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THE FLEET RE-OPENS

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In this issue we welcome the re-opening of 'The Fleet' with a new modern name and greatly enhanced appearance. A selection from the menu is enclosed for those of you who have not had a chance to try out the food yet.

Dennis Harvey writes about Solar Panels, which is a topic that might be of interest to those of you with south-facing roofs.

We are starting a new page on 'Local People'. First to be interviewed is our MP: Mr Lawrence Robertson. Is there anyone else that you would like to see on these pages? A local person with stories about the village would be of interest.

We are thinking too of running a regular article about 'Local Places' of interest, starting in this issue with The Mythe Nature Reserve. If any of you would like to contribute a piece about somewhere that you would like to share with others, then it would be most welcome.

Sorry we have no colour in the Bulletin this time around, we need to watch the budget, in the Summer edition we will again.

Please contact me with your ideas and articles. **Andrea Walton Editor**

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Letters to the Editor

From Mr David Stokes

You requested feedback so below are, if I may be so bold, some observations:

The front page reference to 'The Newsletter of Twyning Parish Council' has only been introduced over recent years. Whilst their (our) funding role should certainly be acknowledged, it is surely more correct to describe it as: 'The Newsletter of Twyning Parish'. In view of the way in which the 'Bulletin' has expanded, might it now be more appropriate to call it the '*Twyning Newsletter*'?

I think that possibly you should be allowed some 'editorial comment' on matters affecting our parish.

I was taken by the back page photograph of litter collected by your husband in Fleet Lane.

I also regularly collect litter along Fleet Lane & Downfield Lane (usually as far as the caravan site), although not over recent weeks, and share his obvious irritation and frustration - I often collect two full buckets on my mobility scooter!

It's also good to see that our excellent network of footpaths are both maintained and regularly 'walked'. As a former keen mountaineer and fell walker, now sadly restricted to a wheelchair/mobility scooter, it would be good to see if one of the footpaths could be made suitable for wheelchair access - now there is a challenge!

Does anyone want to comment on this letter with its proposals? Or to make any suggestions or come forward with new ideas? Ed.

Correction

The Gloucestershire Quiz in the previous edition of the Bulletin included an inadvertent error. The Duke of Gloucester who fought at the Battle of Tewkesbury was the future King Richard III, not Richard II.

Answers to the questions in the quiz on the back page.

1. Six 2. The Rifles 3. Pig 4. Slimbridge 5. Badminton House 6. Cleeve Hill 7. Stroud 8. Avon

Twyning Parish Council

Important action in the village has been to obtain the transfer of the grant from Tewkesbury Borough Council. Originally intended towards the cost of a new hall for Twyning, this will enable refurbishment upgrading of our existing village hall.

It is hoped that by the time this edition of the Bulletin is delivered to your door the VHMC will have reached their aim. All this has been due in no small way to the expertise, tenacity and drive of all those associated with the project. It is hoped that work to update and improve the hall will be carried out during the coming summer school holidays. We wish those concerned every success and look forward to seeing the results later in the year. The Council wish to congratulate them

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in April and after dealing with the formalities as quickly as reasonably possible those attending had the bonus of an interesting and most entertaining talk by Peter Reemer on the topic of recollections of his time as Deputy Head of Tewkesbury School.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on May 16th was the first meeting since the 'elections'. Gordon Baker and Lynne Salisbury decided not to stand for re-election and I wish to take the opportunity of thanking them for all their hard work and devotion to duty on the many tasks they have undertaken while on the Council.

We welcomed Paul Ellis on the Council and after co-opting two members: Mary Adams and David Herold we are now seven in all, leaving two vacancies. We are looking for two volunteers to join us, who could be co-opted in due course. It is difficult to allocate responsibility for the various tasks without a full compliment as some members are then required to take on too many responsibilities.

After nomination I was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year; Councillor Dave Luckett was elected Vice Chairman.

Stan Warner has made a gift to the Council of The Quay, being the piece of land at the end of Fleet Lane with river frontage. The land will be retained as open space similar to the Village Green. We are most grateful to Stan for this gift.

We look forward to the Fete on the Village Green and the Barn Dance and Pig Roast over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. These events are organised by TRAC and the proceeds are used to support our Children's Play Area at the TRAC site. Let us hope that the weather will be as kind as it was last year.

Many thanks to all those who support the Council in so many ways and without their help it would be difficult to serve the Village in the way that we wish.

Jeremy Horsfall.

Chairman Twyning Parish Council 17th May 2011



TWYNING goes GREEN

I expect most readers will have noticed over the last few months, the shiny black solar panels which have started to appear on rooftops around the village, and possibly have wondered why anybody should want to spend such a lot of money on a system which, even on a bright sunny day, produces only enough electricity to run one electric kettle. Can these mini power stations really make economic sense?

As one of those who have recently had solar panels installed on their roof let me explain why I think it is worthwhile. I spent my entire working life in the giant, noisy, and dirty, power stations which line the banks of the River Trent from Stoke to Hull. Trained as a power station engineer I always had a hankering to generate my own electricity, but never thought that it would actually be possible. Until last autumn that is, when benefits of domestic solar generation started to be widely advertised. I responded to some of these adverts and received a deluge of sales literature, much of which I found very confusing. However it did appear that the bottom line is that the electricity providers are required by government legislation to pay 43.3 pence for every kilowatt hour generated by domestic **microgeneration** systems, as they are called. This payment is called a “**feed in tariff**” and is paid for every unit of electricity generated regardless of whether the electricity is actually used in the house or is exported to the national grid. Solar systems will always generate some electricity during daylight hours but will only ever generate their optimum output when the sun is at its highest point in the sky and unobscured by cloud, or even haze. Not every property is suitable for installing solar panels. Generally speaking the orientation of your roof has to be between South East and South West, the pitch of the roof must be not less than 30°, and the sun's rays cannot be obstructed by trees or other buildings. No planning permission is necessary for the installation of solar panels, unless the property is a listed building or is in a conservation area. There are two ways by which you can take advantage of solar microgeneration. Firstly, there are the “rent your roof schemes” under which a company will undertake the installation work free of charge, but the income from the feed in tariff goes directly to the installation company. However, the home owner does benefit from that proportion of the power generated which they are able to use themselves, thereby reducing the amount of power they have to buy from their electricity provider. It is claimed that the average system will save the householder around £200 per annum. To me this seemed to be a very small return, which in no way compensated for the fact that I would no longer own the space over my roof. This could have a detrimental effect on any future sale of the property.

Under the second scheme, the solar panels and associated electrical equipment are purchased outright from the supplier and the whole of the income from the electricity generated goes to the home owner. On completion of the installation, the homeowner signs a contract with an electricity provider, which guarantees the feed in payments for the next 25 years. Currently, payment for every kilowatt-hour generated is 43.3 pence, and this will increase annually in line with inflation. In addition to this, there is a further payment of 3.1 pence for every unit exported to the grid. At the present time, the meters fitted in most properties are not capable of showing how much of the electricity generated is actually exported and how much is used within the house so, for the purpose of calculating payment, it is assumed that 50% of all power generated is exported. And the icing on the cake – you pay no tax on the income!

After studying all the sales literature, I was still not entirely convinced: it all seemed a bit too good to be true. Fortunately, while I was still trying to make up my mind, I heard a discussion on the BBC radio programme "Money Box". Their experts were in no doubt that, even though the value of microgeneration schemes in the context of the cost to the national economy is very debatable, as far as the individual householder is concerned, if getting the best risk free return on the capital invested is their priority, it really is a no-brainer. It's true that you are going to have to wait for between 8 and 10 years to get back full capital outlay so it may not be a sensible investment if you anticipate moving home in the near future.

There is certainly plenty of choice in the marketplace at the moment ranging from large national energy providers such as British Gas, N power, and Tesco, through to much smaller local companies, and in this mix are a lot of former double glazing companies. After obtaining a few quotes, I finally settled for a local company based in Bredon, not just because they offered a fair quote, but more importantly because I was able to visit their premises and discuss the installation in detail with the managing director.

It is now exactly six weeks since my system started generating power and in that time I have generated 733 kWh, and earned a total of £340. Yes, the hours of sunshine over the last few weeks have probably been somewhat higher than we would normally expect, but nevertheless the system has so far exceeded my expectations. I am not sure how much of the electricity we have used ourselves but we have made one or two small changes to our lifestyle in order to maximise the benefit, such as running the washing machine and dishwasher between the hours of 11 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. We are also using daytime electricity to heat our water rather than using the oil fired boiler.

I will be the first to admit that my decision to switch on sun power was based on a financial, rather than an altruistic motive. Nevertheless I do have a quiet satisfaction in doing my tiny bit to promote the cause of green energy. People have said to me that the cost of generating power from solar panels is ridiculously high, and my financial gain is at the expense of everybody else, who have to pay higher energy bills in order to sustain the scheme.

I agree with them it is high, very high, but I can remember when my parents bought a fuzzy black and white television set which cost them almost two months' wages, yet today a state-of-the-art, all singing and dancing, 3-D telly can be bought for less than two weeks wages! So it is with solar panels. At present, it is still relatively new technology and I am sure that over the next few years they will become more efficient and, as demand for them increases, so costs will reduce. Coal, oil, gas, uranium, and indeed every other finite resource we currently use to produce energy will continue to increase in price by leaps and bounds, and we cannot control the continuity of supply. Power from the sun is infinite, cannot be turned off, and it will always be free.

I am certainly not a solar power salesman, but if anybody reading this would like to have a look at my solar generation system or ask me any questions about it I would be very happy to arrange this.
Contact me by e-mail 1Highfields@Gmail.com

Dennis W. Harvey

A Selection from meals available at The Fleet:

To Share: £3 - £14

Mixed breads with garlic mayonnaise and tapenade;
Garlic Bread with melted mozzarella;
Fish Plate: crayfish tails, tiger prawns, smoked salmon with mayo.

Starters: £4.50 - £6

Soup of the day; Chicken liver parfait; King Prawns;
Saute Button Mushrooms. £

Main Courses: at around £14:

Mediterranean Vegetables with Goat's cheese on sun-dried tomato risotto;
Vegetarian Carbonara; Chicken Breast with saute potatoes, spinach and red wine, and smoked bacon jus;
Char-grilled steak with chips and tomato, mushrooms and watercress (from around £17).

Sweets: all £4-50

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Local Voices

An interview with Laurence Robertson MP

I interviewed Laurence Robertson in his constituency office on Tewkesbury High Street in early April. He has been Conservative MP for Tewkesbury since 1997 (the year of Labour's landslide), and happens to live in our village, in very nearly the most northerly home in the constituency. Born and educated in Bolton, he became involved first in local politics in his home county. After two unsuccessful attempts in other parts of the country, he was selected for the winnable parliamentary seat of Tewkesbury, shortly after the boundary changes to the Gloucestershire constituencies. The Tewkesbury constituency now includes Bishop's Cleeve, Prestbury and Churchdown, in addition to Tewkesbury itself and its satellite villages. It is more diverse than many, covering affluent and less affluent areas, rural and urban localities, and its industries include farming, high tech aeronautics, the military bases at Innsworth and Ashchurch, and (rather curiously) Cheltenham Racecourse. As well as being a constituency MP, with all that that involves, he chairs the Parliamentary Select Committee on Northern Ireland, and sits on the Select Committees on Horse Racing and on Ethiopia. He agreed with me that this represents an unusual and eclectic portfolio of interests.

Although he has no current Parliamentary issues relating to Twyning directly, he does have relevant concerns about Tewkesbury, particularly regarding flood prevention, and the impact of changes in the NHS on the town's hospital and medical practices.

Like most MPs, he receives several hundred items of correspondence every week, mostly by e-mail these days. If you need to contact him about an issue, his e-mail is laurence.robertson.mp@parliament.uk. In addition, he recently held a surgery in The Village Inn (the first time that he has used a pub for that purpose), and he intends to do so again from time to time.

He clearly enjoys what he sees as a privileged job, and I suspect that he has no particular ambitions for high office - although he was Shadow Minister for Northern Ireland for some years.

Outside politics, his interests include golf and horseracing, and he is sometimes to be found in The Village Inn!

RJW

Possible village outing to Parliament

We are considering organising an outing to the Houses of Parliament, perhaps in October. We are suggesting a shared car trip, or maybe the Village Minibus, to The Oxford Tube .

If you are interested, please ring us (**Andrea and Bob**)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL **TWYNING ELECTION**

I would like to take this opportunity to advise local residents that I have been returned uncontested in these recent elections, so I remain as your Tewkesbury Borough Council representative for a further term of office.

It has been a privilege and honour to represent the ward of Twyning previously, and I now look forward to continuing to represent such a beautiful and unique part of the Borough of Tewkesbury.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Gordon Shurmer

THE FRIENDS OF TWYNING VILLAGE HALL

The object of the Friends of Twyning Village Hall now that there is a different Management Committee is to help raise funds for the refurbishment that, hopefully, will take place this summer and also to lend practical help where possible.

The spring has come and gone and the daffodil and crocus bulbs donated and planted by some of the Friends were a beautiful sight. The concert by the Forest of Dean Male Voice Choir eventually took place on 2 April. It was a delightful programme of music, ranging from folk to classic pop. Thanks must go to Howard Greening, who sponsored the evening, so £580 was banked from the takings of £600.

Our next fundraiser will be an Open Gardens event on Sunday 3 July. There will be approximately 10 gardens open in the area of High St, Goodiers Lane, the Green and Fleet Road. The Village Hall will also be open for afternoon tea and sales of surplus plants and produce.

Anybody who is interested in joining The Friends, please contact the Chairman on 01684 292550.

Maggie Ball

TWYNING VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
("VHMC")

The new VHMC has found it quite challenging since the February AGM in dealing not only with the planning for refurbishment and meeting the requirements of Tewkesbury Borough Council ("TBC"), to enable the grant to be secured before an imposed deadline of 24 May 2011, but also the need to introduce new policies and procedures for a smoother running of the Hall. The latter will be on-going throughout the year, but the main focus at present is 'refurbishment' – bringing Twyning Village Hall into the 21st Century!

A clear mandate emerged from the Steering Group's survey report in January this year, where 67% of the respondents wanted to retain the existing Village Hall and for it to be refurbished utilising the £135,000 grant being made available from TBC. I am pleased to report that we have made very good progress since the AGM, and we shall meet the deadline of 24 May 2011. Qualifying capital projects have been identified that focus on energy efficiency improvements (new heating system; new windows and doors; new flat roof; extensive wall and roof insulation; solar photovoltaic installation to reduce energy costs); facilities for the disabled and compliance with Health & Safety regulations such as fitting all floor areas except the main hall with a non-slip, easy to clean covering). We have also secured approval from TBC for complete renovation of the ladies' and gents' toilet areas, as well as providing an access toilet. The total cost of all the projects is not far short of the £135,000 grant available, but this does include a provision for contingency. Work on these projects is planned to commence in July/August this year.

Achievement of this has not been without difficulty and there are so many people to thank for their help and support in what has been a chequered path over the past three months. In particular, I should like to thank Twyning Parish Council for their commitment and support in resolving a number of issues that had to be dealt with to ensure that the grant was secured on time. We are also indebted to Geoff Haines, who has worked quietly behind the scenes in seeing 33 potential contractors on site to invite quotations for the projects identified; an enormous amount of work was involved but, thanks to Geoff, we now have the right contractors for the refurbishment lined up. A special thanks also to my fellow elected members of the VHMC, whose unfailing support reflects their enthusiasm and commitment to get things done.

One of our aims this year is to raise additional funding, over and above the TBC's £135,000, through general fund raising and grant applications for other projects (in particular, a new kitchen for the Hall). **We shall shortly be actively promoting 'The Village Hall Lottery', application forms for which can be obtained from Maggie Ball or any Trustee on the VHMC). This is an important income stream for the Village Hall.**

Since being elected Chairman of the VHMC, I have been deeply touched by the increasing number of Twyning villagers whose commitment to re-creating a Village Hall to be proud of is reflected in the amazing amount of time, money, and support they are prepared to give. 'The Friends of the Village Hall' initiatives have been remarkable and their fund-raising is tireless and on-going. **(Their 'Open Gardens' event in Twyning 3 July should not be missed!).** Some of the organisations that use the hall have expressed a willingness to stage fund-raising events, and many other individuals have pledged their continued support in helping out with the day-to-day running of the hall and with management matters. We have already received a generous donation of £1,000 from the Twyning Short Mat Bowls Club, and the Twyning Players and the Wine Club also plan to stage a special fund-raising event later this year.

I believe that everyone involved has a common aim, and that is to make Twyning Village Hall the best example of its kind in Gloucestershire; a hall that is used and enjoyed by the villagers as being one of the focal points of the community in which we live. This was very much in evidence at the Twyning Players production of 'The Perfect Murder'. The hall was packed every night! This aim is shared by the VHMC, who also want to have one of the best-managed village halls in the county. The challenge should not be underestimated and if there is anyone interested in joining the VHMC, please get in touch with me without delay. We could do with some more help!

John Reynolds
Chairman
Village Hall Management Committee

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

The Parish Council is short of two Members and needs to be up to full strength in order to Carry out its responsibilities to your Village.

If you think you might be interested please contact the Parish Clerk: Sue Satchell on 01684 833604. She will be pleased to answer any questions you may have

New Concessionary Fares Scheme

From April 2011, Gloucestershire County Council will take over responsibility from the district councils to provide concessionary fares travel in Gloucestershire.

Are you eligible?

If you are resident in England and are of 'eligible age' or are 'eligible disabled' you are entitled to England-wide concessionary travel.

What is 'eligible age'

Eligibility for a bus pass (based on age) is tied to the State Pension age - the earliest age at which you can claim your State Pension.

If you were born before 6 April 1950, you are eligible from your 60th birthday.

However, if you were born after 5 April 1950, you will need to check.

The State Pension age for women is changing. This means that the age at which both men and women become eligible for a bus pass is changing too.

What is 'eligible disabled'?

Blind or partially sighted

Profoundly or severely deaf

Without speech

Severe walking difficulty

Without the use of both arms

What does the new pass entitle you to? If you are of 'eligible age' or are 'eligible disabled', you may be entitled to free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. 'Off-peak' is between 9.30 am and 11.00 pm Monday to

Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays. For more information on the new scheme please visit the County Council website.<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/concessionaryfares>

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

We have three special events in church over the summer, to which everyone is invited:

On 1 June, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm, we are holding a Beetle Drive, a fun family evening for all age groups.

On 23 July at 7.30pm, there will be an organ recital by Ian Ball, former Assistant Organist at Gloucester Cathedral. The programme will be a varied selection of music for all tastes. Tickets are £8 (which will include a glass of wine at the interval), on the door or in advance from Beryl Chescoe (295352). Come and enjoy music on a summer's evening in a beautiful setting!

The next day, Sunday 24 July, will be our church's Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene. At 9.30 am, there will be a Festival Family Eucharist service and then, at 12.30 pm, a bring-and-share picnic in the garden here at the Vicarage, Church End. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on!

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Revd Sarah Miller





Central Networks distribute electricity in this region. They are the company you should ring (on **0800 328 1111**) if you experience an interruption to your power supply. They have recently provided every Parish Council in their distribution area with a demonstration pack containing useful items a household should have readily available during a power cut. This pack contains:

- An analogue corded telephone (digital cordless phones will not work during a power cut). I guess a lot of us have got an old phone tucked away in that 'Don't know what to do with it, but don't want to throw it away yet' box under the stairs. An alternative would obviously be a mobile phone

- A torch with batteries (this is useful info, not rocket science!).

- A wind-up mobile phone charger and a battery-operated radio

- A foil blanket (these are available for around £2 online – I'm willing to order* on behalf of clients)

- A re-usable hand warmer (Around £4 online. Again I will order* if required)

*It would make sense to order in larger quantities, so please ask around friends and neighbours if you are thinking of putting in a request. Please let me know on **07810 630244** by 1 July.

If you can keep all these items together in a lidded plastic box, just like the nice people at Central used, and in a place where it can be easily picked up during a power cut (not the back of the stair cupboard, under that pile of magazines you won't read again, and the antique plate left to you by Auntie Doris that you can't find anywhere for, and the low door that you'll bang your head on in the dark, as you struggle to catch the plate while the pile of magazines, carefully sorted in chronological order, fall to the ground in disarray).

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Falls Awareness Week 2011 is 20th – 24th June. Every year, around one in three people over 65 and one in two people over 85 will have a fall. Both physical and emotional consequences can be devastating, leading to loss of function, mobility, confidence and independence. I am holding a coffee morning highlighting this issue on **Thursday 30 June at Apperley Village Hall**, between **10.00am and 1.00pm**. There will be free refreshments, a variety of experts on hand to give advice, and falls management products on display, including walking aids and the Cosyfeet footwear range.

Jane Griffiths Village Agent 07810 630244

Local Places: Mythe Nature Reserve

Many of you must have driven past or visited Tewkesbury Garden Centre on the Mythe without realising that there is an important nature reserve behind it. It occupies part of the site of the railway which ran from Ashchurch to Great Malvern, and which was closed in 1961 by the notorious Dr. Beeching. The area was once a favourite haunt of John Moore, the distinguished Tewkesbury naturalist. In 1974, the disused railway was leased from Tewkesbury Town Council for use as a nature reserve, extending northwards for almost half a mile from near the sealed-off end of the Mythe Tunnel. In 1984, the land was sold for a nominal sum to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, its present owners.

Goldfinch, Spotted
Woodpecker and Fox live
here



Access to the reserve is down the steepish lane beside the garden centre, and it is a very enjoyable place to spend an hour or two. The internet gives lots of information about the flora and fauna of the reserve. The collection of plants is unusual in the Severn Vale, of particular interest being two uncommon legumes: wild liquorice and narrow-leaved everlasting-pea. The grassy embankments and the old track-bed ballast support many different species. Several wild service trees (relics of the ancient woodland that once covered the area) grow along the top of the embankment. Hawthorn, blackthorn, dog-rose, spindle, ash and field maple provide food and nesting sites for many birds, including whitethroat, spotted flycatcher, goldfinch, jay and all three species of woodpecker. The warm, sheltered conditions are ideal for butterflies (including common blue, small copper and marbled white), damselflies and dragonflies.

So, lots to explore, and afterwards you could sample the food and drink in the Coffee Shop at Tewkesbury Garden Centre.

Bob Walton



Local History: Winchcombe Abbey and Twyning

East of Church End is a collection of fishponds, known as the Monks' Pools. It would be natural to assume that the monks referred to were those of nearby Tewkesbury Abbey, but they were actually those of Winchcombe Abbey. In 786 AD, King Offa of Mercia (he of the dyke) founded a nunnery in Winchcombe. Offa was succeeded by Kenulf, who installed his daughter as Abbess and, in 798, founded a monastery. Winchcombe Abbey was endowed by King Kenulf with *demesnes, gifts and liberalities*, including the lordship of the manor of Twyning and of eleven other villages. In 1175, Pope Alexander III confirmed that Twyning Church was in the possession of the abbey. At about that time, the benefice of Twyning was contributing an annual pension of five marks to the abbey. The link between the abbey and the village was demonstrated in the 15th Century when successive Abbots had the village's name as their surname - Thomas Twyning (1474-77) and John Twyning (1477-88) - although their reigns seem to have been uneventful!

Reference: **The Story of Winchcombe Abbey** (2006) by Jo Stevinson.

Bob Walton



Monks' Pools in Twyning . December 2010

W.I. NOTES



On 14 June, our meeting will take the form of a Garden Party at Birds Farm, by kind invitation of Margaret Bailey. There will also be a Sales Table.

On 12 July, Arthur Ball will give a talk entitled “Wildlife at Dowdeswell Reservoir”.

Our annual outing will be on Wednesday 10 August, to Croome Court. There will be a tour of the house with a talk about the Court, the Park, and RAF Defford during WW11. Later, afternoon tea will be served in the Tea Room in the Court.

On 13 September, we have a talk by Cherry Hubbard on “Tudor Life For a Housewife”.

We have a very varied programme with something to interest everyone including theatre visits, quizzes and more! If you are new to the village or have not yet attended one of our meetings, why not come along. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7:15.

Lyn Tillotson



Croome
Court

Tewkesbury Hospital Friends

Easter is now behind us and we can look back on another successful sale of Easter animals for our local hospital at Tewkesbury. Our faithful team of ladies have been busy during the last six months, knitting and stitching these little animals ready to receive their crème eggs.

Altogether, a no fewer than 1,584 have been produced: 971 bears; 307 rabbits and 406 chickens. They have been on sale at 15 outlets around the district and have produced a profit of £1,402.02p for our hospital. A special thank you to all our team of volunteers who worked so hard for so long. Our annual house-to-house collection will take place in the village during the week 13 - 18 June to, culminating in the collection outside the Village Stores. We shall soon be contacting our dedicated team of collectors. Last year the collection raised £1,309 for the hospital.

Looking even further ahead, our main fund-raising event is the annual Hospital Fete, held in the hospital grounds on Saturday 27 August. There is always a magnificent response from the village for this, with people donating items for the tombola stall, helping with the collection, sorting, labelling etc. Preliminary preparations are already underway and we will be contacting helpers nearer the date. Last year Twyning raised £1945 out of a total of £4471 for the fete.

Anyone who would like to help with these projects can contact **Anita and Sam Haycock** .

French Club

French Club continues to meet monthly on the High St. We are a small group of people who are keen to practise speaking French. We have been meeting now for a few years and have gathered new members on the way . We chat about everything under the sun and frequently consult dictionaries when we are stuck! It is always a fun evening and there is no pressure to speak.

If you are interested in joining us, whatever your age and intention, whether you're at school and have to take exams, or whether you just want to improve for holidays, do give us a try. **Ring Hilary**

1986 – 2011 SAFEHAVEN PARROT REFUGE IS 25 YEARS OLD



In the early summer of 1986, Christine and I decided something had to be done for Companion Parrots, when their friends can no longer look after them. Christine was very knowledgeable about all types of birds, having worked for years at a large bird rescue in Sussex. We moved to Twyning in 1988 with eleven large macaws and many other parrots. Although we didn't advertise, parrots were donated to us from as far away as Lancashire and Cornwall. By 1998, our bird number had gone up to over 60, many in aviaries in the garden and in the conservatory.

The Daily Express put a two page article about us in their Saturday Colour Supplement (printing our phone number) and the phone didn't stop ringing for weeks. Until then, we had funded all the work ourselves, working different hours so the birds weren't left alone. Now with the big influx of birds, we couldn't cope: the food bill and extra work were too much for us. Our avian vet, Neil Forbes FRCVS, suggested we become a charity.

SPR became a Registered Charity in 1999. This didn't lighten the work load, but the finances did slowly pick up. Parrots (Macaws especially) have a human life span and can have the mentality of a young child.

They suffer with many physical complaints common to humans: we have had at least three macaws die with cancer. Others have stress-related illnesses brought on by the way they've been treated or by the number of homes they've had.

Now SPR has parrots being fostered in homes all over the British Isles and Spain, aviaries on the Cotswolds and in Wales (where our membership numbers are rising faster than anywhere else). If you would like know any more about Safehaven, please visit our website www.safehavenparrotrefuge.co.uk

Paul Forman



TWYNING PLAYERS

SECRETARY: Carol Chapman

TREASURER: John Salmon

As this bulletin goes to print, Players will just have finished our latest play:

'The Perfect Murder'. On this occasion, our Director, Patti Cane got things going well in advance and a great deal of thought and hard work, both on stage and behind the scenes, went into the production.

Thanks to all of you who came along to support us - without an appreciative audience, our efforts would be pointless.

As summer approaches, we move into our 'resting' period. That said, the social calendar continues with a vengeance, including theatre visits, walks,

treasure hunts, our annual rounders match and picnic at Puckrup, summer barbecue and much more.

Membership is healthy, with people of all ages treading the boards or helping backstage. Rehearsals for our December production will start in September - twice weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you're interested in being involved in any way, just give me or any Player a call for more information.

Carol Chapman
Secretary

Review of the latest play from the Twyning Players

The Perfect Murder, a play by Hugh Janes (adapted from a short story by Jeffrey Archer), was the choice of the Twyning Players for their May production. It is not an easy play for an amateur dramatic group to stage, as there are frequently two distinct but linked scenes being performed simultaneously, but the Players made good use of the small area at their disposal in order to make the staging work. The evening began with accountant John Hoskins making a cryptic comment directly to the audience, to the effect that he had received a letter that had changed everything - we were left to wonder throughout the rest of the play what the significance of this mysterious letter might be.

The story revolves around the murder of one Carla Moorland, and it transpires that she has evidently been accidentally killed by John, with whom she has been having an affair, which he has been unsuccessfully attempting to hide from his wife, Beth. Despite John's rather half-hearted misgivings, the two of them conspire to hide his crime from the police, and it is their good fortune that the dead woman has another lover, whom John is able to anonymously identify to the police as having been seen leaving her flat around the time of her death.

At times, the pace of the first act could have done with speeding up, but things certainly improved as soon as Act 2 commenced, with the trial of the accused: Paul Lonsdale. This character initially sat silent for a long period after first appearing in the dock, and I began to wonder if he had any lines at all, then, as soon as he uttered his first words, "I didn't do it", he was immediately told to be quiet by the judge! In fact, the defendant, nicely portrayed by Ian Southall, has his initial oily confidence broken down by the urbane prosecutor Sir Humphrey, until he is eventually found guilty, but not before the first bombshell has been dropped - it turns out that it was actually Beth who killed Carla, having known about the affair for some time and being quite content to let John believe in his own guilt. However, that's nothing compared to the final twist, when it transpires that John was actually the foreman of the jury - the letter referred to right at the beginning was his call to jury service!

Rick Haines, as John, pulls off the difficult art of revealing his feelings to the audience as the story progresses, combined with a sound performance when interacting with his conniving wife, played by Georgina Thwaites. David Herold, as Sir Humphrey, was especially convincing and there was a most promising debut from Geoff Morgan as defence counsel. Nigel Guilding was an excellently exuberant pathologist with a nice line in repartee.

It was unfortunate that, during the first act, some members of the audience saw fit to get up and fetch drinks while the play was in progress and this must have been most distracting for the actors. It was also difficult at times to hear some of the dialogue going on at the back of the stage between the two policemen, but this is a minor criticism of a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Steve Bluck

Twyning Tennis Club

The Tennis Club continues to thrive, with plenty of activities for all ages. Coaching is available for juniors on Monday and Wednesday evenings with Simon Filiatrault. Adults too can take advantage of a two hour coaching session with Simon on Wednesday and Friday mornings for a small fee. This can be a great boost if you are thinking of joining a club but are not feeling very confident.

New members are always made welcome and encouraged to have a go at club sessions. These are Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 o'clock and on Sunday morning from 10 o'clock. For the more competitive, there are two ladies doubles teams in the Gloucestershire League, the A team of which has made a sterling start to the season. There is a mixed doubles team in the winter Gloucestershire League. There are Club tournaments, which are very popular and encourage players in match play.

Socially, there are also quiz/supper nights and skittles at the Village Inn. Don't forget also that if you are a member of the Club and a member of British Tennis (which is free at the moment), you can enter into the annual ballot for Wimbledon tickets.

So if you feel like having a go at tennis, come down to a Club night and see what goes on, or ring to have a chat.

Hilary Davies



Kelly Maguire receiving the trophy for the 2010.Ladies' Singles Tournament

We've done some *market research* and due to popular demand **THE** social event of the year is back.

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

FAMILY PIG ROAST and BARN DANCE

with music from "BRAND F"

Saturday 27 August 2011.

The Marquee on the Green

7.30 pm-11.30 pm

Licensed bar applied for

It really will be an evening for the whole family, so please put the date in your diary and come along and support us

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

Tickets available from Lorna: Don't miss out ring today!!!!

Children's Society

This year, with the long holiday throughout the month of April, the box emptying seems to have gone on forever and I still have six boxes to collect in and count! However, the Children's Society boxes that have been emptied so far have raised a staggering total of **£618**: the most we have ever raised!! So thank you to everyone for your generosity and support. Believe me, it was no easy task carrying that amount of change from the car to the bank and I must admit that the thought of the rucksack straps breaking and pennies rolling all over the place filled me with dread. I think I would have just walked away! Seriously though, it is heartwarming that, even in our current financial crisis, we are able to dig deep and give so generously and in doing so help support those children facing life's greatest dangers.

It also proves just how easy it is to raise money for those who are less fortunate. You just sit the little box on your worktop and pop some change in it when you can. The boxes are emptied once a year unless you request otherwise and really that is all there is to it!! There are currently 44 boxes within the village which is a very small number in a village the size of Twyning so if anyone else feels that they too can help, please contact me for a box on. I can always make two trips to the bank!

With thanks for your support **Lorna Herold**

The Village Fete

Remember to put the date in your diary now!!!

Monday 29 August 2011 from 1.00 pm-to 4.00 pm

Each year seems to disappear faster than the last, and here we are already talking about The Village Fete.

This year's fete will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2011 and will start at 1.00 pm. Over the last few years, the fete has gone from strength to strength and this year we hope will be no exception. However, to ensure the fete is a success, we need not only to pray that we haven't already had our summer, but also to call on you for your continued support. We endeavour to put on an event which has something for everyone to enjoy. There will be a beer tent, car boot, charity stalls, side-show attractions, and all the usual kids' stuff. Food-wise, there will be our fantastic barbecue, refreshments in the marquee and also (ever hopeful of it being a glorious day) the ice cream van. In the arena we will be entertained by the Tug of War competition, a display by local majorettes, a bird of prey display and of course our well known Egg-Throwing competition. It truly is a fun day for the whole family!

In the Marquee, along with the refreshments, we shall have our competitions which also grow in popularity each year and provide a real focal point for visitors to the fete to enjoy. This year we have changed some of the classes and added some new ones to try and involve as many people as possible, with different interests, throughout the village. The entry fee per class remains at 50p, so please take a good look because hopefully there is something for you!

The classes are as follows and entry forms will soon be available throughout the village:

Under 6 yrs

- Vegetable person
- Decorate a paper plate
- Draw your favourite pet/animal

6-12yrs

- Cake or six buns
- Own small Lego construction (must fit in shoe box. NO KITS)
- Tray Garden
- Hama bead coaster (dimensions to be decided)

Teens

- Photo (Theme-Reflection)
- Canapé

OPEN Preserve - SWEET
 OPEN Preserve - SAVOURY
 OPEN Beverage
 OPEN Cake
 OPEN Four Scones
 OPEN Home grown tomatoes - dish of five (will be tasted)
 OPEN Home grown medley of three vegetables
 OPEN Wine (definitely will be tasted)
 OPEN Knitted or crocheted item
 Special Class:
 OPEN Flower Arrangement: **Create a Guest Table Centre**

Arrangement for a Country Wedding

(Contemporary hedgerow and garden flowers are the key stipulations of the bride).

Dimensions: maximum 50x50, height unlimited. The table is circular.

The entry for this class will be £2.00 and the winner will receive the *Challenge Cup*

Please don't worry if you are going to be away on the day, as entries can be handed in beforehand.

So watch out over the next few weeks: you are sure to be approached in person to take part in our fete in some way.

Letters have been sent out to organisations and groups within the village, but if you would like to hold a stall on the day, please contact us and let us know your ideas. 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 the fete organisers. We require written confirmation of your desire to attend, as a permit will be issued.

Helpers This may be the point where people stop reading, but please, please, please, read on!

We are always looking for helpers on the day, so if you feel that you can spare an hour or two to help out, we would love to hear from you. Many hands make light work!

For entry forms and general information please contact Lorna Herold

Twyning Wine Club

The Wine Club year started in January with our annual Wine Drive and Mary Johns Cup. Members got to sample and judge wine made by other Club members, the winner being presented with the Cup.

The February Club meeting featured a wine presentation by a Tewkesbury wine shop. This shop tends to stock wine from the smaller vineyards, and so members learned and tasted a good selection of wines that were perhaps less widely available.

Kit Wines, Cocktails, Liqueurs and Nibbles were the themes for the March meeting. The wines produced by members from kits were judged, and members also sampled cocktails and liqueurs brought along by others.

Perhaps the highlight of the year so far was our April meeting, at which the Club celebrated its 35th anniversary. Members and guests enjoyed a buffet supper provided by the Village Inn, followed by a short talk about how and why the Club was formed. A celebratory cake, kindly provided by a Club member, was cut by two guests, and each member and guest was presented with a celebratory wine glass. In addition, David Baker from the Village Inn gave a well-received short talk about his involvement with the Inn. An excellent evening.

In addition to the above regular Club meetings, some members had trips to the Roses Theatre in March (to see Black Swan), and in April to Madresfield Court, near Malvern. The Club usually meets at the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month.

Roy Thomas.
Secretary to Twyning Wine Club

Neighbourhood Watch Register your home?

On or around 16 May there was a theft of some £500 worth of fuel oil from an oil tank at a house along the Hill End road some way out of the village. I have also heard reports of a second oil theft but this has still to be confirmed. A four-wheel drive vehicle with a small Bowser on the back was seen in the village at this time this could possibly have been involved. Did you see anything?

You are advised by the police to make fuel oil tanks as secure as possible but because oil can be removed by unscrewing the output pipe, this is not always easy to achieve. If you are going to be away you might wish let your immediate neighbours know if you are **not** expecting an oil delivery and ask them to report any suspicious activity.

Apart from this incident it has been, thankfully, another quiet period in the village. The statistics published on the police crime website show that there were just six reports of crime in Twyning, made to the police during March, and I stress that these are just reports and not necessarily actual crimes.

Street-level crime and antisocial behaviour in Twyning during March 2011

Burglary 1, Anti-social behaviour 2, Robbery 0,
Vehicle crime 0, Violent crime 0, Other crime 3 I believe that the single case of burglary relates to materials taken from The Fleet

if you are interested in keeping up to date with crimes in our area the information can be found on: <http://www.police.uk/crime/?q=Twyning,%20Tewkesbury,%20Gloucestershire,%20UK#crimetypes>

Dennis Harvey

Twyning Chapel



Mission Aviation Fellowship is a Christian organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft in developing countries to bring help and hope to people in need.

Every three minutes, an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world on a mission of mercy.

Over 120 aircraft operate in more than 30 countries supporting crucial work by many development agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups

MAF flies to more destinations than any airline – over 2500 worldwide.

More than 1,000 professional staff (many trained locally) serve with MAF to enable work in the developing world.

Some examples:

Mediar: "Without the plane, you just cannot reach the people. MAF is a partner on whom we can rely.

World Vision: " All the things we use to treat malnutrition are flown in."

Samaritan's Purse: " For nearly 30 years, we have partnered with MAF to provide support to people in times of need and crisis."

World Relief: "We've been able to achieve our target on immunisation and other medical goals through services rendered by MAF planes and committed pilots and staff."

Twyning Chapel has supported MAF for many years. The Photo of an MAF Cessna was taken in Sudan by a Chapel member in 2008

Cubs Jan- April 2011



During the term, the Cubs worked towards their Creative Challenge. They started the term using lots of boxes left over from Christmas to make some fantastic robots. They also learned some basic knots and made extra-long feather dusters to clear the village hall ceiling of cobwebs. They ended the term wrapping candles and making Mother's Day cards – hopefully all enjoyed by their Mums

Ellie and Ella ran a secret spy evening and Ellie was awarded her Silver Scout award. Both have now moved on to Scouts.

The Young Leaders ran an informative evening about the forthcoming Swedish Jamboree and all the Cubs were awarded a special Jamboree badge.

The Cubs also gained their road safety badge, using a great information pack supplied by Gloucestershire County Council. Hopefully they will be safe and visible on our roads.

We ended the term on a high with the Cubs winning the District swimming Gala for the fourth year in a row. Well done, Cubs!

Pack numbers remain very healthy, so we continue to operate a waiting list for non-Beaver children. We have a great team of helpers but require additional uniformed leaders if we are to sustain an active cub pack. If you are interested, please contact me.

Dave Green (Akela)

Girlguiding Twyning – www.twyningguides.org.uk

We still urgently need an additional leader for Twyning Rainbows. Martine continues to run Rainbows with the support of the parent rota but needs additional permanent help – this could be one person or a couple of people prepared to share an Assistant Leader role. Anyone interested in finding out more please contact Martine or myself for more information – no previous Guiding experience is necessary and plenty of support and training is provided to help new leaders.

If you would like to your daughter to join Rainbows or Brownies, or to put your daughters name on the waiting list for the future, please either phone the Unit Leaders or visit www.twyningguides.org.uk and complete the Contact Form. Please note there is currently a waiting list for Brownies so girls who would like to attend Brownies need to go on the waiting list, this also applies to girls currently in Rainbows.

Sue Lambert, District Commissioner

T. 01684 293001 Email: hello@twyningguides.org.uk

Twyning Rainbows

At the start of term the Rainbows made mini snowman and we continued out winter theme by creating own versions of Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs. We also had our “Rainbow Chat” at the start of term here we talk about the things we’d like to do during in the forthcoming weeks. The Rainbows wanted to make things, have a party and cook. We had a circus evening when we made clown masks and played circus games. Thinking Day is a day when Guides think about people around the world and other Guides, so we made cards to give to our friends and had a cake to celebrate Thinking Day. During the term we also made Valentines Day cards, made a big family tree collage and made Easter boxes filled with Chocolates. The Rainbows painted and planted up pots for Mothers Day and made St. Patricks Day biscuits. We also held a mini Olympics playing lots of games and the girls and leaders enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic where we all dressed up in pyjamas and brought out favourite bears to Rainbows.

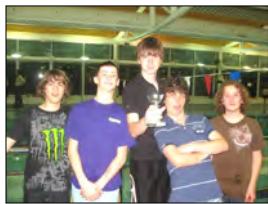
Sue Lambert

Explorers May 2011

Due to the number of scouts indicating a desire to continue in Scouting locally after reaching the age of 14, I put in a proposal to the District to start up a new Explorer Scout unit. I am happy to report that the proposal was accepted by the District Executive and we started up a new unit, called Extreme, after the February half term, with an initial membership of 9 young people and a leadership team of Martyn Owen, Dave Taylor and Liz Orchard.

The Explorer unit is part of Tewkesbury District, but will have a partnership agreement with 2nd Twyning Scout Group, and caters for boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18.

Soon after forming, we entered the County air rifle competition (2nd place) and District swimming gala, where we took 1st place after a victory in the final event, the relay race, by the narrowest of margins.



All of the Explorer scouts have registered to do the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and are helping to mow the grass at the church, each week, as their volunteering element and learning maintenance for their Skills section. They are also undertaking canoe training in preparation for an expedition later in the year.

Upcoming events include the Cotswold Challenge, 24 hours of activities at Gilwell park, the national shooting competition, a narrowboat weekend and a County water activities camp. We will also be joining 2nd Twyning Scout Group at their Big Adventure camp.

Dan Orchard

Explorer Scout Leader

Scouts May 2011

Last term the scouts worked on their Promise Challenge and the World Faiths badge. We had some themed evenings based on the culture, dress and food of various countries and also learned about other religions, culminating in 2 very interesting visits to the Hindu temple and Jewish synagogue.

Our team came second in the District cooking competition and went on to the County final, receiving commendations for several aspects of their performance.



We put in a strong performance at the County air rifle competition and a fantastic effort by all our swimmers allowed us to retain the trophy at the District gala.

This term the scouts will be outside as much as possible, working on their Outdoor Challenge and learning to light cooking fires (without using a match), pioneering, tracking, map reading, wide games treasure hunts. We will be testing these skills against 3000 other scouts and guides when we enter a team in the Malvern Challenge event in June.

The high point (literally) of the term will be our Big Adventure camp, together with the Beavers and Cubs. This will be fun-packed weekend of climbing, abseiling, zip wires and problem solving physical activities in teams.

Dan Orchard

Scout Leader

TRAC

Calling all Footballers

The MUGA court (Multi-Use-Games-Area) at the tennis courts, Kilmore Lane, Twyn-
ing, is available for footballers to practise or play 'five-a-side football'. The court is
available all year round, and there are lights for these winter months. All ages are
welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. The pavilion can also be
used, but must be kept clean and tidy. The court cost is:



Non TRAC members - £10.00 an hour

TRAC members - £5.00 an hour

Lighting card - £1.75 for half an hour

For more information and further details contact

Ann Spry

The Mothers Union

As we in Twyning celebrate 100 years as a branch, sadly Bishops
Cleeve, another branch in our Deanery is closing down. A special service
is being held on 7 June. Some of our members have been invited.

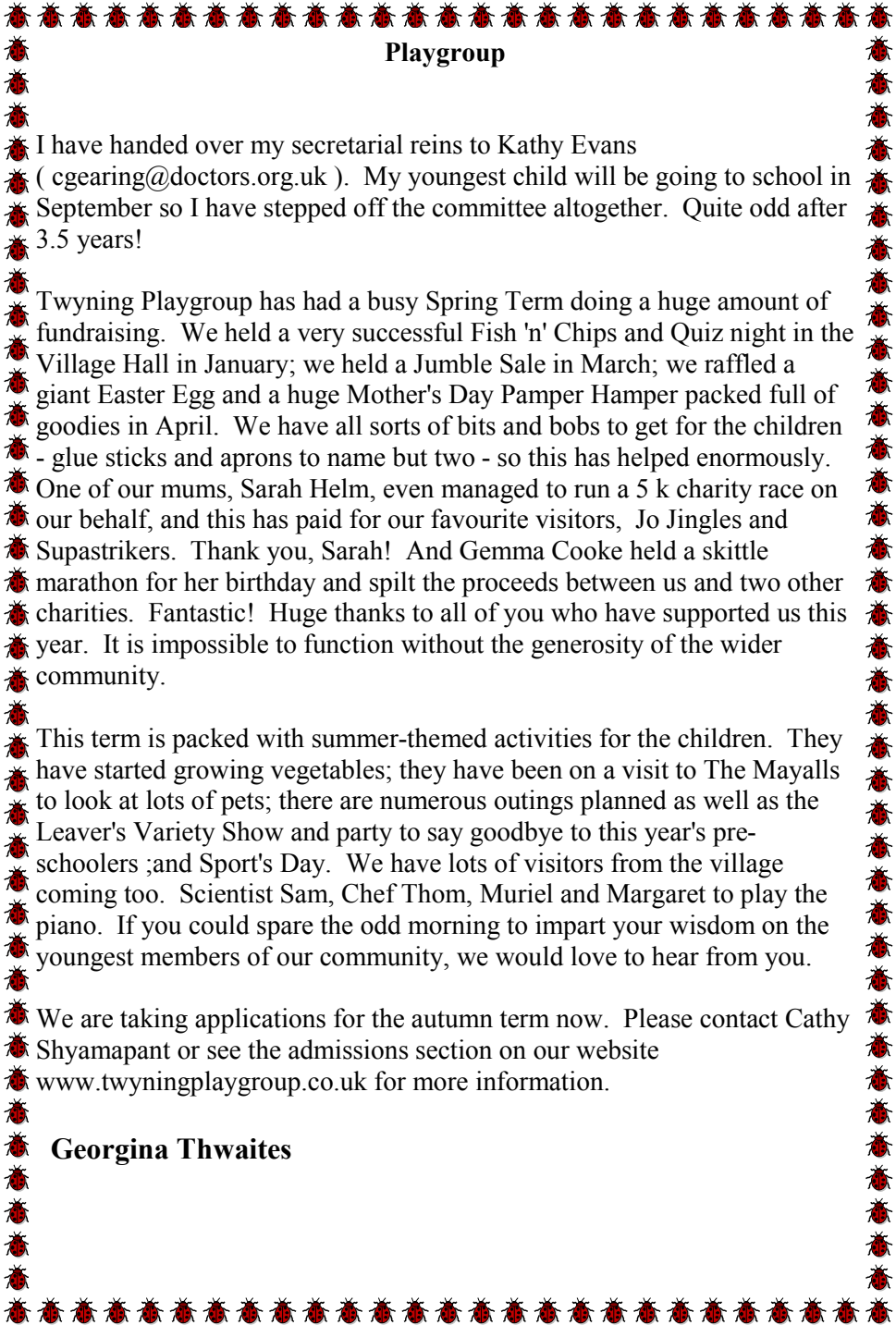
The speakers at our meetings over the last three months have been
Neville Andrews; Rev. Sarah Miller and Rev. Michael Cole.

The AGM this year is in Edinburgh. Two of our members will attend ,
meeting up with many foreign members.

On 14 June, we leave for an afternoon at Evesham Country Park. This
will end our M U year.

Meetings start again in September and are held in Ann Townsend Hall on
the first Tuesday of each month at 2.15 pm.

Visitors are always welcome.



Playgroup

I have handed over my secretarial reins to Kathy Evans (cgearing@doctors.org.uk). My youngest child will be going to school in September so I have stepped off the committee altogether. Quite odd after 3.5 years!

Twynning Playgroup has had a busy Spring Term doing a huge amount of fundraising. We held a very successful Fish 'n' Chips and Quiz night in the Village Hall in January; we held a Jumble Sale in March; we raffled a giant Easter Egg and a huge Mother's Day Pamper Hamper packed full of goodies in April. We have all sorts of bits and bobs to get for the children - glue sticks and aprons to name but two - so this has helped enormously. One of our mums, Sarah Helm, even managed to run a 5 k charity race on our behalf, and this has paid for our favourite visitors, Jo Jingles and Supastrikers. Thank you, Sarah! And Gemma Cooke held a skittle marathon for her birthday and spilt the proceeds between us and two other charities. Fantastic! Huge thanks to all of you who have supported us this year. It is impossible to function without the generosity of the wider community.

This term is packed with summer-themed activities for the children. They have started growing vegetables; they have been on a visit to The Mayalls to look at lots of pets; there are numerous outings planned as well as the Leaver's Variety Show and party to say goodbye to this year's pre-schoolers ;and Sport's Day. We have lots of visitors from the village coming too. Scientist Sam, Chef Thom, Muriel and Margaret to play the piano. If you could spare the odd morning to impart your wisdom on the youngest members of our community, we would love to hear from you.

We are taking applications for the autumn term now. Please contact Cathy Shyamapant or see the admissions section on our website www.twynningplaygroup.co.uk for more information.

Georgina Thwaites



Beavers May 2011

‘Jam-packed’ – is what one Beaver exclaimed, when we ran through our programme for the Spring Term.

The term started with a visit from the staff at Pets at Home which was linked to our Animal Carer badge, along with the investiture of new Beavers, Adam, Toby, Tomos & Louis.

As part of the Global Challenge, we spent a couple of weeks learning about Chinese New Year, Chinese greetings and writing as well as Panda conservation and the WWF (Wildlife Fund – not Wrestling Federation!). Our final element on British Traditions revolved around pancake races on Shrove Tuesday where Beavers got to eat and race with their pancakes – with both events occasionally taking place concurrently.

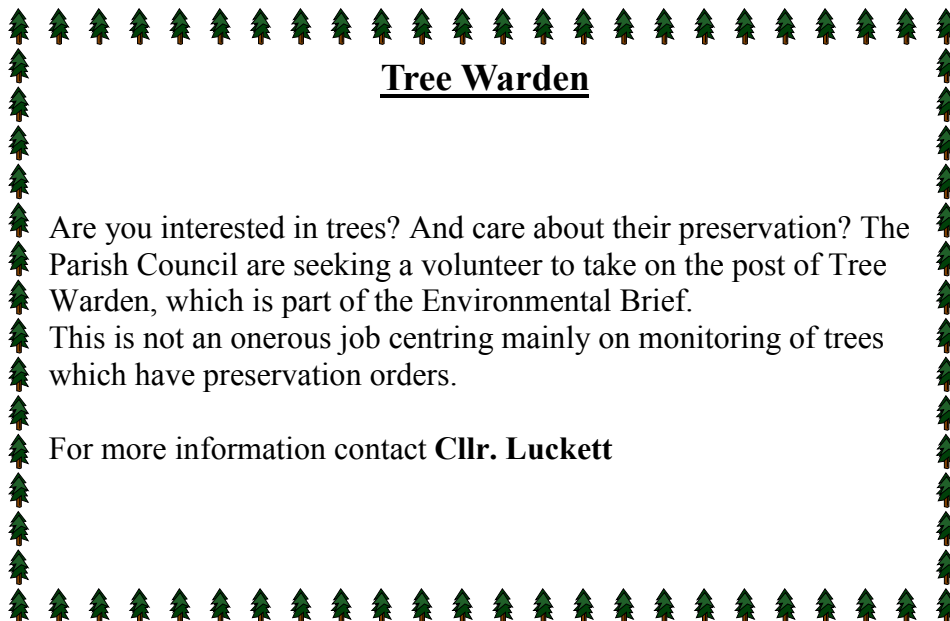
We were fortunate to have Ann Green return to instruct Beaver on elementary First Aid, allowing Beavers to complete the first part of their staged First Aid Badge. This will lead them to more advanced stages as they move up through Scouting.

Other activities included our hobbies badge where Beavers presented their interesting hobbies, including collecting gemstones, tennis and dance. Our faith activity badge was also completed with a visit to Twyn- ing Church, having a demonstration of the Church organ and learning about Christian traditions and stories. Tim and Will, our Young Leaders managed to squeeze in a games and challenges evening, prior to our Spring camp at Bourton on the Water.

The camp was a great success, due in no small part to all the leaders who attended, particularly seasoned 'veterans' Adrian and Alison, but also to the Beavers who dived into each activity with great enthusiasm, probably no more so than Toby who got so excited after winning one of our boat races that he dived (or at least jumped accidentally) into the stream ! Other activities on camp included making Mother's Day Cards, sending postcards, visiting Birdland with an associated quiz, football, rounders and hikes.

We are grateful for the support of all our leaders and Young Leaders and look forward to getting outside again during the summer.

Twyning Beavers is open to girls and boys of 6 to 8 and meet on Tues- day evenings during term time. If you have a child of 4 or 5 that would like to be added to the waiting list, please call **Kevin Tyson** .



Tree Warden

Are you interested in trees? And care about their preservation? The Parish Council are seeking a volunteer to take on the post of Tree Warden, which is part of the Environmental Brief.

This is not an onerous job centring mainly on monitoring of trees which have preservation orders.

For more information contact **Cllr. Lockett**



What is Volunteering?

Volunteering is choosing to make a commitment of time and energy to the community, environment or individuals, without financial gain.

What are the Benefits?

- Discover new skills
- Set yourself a new challenge
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Build your confidence
- Make a difference and give something back to your community
- Access valuable training

What is a Volunteer Centre?

Pershore Volunteer Centre can offer you an informal discussion to find out what volunteering you would like to do, as well as acting as a brokerage service that can signpost you to local and national organisations and charities. You will always find a friendly face and someone to offer support if you are unsure what to do!

What types of volunteering are there?

There are numerous projects or organisations that you can volunteer with - many people do things that fit in with their studies or areas of interest:

- environmental schemes
- youth-led projects
- coaching and support in sport
- literacy and numeracy with children and adults
- helping older people
- befriending and mentoring services
- driving/transport schemes
- gardening project
- becoming a committee member or trustee
- animal care/welfare

What else can I expect?

You shouldn't be out of pocket, so any expenses, such as travel, will be refunded to you. Clear instructions and support on what you should be doing and any relevant training that may be required to do the work will be provided.

Please Tel: 01386 554299, Email: valj@persshorevolunteers.org

**Val Jackman, Volunteer Recruitment Co-ordinator, Pershore Volunteer Centre,
For full details of volunteer opportunities in your area, please go to www.do-it.org**



Purple crocuses in bloom March 2011

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

27 August Barn Dance (contact Lorna Herold for tickets on 294292)

29 August Summer Fete on the Green

27 August Summer Fete at Tewkesbury Hospital

3 July Village Walk (meet outside the Village Inn at 11.00 am)

23rd July Organ Recital By Ian Ball at the church

24th July Patronal Service and Picnic at the Church

Gloucestershire Quiz, Part Two (Answers on Page 4)

1. Gloucestershire is currently divided into how many parliamentary constituencies?
2. Into which current regiment was The Gloucestershire Regiment eventually merged?
3. Gloucester old spot is a breed of what?
4. In which Gloucestershire village is The Wildfowl & Wetlands Centre?
5. Where in Gloucestershire did Queen Mary live during World War II?
6. At 530 metres above sea level, where is the highest point in Gloucestershire?
7. In which Gloucestershire town is the Memorial to the Abolition of the Slave Trade?
8. During 1974-96, South Gloucestershire was administratively part of which county?

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Make note in your diaries!
Are there other people who would like to contribute?