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Cover Photo 'Common Blue', and 'Sedge Warbler by the River Avon' by Paul Jackson



The girls' tent (Beaver County Camp 2014)

Comment

After this prolonged summer of mostly sunny weather we celebrate the spirit of villagers who turned out for the Fete on one of the least good days, and of the organising committee who must have been fed up but went on regardless. See the photos both inside and outside the back cover.

I have been editing this magazine now for four years and I am sure that there must be some local person who is thinking "I wouldn't mind having a go at that"! If you are that person then do get in touch. If you are unfamiliar with using Publisher then you could work alongside me for a couple of editions. It is not hard to pick up these skills, and new people and new ideas are a good thing.

Andrea Walton Editor 294676

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Diary Dates

Harvest Supper	4th October 6pm	Ann Townend Hall
Harvest Festival Service	5th October 9.30am	Church
Blackheart.	1st November 7.30pm	Village Hall
Scrooge!	3rd to 5th December	Village Hall
Christingle	24th December 5.00pm	Church

Twyning Parish Chairman's Report

Welcome to the autumn edition of our Village Bulletin. The summer period has been a busy time for the Parish Council with more inappropriate planning applications being submitted.

In addition to the Newland, Persimmon and Cullimore Sand & Gravel extraction developments currently at various stages of planning, we have now received applications from GCC - Minerals Local Plan team who are seeking to gain approval for 7 mineral extraction sites in our parish (including the one at Pages Lane). Finally we have received a speculative application to lay a track across Brockeridge Common.

The TPC continues to use its best endeavours to oppose these applications as they stand and work in partnership with the parishioner representative groups to strengthen our responses. The TPC will keep parishioners informed by placing updates on the village notice boards.

At this year's August Bank Holiday TRAC event, parishioners would have noticed the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) marquee. The team assembled an enlightening display of facts and statistics about our parish that provided much interest to those who were shepherded in! There was a steady flow of people throughout the day, who were able to make their own contributions to the future shape of our parish. There will be another of these 'walk in' events organised later in the year.

The NDP is a government-led initiative to provide communities with more influence in planning local development. There have already been instances where planning applications have been turned down as they contravened an emerging NDP: there is an interesting document on our web site worth reading on this very subject.

Included within this bulletin is a Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire. This is a **vitaly important** document that I would ask each of you to complete and return. It is intended to represent your thoughts and aspirations of how you wish to shape the future of your Parish.

Denis Murray – Chairman (denis@brynwillow.co.uk)

Village War Memorial

I am sure that most parishioners, when passing our War Memorial, have admired the beautiful flowers and general upkeep of this area. It has become a focal point for us, and a welcoming feature to our village for visitors.

On behalf of the Parish, may I offer Peter Nottingham and his grandson Thomas, our appreciation and grateful thanks for their dedication and tremendous efforts. Thank you both.

Postman Tony

After many years of service as our Postman, Tony Newman or 'Tony the Postie' as he has been affectionately known, has recently taken early retirement due to ill health.

Tony is well known for his cheerful friendship and energy. He has been more than a postman to parishioners in the village, keeping an eye on the milk, letters, curtains undrawn etc. Always a cheery word to all generations.

Happy Retirement Tony

Denis Murray – Chairman

Fund raising for Acorns Children's Hospice

We are well on the way with our stock of woollen animals for next Easter.

Our knitters and stitchers have been busy all summer adding to the pile. After our appeal in the last bulletin we have recruited two more ladies but we still need more to spread the load. So if you can knit or stitch, or you know of someone who can, or if you have any oddments of coloured wool, do get in touch at the phone number below.

We are about to give out the Webb Ivory Christmas catalogues and hopefully we will get orders and raise more money for the Children's Hospice. If you would like to have a copy to look through please contact us. We will be delivering books to our regular customers.

Anita Haycock on 293890 or at 15 Paxhill Lane.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

From a parish magazine: “Miss Charlene Mason sang ‘I will not pass this way again’, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.”

Hopefully that won’t be a comment after our Harvest Festival celebrations this year when local talent will be on display after our Harvest Supper on 4th October at 6pm in the Ann Townend Hall. Nor on the following morning when we have our Harvest Festival Service in Church at 9.30am!

After a very busy summer of social events, we look forward to a quieter Autumn. We will, of course, continue our theme of remembrance – firstly on 2nd November at our 9.30am service when we remember those who have died during the last year as well as all our loved ones who have died. Then, at 11am on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial in the Village, we will remember those who have died as a result of war.

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted”, Jesus told the crowds as they sat with him on the mountainside. One of the most inspiring aspects of my ministry is to see the strength of human will involved in recovering from bereavement. So many people who feel as though they cannot continue without their loved ones, gradually over time find a way to survive and eventually see a way ahead.

Grief has been described as being like holding a very rough stone – painful, but as you keep holding it, the roughness gets worn away and the stone becomes a smooth pebble in your hand – still there but so much easier to hold. Memories of our loved ones remain with us and become easier to bear. If you would like a loved one remembered in our service on November 2nd, please add their name to the list which will be at the back of the church for two weeks before.

With every blessing

Barbara



The Eleven O’Clock service.

A service that **lasts no longer than forty minutes**, is geared towards **children and young families**, with modern worship songs, and where you will feel welcome, regardless of how old you are! On every **third Sunday** of the month at St Mary Magdalene Church, Church End at, yes, you guessed it, at **11 o’clock**, but if you’d like refreshments first then you are very welcome to join the earlier congregation for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits from 10.30am. So, please do come along to try **a very different style of worship** and see what you think!

TWYNING VILLAGE HALL



Have you noticed the new fence at the side of the main building? It is very smart indeed. There will be a discussion at the September management meeting about replacing the front fence that is showing its age and is unstable.

The cherry trees were given a much needed prune in June that has made access easier for vehicles.

The Village Hall Committee was very pleased to welcome the young actors from The Roses Theatre on 25th June when they ably performed a taster of their show “The Hospital”. It was a free evening of entertainment commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Refreshments were also provided. The organisers seemed to be delighted with the size of the Twynning audience.

What a great disappointment the weather was on 25th August. The TRAC committee had worked so hard to organise the fete and it was all but washed away! However, the VHMC had a stall (under the cover of a gazebo, thanks to John Reynolds) to promote the lottery. We did recruit some new members but it would be marvellous to get more. If you would consider joining our lottery, which, unlike the National Lottery, has really good odds of a win please contact the Treasurer.

We have a duo called ‘*Blackheart*’ coming to perform a concert on Saturday 1st November. Having listened to them via their website I’m sure we can look forward to an entertaining evening. The bar will be open. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 each. **Call Ian on 07872394633 or Maggie on 01684 29255**

Christine Skelton Hon Sec. Tel 297493

Maggie Ball Hon Treas. Tel 292550

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

'TWYNING REFLECTS'

On a weekend in July, Twyning Church presented a special time of reflection of the people, the events, and the life in the village one hundred years ago. This was just before, during, and just after the First World War.

'Twyning Reflects' was a commemorative flower festival and time of remembrance. The people of the community had given their memories and stories, photographs and treasured objects to be put on display in Church, interspersed with beautiful flower arrangements and lots of poppies. Much research was done on the census of 1911 and a great deal of impressive computer work to make clear and attractive display boards all around the walls.

The weekend began on Friday evening with a reception and preview where hospitality was offered to invited people. The display was open to everyone all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Many people came and enjoyed the beauty, and an excellent Concert by the Silurian Choir took place on Saturday evening, with moving music and readings, where people spoke of the sacrifices and experiences of their own family members. On Friday and Saturday evenings Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mike Bennett attended, standing in for Dame Janet Trotter, who was unable to be present herself, but had shown great interest.

Donations made during the whole weekend were given to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association – the charity which helps the families of military personnel suffering difficult times. A sum of money from the most recent Progressive Supper was added to the donations from the weekend and we were able to send £1000 to SSAFA.

Heartfelt thanks go to all the team who actually put together the displays and created the flower arrangements; also to everyone who worked so hard in all sorts of ways, to make the whole weekend of reflection so successful and of course to all of you who came along.

In our reflections we were able to honour and be thankful for what was done then and subsequently for us in times of war; and to be deeply appreciative of the peaceful times we are enjoying today in Twyning.

Churchwarden Margaret Bailey 01684 298 268.

YOUR TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

NEWLANDS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 22 DWELLINGS

Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee first considered this application at their meeting in August (I returned home from holiday early to ensure that I could attend this meeting) where the committee agreed to defer this application due to a number of concerns that I raised on behalf of local residents, some of these concerns being a lack of open spaces, loss of amenity to adjacent residents' and of course flooding and sewerage issues.

The application was reported back to the following Planning Committee on the 16th September 2014 for further consideration by members.

Following the deferral for the concerns that had been previously raised, the applicant submitted amended plans to the Planning Committee which showed a repositioning of two of the terraced type blocks of houses in an attempt to help address the amenity concerns, address local landownership issues and carry out further land drainage investigation.

Having considered these new amendments I still felt that the flooding & sewerage issues, lack of open spaces, loss of amenity, landscape impact & impact on the historic character and setting of Twyning was too great so I proposed that this application be refused.

Following a lengthy debate Members of the Planning Committee voted by 8 votes to 6 to allow this application.

I was disappointed with this decision but grateful that, at least, we had secured some amendments which showed a small improvement. I also managed to successfully amend the condition that was recommended by Severn Trent Water that dealt with sewerage issues to ensure that no dwelling can be occupied until the need for foul sewerage improvements have been investigated and fully implemented and completed by Severn Trent Water Ltd.

I also secured a commitment that the footpath concerns that had been raised on the proposals would be looked into further.

MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

The County Council are reviewing their 'site options' for potential sites within their Minerals Local Plan Draft Policy Framework. Seven sites have been identified within this draft framework for Twyning, all in close proximity to Church End. Working closely with local residents from Church End I have submitted a detailed & robust objection to these sites, ranging from the significant negative impact on the Conservation Area of Church End, loss of amenity to local residents, noise & dust, to name just a few. We will now have to wait and see if the County Council take on board our concerns & remove these sites from their draft framework.

TWYNING REFLECTS

It was with much pleasure that Theresa and I were able to attend the 'Twyning Reflects' exhibition held on Sunday 13th July 2014 at the St Mary Magdalene Church. The exhibition was really informative & interesting and I should like to thank everyone involved for their hard work in making such a fantastic exhibition possible. Thank you.

Cllr. Gordon Shurmer Borough Councillor for Twyning

The Twyning Wine Club

This has decided to disband, effective from 30th September. The Club had been in existence for around 38 years so it was with much regret that the members made the decision to close. Originally it was set up as a home winemaking circle, but for various reasons in recent times fewer members have continued to make wines at home.

Some members have winemaking equipment which they are willing to sell or give away, so if you are interested in any of these please contact **Jean Turner: 01684 772053.**"

TWYNING PLAYERS

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Breaking news.....



Book, Music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

Ladies, gentlemen and children of Twyning – you are in for a very rare treat as Twyning Players present **SCROOGE!** at Twyning Village Hall from

Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th December.

Based on the film of the same name, this popular family musical has played in numerous productions around the world since 1992. Now you have it on your very own doorstep and what could be a better way to start the festive season than to come along and enjoy the fun. Allow yourself to be transported back to Victorian London, soak up the atmosphere and experience laughter and tears.

Due to the design of this production, we will have fewer seats available at each performance. However we have added an extra night and, as usual, there will be a matinee on Saturday. Look out for posters around the village with more information or call **Nici Khor on 299017** for tickets. Do book early to avoid disappointment!

John White of Tewkesbury and Twyning – an *Old Contemptible*

At this time of commemoration of the sacrifices of local men in the First World War, I would like to bring to your attention one who survived, in the hope that his relatives might still live locally and might supply more information – and perhaps a photograph?

Jack White was a bit of a journalist, whose letters from the front were headlined by the Tewkesbury Register as his “*Thrilling Experiences*”. In fact he provided the first detailed account of the Retreat from Mons in August 1914 which the anxious people could read – even though they had to wait until the 7 November! It was then that he had “*returned to his home at Tewkesbury, invalided, on a short furlough. He was good enough to accede to our request that he should tell us his experiences, and a very thrilling story he had to unfold*”. He wrote another letter in 1915 but, as he was not killed in the war and had a diminutive as a name, he is difficult to track down.

He was a reservist in B Company and was possibly born in 1888 the son of widowed nurse, Harriet E. White and was living in Eagles Alley in 1901. Neither he nor his mother is buried in Tewkesbury but they could have moved to Twyning, as an article was written in the *Register in 1945* about a “*Twyning Family's Remarkable War Record of Service*”. He was described as an “*an old Contemptible*” with the *1st Glosters* and then served for 13 years, “*now Home Guard*”.

Actually Matthew John White, he married Harriett Smith in 1908 and in 1911 was a corn porter, presumably at Healings Mill. Because he was immediately mobilised into the *1st Glosters* and was shipped to France on 14 August he must have been a regular before he married.

He was thus proud to have been described as an old Contemptible by the Kaiser and he recalled the events of the autumn in great detail. He took part in the epic retreat from Mons during which, pursued by the enemy, they marched over 200 miles in 13 days. They then took to the offensive and defeated the enemy in the battle of the Marne until they



English propaganda!
With thanks to **Gordon Baker**
of Twyning

were held up by German trenches above the River Aisne.

After that battle, Jack recalled that at roll call only three of the original section of 13 had survived.

Apart from the letter in 1915 we then lose track of him but the 1st Glosters fought in many of the engagement on the Western Front to 1918. We know he survived because of that article in 1945.

Then he is praised, not only for his war experience, but for the fact that he provided five children for the forces in World War II: John Albert; stretcher bearer serving in Italy after 17 years' service; Albert Charles of the Pioneer Corps until his honourable discharge; William Bernard,

RAF for five years; Stanley Richard, ex Tewkesbury Grammar School and RAF for four years and – a sign of the times, a daughter, Margaret, who had served in WAAF for 3 years. Both Jack and his wife were buried in Twyning Church yard – Jack in 1955.

Do his children or any other relatives still live locally? It would be super to hear from them.

Sent in by **John Dixon**

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“What a good school” says Ofsted Inspector!

Last term, Twynning School was inspected by Ofsted. The overall judgement is good in all areas. The 2-day inspection took place in June 2014. Ofsted Inspector Mr. Michael Bartleman found that pupils make good progress and achieve well throughout the school.

The village primary school is described in the report as providing children with a rich array of experiences which are finely tuned to their needs. Children have great pride in their school, demonstrate a desire to learn and are keen to contribute in lessons. They are able to work exceptionally well together. Teaching across the school was described as good or outstanding and that pupils were interested and engaged in learning. Pupils respond well to teachers’ high expectations. Early identification of pupils with special needs and the associated additional learning support was also recognised to greatly help a number of children at the school.

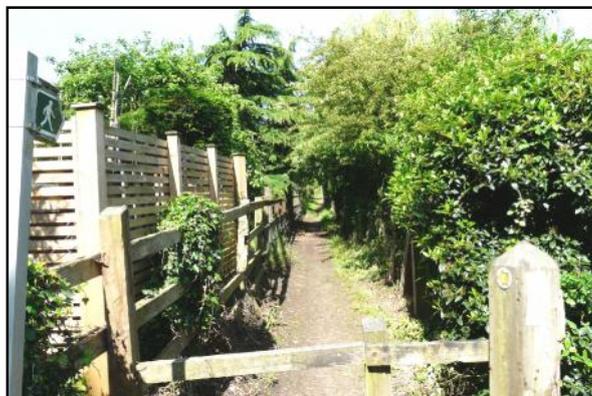
Mr Bartleman praised the school for equality of opportunity being at the heart of all the school does, and the high quality relationships between children and staff. He found that the school’s governors contributed very effectively to the direction of the school and that the head teacher, leaders and managers maintain good standards of teaching and achievement, leading and managing the school well.

Richard Vaughan, Head Teacher of the school said: “We are all delighted with the report. I have the privilege of working with a tremendous team of staff, governors, children and parents. I am particularly pleased because OFSTED has once more raised the standards for schools. We are a small school and have worked exceptionally hard to create an education provision we can be proud of.”

The school’s Chair of Governors, Angela Broadhead added: “The governors are absolutely delighted that the report highlighted so many of the school’s strengths. The report recognises the hard work of the Senior Leaders and all members of the staff to meet the individual needs of our children”. The Ofsted report can be found on our website www.twynningschool.co.uk along with lots of other information about the school as well as many photographs of the children engaging in their learning environment.

Written by Governors’ Communication Committee

Our Footpaths



There are some 52 footpaths in Twyning Parish, which are maintained by a small group of unpaid volunteers. The aim of the group is to maintain the accesses for walkers to keep open the footpaths. Footpath types range from alleyways in the village centre, to long paths across the Commons.

This has been a year of unprecedented growth and it has been an effort for the group to keep on top of it. There has been a predilection of late for parishioners to complain to the Public Rights of Way Team, previously at Gloucester County Council and now under the new contract through Amey. It is counterproductive to go to the county, when a word with either the Parish Clerk or myself would suffice. Recent claims for example, that the Twyning to Tewkesbury Avonside walk was ‘impassable’ are very wide of the mark and detract from the big effort required to keep this long path open.

The Amey area representative has just £20,000 for the whole year to provide support for hundreds of footpaths. They sub-contract the work to repair bridges and stiles and you can be sure that £20,000 will not go very far. Without the volunteers, footpaths would quickly become overgrown and unusable.

After 7 years as the footpath coordinator, I am handing over responsibility at the end of this season to a recently arrived couple who are keen to get involved. No doubt they will provide contact details once they have taken over the reins.

Dave Lockett

Twyning Fete and TRAC

The Bank Holiday festivities began with our Family Barn Dance and barbecue (provided by local butcher's Halfords). It was a super evening with lots of new faces attending and everyone had fun trying to get to grips with instructions from caller Chris Mulvey.

However, faces were not smiling as much on the Monday! It doesn't matter whether the sun is shining or it is pouring down with rain, the organisation that goes into the Bank Holiday weekend and the fete is just the same and the effort that everyone puts in is immense. But no matter how much planning is involved there is NOTHING we can do about the weather!!

Therefore when the heavens opened on Bank Holiday Monday, just as with the Jubilee, all we could do was stand back and watch! In true "Twyning style", the show went on and to all of you who made the effort to put on your wellies and brave the elements we are very thankful for your support.

Obviously, the rain stopped those from outside of the village coming. Last year when the weather was kind the car park was full to bursting but this year, just 50 cars were parked, only a handful of car-booters turned up, and many of the stall holders were forced to pull out at the last minute.

We took the decision to cancel the Tug of War, but many ignored the rain and still battled it out in our egg throwing competition and the children had great fun entering races.

The Choir Factor, who were due to entertain us in the main arena, didn't let the rain dampen their enthusiasm as they took cover inside the marquee to provide welcome entertainment to those taking shelter.

The refreshments on all parts were fantastic. Many thanks to Cathy Evans and her four teams of ladies, who worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone's spirits were kept up with a good old English cup of tea! Steve Thomas and his trusty barbecue team tried as hard as they could to promote their fine selection including "Twyning Full Monty Burgers" and even the ice cream man stoically turned up to support us - some children don't seem to be able to resist a "99" even in the rain!

The one thing that wasn't too affected by the weather was the raffle. This was probably due to the fantastic quality of the prizes on offer and to all those who signed up on the rota to sell tickets outside of the village shop throughout August. Thank you to the Tennis Club for organising this...perhaps we can get you to sort the weather as well next year!

In the marquee the competition entries were on display for all to see and enjoy. Congratulations to everyone who entered, especially Vera Hesketh who adds a new name to the trophy for the winning Flower Arrangement. **Lorna Herold**



The title "Chocolate Cake by a Man" showed us the competitive side of many gentlemen in Twyning and Twyning's take on "The Great British Bake Off" showed just how much a cake, made from exactly the same ingredients, can vary! One new competition this year was our Scarecrow Competition. Ten families took on the challenge to create a Scarecrow following the theme: Fairytale. All the entries were amazing and judging was extremely difficult. The overall winners

were the Toner/Russell family, who really pulled out all the stops with their Alice in Wonderland scene which included, not one, but three Scarecrows! It was great to see the effort that everyone went to and hopefully even more families will take part next year.

On occasions like these it is always difficult to thank everyone who helped make the whole weekend a success individually, but if you did help in any way, large or small, THANK YOU!

TRAC is an integral part of our village, with the Tennis Club and playground attracting many visitors who utilise other amenities. If there was no Fete to raise money, TRAC would have to depend on the Parish Council to subsidise the site at Kilmore Lane, which would ultimately increase our Council Tax.

Currently TRAC is working hard to encourage and ensure that the excellent sports facilities it provides are used by as many as possible. The Committee continues to work closely with the Village School to provide ALL children attending with a high standard of Physical Education.

We now have a thriving Netball team who meet every Wednesday 8-9pm and new members, of any ability, are always welcome.

We were hoping to use the funds from this year's Bank Holiday events to carry out much needed work on the children's play area and although the final total raised has not yet been confirmed we know that it will have been affected greatly by the weather. But please be assured that we will do all that we can to get the work carried out in the near future by applying for grants and fundraising where possible.

Much of our money comes through our memberships, as TRAC is a membership only site. If anyone would like to support us by joining TRAC details of how to join can be found on our website www.tracsport.org.



Twyning Playgroup had a great year last year and this September we were delighted to welcome lots of new joiners too.

In the summer term the children enjoyed an outing to a farm, their annual sports day, end of term concert and leavers' party.

Despite the bad weather our balloon pop and teddy tombola at the village fete were really popular, raising funds for new re-

sources for the children.

We would like to thank Nisa Village Stores for their generous cheque, which we used to buy a new art trolley, which the children have been really enjoying at every session.

Places fill up very fast so please get in touch soon if you would like to enquire about your child joining in the fun. We run Monday-Thursday, 9.15am-1.00pm at Twyning Village Hall.

Contact **Annie Siddal** on **01684 290039** or asiddal43@gmail.com for information.

Twyning Over 60s Lunch Club

The final meal of the last term was on July 18th but we have had other activities since.

On 1st August we had a trip to the Cotswolds, calling at Chipping Camden where we had a lovely lunch at the Lygon Arms before exploring this picturesque town. Next stop was Bourton on the Water with time to relax and watch the children paddling. Thanks to Judith and Joyce for arranging this.

On 22nd August we had our customary lunch at Fleet Farm Bungalow, which was most enjoyable. Thanks to Joyce, Sheila and Wendy for the food and to Judith, who dashed frantically around serving everyone.

On 5th September it was back in the Village Hall for the first meal of the Autumn Term. This was enjoyed by 31 members.

Should you qualify and are tempted we meet each Friday at the Village Hall, meals are served at 12.30pm but many members arrive before this to catch up on the local news. We charge £3 for a two course meal with coffee or tea.

Sam Haycock on 293890 or at 15 Paxhill Lane.

Beating the Bounds 2014

Thank you very much to everyone who took part this year.

One comment on Beating the Bounds 2014: "Excellent picnic and walk! Enjoyed the structure and pace. Brilliant. (Dev. Gunputrao)".

It was a memorable day: 24 walkers and 5 picnickers enjoyed the weather, good food, and a chance to stretch our legs and reflect on life. We saw alpacas, heard about the Twyning mammoth, enjoyed creation, gave our cares to him who cares for us, and thought about our loved ones. Spiritual seeds were planted. Thank you to Twyning footpath team who kept us on the straight and narrow, and people from the Mother's Union, Chapel and Church who joined us on the Saturday and Sunday to walk or pray. We were provided with (from somewhere! :-)) great weather, laughter, happy children, beautiful views and food for thought. There was even singing!

Next year, the event will be at 12:30 on **Sunday 28th June, 2015**, so please mark it in your diaries! Please contact me if you have ideas, interesting Twyning facts or readings for next year. Thank you! **Alex Cole 07787 112629**

see photo inside back cover

Twyning W.I.

To prove we are not just 'Jam and Jerusalem', we have formed the following groups for members to take part in:- Scrabble, Walking Group, Lunch Club, Book Club, and Craft Group – some in the day, and others in the evening. Please come along and give us a try!

Our future programme is:

14th October Magic Lantern – first moving pictures.

11th November Craft Evening and AGM

9th December Christmas Celebration – music, quiz and supper

We meet monthly – 2nd Tuesday at Twyning Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Penny Last

Twynning Carol Singers

We are well established and sing around parts of the village each year as well as at some private engagements. We would welcome new voices of all ages. There are many families here with young children who sing so well, do come along. You can come for as long as you wish - dress with warm clothing, bring a torch. The words are provided, and we sing traditional carols.

Dates are: 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd December. You won't be expected to sing on all these dates. We will visit the Hospital on the 20th at 2.00pm.

Part singers: Yes we need more! We will rehearse on Sundays 7th and 14th in church at 7.30pm for the 16th and 17th and other private functions. Please ring for more information. Remember the carol singers need your vocal help.

Beryl Chescoe. 295352

Christmas Shoeboxes for European Charities



Christmas Box Appeal

If you wish to support the appeal please ring me to arrange for a box and a list during November.

Beryl Chescoe



The candle-lit service at the war memorial



By now most of you will have seen this logo around the village, and understand what it is about . (Maybe you came into the NDP tent to dry off at the Bank Holiday fete!) For those who are not sure, the Neighbourhood Development Plan is a nation-wide project to encourage communities to get organised in order to present a unified and evidence-based plan to their local authority. The statutory status of Twyning Neighbourhood Development Plan will give the residents of Twyning Parish more of a say in future developments, regeneration and conservation over the next 20 years. It will spell out to service providers and developers how we would, and would not, like our area to develop, as some change is inevitable over the next 20 years.

Volunteers on the Twyning NDP have concentrated on five main areas: Roads and Transport, Housing, Facilities and Services, Our Environment, and Our Village Economy. As well as researching data, we have been collecting your thoughts and opinions in various surveys: including outside the village shop, online, at the village school, and at the Friday Lunch-Club.

Now we have drawn up one last questionnaire to collect measurable information from every adult in the Parish. We need to canvas all age groups in all areas of the parish in order to be truly representative. Everyone is invited to have their say , whatever that view may be, by 5November. Please see the other article in this bulletin. A plan will be then drawn up and presented to Tewkesbury Borough Council, along with our verifiable data.

Please do fill in the questionnaire, either the paper version or online (which we prefer as it is easier to extract the data). If you want to help or just follow the whole process, go to www.twyningvillage.co.uk and look for the NDP link.

If you are not online, please contact any Twyning parish councillor to be put in touch (details by the shop). You are welcome to join our team. We are all in this together. Thank you. The Steering Group



Twyning Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The next stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process is to complete the final **Questionnaire**.

Your responses from previous surveys have helped us identify what is really important to you. This has enabled us to produce the final Questionnaire as the process now requires us to represent your consolidated responses as measurable scores

Within this bulletin you will find a **Questionnaire** which is due back to us no later than 5 November 2014. It is a big ask, but ideally we need every adult in the parish to complete the questionnaire, either on paper, or on-line at **www.twyningvillage.co.uk**

From your responses, we will write a Plan which will serve the Parish for the next 20 years. That is why we need everyone to respond. Further paper copies of the Questionnaire are available at the shop, Village Inn, from a Parish Councillor, or from any of the names listed at the end of this article. You can hand your completed Questionnaire to any of these places/people by 5 November 2014

If you complete your Questionnaire on-line, maybe you could offer your paper copy to a neighbour who might prefer to fill it on paper? We need to ask you to circle an age-range to evidence that the views of all age groups are represented. The same goes for your postcode.

Thank you if you responded to our surveys in February, April or August, but we still need to collect your opinions on this final Questionnaire. Thank you in anticipation!

We will present the complete Plan for your feedback later in the year. Thank-you very much from all of us working on the NDP team: Denis Murray, Collette Wright, Maggie Ball, Phil Griffin, Sue Lambert, Geoff Cowper, Jeremy Horsfall, Dave Lockett, Dave Henshaw, Paul & Sarah Holden, Pippa Roome, Bill & Liz O'Dell, Liz Orchard, Patrick Phillips and Christine Skelton.





St Chad's Well



It is a lovely walk along the banks of the River Avon towards Tewkesbury, especially on a warm summer evening. Such a shame that just the few hundred metres from the Fleet we come across a small scruffy piece of ground where the stinging nettles and undergrowth grow 5 or 6 feet tall and surround a post and barbed wire fence. No, it is not a local rubbish tip, although it might as well be, it is in fact "Chad Well", or as some people refer to it "St Chad's Well". How long it has been there I have no idea, but there is a reference to it in Rudder's History of Gloucestershire which was published in 1779. It seems quite likely that it dates back to mediaeval times. I'm sure there are historians in the village who can tell me much more about it.

The well is part of the village heritage. Every time I pass this forlorn and scruffy spot I think to myself wouldn't it be wonderful if a group of us could get together, clear the ground, and make some sort of feature of it for future generations. I know it's been talked about before, but nothing has happened and what should be an attraction remains a total mess. I would be happy to do whatever I can. Is anybody prepared to help?

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2nd Twyning Scout Group – Ian Palmer
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As you can see in the section reports, the Group have once again had a very busy summer term.

Our traditional end of term group event on the Village Green was blessed with fantastic weather, great activities and hot dogs - always a great way to end the Scouting year. As the new Scouting year starts, each section will welcome new members and say goodbye to those moving up to the next section of the Group or to Explorers in the case of the older Scouts.

We are also preparing for our AGM on September 26th.

Beavers (ages 6 to 8) - Kevin Tyson (twyingtyson@aol.com) 295026

Beaver Scouts provides fun physical activities for children aged 6-8 at the start of the Scouting movement. During the Spring and Summer we have been busy learning about neighbourly values in the village, working in teams and individually, getting outside and gaining new badges and awards.

Last term, the Beavers completed their Outdoor Challenge, Safety Activity Award and Imagination Award to gain badges towards their Chief Scout Award. Further activities included a link up for WW1 Poppy Badge as part of gaining more insight into the centenary of the start of fighting, more of which will be completed this term with all scouting sections. We had our usual good turnout for the St George's Day Service at Tewkesbury Abbey, and plenty of parent rowers helped us out during our Bell-Boating expedition along the Avon. Our most eventful weekend of the year so far included taking 16 of our Beavers to camp under canvas at Cranham, along with 80 other Beaver Scouts from around the County. Activities on camp included archery, climbing, making ice cream sodas, songs around the camp fire, games and a little sleep!

This term the Beavers will be working towards their Fitness Challenge, a new Space Activity Badge, and Animal Friend and Faith Badges - along with a trip to Gloucester Climbing Wall.

There continues to be a waiting list for Beavers to join, so do ask/email for an application form if you wish your child to join. The new Beavers are offered places, with priority given to Beavers of parents who assist at Scouts (in any section) every week in uniform – without such parents the sections cannot operate at capacity. If you would like to help out please do get in touch to discuss the role in what are always fun and rewarding evenings.

Cubs (ages 8 to 10) – Dave Green(dave@twyning.net) 296284

This term the Cubs were out enjoying the great summer weather gaining their Local Knowledge and Cyclist Badges. As part of the Local Knowledge Badge we went to the war memorial and learnt about one of the people. We had an enlightening visit from the RNLI, learning about water safety, the work they do, and some of their boats. We completed the badge by walking the Tewkesbury Battlefield Trail.

We had a fun ball skills evening when our Cubs practised for the county football competition. (Thanks to Brain for coaching).

We held a Senior Cub Camp at Penwood near Stroud. The Cubs set up camp, hiked, and all food cooking was performed on an open fire allowing the Cubs to earn a brand new Backwoods Cooking Badge.

Nine cubs also attended the water fun day at Croft Farm gaining their Water Activities and “Time on the Water” Badges.

Lovely cards were made for Father’s Day and all decorated a cake which hopefully Dad got to taste.

Morgan, Izzy, Verity and Joe ran a fun leavers evening and we hope they will have fun at Scouts.

.The Cubs gained their Cyclists Badge. We learnt about bike safety, maintenance and Alex’s Dad talked about his ‘end to end’ adventure. We then ran two cycle tours of the village and we were joined by families and a couple of Scouts, which was fun.

This term Cub are working towards their Poppy Appeal Badge and raising money for the Poppy Appeal and learning about 1914 we are planning on some interesting events to commemorate.

As always many thanks to our adult and Young Leaders for their support making evening fun for us and the Cubs.

Scouts (ages 10 to 14) - Lorna Herold (l.herold@btinternet.com) 294292

Since the last bulletin, the Scouts have been working on the new Fundraising Activity Badge. Firstly they had a very informative water safety evening, run by the RNLI followed by a visit from the local FOODBANK.

They then went on to organise their own fundraising events with excellent results.

BISONS - ran a cake stall and "Guess the Sweets in a Jar", raising **£69.36**, donated to Twyning School and CLIC.

MERLINS - ran a car wash, raising **£46.00**, donated to the RNLI.

KINGFISHERS - ran a toy tombola, biscuit sale and sold "loom band" bracelets, raising **£121.72**, donated to Cancer Research and Water Aid.

SWIFTS - ran a foodbank collection and a cake sale, raising **£108.00**, donated to Tewkesbury Foodbank.

The rest of the term saw the Scouts plant planters for the village, spend an evening brushing up on their map reading skills before enjoying a wet, but exciting, evening orienteering on Crickley Hill, cooking on open fires and demonstrating their archery and rifle shooting skills.

They even managed to squeeze in a local camp, by kind permission of Liz and Bill O'Dell, which involved canoeing to Tewkesbury!

This term we welcome four new Scouts and we have another full programme planned. Eight Scouts are off on our annual narrow boat trip and four of the older Scouts are hoping to complete their Expedition, in order to achieve their Chief Gold Scout Award before moving on to Explorers in January.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Twyning Village Stores for supporting Twyning Scouts by kindly donating £200 to the group, which was used to purchase 4 new tents.

We currently have 29 Scouts but, in order to provide a full and varied programme, we do need as much help as possible. If anyone has the time and would like to join the uniformed leader group please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Christingle Service

This year's Christingle service will be held on **24th December 2014 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. 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.

Lorna Herold 294292

Rain Fails To Stop Play For Charity Cricket Day

Despite the pitch being declared unfit to play, the Die Hard spirit of The Twyning Village Community carried on regardless to raise a total in excess of £1,000 for their three chosen charities for this year: The British Heart Foundation, Cloud 9 and Cobalt. The action turned to the skittle alley in the Village Inn where play commenced at 12 noon as planned with the tea tent decamping to the restaurant together with the Master of Ceremonies, Shaun Roberts, taking charge of proceedings.

Defending their title from last year were Dougie's Dog Parlour aka Cottage Kennels and play continued inside in the form of a knockout skittles tournament until the sun came out and it was decided that the pitch had dried out sufficiently for play to continue outside, so the action turned to the green for a while until the heavens opened again and they were forced to take cover inside once more. Fortunately, the sun shone on the righteous which allowed the semi-finals and finals to take place outside before the presentations were awarded back at The Village Inn, as follows:

The MCC Cup awarded in memory of May Spurway for Winners of the tournament was awarded to The Young Uns and presented by Simon Spurway, with Shaun of The Deads team being declared runners up. The Colin Harber Cup for Player of the Tournament was awarded to Kyle Fox and presented by Pete Nottingham. Medals were presented by Emma Spurway.

The Twyning Village Community Charity Group would like to thank everyone who supported the event, the teams, their supporters, umpires Gary, Paul and Pete (who needs Dickie Bird when you've got these three?!), Jason and Thomas Nottingham for marking out the pitch, Pete Nott for providing the kit and for being there!, everyone who provided prizes for the raffle and cakes for the cake stall, Shaun for sounds and for ensuring the day ran smoothly and Derek for the evening's entertainment!, Gary and Sandra from the Village Inn for providing shelter from the storm and Chris Hall for the use of his tent for additional accommodation, Lee and Nicki Halford from Halford's for the barbecue and pig roast and for their generous donation and Cotteswold Dairy for providing the milk and cream for the teas.

Finally, a huge thank you to John and Neil for their fantastic fundraising efforts from their participation in and sponsorship of the Tewkesbury and Evesham 10k races which raised over £300! Well done guys! We couldn't have raised this amazing amount without you.

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Review of Our 2014 Season

The 1st XI competed in the newly created Division 1 of the KW Bell Forest League.

We started rather slowly but improved to finish 4th out of ten teams and will continue in this league next season. We were one of a group of four mid-table teams who were evenly matched and positions 3 to 6 were very close.

We won seven games and lost eight with three cancelled due to weather. The excellent wicket at Puckrup meant that we had less games cancelled than other teams.

We used a squad of 26 players this year. Of the batsmen Luke Rogers made the most runs in the season with 317, Jamie Beswick made the highest score with 106 whilst Rich Surman played only two games but topped the averages with 62. Amongst the bowlers Neil Franklin took the most wickets, 29, topped the averages at 9.39, and the best performances taking 6 wickets for 29. Andy Coates had the best economy rate at 3.16 runs per over. Behind the stumps Steve Allen took 10 catches and made 5 stumpings. In the field Martin Teale took 6 catches.

Andy Coates captained the team, working very hard all season to ensure we fielded as strong a side as possible.

Jason Nottingham and other members put in a massive amount of work to ensure our ground and wicket remain the best in our league and comparable with many in higher leagues as well.

Come and join in

We will be holding indoor nets at Bredon School at Bushley this winter. They will start in January. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Come and Use our Facilities!

The ground and clubhouse with kitchen, lounge/dining area, changing rooms, showers, and toilets are available for hire. The clubhouse has recently been extensively upgraded by Twynning Sports Club. Family celebrations, children's parties, group events and sports activities are all welcome.

www.facebook.com/twynning.cricketclub

www.twynning.play-cricket.com



Explorer scouts



Explorers have been busy and active since the last bulletin entry and we have been very much in “expedition season”. Every explorer who wanted to do Duke of Edinburgh awards with us has successfully completed their expedition. 22 are doing Bronze, 8 have completed a 3 day expedition by canoe on the River Wye for the Silver DofE Award, and the 4 eldest explorers were assessed on a 4 day expedition and project in the Lake District for the Gold DofE Award.

Each level has a scouting award paired with it, which includes some extra achievements on top of DofE, involving Values, Environment and International relationships. Most have achieved this, with those awarded Gold also achieving The Queen’s Scout Award, the top award in scouting. They will be invited to Royal Palaces to receive them. In the next few years we hope to have many more.

Many of the explorers are now honing their canoeing skills in readiness for the next expeditions. You may have seen us moving the canoes down through the village for our regular weekly canoeing sessions. We are very grateful to Hilton Hotels who have just given us some more money towards a trailer and extra equipment.

Over the next couple of months we are planning to go to a county event, called ‘Escape from the Beast’, and a national event, called ‘Scare Fest’, at Gilwell Park in London. Also planned are WW1 themed activities around the Poppy Badge, and many more events.

Any teenagers aged 13½ years or above in the village who wishes to join please contact us. You don’t have to have been in scouting before. We are just starting to plan the DofE for the next year. We would love to hear from anyone who is 16 and would like to join us for the Gold Award.

We would like to thank the village for your support. Many people have helped us or the explorers with their DofE in some way and we are very grateful.

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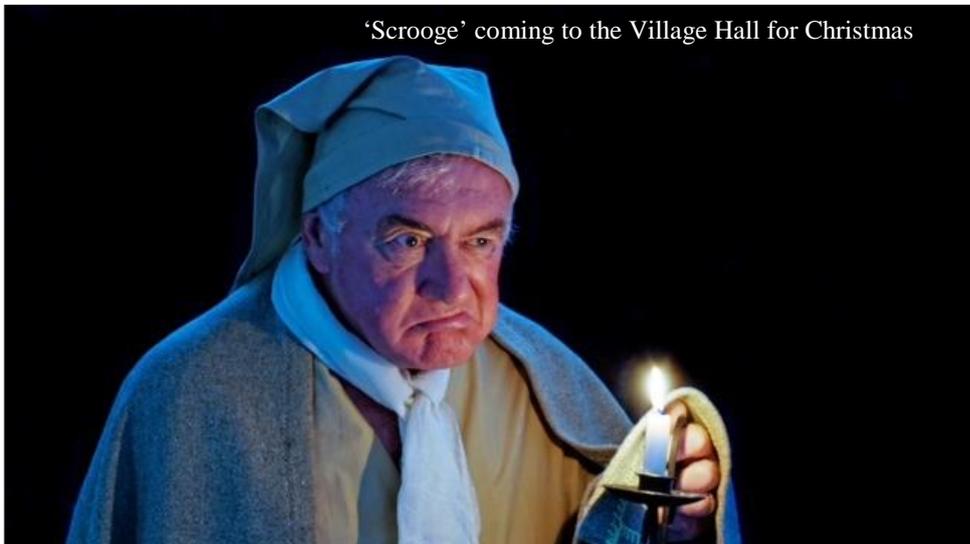
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The picnic on the Green before 'Beating the Bounds'. Photo by Alex Cole



'Scrooge' coming to the Village Hall for Christmas



Rainy day at the Bank Holiday Fete



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