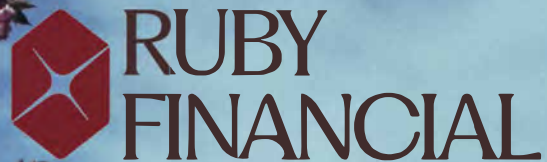


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Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the July edition of the Twyning Bulletin. We are well in the swing of the summer, even if the summer has missed the memo! This edition contains all the information you need for the August Bank Holiday festivities. Thank you to Peter Tomkins for his photograph of the war memorial which graces our front cover, but more importantly thank you to Peter for all the work he does keeping the memorial in such wonderful condition.

And in the meantime you can find out about what's going on in the parish by visiting www.twyningparishcouncil.com. If you have a news story you would like to share please email clerk@twyningcouncil.co.uk

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Front cover - War Memorial, Peter Tomkins

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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 is 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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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

The last couple of months have seen some major changes at the Parish Council.

Our Chairman, Dave Luckett, left the PC in April. Dave has been a major figure in the village for as long as I can remember and will be a very hard act to follow.

We would like to thank Dave for all his hard work and dedication to Twyning.

Luckily for us Dave will continue as our tree warden, and has continued to be our point of contact with Severn Trent during the recent major works to the village sewer system.

Following Dave's departure I took over as chairman.

I have lived in the village for nearly twenty five years now, and welcome the opportunity to put something back into the lovely village we live in. I only joined the PC around 18 months ago, so I am on a very steep learning curve.

Over the past couple of years the number of parish Councillors has slowly declined, Dave's departure leaving only five of us. Luckily there is a lot of support from the other councillors and our Parish Clerk.

Following several appeals for others to step up and join us we are now back up to a full complement of nine councillors, which will make sharing out the various responsibilities much easier. Our thanks and welcome aboard to the new recruits.

Keith Davies
Chair

Parish Council Highlights

During this financial year The Council gave a Grant of £75 to Guide Dogs for the Blind for dog training, and £1000 to TRAC for maintenance of the play equipment.

With the help of funding from Tewkesbury Councillor Cate Cody we planted an oak tree on the Green in memory of our late Queen, and resurfaced part of a very muddy footpath from the end of Kilmore Lane.

You may also have noticed some Hedgehog warning signs around the village, designed by Twyning School.

We played our part in successfully fighting off the proposed housing development at Nut Orchard.

After many years of effort (mostly by Dave Luckett) Severn Trent are at last undertaking some major renovation works on our sewers. Some sections have been relined, others will be shortly.

Renovating most of the benches on The Green and elsewhere around the village.

The Council negotiated the transfer of the carpark and easement over associated land at the top of Kilmore field to be used for parking in conjunction with sport on the field.

The Council carried out maintenance of trees and land around the parish and installed new litter bins where necessary.

The Council is trialling the use of large white rock parking barriers along the verges which may have to be extended to the Village Green.

News from the County Council

Summer HAF activity booking opens next week Families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals still have time to register for the summer HAF. This summer, using grant funding, the council is once again able to extend fun, enriching holiday activities to all children and young people through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

There are lots of great options to choose from including drama and science workshops, sports and games, art and crafts, music and dance, indoor and outdoor activities, as well as the ever-popular ticketed attractions. More information about the programme is available at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf. Activity booking will open at midday on Monday 1 July.

New mental wellbeing helpline launched The new helpline, 'Connect and Offload', or CandO (pronounced 'can do') for short is designed to provide support when someone first notices signs and symptoms of their mental health worsening. It will be open to any adult who is experiencing issues with their emotional wellbeing, such as low mood, anxiety, stress and loneliness. Phone on 0808 801 0606. Text 07537 410 022. 2pm-9pm, seven days a week, 365 days per year

Twyning Parish Church & Twyning Chapel

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

I wanted to use the newsletter to properly introduce myself to the wider community as Vicar of Twyning. I took over last year from Ven. Ron Hesketh, whom many of you will know well. Alongside Twyning, I'm also the Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey which keeps me out of mischief! I moved to Tewkesbury from Cheltenham last summer with my wife Helen and



ur two children and we are loving discovering a whole new area. Over the last few months, I have enjoyed getting to know the congregation at Twyning and the wider community including both of Twyning's pubs, walks around the village and the TRAC playground.

One of the things I love about St Mary Magdalene is the way in which the church building and the congregation are part of the wider community and it was a particular delight to see so many enjoying the recent spectacular flower festival organised by the Hans Flowers Flower School. Many congratulations to all concerned! This was swiftly followed up by the cream teas for the Acorns Hospice hosted by Richard Bailey which was also wonderfully supported by the wider community. So much so, that I only just got there in time to secure my own gluten free scone!

Looking to the future, we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival at 9.30 on Sunday 21 July, as we remember St Mary Magdalene, the first of Jesus followers to bring the good news of his resurrection to the other disciples. We are also running a couple of events in partnership with Twyning Chapel this summer; a joint service in the marquee on the village green at 10am on Sunday 25th August and our end of summer picnic 12-2 on Monday 2nd September. I look forward to meeting many of you at these events or at other times when I'm around Twyning and Church End. For now, can I leave you with a prayer for summer?

Creator God, may we soak up the long days and warm sun. May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies. This summer, dear Lord, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. As your son encouraged us to consider the birds of the air, so may we be present to all that you have made and know ourselves to be surrounded by your blessings every day.

Amen

July 7th Sunday 9.30am	PARISH COMMUNION 3-5pm TEA IN THE GARDEN at Birds Farm in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice
July 14th Sunday 9.30am	PARISH COMMUNION
July 17th Wednesday 10am-12	PARISH COFFEE MORNING @Twynning Park
July 21st Sunday 9.30am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL MORNING PRAISE including a service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child & celebrations for St Mary Magdalene after whom our church is named
July 28th Sunday 9.30am	PARISH COMMUNION
August 4th, 11th, 18th Sundays	PARISH COMMUNION 9.30am
Aug 25th Sunday 10am	JOINT SERVICE with TWYNING CHAPEL in the marquee on the Village Green
And looking ahead -	
Sept 2nd Monday 12-2pm	END OF SUMMER PICNIC on the Green jointly with Twynning Chapel
Sept 14th Saturday	Historic Churches RIDE AND STRIDE, time tbc [cycle/walk + lunch at a local hostelry]

Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

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Hon. Treasurer:	Richard Bailey	01684 298 268



Twyning Chapel

Blaze Youth Club and Neurodiversi-tea Natters continue to thrive, and we have regular attendees to both whenever we run an event.

This month, we are looking forward to end of year summer parties for each of these, and we will also be holding our first Neurodiversi-Tea Natters family fun day at chapel in August. We are in the process of tidying the upper rooms to make space for a sensory room and a place for the teenagers to relax, which will be useful to have outside of this event as well.

In addition, Blaze, Dinkies and Neurodiversi - Tea Natters have enjoyed several meet ups during the last two terms, with something happening at least monthly, with Dinkies continuing to thrive on a fortnightly basis.

Dinkies 0-5 group, Blaze Youth Club (6-14 years) and Neurodiversi-tea Natters (for carers of children with SEN) continue regularly during term time, (for specific dates and times, and further details on any of these events, please contact me on the address below).

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 and young people; and all the students from Acting Up! will be putting on a big show at the Roses Theatre at the end of July which is exciting.

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.

We are currently seeking a volunteer to help us out at Dinkies every second term time Friday 9.45am-12pm please. The role will involve helping to prepare for the event, managing the kitchen, including making drinks for the families, interacting with the young families and assisting with tidy up. This a lovely activity for somebody who enjoys being around families and talking to people. It would suit someone who is outgoing, friendly, enjoys company. A DBS would be preferable, although the person we take on will never be on their own with children. For more information please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

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

Village Hall

The Village Hall is in urgent need of a Chairman, still. Is there anyone willing to take on that role for us? We have, however, recently welcomed a new trustee to the board.

The Hall continues to flourish and provides for the community a good venue, with good facilities. To select just one of the user groups, Twyning Players. Their latest production "Sherlock's excellent adventure" was a success, as usual, and we look forward to their next serving.

Christine Skelton, Secretary.

Men's Shed

We have just completed our second year as a Shed and now have 25 regular members coming to 3 (and soon 4) separate sessions during the week. We are open on Tuesday all day, and Wednesday mornings with the afternoon opening soon. We meet up as a group for social contact, fellowship and to mend and create things for the village. We started out with notice boards, and have progressed to making and repairing garden furniture, electrical goods, antiques, tool sharpening, mower repairs and so much more. If it should work and doesn't, but still can we'll fix it!

So do pop down to see us for a chat, to join in the fun (open to all men or those who identify as a man) or to bring down something you want mended, and we'll be pleased to see you. Especially if you have any old towels - we are always spilling things and need to mop up!

We meet at Green Farm opposite the large tree on the Green.
And please follow our website and Facebook page where we post things we have to sell!



A before and after!

Community Garden



We have recently started the Community Garden at Green Farm. We have a number of raised beds and a supply of soil and compost and a small but growing band of ready helpers.

The idea is to turn some rough ground into a vegetable patch where the community can take part and benefit from growing a few vegetables and in time we could have a vegetable stall! If you're interested in taking part, please make contact with Helen Dale (Reynolds) you'll find her on the Twyning Community Facebook page, who is coordinating the activities, and arrange to come down and join in.

You'll be very welcome.

Twyning Playgroup

The Summer term has been a busy one so far, with lots of things keeping us all very involved and active. Forest School sessions have been hugely enjoyed by all children. With the Kelly kettle whistling, the birds tweeting and the sound of children laughing regularly being heard during these sessions. The children have made paint using natural resources such as leaves and petals and little hedgehogs were made by using Play-Doh and small twigs.

We have been learning about growing our own food this term with lettuce, potatoes, carrots and strawberry plants being planted and cared for by the children. Potato salad was made in one to cooking sessions and each child taking theirs home to try. The strawberries are growing well-many of the children are showing great interest in them, especially now they are turning red. Lots of children were keen to try our first crop of lettuce and all enjoyed a taste test. Broad beans were planted in sessions and taken home. We have loved seeing photos of how well they are growing!

Our well established links with Twyning School ensure that our pre-schoolers have regular contact with their new reception teacher: Mrs Abell. The children visit the class and enjoy hearing stories while having a taste of their new surroundings in September. We are also looking forward to our end of year trip to Little Owl Farm Park, Pre-School graduation, end of year party and a special performance of the year 5 and 6 play "The Greatest Showman" to watch at Twyning School.



Twyning Playgroup needs you!

Twyning village playgroup is a charity run by committee. Without these volunteers playgroup cannot run. Our current committee has a lot of parents with children now moving on to school and we're seeking new members to fulfil the roles. The committee is made of General Members, a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. It can be parents or any member of the community. It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents and community members, and provide a service the village has had for many years. Please join to keep it going for many years to come!

If interested email: twyningplaygroup@gmail.com

Thanks,

Twyning Village Playgroup Committee

Freecycle Saturday

Keeping Items Out Of Landfill Next Dates For 2024

Many thanks to all those who have taken part in any of the previous Freecycle Saturdays and I hope for those that did it is proving to continue to be a generally worthwhile activity.

Each time that we organise one of these events more and more people are leaving items out for anyone to take away which is really great news as by doing so we are all managing to keep increasing numbers of items out of landfill.

As a result, it is intended to keep the momentum going and the following are the dates for the remaining Freecycle Saturdays in 2024:

- 3rd August
- 5th October

For those who are new to Twyning or who have not previously taken part, Freecycle Saturday is a really simple initiative that aims to keep as many items as possible out of landfill.

To get involved you might want to find a corner for a small Freecycle Saturday box where you can keep out of the way all those items that you no longer need but somebody else might be able to use.

Big or small items it really doesn't matter. Items could include books, software installation or music CDs, stationary, A4 folders or box files, old crockery or kitchen utensils, spare tote or other bags, unused nuts & screws or ironmongery, old tech devices or mobile phones (even if they are broken!) and even the original boxes they came in, any old tools or other items sitting unused or unwanted in your shed, camping equipment, your old curtains, even small items of furniture - absolutely anything that someone else might be able to fix, use or repurpose.

There are no rules except keeping stuff out of the bin and landfill. Once you have your items ready all you need to do is leave them at the end of your drive after 9:00am on the next Freecycle Saturday date for anyone to take away. It really doesn't matter if you only have one item or hundreds.

Also, I will be posting reminders nearer each date on the village noticeboards and on the Twyning Facebook page so I hope that even more people will take part this year.

Twynning School



After nearly six years we were overdue an Ofsted inspection and, like most schools in this situation, staff and governors were awaiting the call. A two day inspection took place in mid April and was extremely thorough, yet a very positive experience. I am absolutely delighted to let you know that the overall judgement was good with two of the five key areas being outstanding. The inspectors were particularly impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children. When they debriefed the governors and leadership team on the day of the inspection, they couldn't stop talking about how amazing the pupils were.

Everyone is very proud of this achievement. Huge thanks go to Miss Gladstone for her strong leadership over the last four years and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our wonderful staff, pupils, governors and families who all had a part to play in sharing how great our school is.

As we move through the summer term, there's a lot happening. Our Year 6 children took their SATs exams in mid May, followed by a residential trip for Years 5 and 6 to the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer. Children participated in climbing, abseiling, zip wire, high ropes, challenge course, caving, archery, raft building and a beautiful evening walk in the Wyre forest. We are so proud of the children, some of whom faced their fear of heights and challenged themselves to their limit. We are now looking forward to the next residential with Years 3 and 4 to Noah's Ark Children's Venture, Macaroni Wood, near Cirencester. As always at this time of the year, preparations and rehearsals are underway for the end of year performance by Year 5 and 6 children. This year: 'The Greatest Showman'. What a fantastic finalé for our leavers!

We are always keen to hear from members of the wider community who wish to support the school as a governor. Governors who do not have students at the school often have a different perspective we greatly welcome. You do not need to have a background in education, in fact governing a school needs expertise in finance, premises, HR as well as hundreds of other areas, so the more diverse our team the better. We do currently have a vacancy for a non-parent governor and would welcome anyone keen to give a little back to one of the key areas of our community. If you are interested please contact me directly at chair@twynning.gloucs.sch.uk.

Finally, our school dog Peggy retired at half-term. She has done the most wonderful job for a long time now, meeting the children as they arrive at school in the morning and spending time with them throughout the day. She's getting on now and finding it increasingly difficult to get in and out of the car. The children thanked her with lovely cards and gifts. Happy retirement Peggy!

I wish everyone a good summer and will be catching up with you again later in the year.

Twyning Tigers

Our tigers have continued their journey by competing at a local tournament in Bourton on the Water against several more established clubs. Twyning held their own by winning several games and representing our Village in an exceptional way showing sportsmanship and skills in equal measure.

Our next step has recently been approved by the Cheltenham Youthleague with tigers being voted in to the competition for the 2024/25 season. This first league entry at under 8's level opens up future opportunities for all age groups and is a real milestone for the club.

With that said the children of the village really need extra volunteers and facilities to take us forward. If anyone has a small field in the parish or some time to help it would be appreciated so we can continue to maintain this special club.

Interested to join? Want to find out more? Please don't hesitate to drop us a line twyningtigers@gmail.com

We meet every Saturday at 10am on the field at TRAC and are open from age 4 onwards.



Twyning Scouts

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

Group

Throughout the UK, week by week, thousands of ordinary people show up at Beaver meetings to empower young people to learn new skills, make new friends and learn to stand on their own two feet. No two weeks are the same, but the impact that on the children is always great and like the Cub and Scout sections aims to give young people in this village - Skills for Life.

Sadly we are currently unable to run a Beaver colony in Twyning due to a shortage of leaders but are aiming to restart Beavers in the Autumn Term. Please be in touch with any of the leaders if you want to help us get Beavers back up and running.

Whilst Beavers is a current hot spot for leadership, adult help with ANY section of the Scout group is always welcome; if you are interested in joining the leadership team in any capacity please do drop me an email, we would love to hear from you.

Cubs - Age 8 to 10 (Thursday 18:15) - Euan Neill - d1scowing@yahoo.co.uk

The last few months in Cubs have seen us move from the dreary days of winter to the first evenings of summer - but none of that has dampened spirits or prevented us getting outside or having fun.

The early part of the year saw the Cubs earn their Environmental Conservation badges - building on the work put in last year to build birdboxes, we learnt about different types of energy, ways to save energy and water, and designed posters to encourage everyone to adopt similar habits - the fantastic results of which can be seen below! Unfortunately we haven't been able to put the birdboxes up at TRAC as Akela was ill on the planned day - these will be going up before summer.



We then moved onto more practical skills, learning what to do in an emergency at home for the Home Safety badge, then improving navigation and map reading skills so everyone in the pack has the Navigator badge level 2 - the Cubs then put these skills to use navigating around the village (in possibly the muddiest conditions imaginable....). These navigation skills will be important for the big adventure of the Evolution camp later in the year, so well done Cubs.

After Easter we've taken advantage of the brief sunny period to spend a couple of weeks doing team-building games on the Green and at TRAC - chasing pegs and Cluedo clues. After half term we will be doing lots of preparation for our two nights away with thousands of other Cubs and Brownies at Evolution camp - more hiking, setting up camp and cooking on fires - so don't be surprised if you see more Cubs wondering around the Village.

Scouts - Age 10 ½ to 14 (Thursday 19:15) - Matthew Wills - mattwills85@yahoo.com

The Scouts have been busy in the village already this term, some people will have noticed the flour trails left on the footpaths the other week where the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders were setting a trail for the other Scouts to follow, as well as the challenge of following the trail the Scouts were also discussing what they knew about the local area as part of the Local Knowledge badge. They will also be visiting Severn Area Rescue Association in Tewkesbury to find out about the work they do and water safety.

For their World Challenge badge the Scouts will be finding out about International Scouting, attempting to contact a Scout troop in another country as well as talking to Scouts and Explorers who have attended International Scouting Events like World Scout Jamboree, Harlem and Kanderstag.

In June 14 Scouts will be attending the 2 day Strategy event along with 2000 other Scouts and Explorers. Working together in teams to navigate to as many challenge bases and score the highest number of points as possible, bring together leadership, teamwork, mental and physical skills.

French Group

French group meet regularly once a month on a Wednesday on the High St. We are a small group of enthusiasts who enjoy speaking French, trying to keep what we know alive! We chat, play language games over a glass of wine or a cuppa, and take a very light hearted approach to our learning.

Sometimes we go and see a French film at Number 8 and join in with the French group that precedes the film.

New members are always welcome.

Please email for further details.

Hilary Davies hilkeith@talktalk.net

THE RETURN OF TWYNING'S

FAMILY BARN DANCE

Music from 'Organ Grinders'

**The Marquee on The Green, Twyning
Licenced bar applied for
Ticket includes token for BBQ.**

SAT AUGUST 24th 7:30PM

Ticket prices:
Adult £15
Child (U 12) £8
Available from Lorna 01684294292

Special Offer:
Early bird tickets
Adults £13
Child £6
Purchased
before 1st August
(No refunds)

Explorer Scouts



This term's Tuesday evening programme has included martial arts, 10 pin bowling, making Welsh cakes and learning some of the language, pioneering and a joint event with other Explorers in the District. In April, some of our Explorer attended the Parish council meeting to talk about biodiversity, and the whole Unit started working on a project of their own.

A number of the Explorers planned and carried out an activity towards their Chief Scout's Award. Volunteering at a scout campsite they helped the service team with maintenance of the site - working hard to clear the parking area which was starting to get overgrown and digging new drainage ditches to alleviate the waterlogged camping areas.



The Explorers also met up with a group of Polish Scouts and learnt about some of their activities and traditions and exchanged gifts (Scout scarves). Whilst there, they researched some places to go back and explore for the planned Winter Bunkhouse camp in January.

Unfortunately the National Scout Shooting Championships in Surrey have been cancelled this year due to problems with the venue. We will try to organise a local competition instead.

Dan Orchard, Explorer Scout Leader,
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Twyning Players

By the time you read this our May production of 'The Vicar of Dibley' will be a distant memory. But not so long ago that it isn't worth a mention. Thank you for your tremendous support! We were sold out for three nights and so many people wanted to see it that Patti, our director, organised a preview night at the dress rehearsal. The cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed putting it all together and we had the most terrific feedback from you, the audience. We hope that you also found our new online booking arrangements helpful.

We are always pleased to have young people involved and, at pantomime time, there are opportunities for young actors and dancers which we want to encourage. We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and children must be supervised at all times, both at rehearsals and during performances. If you are considering getting your children involved, then we must make it clear that this is not possible without the support of parents who, between them, need to provide a rota of chaperone cover.

A bit of a breather now for Players and we'll be gathering together again at the end of the summer. Rehearsals for this December's show will begin in September. If you would like to come and join us on stage or behind the scenes, we welcome new members and would love to talk to you. Contact me or any Twyning Player.

Carol Chapman, Secretary

01684 293527, mail@cchapman.co.uk

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 Weekend

Saturday 24th August 7.30pm -Grab your partners and don your checked shirts as the weekend festivities kick off with The BARN DANCE- see separate advert for details and don't miss out on the early bird tickets!

On Sunday 25th August the Church and Chapel will be holding their service in the Marquee from 10.00am followed swiftly by 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?

Then on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024 from 1- 4pm it is the Fete and Car Boot Sale

A whole array of entertainment new and old 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- or using it as a chance to have a good clear out yourself. Following the success of last year, we see the return of the Dog Show and this year we are inviting local teams to enter our Tug of War competition (details to follow) and of course it wouldn't be Twyning Fete without some Egg Throwing.

There will be chance to get your own back on a few brave souls in the "Stocks" and a chance to test your balance and might against our "Gladiators".

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 will be available from the Village Shop.

This year we are holding our brand new "Best kept 'Home-Planted' Planter Competition" and would love to see households and businesses supporting us. Any size or shape of vessel permitted. Let your imagination run wild. See separate advert for details and the judging twist!

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the run up to the fete and on the day, so do not miss out as there are always many fantastic prizes to be won.

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 on the day, we would love to hear from you. Many hands make light work!

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

Children (under 6 years)

- A 3D Crown
- 'I grew it myself'
- 6 nature finds on a plate

Children (6-12 years)

- Construct an item of your own design (scrap, Lego, Knex etc) No bigger than 50cm in any direction
- Decorate 3 Cup Cakes (may be cut open but only judged on decoration)

Teenagers

- 3 Cereal Bars - all the same
- "I made it myself" - any media

OPEN CLASSES

- **Baking**
 - a) Homemade jam/jelly (at least 1/2lb)
 - b) Citrus fruit marmalade (at least 1/2lb)
 - c) Jar of honey (at least 1/2lb)
 - d) Homemade chutney
 - e) Homemade wine
 - f) Sloe or damson gin
 - g) 4 Brownies
 - h) 3 Bread rolls (brown or white)
 - i) Fruit pie with homemade pastry top and bottom
 - j) Gluten Free Cake
- **Homemade crafting**
 - a) An item of wood or metalwork
 - b) Pencil or pen and ink drawing or sketch
 - c) An item of cross stitch, hand embroidery or tapestry
- **Homegrown fruit and vegetables**
 - a) Pair of cucumbers
 - b) Dish of 5 tomatoes (WILL be tasted!)

- c) onions
- d) 3 sticks of Rhubarb
- e) 4 dessert apples
- f) Trug or basket containing varieties of 4 fruit or vegetables

- **Photography - set and judged by Jack Boskett**

- a) Portraits
- b) Animal
- c) Landscape

All photographs to be A4. Presentation will be considered during judging.

- **Special floral arrangement - set and judged by Hans Haverkamp**
"Colour Burst"

Space available 50cm width x 50cm depth x 80cm Height

Challenge Cup awarded to 1st place.

- Best kept 'Home-Planted' Planter Competition
- Scarecrow Competition - Theme: 2024 Major Event (i.e.: General Election/ Euros/Olympics)

Entry forms will be available from Village Shop Any enquiries please contact:Lorna Herold 294292

Village Life



Bikes on the Green, 19 June 2024. *Photo courtesy of - SDB*

Twyning WI

We are a very friendly group of ladies who would love to welcome along new members to our monthly meetings.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have had some really interesting speakers lately, including a volunteer from the National Arboretum and a great talk about the local Dogs Trust at Evesham.

We also organise social evenings, like the recent 'Retro' evening and hands on experiences such as the forthcoming art workshop.

We will be having a break in August but we would love to see you at our September meeting.

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.

1st Bredon Guides

Bredon Guides meets at 7pm on a Thursday at Bredon Village. We are a small unit currently but looking to grow and manage to run a fun programme for the girls throughout the school year.

This summer term has been spent outside to enjoy the warmer weather, although the evening at Croft Farm felt like October, not that the guides minded in their wet suits! We have also had our own Olympics, celebrated 4th July, walked up Bredon Hill on the longest day, and had our own BBQ at Forest School in Kinsham.



To enquire just email bredonguides@gmail.com or visit www.girlguiding.org.

Twyning Over 60s Lunch Club

Twyning Lunch Club was set up in 1986 and acts as both a social as well as a lunch club. Meals are served in Twyning Village Hall at 12.30 for 25-30 members who come from both the village and nearby areas to enjoy a delicious lunch and good company. Transport is laid on for those who require it and those who live further afield. Thanks go to Maggie Coleman and her team of drivers who provide the transport and she is also always looking for extra people to help with this.

Thanks go to our cooks for their continued support. Four teams of volunteers take turns to provide lunches, starting at 10am and finishing at 2pm. It is hardly an onerous task and, as Linda Harris one of the cooks responsible for arranging the food says, that the preparation of the lunch is made more enjoyable and fun by meeting up with the rest of the team for some banter with them and the members. Due to ill health, Linda's team has become depleted and we desperately need two extra helpers. If you feel able to spare four hours once a month on a Friday, please consider helping this worthwhile village event which brings pleasure and company to so many people. We do need cover for holidays, illness etc as well and although we do have a list reserve cooks, they are not able to help on a regular basis so we do try to alternate these.

Thanks also to members who help serving the meals and the team who set up tables early in the morning. Here again we could do with an extra male helper or two for half an hour.

If you know of anyone who has time free early on a Friday morning or is interested in helping for any part of the morning with the cooking, please let me know - Judith Allen on 292123/07817984737.

Bulletin admin

Submissions of articles and photographs relating to Twyning are always welcome for the Bulletin. If you run a club or stage an event in the area let us know, you don't have to be part of a club or organisation to contribute, though - the Bulletin is truly a community effort for everyone to share in.

Please make sure that you have permission for anyone featured in a photograph.

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

The deadline for the next editions of the Bulletin are
15th September 2024
15th January 2025
15th June 2025

Twyning Probus Club

Welcome to Twyning Probus Club

Do you enjoy listening to thought-provoking talks and visiting intriguing places?
Would you like to meet with like-minded, friendly people with similar interests?
If you can respond 'Yes' to these questions,
then you might like to join Twyning Probus Club.



Twyning Probus Club meets weekly for an inspirational talk by an invited speaker, or from one of our members. The talks cover a range of interesting and informative subjects followed by a question-and-answer session, with up-to-date audio-visual equipment available. Our morning starts at 9.45 with the talk commencing at 10.15 and finishes at 12.00. We break mid-morning for light refreshments.

Members' guests are most welcome to sample the atmosphere of our weekly get-togethers. We meet every Monday (except Bank holidays) at The Ann Townend Hall, Church End, Twyning GL20 6DA. Parking is in St Mary's church car park opposite.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact our secretary John Ridley by email at johnridley@hotmail.com. Alternatively, simply attend a meeting of the club and ask to see any member of the committee. For more information see the Probus online website at <https://www.probusonline.org/longdon/>

We hope to see you soon.

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Tennis is served at Twyning!

 Adult and junior coaching programme

 Seven county league teams

 Social tennis sessions

 Cardio tennis

Do you know anyone who might like to try Walking Tennis?

We are planning a new walking tennis programme for
Wednesday lunchtimes from September.

Walking tennis is open to anyone; whether you're a life-long player looking for a gentler pace, a beginner, or coming back from injury. Walking tennis offers an easy way for older people to keep their body and mind active – while also enjoying the social side of being part of a tennis community.

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