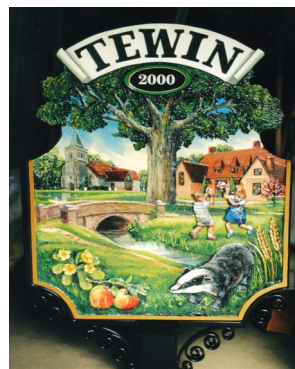




# Tewin Magazine

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## Spring Nest Building

## Editorial Note

Welcome to the May 2022 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front page photo of the busy Blue tit was taken by Colin Minton and the back page photos of the THACS Spring Show by Ray Keppler. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine.

Events this month are:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 1st (p19),  
Maypole Dancing by Tewin School on 6th (p27),  
the THACS Plant Exchange on 7th (p6) and  
The Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9th (p4).

Tewin Tennis Club's Wednesday evening turn-up-and play sessions are starting from 4th (p21).

Screen On The Green are showing "*Girl with a Pistol*" on 16th (p9).

Lunch of Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings is being served at Tewin Stores on Saturday 21st (p25).

Looking ahead to the exciting Jubilee weekend in June, get your thinking caps on, your creative skills honed and sign up for the Tewin Scarecrow Competition. We would love to have 70 'crows for the 70th Jubilee (p3).

Can you spare an hour on 5th June to help with the bring-and-share picnic? Or fancy yourself as part of a winning tug-of-war team? See page 27 for details.

**Trussells Butcher's Van** is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor



# TEWIN SCARECROWS COMPETITION

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### **TREE SURVEY**

You may observe a tree survey in progress as Tewin Parish Council have employed the services of P R Newson Ltd to undertake a survey of the trees that we are responsible for in the parish.

### **TEWIN COMMUNITY BUS IS BACK**

The bus runs on Saturdays only from the Rose & Crown. It leaves Tewin at 9.30am to take you to Welwyn Garden City (via Welwyn North if requested) and stops at LIDL, Morrisons and Sainsbury's and then returns from Welwyn Garden City at 11.45am.

It costs each passenger: £2.50 single or £5 return.

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Ann Kevis on 01438 717473

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm on **Monday 9th May 2022** in Tewin Memorial Hall.

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

**Agenda:** Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 3 working days before the meeting. *All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

**Minutes:** These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

**Meeting Dates and Newsletters:** These are published on the website.

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**THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

**Plant Exchange on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

The Plant Exchange stall will be by the well head on Lower Green and open between 10am and 4pm. Please bring along any spare plants you are able to donate. If you see any plants you like on the stall, please feel free to take them! You don't need to bring a plant to take any away, but it's probably best to bring a bag. If you do not have any plants to donate, but still want to take plants away, then please leave some cash in the collection box in aid of Tewin Stores.

**Visit to Painshill on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Our summer outing this year will be a day visit by coach to Painshill, which are beautiful award-winning 18<sup>th</sup> century landscape gardens in Cobham, Surrey. Do check out the website [www.painshill.co.uk](http://www.painshill.co.uk) to see what it has to offer.

Ours will be a self-led visit with a 30-minute introductory talk to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Guide books will be provided and then you will be able to explore at your own pace. The cost for the trip will be £25 for THACS members and £30 for non-members.

There is also the option of a 90-minute walking tour with an experienced guide, which will enable you to learn about the gardens' history. This will cost an additional £2.50 pp (and is subject to a minimum group size of 10 people).

Alternatively, you may prefer an hour's guided tour on a five-seater buggy for the same additional cost of £2.50 pp. This will be especially useful if you would like to explore further into the grounds but feel the walking would be too much. There are accessible routes around the gardens and wheelchair hire is available on request.

The coach will leave Tewin (bus stop opposite the Rose and Crown) at 9am and will leave Painshill for the return journey at 3.30pm. Journey time is approximately 90 minutes.

If you have any questions about the visit, please contact Lynne Burgess on 01438 798799 or email [burgesslynne1@gmail.com](mailto:burgesslynne1@gmail.com). When you are ready to book your place and any of the additional extras, please go to the *THACS* pages of the Tewin Village website and follow the guidance there.

Please do join us on what we anticipate will be a delightful day out.

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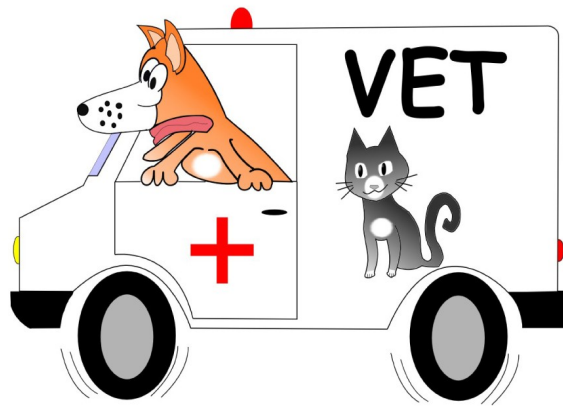
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## Screen On The Green

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May we are showing *Girl with a Pistol (1969)*. This is a delightful, slightly wacky, Italian comedy starring Monica Vitti, Stanley Baker, Corin Redgrave and Anthony Booth.

It tells the story of a Sicilian girl called Assunta as she travels to England to seek revenge against her lover Vincenzo who has absconded after refusing to marry her, thus dishonouring her family. It gives a wonderful snapshot of sixties Britain as Assunta travels to various cities including Bath, Sheffield and Edinburgh in search of Vincenzo.

Directed by Mario Monicelli, *Girl with a Pistol* received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language film and is dubbed into English with subtitles.

The evening will be run in a similar way as before but, for the safety of everyone, we would prefer that you are fully vaccinated. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell.

Future date for the diary:

20<sup>th</sup> June: *When Harry Met Sally (1989)*

**MONDAY 16th MAY Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start.  
Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from  
Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and  
nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.**

Marie St Pier

### **Jubilee Thanksgiving Service Sunday 5th June, 12 Noon**

As part of Tewin's village Jubilee celebrations, a thanksgiving service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place at 12 Noon on Sunday 5th June at Upper Green, Tewin. All welcome.

### **On the Farm**

Farmers look forward to spring on the farm, when you leave those dark winter nights and head to the time of year when daylight changes and we have more hours of light than we have of dark. That means our crops start waking up due to the daylight hours. The soil temperatures are most important at this time of year as it's no good sowing in cold, wet soil. The seed will sit tight and won't move. With a warm, moist seedbed the seed will burst into life. Nature is wonderful.

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The war in Ukraine is of great concern to our everyday life. I'm proud to fly the Ukrainian flag at my farm gateway to show support for the Ukrainian farmers trying to sow their spring crops in a battle zone, with fields riddled with bomb craters and the aftermath of battle. This war affects our everyday farm inputs like fertiliser, diesel, gas, electric, and many other items. Our wheat price in store has rocketed. That sounds good but we need the increase to pay for the increase in our inputs.

Just an update from Lloyd Harrison, who is running the Tewin Greens organic garden. He tells me sowing and transplanting is in full swing, onion sets have been planted out. As our weather is very unpredictable, all seedlings have been covered by a horticultural fleece to give them warmth. His tomatoes and peppers are growing nicely in his polytunnel as are lots of other vegetables.

Ivor Williams.

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

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### **Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:**

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## Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

### **March 2022**

Here's confirmation of the draw results for March

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£52</b>	<b>Pauline Hay, Harwood Close</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£31</b>	<b>Zena Barton, Nether Compton</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Ann Polydorou, Godfries Close</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Jamie Morrisroe, Orchard Road</b>

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## Meningitis – Adults Get It Too

Meningitis is often thought of as a disease that only affects babies and young children. But the truth is that meningitis can affect anyone of any age, with the risk increasing in older adults as our immune systems weaken as we get older.

Meningitis is the inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. The most common causes of meningitis are bacteria and viruses. **Bacterial meningitis** can be fatal and needs rapid admission to hospital and urgent medical treatment. Whilst most adults will make a good recovery, around 10% will die and some will be left with lifelong disabilities. Some bacteria that cause meningitis can also cause septicaemia (blood poisoning). **Viral meningitis** is very rarely life-threatening, but can still make people very unwell. Most people will make a good recovery, but recovery can be slow.

Common Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia in adults:

- Fever, cold hands and feet
- Vomiting
- Drowsy, difficult to wake
- Confusion and irritability
- Severe muscle pain
- Pale, blotchy skin. Spots/rash
- Severe headache
- Stiff neck
- Dislike of bright lights

Someone with meningitis or septicaemia can get a lot worse very quickly. Keep checking them.

Trust your instincts – get medical help immediately.

Information taken from [www.meningitisnow.org](http://www.meningitisnow.org).

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email [ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com](mailto:ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com)

## Team Vicar's Letter

The Rectory garden is being prepared for Datchworth Open Gardens this year on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Whereas the other gardens open that weekend are the creation of years of passion, knowledge and careful tending, ours has formed less by design and more as the result of passing vicars who, in the time they occupy the Rectory, throw in a rose gifted from a parishioner here, and a rhododendron from a church plant sale there.

But we too have left our mark – or rather my husband, Bob, has. Summerhouse, smokehouse, chicken palace, beach huts and the invitation to quench your thirst on Two Bob beer – all of which we hope will detract a little from the less-than-perfect flower beds and tell a story that the Rectory is inhabited not just by a vicar, but by a furniture maker cum brewer.

Gardens for most of us are a mixture of what we inherit, what we add, and in time will be things that we pass on to others. 'We flourish like a flower of the field', says the psalmist, 'when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more.' But a flower, although it lasts only for a season, still creates the seeds that have potential to impact the generations to come, or indeed leaves nutrients in the soil to help other flowers grow. I adore the hydrangeas that the last vicar, Coralie, planted and still say a little thank you in my head for that gift every time they bloom. The question in all of our living is - what is the small legacy that we leave behind for others?

Our village events this Jubilee year, have an extra sparkle, as we give thanks for the 70 years of devoted service to this country that Queen Elizabeth II has given. Exactly what her legacy will be is yet to be written by the historians of the future but her steadfast commitment to our country, commonwealth and the Christian faith is hard to dispute. So we have a wonderful time ahead of Jubilee celebrations. You too can take part. Make a royal scarecrow. Come and wave your flags to the sound of Land of Hope and Glory at our special celebration service for the Queen at Noon on Upper Green on 5<sup>th</sup> June, just before the street party celebrations. Get involved with village life and leave your small legacy of friendship and community spirit in this village that is ours to tend while we are here.

<b>ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES</b>							
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> READING</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
<b>MAY 1st</b>	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Followed by the APCM at 10.45am	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 9: 1-20	<b>REVELA- TION</b> 5: 11-End	<b>JOHN</b> 21: 1-19
<b>8th</b>	<b>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  <b>WITH BAPTISM</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 9: 36—End	<b>REVELA- TION</b> 7: 9— End	<b>JOHN</b> 10: 22-30
<b>15th</b>	<b>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>	<b>MARK</b> 4: 26 –32		
		<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 11: 1-18	<b>REVELA- TION</b> 21: 1-6	<b>JOHN</b> 13: 31-35
<b>22nd</b>	<b>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>  <b>MICK SIMMONS</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 16: 9-15	<b>REVELA- TION</b> 21: 10—22: 5	<b>JOHN</b> 14: 23-29
<b>29th</b>	<b>7th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> *	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>DAVID MUNCHIN</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 16: 16-34	<b>REVELA- TION</b> 22: 12-14,16- 17, 20—End	<b>JOHN</b> 17: 20—End

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm**  
\* Service will be streamed from St Peter's.



<b>ROTAS</b>					
<b>SERVER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>SIDESMEN</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>CLEANER</b>
<b>MAY 1st PAULINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MARK SWANN  ELAINE FOWLER</b>	<b>ROZ BARBER</b>	<b>LINDA WILLIAMS</b>	<b>LINDA MAITLAND  ANGELA WILLIAMS</b>
<b>8th PAULINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>ROZ BARBER  PETE JOHNSON</b>	<b>PETE JOHNSON</b>	<b>PAULINE SPRING</b>	<b>PETE JOHNSON</b>
<b>15th DAVID</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MYRA WALKER</b>	<b>MYRA WALKER</b>	<b>QUEENIE SIMMONS</b>	<b>GLORIA KERSEY</b>
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<b>22nd DAVID</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>GRAHAM &amp; PAULINE SPRING</b>	<b>GLORIA KERSEY</b>	<b>MAVIS HAGGAR</b>	<b>LINDA MAITLAND  ANGELA WILLIAMS</b>
<b>29th PAULINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	<b>SUZANNE CARDALE</b>	<b>SUE WHITBOURN</b>	<b>PAULINE SPRING</b>

**The church will be floodlit on:**

**Sunday, 1st May, in memory of ALAN LAWSON.  
Joy, Kristina and family.**

**Saturday, 7th May in memory of JEAN CANTON.**

## St Peter's News

*A church at the heart of the village, with space for all*

It was a beautiful spring day, albeit quite cold, on Mothering Sunday. It is always a charming service, with the giving of posies to people who mean so much to us in our lives, as well as taking them to those who cannot attend church at this time. It was particularly poignant this year as we remembered those fleeing Ukraine, especially the mothers and grandmothers we could see on the news caring for young children in very difficult circumstances. The church continues to hold Ukrainians and all those who are refugees across the world in our prayers.

In earlier bulletins at the beginning of March, I meant to mention the World Day of Prayer which was led this year in the Welwyn team by the Rev'd Liz Lavelle. This year the service was designed by people here in the UK which was a bit of a change as often the services bring us a better understanding of life somewhere in, for example, islands in the South Pacific. The same service is sent to worshippers across the world and is carried out over the whole 24-hour period of the World Day of Prayer, in sequence, reminding us that we are all world citizens, caring for each other.

The Lent courses across the Welwyn team have been well attended and provoked much discussion about Bishop Graham James' book *A Place for God*. Bishop Graham has included a short chapter for each day of Lent about one of the places he visited during his long career, including as Chaplain at Lambeth Palace to first Archbishop Robert Runcie and then Archbishop George Carey. He went all over the world and the UK, and we have enjoyed reading about his observations of the places seen and the ways in which they brought him some meaning or enlightenment.

There have been few weddings in the church for a couple of years now due to the Covid restrictions, but we are looking forward to several

taking place at St Peter's this summer. The banns were read for four couples in the first three weeks of April. As Easter is later this year, I will leave writing about that until next month, together with a report back from the Church's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will take place at 10.45am after church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

We are continuing to enjoy the blossom on the trees in the churchyard, with tulips now taking over from daffodils and snowdrops. It is always a lovely time of year with the first green shoots emerging in the hedgerows. The tree which was blown down in the gales has been removed and shredded and Pete has had a bonfire when the wind has been in the right direction. So many people walk through the churchyard each day, sit, and drink a flask of coffee or simply enjoy the peace and tranquillity.

The church will be participating in the village Jubilee events with an **Open-Air Service on Upper Green on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at noon**, which will precede the fun and games afternoon for children and families that day. The **SAVoce choir** will be holding another **concert at 3pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the church**, followed by tea and cake. Free entry but with a retiring collection in aid of the church and the Ukrainian appeal.

Covid is still around us with several members of the congregation finding they have tested positive for the virus. So please take care and look after yourselves. Our clergy continue to support those with Long Covid, or who are self-isolating, and any families who are bereaved or in poor spirits. If you need to, please get in touch with

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### **Tewin Tennis Club**

The AGM happened! After much deliberation and gnashing of teeth, the tennis club committee, and chairman David Room in particular, pulled together our first AGM for three years in the pavilion on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

After such a long time David's report of the success of the tennis club both in tournaments and as a village club were lengthy but amusing, with attendees enjoying a glass of wine and a good catch up before business kicked off.

Special thanks are owed to Phil Raine who retired after 17 years valiant service as the club's treasurer. New committee member, Mark Lee, will take over the role in conjunction with his wife, Hazel. Also joining the committee is Mike Purser. Mike has done a terrific job organising groups of play during the Covid lockdown, so his formal support will be of much value to the club and its members.

One of Mike's first tasks is to kick off the weekly social night, so ably handled in the past by Deirdre and David Hatt (thanks D&D). Together with Henrik Malker and Damien Redlich, evenings of fun mix-in tennis will take place on Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm, and could possibly extend to a drink in the Plume afterwards.

Mike will be setting up a WhatsApp group for those interested (in the tennis, not the pub), but meanwhile, do turn up from Wednesday May 4th. Don't worry if you can't make it for 7pm sharp, Mike, Henrik and Damien will be organising mix-in tennis throughout the evening and there will be plenty of time to chat when you are off court. If you need more details or have any questions, email Mike: [MJPurser@hotmail.com](mailto:MJPurser@hotmail.com).

It's back to normal with our own club tournaments in 2022. We hope those who attended our Open Day on 24th April had fun. The tournament for both men and ladies takes place on June 26th, while the excellent mixed doubles is on July 31st. More details nearer the time.

Finally, would existing members please remember to pay their subscriptions by April 30th, because the cost increases on May 1st!

Peter Burgess, [tewintennis@gmail.com](mailto:tewintennis@gmail.com)

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Our AGM last month was well attended so thank you if you came along. If you did you will have seen the resignation of our chairman, Peter Miller. He has been invaluable in putting the shop in a more secure position for the future and we will greatly miss his expertise in retail. But his departure, the current absence of a Treasurer and the likely departure soon of our long-standing Secretary, Eleanor Lohr, did make us realise that we couldn't reasonably go forward with plans to upgrade the shop at the present time; but we will continue to make some more modest improvements, as you may have already seen from our new coffee machine and outside awning. The electricians have now been checked and, whilst generally ok, we await the report before making upgrades where these are necessary.

We continue to bring in more products for you to enjoy and hope after Easter to offer an Afternoon Tea. This will have to be booked in advance and will only be available certain afternoons of the week. Check in the shop for more details. Don't forget the breakfasts that you can enjoy any morning between 9 and 11.30 - but especially our Friday Fry Ups cooked by Brenda Barber. Also please come along to our monthly lunch club where you can meet friendly people and enjoy good food. May 21<sup>st</sup> is one of your favourites, Potatoes in Jackets, with several fillings to choose from; just arrive between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

The 100 Club Draw results for April were:-

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Bryan Evans</b>	<b>£42.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Ollie Morrisroe</b>	<b>£12.25</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Sheila Cowie</b>	<b>£12.75</b>

Linda Crawford

### **Opening Hours:**

<b>Monday- Friday</b>	<b>8.30am - 4.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am - 12.00 noon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am - 12.00 noon</b>

### **SPRING BOOK SALE**

Tewin held another successful Book Sale recently which made over £600. It is one of Tewin's popular events when all the family can participate and enjoy a good read at cheap prices. It is also good for the environment, giving old books a new lease of life.

A big thank you to all our helpers but we do need more help with the heavier work of getting tables and books out ( one hour on Friday afternoon ) and putting them away ( one hour on Saturday afternoon ). Look at it as an extra work out. Our next Book Sale will be in the autumn and although we have no date yet, if you feel you could help us, I would be grateful for names and e-mail addresses now and I will contact you nearer the date.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
Linda Crawford,  
lindarichard@talktalk.net

### **THACS Spring Show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

It was good to have a Spring Show again, after a three-year gap. The display of show exhibits was delightful and clearly demonstrated the skill and enthusiasm of the exhibitors and their wide range of interests. I hope that you came along to see it all and to enjoy the refreshments on offer.

The Main Hall housed the exhibits of flower arranging, horticulture and culinary, together with a selection of arts & craft exhibits. The Parish Room housed the photography, painting, calligraphy and prose exhibits, with more children's art exhibits displayed in the corridor.

In the Flower Arranging class, there was a tie for first place between Mavis Haggard and Sue Whitbourn. The other class winners were Marie St Pier for Horticulture, Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts, Janet Gordon for Photography and Linda Gilley for Culinary. The Tewin Cowper School Award goes to the child with the highest number of points in the children's classes for horticulture, arts & crafts and culinary. Erin Murray won convincingly by being first in her age group in all three of these classes (just as her sister, Lauren, did in the last Spring Show in 2019). The success of these two sisters extended to the photography, where Erin and Lauren Murray were joint winners of the Les Borg Cup for Children's Photography.

A fuller report, with a list of all the prize-winners and photographs of the show, can be found on the *THACS* pages of the Tewin Village website.

## Friends of Tewin



As I write this article on a lovely warm spring day, my thoughts turn to two of our upcoming events:

**Maypole Dancing on Lower Green Friday 6th May at 10am.** Please come along and support the children of Tewin Cowper, they have been busy practicing their intricate dance steps. We are fortunate that this lovely Maytime tradition is still held on our lovely village Green.

**Tewin Scarecrows Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.** By now your flyer should have dropped into your letter box. Please enter so that we can make our display a bumper one this year - 70 scarecrows in this 70th Queen's Jubilee year would be a marvellous achievement, so please get involved !!

We are looking for offers of help please, an hour of your time, for our bring and share picnic on Upper Green on Sunday 5th June. Supervision of children's games, setting up at the start and taking down, clearing away at the end of the day. Please contact; [friendsoftewin@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftewin@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your help.

Calling all clubs, groups, pub teams or neighbour teams. We need you to take part in the tug of war on Upper Green, Sunday 5th June during our picnic celebrations. Teams of 6/8 each side, please take part have fun and be the talk of Tewin!!!

Our sponsor for the Tewin Scarecrows Jubilee weekend, Thomas Childs & Co, will shortly be displaying their boards throughout Tewin. Thank you to the households who have kindly agreed to display their boards.

Let's hope the sun shines brightly for both these events.

We have already launched the entries for the Tewin Classic Car Show, 21st August on Upper Green, a much loved staple on the Tewin Events Calendar and a date for your diaries.

Olly Morrisroe, Vice- Chair Friends of Tewin

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It was once said, 'Easter is the only time when you can put all your eggs in one basket'. With that in mind I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter and were able to spend some time with your loved ones and not overindulge too much!

At the Danesbury and QVM Hospitals the Friends are preparing for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. A profusion of red, white and blue bedding plants will be planted, as well as a tree to commemorate the occasion. In the meantime, more celebratory plans for both staff and patients are in the making. It is so important to the patients' rehabilitation for them to enjoy the gardens and to feel they are partaking in some normality especially after the past couple of years!

At QVM the Friends are to fund an update to the Courtyard with new wall art and plants. Hopefully the patients will continue to enjoy the outdoors within this tranquil enclosed area. The QVM recently received a donation of large print books for patient use. These were gratefully received. We welcome any donations of large print books you may have at the Danesbury charity shop in Welwyn.

The Friends will also be helping to fund a cosmetic refurbishment of the rehabilitation gym at Danesbury, which will be dedicated to Margaret Huggins, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Margaret was The Friends secretary for 27 years until she retired in October 2019. We have also recently agreed to fund the purchase of a couple of specialised wheelchairs for the physiotherapy department.

The hospitals are always looking for volunteers to help with the patients. If you are interested please do contact [rachael.ellis2@nhs.net](mailto:rachael.ellis2@nhs.net) / 07825930640.

If you weren't already aware, we have an eBay site where we sell some of the more highly sought-after items. Please do have a look as you never know what rare bargains you might find there:

**(<https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/FRIENDS-OF-DANESBURY-AND-QUEEN-VICTORIA-MEMORIAL-HOSPITAL/185273>).**

Thank you for taking the time to read our updates and wishing you and yours a happy and healthy month of May!



## TEWIN COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

*The Community Minibus is back!*

Following a long enforced break due to the Pandemic and rules concerning infection control and passenger safety, Saturday trips to WGC have recommenced.

In these difficult times it is essential for isolated, elderly and vulnerable residents to be able to get out in a social and supportive group. This is possible thanks to the special Minibus hired from HCC whose drivers are particularly kind and helpful we are very pleased to report.

At present we are just visiting WGC but where there is demand other locations can be included such as Welwyn North Station, Hertford, Stevenage and occasional Special Outings to for example St Albans Market or Garden Centres which have been particularly popular.

There is capacity now for extra passengers who pay £5 for a Return Trip. This is a subsidised "Fare" made possible by continuing grants and donations from Tewin Parish Council, Friends of Tewin and East Herts Council to whom we are all extremely grateful.

The Steering Group, which comprises Minibus users, will soon be meeting again and we are looking for new members who oversee the project and decide on the timing and destinations of the timetable. Contact [tim.hayward-smith@cdaherts.org.uk](mailto:tim.hayward-smith@cdaherts.org.uk) 01992 289060 if interested.

You can still book your place on the Saturday Minibus and to pay your fare (£2.50 single, £5 return. Under 18s half price) call Ann Kevis on 01438 717473.

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## THACS Spring Show Entries

