Newsletter July/August 2024

The Twyford Community Centre (TCC) is owned by the village, managed entirely by volunteers and aims to serve the needs of the whole of our community, young and old.

In our first 20 months of operation, we are pleased to report that we have a healthy balance sheet and we are being well used. We have been working on installing a new larger kitchen, so that we can offer community meals and a warm hub for people and especially the most vulnerable of our community. By the time that you read this, it will have been completed.

We have been fortunate to obtain grants from a number of sources to help us meet our objectives, for which we are very grateful.

You will recall that we were only able to purchase the building with the very generous donations and loans from our wonderful Twyford residents and I am pleased to say that we are on track to start repaying a percentage of the loans later this year.

We've had another well supported Folk Night with the Itchen Folk Band and I am pleased to report that they will be coming back in October.

Our celebration of the 80th D-Day anniversary, was a resounding success, with singing, dancing and afternoon tea, all accompanied by Dick Smith on keyboard and enabled a substantial donation to the Royal British Legion.

Our ever popular Jazz Jamming sessions continue on the first Monday of the month and the Friday Games nights will continue throughout the year,

We showed all of the England matches in the Euro 2024 tournament on the big screen. They were well attended with the bar open and snacks available.

Rebecca produces her Yummy Munchable Snacks and Iram produces her lovely curries and side dishes, both on alternate weeks,

With the summer months approaching, a few of our regular events will have a summer break. There will be no Tea on Tuesdays throughout August. The Friday Singing Group will break from July 26th and resume on September 6th. The Thursday Afternoon Films will break for all of August and restart on 5th September, whilst the Evening Twyford Flicks will have a last film on 8th August and then will resume to the normal routine from 12th September.

The TCC is also available for hire for table-top sales, parties, wakes and gatherings, with a full skittle alley available. We have a fully licenced bar, which can be open for your event and we are open to suggestions from all residents, young and old.

We're eager to hear your suggestions and welcome your help to take it forward. What activities or clubs would interest you? Could you volunteer with any new ventures? Would you be happy to be involved in another way?

TCC looks forward to welcoming all to the Twyford Community Centre, It's your Centre so please use it.

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