raise their own funds or awareness for their cause. To name a couple, we had the return of the plate smash, our unique "Duck Drop" (courtesy of Luca Halford) and the PTFA ran another successful Dog Show.

In the marquee, there was an opportunity to sit down with a cup of tea and a slice of cake, whilst taking a look at the competition entries. We had a bumper number of entries this year and the display was amazing, from intricate hand-knitted items to the biggest marrow I've ever seen! Thank you to everyone who entered - you left the judges with some extremely hard decisions to make.

A special thank you has to go to Cate Cody, Tewkesbury's County Councillor, who came along to do some of the judging and also had a baptism of fire helping out on the Tombola stall. Cate kindly judged the scarecrow and wheelie bin categories and was extremely impressed with the effort that people had put in. The winner of the scarecrow competition was a fantastic flying creation by Sophia Munro and Peter Miller, who really depicted the theme "scarecrow from around the world" brilliantly! The winner of the wheelie bin creation was the Hopkins family, who transformed their brown bin into Harry Potter on his broomstick. Well done to everyone!

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

The total raised over the weekend is around £5,500 and a special thanks must go to Cate Cody, who has kindly donated an extra £1000. The proceeds of the weekend will go a long way towards the upkeep of the children's play area and the sports facilities that we have available in our village. Without the fete, we could not possibly keep on top of the annual costs of maintaining the site - to put it into context, the labour costs alone for repairs to the "flying fox" are over £2300! In addition to this, TRAC will be continuing with their plans to install an outside toilet and to introduce some cardiovascular/ bodybuilding sessions, with equipment recently purchased - details to follow in the coming months.

We are always looking for people to make the most of our facilities and run clubs from the TRAC site, so if you are interested in providing regular sessions for any sport, please do get in touch. Netball continues to be very popular and will run throughout the winter, Tennis is thriving and Football continues to go from strength to strength.

None of this would be possible though without your support, for which we are really grateful. Thank you and see you (same time, same place) next year.

TRAC Committee

Twyning Over 60s Lunch Club

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

We had a break during August, but organized a coach trip to Weston super Mare- the tide was in!! Everyone enjoyed some sea air on a mostly dry day. Luckily some of us were have lunch and missed the shower!

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

Children's Society

Christingle Service

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

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

Box Holders

Having coordinated the boxes for well over 20 years, I feel it is time for someone else to take over now. If there is anyone in the village, who feels that they have a little spare time to take this on, please do get in touch.

I appreciate that we don't seem to have much spare change these days, as more and more of us rely on our cards, but the Childrens Society still relies heavily on these donations and the donations received continue to go directly to help those children facing the most difficult times. So please continue or even sign up to start supporting if you can.

Thank you

Lorna Herold

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Twyning Playgroup

The summer term brought with it many events that were enjoyed by all. After a postponement of a couple of weeks we managed to have a very enjoyable and successful Sports Day at Twyning Park that was attended by most of the parents. The year sixes at Twyning School and Mrs Leggett with the help of Mrs Bourton did a great job of organising the event.

We also had a fabulous end of year trip to Slimbridge Wetlands Centre. The committee managed to arrange the loan of a minibus and we were very grateful to Ian O'Hanlon for offering to drive us. A few children also joined us with their parents and grandparents. The talk called 'Do as Duck Does' was very informative and the children really enjoyed being invited to participate. The visit to Welly Boot land at the end was a huge hit.

The final graduation was lovely, with the children singing, talking about what they wanted to be when they were grown-ups and also singing some French songs which they had learned throughout the year with Madame Aurore.

Helen, our Forest School leader also managed to come to playgroup on different days so that we could offer more children an opportunity to experience Forest School. This was

great as we had some lovely warm weather for the children to enjoy.

During the holidays we had a stall at the Village Fete. There were tattoos and glitter face paint on offer as well as a quiet reading tent and sensory trays filled with gloop and shaving foam. We raised around £100 for new playgroup resources which was brilliant.

Coming back to playgroup this term has been good and all the children have returned really well and have settled into the routines quickly. Our new starters have been fantastic and have already started coming in without tears and are playing confidently and starting to make new friends.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebration and later on to Christmas with all of the excitement that comes with it.

Twyning Scouts

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

The group has enjoyed a busy summer term and have recently restarted weekly meetings after a break for the summer holidays.

Our next challenge as a group is now approaching rapidly as Anne Green our Beaver section leader is moving to the Scout Section in January which means that we will not be able to operate a Beaver section here in Twyning unless we have volunteers step forward to help lead this section.

Now is therefore an excellent time for anyone who is interested in supporting our Scout group as a volunteer leader to get in touch to ensure we are able to continue to offer Beaver age young people in Twyning access to Scouting experiences. Full training and support from the Scout Association is available.

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

Beavers had a busy summer term gaining Adventure and Outdoor challenge badges. We all enjoyed getting very wet on a water themed evening and joining cubs and scouts on the village green on our last night of term.

We started the term with a presentation at the Parish Meeting and Beavers enjoyed telling everybody about the badges that they had earned.

Lodge leader camp was great fun and Beavers slept in tents, cooked their own tea and played lots of games.

Most of the beavers came to Cranham Scout Centre where we held a duck race, tried out the new challenge course, toasted marshmallows and went fishing.

Theo, Jack, Florence and Beau swam up to cubs and we wish them well. Tigger has also joined them swimming up. Many thanks for all his help at Beavers.

Beaver scouts is for children aged 6-8 years old and we met on a Thursday 6-7pm at Twynning school. If you are interested in becoming a leader please contact me

Anne green email thefamilygreens@btinternet.com

Cubs - Age 8 to 10 (Thursday) - Euan Neill - d1scowing@yahoo.co.uk

The new leader team supported with tremendous support from the old leader team have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the cubs and all the fun involved in their Personal Challenges, Skills Badges , Water themed evening, learning new knots , canoeing at the fleet and the end of term games night with the other sections of the group.

We have a very busy term planned which includes adjusting the Cub Pack to accommodate 5 new cubs and another leader - Tigger (Andrew Robinson) all joining us from Beavers. This means we will be teaching the new cubs all about cubs ready for their investiture. Programme for the autumn term includes archery and fencing , Halloween , the remembrance service and before we know it the Christmas party and Christingle will be upon us.

Scouts Age 10-14 (Thursday) - Matthew Wills - mattwills85@yahoo.com

Summer term for Scouts was a busy one -

- 2 Leaders - myself and Dan
- 20 Scouts - 3 new Scouts up from Cubs
- 11 Thursday Nights
- 6 Events - including Village Fete Plate Smash, Canoeing and Rifle Shooting
- 2 Camps - Narrowboat weekend and Strategy with 2000 other Scouts
- 87 Badges awarded - including Teamwork, Air Activities, Paddle Sports and Nights Away

Autumn term is looking just as busy with the Scouts attending Bald Eagle Challenge camp, Remembrance Sunday, Bisley National Scouts Shooting competition, as well as working towards the Personal Challenge badge, Survival Skills, Cyclist badge as well as having a Fencing taster.

With numbers set to increase in Scouts, if anyone has a hobby, skill, knowledge or activity they would like to share or could offer to help on a Thursday evening on an ad hoc or regular basis, then please get in touch.

Explorer Scouts



Since the last bulletin, the Explorers have taken part in the national activity challenge camp at Cirencester Park, called Strategy, together with several hundred teams of 4 to 6 Explorers and Scouts. 30 challenge bases were spread over a large area of the park, with points awarded for speed, skill and teamwork. Our 3 teams were very competitive and one of them was rewarded with a second place overall. Other activities throughout the term included activities climbing, canoeing, archery and air-rifle shooting, discussions and challenges relating to international scouting, global issues and mental health, together with scouting skills such as navigation, setting up tarps and hammocks, first aid, fire lighting and cooking. \

Four of our Explorers went to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea, as Gloucestershire representatives of the UK contingent. As you will have heard in the media, the area was beset by typhoons, floods, and heatwave, but our county team managed to stay safe and well, and had a fantastic experience, being made to feel very welcome by the locals in and around Seoul. Also, during the summer, 3 more of our Explorers joined the Gloucester contingent at a smaller European event called the Jamborette, in Haarlem, Holland, where they took part in a range of fun activities and visits.

Recently, we have just been on a narrowboating weekend on the Grand Union Canal, from Harefield, on the outskirts of London. The weather was fantastic, and the canal was very interesting, with streams flowing in and out at various points, and every imaginable form of watercraft, but very few actually moving, so we didn't have to queue for the locks.



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

1st Bredon Guides

Bredon Guides had a busy summer term. As well as celebrating the Coronation of King Charles, the unit also successfully undertook the Camper Level 5 Skills Builder which included pitching a tent, building a fire, planning how to set up a camp site and deciding on the camp fire song list.

The guides were able to put this all to good use last month when we took part in the Pershore District Camp at Blackmore campsite near Malvern last month. Here we were camped outdoors for two nights, a first for many of the girls, and spent the weekend alongside 200 girls who ranged in age from 5 to 18. They built bridges, cooked pizzas on a fire, made bathbombs, as well as singsongs round the campfire and making new friends.

This term, amongst other fun activities we will be having a Halloween Party, making s'mores, attending the Remembrance Day parade in Bredon Church and marking Christmas

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



Sarah and Jane



Photo Competition - Twyning's Autumn Colours

The next edition of the Bulletin is due out in February 2024 and your photo can feature as the front cover! The theme is 'Twyning's Autumn Colours', and the winner will receive a bottle of wine, or non-alcoholic equivalent, kindly sponsored by Spar Twyning.

To enter just send your photo to editor@twyningcouncil.co.uk by 15th January. The format must be portrait and supplied as a high res jpeg.

Twyning Players



Summer '23 may not have lived up to our expectations, but the annual village panto will not disappoint. Yes, it's that time of year again and Twyning Players have recently got together to start work on the next show - as I write, to be finalised! As ever, it will have all the ingredients that children and families enjoy: goodies, baddies, a dame and quite possibly a romance with a happy ending - aahhhh!

Do come along to one of the performances which will be on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon. Look out for posters nearer the time and tickets will be available from the Village Shop and the Village Inn. Early booking recommended. We look forward to seeing you all for a fun-filled family occasion!

Carol Chapman, Secretary

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The Commons of Twyning Parish

As Residents or Visitors to Twyning you may be aware of the 'Commons' in the Parish - Shuthonger Common, Bockeridge Common, Upham Meadow to name three. These three are of significant size, but there are other smaller areas of Common Land scattered throughout the Parish - Showborough Common, Ratley Green, Hillend Common - as well as small parcels of land forming verges to the roads such as around the Village Green and also areas bordering the River Avon such as the Quay (adjacent the Fleet) and some of the fields along the river footpath to Tewkesbury. In all there are about 600 acres of land in the Parish designated as 'Commons', a large area for a typical English Parish.

Commons have a long history. Commons go back a long way - there are references pre-dating the Domesday Book (1086) - and for centuries they have been a major part of daily life for the local communities who utilised the land for grazing animals, collecting fuel (wood, peat), fishing, raw materials (wood, stone, minerals) etc. and even today they continue to be used by the farming community and "Commoners" for grazing and harvesting feed for animals.

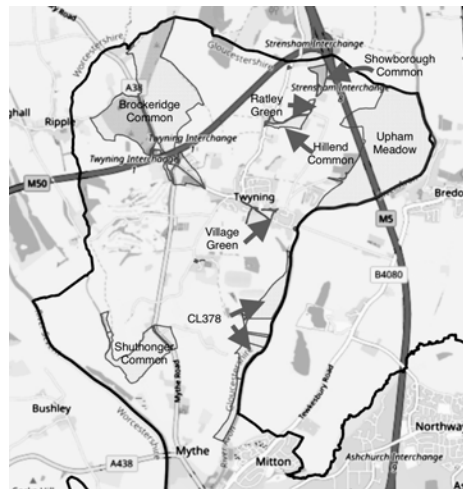
Misconceptions regarding 'Common' land. It is often said that Common Land is Ownerless and anyone can use it. This is untrue - all Common Land does have an owner and originally this was most likely to be the Lord of the Manor. The passage of time has meant that various parcels of Common Land have been sold, in fact anyone can purchase Common Land however the associated "Rights" are still in effect and the "Owner" is absolutely obliged to respect these Rights.

A recent high profile case concerning Dartmoor Common Land (85,000 acres) where the landowners were attempting to introduce restrictions was overturned and ruled in favour of the public's rights.

Persons known as 'Commoners' have Rights on Common Land "in common with the landowner". These Rights are specific and may include grazing livestock etc as described in the previous paragraph but they are limited. Additionally the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 gives the Public a right of access to all Commons for the purpose of "open air recreation", for such activities as walking, conditionally horse riding, picnics etc.

The future of Commons.

The original use of Commons has changed as a consequence of social evolution. From early beginnings when Common Land gave individuals/families the ability to eke out a living through grazing their animals etc to the modern day where Commons provide an oasis of nature and enable great recreational opportunities for the General Public. There is however uncertainty for the future of Commons as their original use, having dissipated in many cases, leaves them vulnerable to misuse. Enclosing Commons in such a way as to exclude public access (as well as



Commoners), incorporating Common Land into residential gardens, planting non native species plants, parking of vehicles and incorporating driveways and tracks - these are examples of what might be viewed as misuse.

The importance of Commons and the benefits they provide.

Access to untamed, wild open spaces.

In geographical terms England is a small country and with a relatively large population. Much land is developed either with housing, industry, commerce, agriculture with even more held in private ownership. Free access to land is very restricted in comparison and the result is that the public are excluded and cannot easily enjoy natural open spaces. National Parks do provide access but are again restricted in area and often at some distance. A local resource is Common Land - it is free access for certain recreational activities and is easily accessible and available in most areas of England. It enables an escape from the pressures of modern 'processed' life

Natural Environment.

A significant benefit is the natural environment of Common Land. The Rights associated with Common Land have limited the use of the land, for both Owners and Commoners. This has had the advantage of leaving the Commons relatively unaffected by development, in fact they are very natural environments, maybe 1000 years without any form of land development and can be considered as untamed nature. Creatures of all kinds can find a safe haven here without the threat of poisoning or of destruction. Giving Nature a Home.

English Landscape Character.

The Commons are an essential element in the 'Character of Rural England'. Village greens, small parcels of land at road junctions and along the rivers, larger areas of meadow and grazing land all contribute to the make-up of our community. They deliver a feeling of freedom with their open, unrestricted space, the ability to roam without barriers and it has been like this for centuries. The place we enjoy and feel at home with!

A view from the outside! An American poet on the Commons of England.

I like your name I like the way you keep
Old thorns and brambles, broom and golden furze,
And little footpaths, and your villagers,
And woodbine bowers that are cool and deep.

I like your prams where rosy children sleep
Your sand heaps and your tangled weeds and burs,
Your skylarks, and all life that in you stirs,
And all the lovely clouds that o'er you sweep.
I like the way men use you, lying prone
Upon your turf, or at some merry game
Of ball, or taking kindly in your name
The right of freemen.
You have ever known the joy of life the spirit of the free, And as you are so may you ever be.

Ingram Crockett Published in the *Journal of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society*. 1927(1)

Jo and Phil Griffin

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.

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