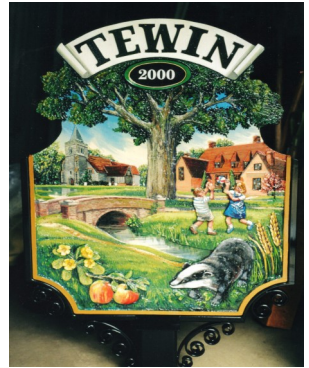




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Winter Walk



Welcome to the February 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I am always happy to receive photos. Please email to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

February is a month of culinary delights and AGMs.

Tewin Stores are serving Pancakes on 13th and Shepherd's Pie on 24th (p29), the Annual Seniors' lunch is on 20th (p31) and there will be 5 weekly, Lenten lunches from 23rd (p17).

THACS AGM on 26th (p9), Friends of Tewin AGM on 27th (p31) and Tewin Tennis Club AGM on 1st March (p23).

Screen on the Green is showing 'Mildred Pierce' on 19th (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 8th and 22nd (p31).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm.

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Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the **15th** of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

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Tewin Parish Council



HELP US LOOK AFTER LOWER GREEN

It has been a particularly wet year which has made grass areas vulnerable and the grass along the edges of Lower Green is worn down by vehicular traffic.

Whilst the green will rejuvenate itself when the grass begins to grow we would be very grateful if in the meantime everyone could help us by being careful not to drive over the edge of the green.

PLANNING APPLICATION

3/24/0018/OUT - Land At Orchard Road Tewin Hertfordshire - Outline planning application for the erection of a detached dwelling. Creation of vehicle entrance/crossover. All matters reserved except access, layout and scale.

The above mentioned outline planning application has been submitted and will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 5th February 2023, details below. The field is located at the Burnham Green end of Orchard Road, on the west side of Orchard Road between 40 Orchard Road and the playground opposite Tewin Close.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE IN TEWIN

Overnight on Saturday/Sunday 13th/ 14th January 2024 between 3.40am and 4am a motor vehicle was stolen whilst parked on a driveway in Orchard Road, Tewin. The vehicle was locked and secured, and the owner still has the keys. If you have any information or CCTV footage regarding this crime, then please contact police on the non-emergency number 101, quoting the crime reference number 41 37 51 24. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Please be very mindful where you leave your keyless entry car keys, keep them in a FARADAY pouch to stop thieves using devices to steal your vehicle. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity in your local area.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Tewin Parish Council look after three defibrillators in the parish which are located at Tewin Memorial Hall at Lower Green, Tewin Pavilion at Upper Green and Burnham Green Village Hall.

In the event you might need a defibrillator please ring 999 and they will provide you with the code and assistance.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th February 2024 and then Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Website: 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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**Tewin Website Annual Bulletin
for year ending December 2023
www.tewinvillage.co.uk**

The website group met 5 times to monitor and update the site's content. There were 411,527 hits on the website during 2023. Average number of site visitors each month is 3,974. In December, the number peaked at 7,330 which may be due to people viewing the Advent Calendar.

From 1st December to Christmas Eve an Advent Calendar featured on the Home Page. A different photograph of the Millenium Kneelers in St Peter's Church was shown each day. The kneelers can still be seen: [Advent Calendar 2023 - Tewin Village](https://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/2023/) (<https://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/2023/>).

We re-named the main headings and re-organised some of the sub-headings which has made the site more user friendly.

During 2023, we reviewed the Business Page. Businesses were contacted and asked to check if their details were correct. Many entries needed updating.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings. Anne Hall takes notes and is the Tewin Webmaster and Felicia Green is our Technical Advisor. John Ling retired from the group this year and we thank him very much for the contributions he made over many years. We are pleased to welcome Michael Bennett to the group, his role is to update the Tewin Stores pages. The homepage also links to the "Tewin Chat" Facebook group. The page continues to give Tewin residents another way of sharing information. This Facebook group is complementary to, but completely separate from, the village website.

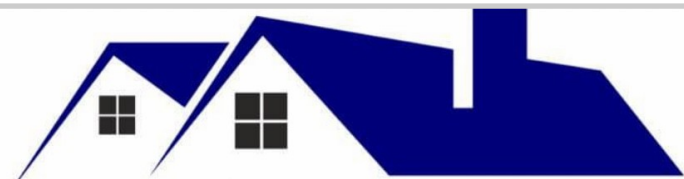
I thank all of the Website Group for their contribution and friendship this year:

Felicia Green, Malcolm Allen, Jean Fawcett, Linda Gilley, John Ling, Doreen Lloyd, Caroline MacFarlane, Jackie Murphy, Michael Bennett and Terry Brand.

Tewinvillage.co.uk is viewed by a wide variety of people and is an excellent advertising medium for our village businesses. If you live and trade in Tewin and want your business included on the website, please email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining the Tewin Village Website Group, please talk to any of us or email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

Friends of Tewin own the domain name and pays the registration costs.
Happy surfing - Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster



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On The Farm

Wet, Wet, Wet, and I don't mean the pop group.

That's the state of my fields and crops. They are showing yellowing due to wet roots, but now we have had the shortest day and we are getting more light than darkness, crops will start to green up a little. It's been over 2 months since we have done any tractor work on the fields, but luckily there has not been anything to do.

It could be another 2 months before we are able to travel on any land with tractor or sprayer. The fields are pretty water logged and most of the crop trace elements will be washed away with the endless rain.

As we work up to our Christmas break, Martyn washes all machines down, lets them dry, then checks for any worn parts, and replaces if needed. He then sprays the machines, with a light covering of oil and they will be packed neatly away in the machinery store, away from the rain, snow and wind.

There are several machines we do not wash, like the combine. After harvest it has a good blow down, and mainly a good hand clean, as it has lots of electronics and wiring looms, no water to get near those parts. Our drill is another machine which has electronics parts, like the tramline kit and the variable sowing rate's kit.

Late November we started to put up the framework of our new barn and have just ordered 40mm composite roof panels and side cladding.
Ivor Williams.

You Had Your Say

and now Hertfordshire County Council are delighted to share with you the results of our annual residents' survey.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Your views will be invaluable in informing our delivery of work from public health to sustainability, growth to community protection, and adult care to children's services. You can find the results at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/residentsurvey

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Hertford Pantry would like to thank the people of Tewin and Tewin Wood for their generous donations.

We received over 250 items of food which will make a huge difference to the families we support.

Thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

We would also like to thank everyone for making Christmas a much better time for those who are struggling. Your donations were so generous. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Bert and Cheryl x

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting on Monday 26th February

The twenty-second *THACS* AGM will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on **Monday 26th February 2024 at 7:30pm**. This will be our final AGM and marks the formal closure of the society. It is an important meeting for *THACS* and all members are urged to attend.

This meeting will be your only chance to vote on the committee's *Proposed use of THACS funds* (which will be sent to members shortly). You will also be the first to hear about other aspects of the mothballing / closure process and get an insight into *THACS*-related activities that will continue beyond its closure. There may even be a guest speaker to inform and entertain you after the meeting, so look out for further announcements nearer the time!

Ray Keppler, *THACS* Chairman

Screen On The Green

On Monday 19th February we are showing “*Mildred Pierce* “(1945), the archetypal Joan Crawford movie that revived her fading career at the end of World War II.

Directed by Michael Curtiz, it's a great blend of Hollywood melodrama and bleak film noir and is regarded as one of the most important films of that era. With a great supporting cast the story revolves around a murder mystery as it follows the life of a hard-working mother who divorces her husband and starts a successful restaurant business to support her selfish, spoiled daughter.

Based on the book by James M Cain, *Mildred Pierce* received several Oscar nominations winning Best Actress for Joan Crawford.

Future Dates:

18th March: *Bohemian Rhapsody* (2018)

15th April: To be confirmed

20th May: *Living* (2022)

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale.

Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4.

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Marie St Pier

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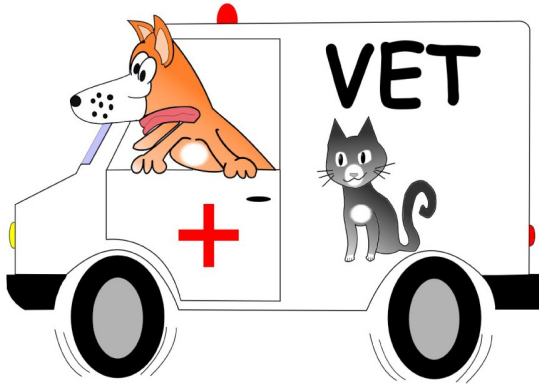
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Tewin Table Tennis Club

Our two St. Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn League teams recently reached the half way stage in their respective Division One and Division Two matches.

Our first finished the first half of the season in 3rd position and produced an excellent 9-1 victory in the first match of the second half of the season against Potters Bar.

The team welcomed back their captain David Kempson after an enforced long lay off from the sport due to a serious illness. David is slowly getting back to his high level of performance.

Another member of the first team, Andy Reeves, lies second in the personal averages table in division one with a win average of 83% from matches to date.

Our second team are in 6th position in a strong Division Two but are well clear of relegation. They will soon welcome back, after a serious illness, their team captain, John Barcroft.

Tuesday TT club evening in the Tewin Cowper School from 7-9pm continues to be popular with players and attendance levels are increasing.

In particular it is pleasing to see the level of improvement by the junior players, some aged only 10 years old. I often wonder how many TT clubs can boast having players of 80 plus years playing alongside 10 year olds.

The club is a Community club and welcomes new members of any standard. We provide all necessary equipment and the cost per evening, which has never increased since the club was formed in 2012, is £3 for adults and £2 for students. Contact me for more information if you are interested.

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Fri 9.30am until 13.00pm

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Mon 13.30pm until 15.30pm

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

November 2023

Here's confirmation of the draw results for November:

1st	£49	Barbara Toms, Godfries Close
2nd	£29	Lia Parkinson, Godfries Close
3rd	£10	Hazel Paul, Lower Green
3rd	£10	William Horsman, Harwood Close

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TEWIN JUMBLE SALE – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

2pm till 4.30 - 16th MARCH 2024

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS PLEASE!

We are calling on your generosity to make the sale a success. It's thanks to your generosity that our village Jumble Sales are such a huge success so if you are having a New Year clear out, please remember us.

Donations such as: Clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, books, children's clothes and toys, jigsaws, unwanted gifts, electrical goods, and most other general household items are always welcome. Please note, for the safety of our volunteers and customers, we cannot accept broken items.

We cannot accept any of the following items: children's car seats, crash helmets, gas or electrical appliances such as fridges and freezers. We also can't accept large furniture items such as bulky televisions, 3-piece suites and wardrobes.

If your items will not fit into an average sized Estate Car, they are too large for the Jumble Sale. You can contact East Herts Council or your favourite charity who may be able to help.

We have a number of residents who have kindly offered to collect items in the week leading up to the sale. Their details will be in the March Edition and on the yellow flyer which will be delivered to every house around the village in the next week or two. Spare copies of the flyer will also be in Tewin Stores.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Jumble Sale and hope you pick up a bargain or two!

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

All profit from the Jumble Sale goes towards the upkeep of
Tewin Memorial Hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Can you help at the Jumble Sale?

Have you got an hour to spare on the Friday afternoon/evening before the Sale or on Saturday? We rely entirely on volunteers to sort through the jumble, set up the gazebos and work on the stalls during the sale. It's good fun so if you are available we would be most grateful for your help.

Please telephone Mike Purser on 07918 021313 or
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Team Vicar's Letter

Deepening the Mystery

One thing I love about the Christian faith is its rich heritage of imaginative creativity. The story of Jesus has inspired some of the world's most treasured music, literature and art. The Christian God is a creative God - creating the world in its variety and colour, creating human beings in His own image and bringing about a new creation through the perfecting power of Christ.

And so for Christians, the creative arts are a reflection of the creativity of God. This Lent we are enormously fortunate to have some of the world's best contemporary Christian art coming to the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City for a special exhibition. 'Deepening the Mystery' is an exhibition of art from the Methodist contemporary art collection, deemed second only to that owned by the Vatican, and for six weeks the parishes of the Welwyn Team of churches will run a weekly study group reflecting on a different painting from this collection each time. In March we will visit the exhibition and maybe some of us will be inspired to produce our own images as well.

As we begin our Lenten journey you would be very welcome to join us at these groups starting 22nd/23rd February for 5 weeks.

Thursdays 7pm, Datchworth Church Hall beginning with soup supper led by Jo Sampson

Fridays 12 noon at 30 Godfries Close beginning with soup lunch led by Susannah Underwood

The exhibition will run in the Focolare Centre from the 1st March – 7th April. A programme of events including lectures and will be published soon.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
FEBRUARY 4th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	PROV- ERBS 8: 1, 22-31	COLOS- SIANS 1: 15-20	JOHN 1: 1-14
11th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	2 KINGS 2: 1-12	2 CORIN- THIANS 4: 3-6	MARK 9: 2-9
14th	ASH WEDNES- DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	10.00am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOEL 2: 1-2, 12-17	2 CORIN- THIANS 5: 20b—6: 10	JOHN 8: 1-11
18th	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	JOHN BURNAPP	GENESIS 9: 8-17	MARK 1: 9-15	
		MESSY CHURCH Followed by EVENSONG	3pm 6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7	LUKE 13: 31-End	
25th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16	ROMANS 4: 13– End	MARK 8: 31-End

Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm

ROTAS

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FEBRUARY 4th PAULINE	SPIKE NICHOLSON	DI BRADLEY SPIKE NICHOLSON	LINDA GILLEY	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	ANGELA WILLIAMS
11th DAVID	ALED OWEN	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	GERRY & JACKIE MURPHY	CLARE RAWLINS	PAULINE SPRING
14th PAULINE	LINDA GILLEY	PETE JOHNSON			
18th	MICK SIMMONS	PETE JOHNSON	BARBARA CLARK	LENT	CLARE RAWLINS
	PAULINE SPRING	MARK SWANN			
25th ALED	ELAINE FOWLER	CLARE RAWLINS ANNE LAND	QUEENIE SIMMONS	LENT	SUE WHITBOURN

St Peter's News

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

What an awful time we have been having with almost continuous rain for days on end. Our hearts go out to all affected by the floods across the UK. What a terrible way to start the new year. At the same time we cannot forget the sight of destruction in the Middle East and I am pleased to report that a collection taken at the Tewin Nativity raised over £230 for the UNICEF Gaza appeal fund.

The Tewin Nativity was well attended on 10 December with teenagers and young people taking the parts of Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, and some of the shepherds. As usual, Susannah found a new baby, only six weeks old to play baby Jesus, who happily slept through the whole event with the real mum close by! In the pictures we saw what appeared to be a beam of light come down from heaven to the Angel Gabriel speaking to the shepherds. And there really was a star in the East for the Kings to follow! This is a lovely event for the whole village with young and old taking part. Thank you to the Carley family for hosting this celebration and to Emma Owen for once again gathering, producing costumes, and directing the cast.

The SAVoce choir who practise at St Peter's gave a most enjoyable concert of Christmassy songs at the beginning of December, with piano and cello accompaniment. The church was full, and thanks to the generosity of visitors, received over £300 in donations. We also welcomed a goodly crowd for our Annual Carol Service on 18th December. Due to illness, we had a smaller choir than usual, but people sang the familiar carols and heard the story of Christ's birth in the candlelit church.

This year Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday when we held three services. In the morning older members of the congregation came to give thanks at Holy Communion. A huge crowd of children with friends and family came to the Crib service in the afternoon, whilst we welcomed other visitors, who had the energy to stay awake, to candlelit Midnight Mass at 11.30pm. For those who had sensibly gone to bed early there was a service on Christmas Day in the morning. We raised £581 at all the Christmas services which will be split between our chosen Christmas charities - Crisis, and The Children's Society.

Thank you to our flower arrangers who once again decorated the church so beautifully and especially to the Williams family who donate the Christmas tree every year, and Clare Rawlins who decorates it. Thank you to our bell-ringers who have turned out through all weathers and at many unsocial hours to ring the bells for our ancient church.

January brings Epiphany – when the gentile magi visited the baby Jesus, and the family were forced to flee into Egypt from the wrath of Herod. We also celebrate the baptism of Christ at this time. In the church we leave the Nativity Scene on the South Aisle altar until Candlemas at the end of January which celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple.

We have been enormously pleased to see the growth in the number of children with parents and friends who have been attending Messy Church. This began as an experiment but will continue now as a regular feature of our pattern of services each month.

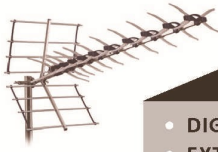
In February we shall be looking forward to Lent with a special service on Ash Wednesday (14 February) at 10am. Our Lent Course will start on Friday 23 February at noon at my house, 30 Godfries Close, when we shall share a soup lunch and then spend time studying a short passage of the bible. Please let me know if you would like to come. All are welcome.

The project for our new meeting room at the church continues to make slow but steady progress. We received positive feedback from our meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee who are supporting us to continue developing our plans. We shall need to start fund raising for this project this year. One of the events planned is for the church to take over running an Open Gardens weekend for the village now that THACS is in mothballs for the time being. If you would like to offer your garden for such an event, I would love to hear from you.

If you are in poor health, have lost loved ones, or are in low spirits, our Welwyn team of clergy are there to give support. Please get in touch with

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Tewin Tennis Club

There's a bunch of us who play doubles every Monday and Friday. Sometimes there are eight playing but at busier/colder times there may be just four. That was the case on a Monday in the New Year. A day earlier I had been chatting with my old school pal in Sydney, who was basking in a summer down under, whereas outside in Tewin it was hovering around freezing.

We muttered and conferred, and Rupert Stanley, our expert on weather apps, suggested we'd be OK for our planned match at 2pm. So we turned up, it started to snow lightly and as we'd all gone to the trouble of getting togged up, we promised ourselves four games so we could say we'd done it. And was it cold! 2 degrees Celsius max, white flurries in our faces, tennis balls that lost pressure in the low temperature and freezing fingers. But after Rupert, Anna, Mike and I acclimatised, it was as much fun as ever, and we ended up with two sets on the Tiger Turf which played as well as ever. When we say tennis is a year round game we hadn't quite considered this!

Once the weather improves and we get to April, the annual Datchworth League, against other small clubs in Hertfordshire, begins. Each match comprises three sets, with two men and one lady swapping about – two mixed doubles and finishing off with a men's doubles. It's sociable, great fun and hopefully not too serious.

One of the clubs in the Datchworth League has suggested that we balance this better, giving women equal playing opportunities to the men. It's a fair point, and we've received a Power Point presentation that is well thought through and very persuasive. The AGM of the League, after this issue of the magazine goes to press, will hopefully come to some sort of conclusion.

Personally I think it is a great idea. Except. Tewin Tennis Club already struggles to raise enough ladies to play league matches, to the point we had to drop from three to two teams in Datchworth a year or two ago. So the practicalities seem insurmountable – unless we can encourage more ladies to join in. Come on. It's great fun!

Our AGM is on Fri 1st March, 7 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Peter Burgess

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Guide to Chimney Safety and Creating the Perfect, Secure Blaze

As winter settles in, there's something magical about gathering around a crackling fire. To make sure your cosy moments are also safe, we've put together a helpful guide to chimney safety and creating the perfect, secure blaze.

Let's start by looking after your chimney. Think of it as the heart of your fireplace. It needs a little TLC to keep things running smoothly. Schedule a visit from a chimney sweep before the winter chill sets in. They'll remove any buildup, especially creosote, a fire risk.

Don't forget the basics. A good chimney cowling keeps out unwanted guests like debris and critters, reducing the chance of blockages. Give your chimney a visual once-over, fixing any wear and tear pronto.

Think of an open fire like an open window, you'll soon notice the cold air when your fire isn't lit. This is the reason why many people choose to go for a log burner, you take your efficiency from 10% to 85%. If you're not using it, it's well worth capping the chimney at the top.

Now, let's talk about building the perfect fire. It's an art, not a science!

Choose Dry Wood:

Opt for seasoned hardwoods like oak or maple. Dry wood burns cleaner, making less smoke and reducing the risk of creosote buildup.

Start Small:

Begin with small, dry kindling before adding bigger logs. It's like giving your fire a warm-up, ensuring a steady burn without a smoky start.

Leave Some Ash:

A little ash between uses (about an inch) acts as insulation, helping the fire maintain its warmth and radiate heat into your space.

Add Detectors:

Install carbon monoxide detectors. While it's uncommon, blockages can lead to this odourless gas. Safety first!

We're always here if you need any advice, just give us a call.
Tim's Chimneys - 07791 741860

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

All our Christmas and New Year celebrations are sadly now behind us, there is probably winter still to come, but the beginnings of Spring and snowdrops cannot be far off so we can perhaps look forward hopefully.

Thanks to your generous donations and the hard work of all our staff and volunteers the festive period in the Danesbury shop in Welwyn was particularly successful. We had a beautiful window display from our talented shop manager Georgia, trading was very good and the raffle raised £1,191 for our charitable funds.

The Friends of Danesbury and QVM Hospitals made various small contributions to the Christmas celebrations at the two hospitals including paying for parties with an entertainer. No one wishes to be in hospital at Christmas but the staff in both units work very hard and do their very best to provide as much festive cheer as possible.

At the end of last year the Friends were very pleased to be able to make a much more long term significant contribution to the two hospitals when the charity's trustees agreed to fund a four year lease purchase by the NHS of a new Renault Trafic minibus for use by the patients. For some years patients have enjoyed dedicated transport in the form of a mini bus originally purchased outright by the Friends. Paul Risley, the lead physiotherapist at Danesbury described the patient vehicle as probably the most useful item that the charity had ever purchased. He described it as hugely beneficial for the patients in both hospitals giving the therapy teams flexibility and enabling them to conduct properly organized visits to patients in the community. The existing vehicle, although serviceable, is beginning to age and wheelchairs and specialist seating have been getting bigger. The agreement the Friends have entered into is to fund a four-year lease of the mini-bus at approximately £10,000 per year. The fact that we are able to agree to this financial commitment really demonstrates the level of generosity of everyone who contributes to the Danesbury Friends Charity – so again a big thank you to you all.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

The New Year did not start well at the Shop, or for Bev our Manager, as Bev's husband died early in January after a long illness; but thanks to all our volunteers and friends the Shop continued to open for business.

But this is a plea for a volunteer to work on a Saturday morning, either regularly or on a rota basis, to help Jacquie. No cooking is required; and suitable training would be given. If you think you can help, please either pop into the shop on a Saturday morning or contact Bev on a weekday morning either in the Shop or on 01438 717929.

The good news is that it is the Shop's birthday in February and we have been trading continuously for 16 years.....haven't we done well!

The most notable achievements in that time? We have purchased the freehold to give us security of tenure; and we have recently refurbished the whole kitchen.

All the volunteers were able to meet in January over a glass of wine and nibbles as a thank you for all their time given to the Shop. It was also an opportunity for those who work on different days to meet each other.

Pancake day is back on Tuesday 13th February, and from 10am till 3pm we will be serving savoury and sweet pancakes. Everyone welcome. On Saturday 24th February we will be serving Shepherd's Pie from 12.15 to 1.30pm.

The 100 club winners in January were:-

1 st Prize;	Linda Mandall	£44.50
2 nd Prize	Linda Murray	£22.50
3 rd Prize	Bev Baraclough	£13.35

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Sunday	9.00am - 12.00 noon

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NEXT SESSIONS

8th Feb

22nd Feb

7th Mar

21st Mar

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Interested?

Please contact **Kristina Lawson:**

01438 717256

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Walking in the Dark

In these dark nights it is challenging to walk through the village safely after dark. The ROSPA (Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents) gives the following advice:

When walking at night:

1. **Stay alert:** Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid being distracted by your phone or other devices.
2. **Walk facing oncoming traffic:** This will allow you to see any approaching vehicles and give you more time to react.
3. **Wear bright or reflective clothing or use a flashlight or head-lamp to increase your visibility to other road users:** This will make it easier for drivers to see you and help you stay visible in low-light conditions.
4. **Stay on the pavement:** If no pavement is available, walk as close to the side of the road as possible, facing oncoming traffic.
5. **Avoid wearing headphones:** Wearing headphones can make it harder for you to hear what's happening around you.

Friends of Tewin



You will, by now, have received a copy of the Friends of Tewin Annual Report so you can all see what we have been up to during the year and, if you were able to join us at some of the events, we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

You will also have received an invitation to join us at this year's Seniors' Lunch which we are hosting on TUESDAY, 20th February in the Memorial Hall. We do hope that those people eligible have now returned their reply slips and we look forward to you being with us for what will be a very happy and sociable afternoon. Our thanks must go to Todd Canton and his delivery team for all their hard work on our behalf in this regard.

Our Committee met towards the end of January to look at the donation requests received from village groups, etc so, if you haven't heard from us yet, please keep an eye on your e-mails.

As we mentioned in last month's magazine, we will be starting to look at forthcoming events in the Village. We will talk to Tewin Cowper School in the hope that the children will entertain us with their Maypole Dances on Lower Green in early May, and further details will follow regarding our Scarecrows Weekend and picnic.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024

Please note that our AGM is on 27th February and not 29th February as stated in the Chairman's Report. It will commence at 6 pm in the Parish Room, Tewin Memorial Hall and you are all welcome. The agenda will be on display in Tewin Stores 21 days prior to the meeting.

Friends of Tewin Committee



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Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Burnham Green	12-12.30pm	Mobile Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	7.30-9pm	Tewin Ukelele Group (TUG)
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 1st, 15th & 29th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 8 & 22nd	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Tues 13th	Tewin Stores	10-3pm	Pancakes
Mon 19th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Mildred Pierce'
Tues 20th	Memorial Hall	12 noon	Seniors' Lunch
Sat 24th	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch 'Shepherd's Pie'
Mon 26th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	THACS AGM
Tues 27th	Memorial Hall	6pm	Friends of Tewin AGM

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