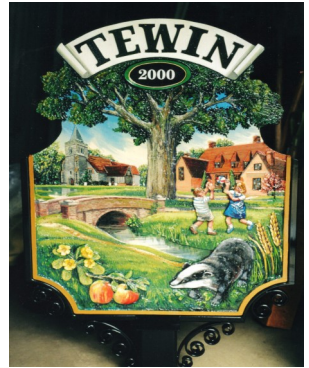




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Welcome to the March 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Happy Easter to all our readers. The beautiful sunset on our front page was taken by Deborah Hoare.

**Events this month are:**

Tennis Club AGM on 1st (p23), Jumble Sale on 16th (p9), and St Peter's Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt on 17th (p2). The 23rd is a busy day with the Community Minibus trip to Vanstone Park (p30), lunch at Tewin Stores (p29) and Tewin School PTA's Easter Trail (p13).

Screen on the Green is showing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' on 18th (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 7th and 21st (p30).

The list of Holy Week Services is on page10 and the Easter opening hours for Tewin Stores on page 16.

Further afield, we have two musical concerts. The renowned concert pianist, Ke Ma, is performing at St Mary's, Welwyn on the 9th (p16) and WGC Chorus and Orchestra are performing at St John's, Digswell on 17th (p24).

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

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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

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## **Tewin Parish Council**



### **Planning Application - The Old Rectory Churchfield Road Tewin**

Conversion of stables/barn into two bedroom dwelling; installation of new windows, doors and roof lights; landscaping and provision of two car-parking spaces. Internal alterations to install

partition walls and doorways, WC on ground floor, bathroom on first floor, kitchen and boiler room at ground floor.

Tewin Parish Council had no comment and East Herts Council have granted planning permission.

### **Planning Application - 3/24/0191/FUL - Land Adjacent To 2 Hertford Road Tewin**

Single storey rear extension to the garage and conversion to form a new dwelling, replace garage door with new front windows, insert new roof light windows, alterations to fenestration and external walls overlaid with timber cladding – Comments to be made to East Herts Council by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **Xmas Tree Lights**

There is a fault on the underground cable to light the Christmas Tree and this will have to be re-laid in due course.

### **Land adjacent to the Rose & Crown**

The scrub has been cleared on this piece of land and it has opened up the space and made it look tidier.

### **Welwyn Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan**

Welwyn Parish Council forwarded their draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Parish Council as part of their informal consultation. The Parish Council have written supporting the Lower Mimran Valley Initiative Mimran Green Valley Corridor and the aim of achieving Local Landscape Designation for the whole of the Mimran Valley and so enable even greater protection for the precious chalk stream environment of the River Mimran. They also acknowledged the involvement of David Rixson and his team who have done an excellent job and continue to have the Parish Council's full support.

### **Gas Pipeline Markers at St Peters Church, Tewin**

Tewin Parish Council have written to Cadent asking to have the recently installed, very prominent gas pipeline markers removed from the driveway of St Peter's Church as



### **Notes from an Apiary**

As I write this at the end of 2023 the bees are well and truly tucked up for the winter. They served us well through spring and summer and we hope anyone that has tried their honey has enjoyed it.

The beekeepers' preparations for winter start in late summer with a prophylactic treatment to reduce parasitic mites known as Varroa. Following this they are fed syrup to ensure they have sufficient supplies of energy to get them through winter. Hives are subject to invasion from small field mammals, so the entrance is reduced using "mice guards" to prevent access to these small creatures. The hives are covered in fine mesh net to discourage woodpeckers on the lookout for forage. A woodpecker can make quite a mess of a beehive! We use a fine garden net sold to protect plants, it's easy to use and effective as the birds don't like the feel of it under their claws.

Bees don't hibernate or go into a dormant form over winter. Below about 10°C for more than a couple of days they will probably die. To survive they form a ball, circulating in and out to keep a stable temperature in the centre at about 32°C, protecting the queen. If the queen dies over winter the colony will certainly perish so it is most important, she is kept warm. Honeybees cannot survive winter on their own so again they rely upon the collective strength of the colony.

The winter months November through to March are quiet time in the apiary but not for the beekeeper. There is plenty to do. Preparations for next season are well underway. Cleaning and weather proofing hive parts and equipment is a long and messy business but essential to keeping a healthy apiary that the bees can enjoy and thrive in.

So now it is just fingers crossed that the colonies will survive winter and emerge strong in the spring.

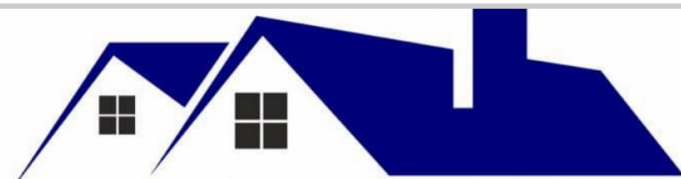
Phil

### **Tewin 'Over 50s'**

The 50+ Club would like to say a big Thank You to Mavis Haggard and her wreath makers for their very generous donation to our funds, which will be very useful for the members' subsidised lunches, etc.

Also, thank you to Friends of Tewin for their donation towards our Summer Outing this year.

Ann Kevis, for 50+ Club



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## On The Farm

As I write this in February bureaucracy has gone mad adding to the amount of paper I have to attend to.

I must mention the news about the farmers in the EU demonstrating or protesting against the new EU farming policies. If they were a bit nearer I would be there with my tractor.

I understand from several of my farming friends that they have had unannounced visits from the Health & Safety Executive. They just turn up and want an inspection of your farm, your records, to see your machinery and to ask you how you run your business. This worries me! So I asked my National Farmers Union for an update of my 5 year old policy. The cost was almost £2,000 and a morning of my time checking all my machines, like the PTO Guards, and my electrical records. He wanted to look into every tractor, to see how clean it was, no bits in the footwell, clean glass, did I have no smoking signs inside the cab. Luckily neither Martyn nor I smoke but I have been advised to put a sign in or I could be fined £1,000, for not having signs in the cab. Martyn has been putting up signs everywhere around the farm-yard, just to keep up with current laws.

This week I travelled to Dunmow, Essex to attend a Sprayer Course, for which I get 10 points, which will let me use my own sprayer, to spray my own crops. This happens every year. What worries me is that a number of fungicides and herbicides we use on our crops are being banned. The pests and diseases, like Septoria, Yellow Rust and all Broadleaf weeds, are getting stronger every year. If we don't control these diseases we will have a poor crop of small grains, no good to anyone.

Luckily we had a dry week starting the 29th of January which let Martyn plough the 50 acres of Top Prairie Field, a field in which we plan to sow peas. Later in the week he had a full day spreading fertilizer. We hope for some drier weather in the future.

Ivor Williams.



**JUMBLE SALE - TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**  
**Saturday 16th March from 2pm till 4.30pm**

We have already received lots of donations, but we need more please. Your generous contributions have made the sales a huge success. All the profit goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

*We cannot accept any of the following: children's car seats, crash helmets, gas, or electrical appliances such as fires, 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 big for the sale.*

If you have Jumble to donate, and you can bring it to the Memorial Hall, telephone Todd Canton on 07867 803301 or Jim Hall on 01438 718505.

In addition, the Hall will be open to receive Jumble on:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, from 2pm-4pm & 7.30pm-9pm, or before 12noon on Saturday morning.

Here are the contact details for our team of Collectors. Telephone your local collector to arrange for your donations to be picked up on:

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>, THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> or FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

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Can you volunteer to sort through the jumble, set up the gazebos or work on the stalls? Email: [mjpurser@hotmail.com](mailto:mjpurser@hotmail.com) or just come along.

## Screen On The Green

Our program continues on the 18th March with *Bohemian Rhapsody* (2018), a biographical, musical drama celebrating the legendary British rock band Queen, their music and their lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and shattered conventions to become one of the world's best loved musicians.

The director was Bryan Singer and Rami Malek gives a great performance as Mercury, capturing his larger-than-life personality and electrifying stage presence. Supporting actors include Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee and Tom Hollander. Other members of the band assisted with production making it a memorable film with a fantastic finale featuring the 1985 Live Aid concert.

*Bohemian Rhapsody* received multiple awards and nominations including four Oscars, two Golden Globe awards and two British Academy awards.

Future Dates:

15 th April: Jean de Florette (1986) French with subtitles

20 th May: Living (2022)

**MONDAY 18 MARCH**

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

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

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### **Holy Week and Easter at St Peter's**

#### **Maundy Thursday 7pm**

Liturgical Supper All Saints, Datchworth church hall

#### **Good Friday Noon**

This year we welcome the Eden Consort who will provide a reflective service of music and readings.

#### **Easter Sunday**

**6am Sunrise service** meet outside All Saints Church, Datchworth

**9:30am** All Age Eucharist at St Peter's

**Easter Monday** Pilgrimage Walk to St Albans Abbey. Meet 8:30am St Mary's Church, Welwyn for breakfast. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome!



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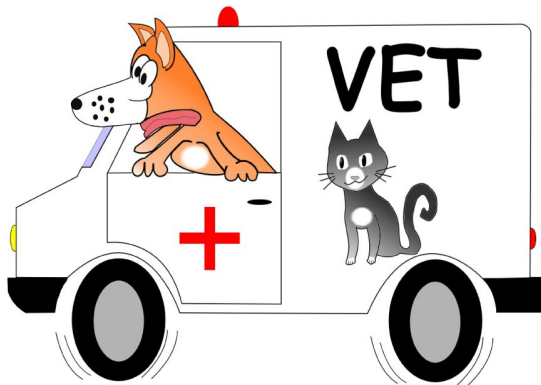
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## Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

### **January 2024**

Here's confirmation of the draw results for January:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£47</b>	<b>Amanda Woodward, Upper Green</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£28</b>	<b>Pat Fulford, Bishops Road</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Jim Hall, School Lane</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Sheila Feakes, West Riding</b>

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## **Chinese Concert Pianist To Perform In Welwyn On Saturday 9th March**

The '*Second Saturday Recital*' on 9th March in St Mary's Church, Welwyn will feature the outstanding pianist Ke Ma. The concert starts at 12 noon, lasts for an hour, and is free to attend, with a retiring collection for the artist's fee and church funds at the end. All are welcome.

Ke Ma had the distinction of being the first Chinese pianist to give a recital in York Minster.

Ke was born in 1994 in China. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London, earning a Masters with distinction in 2017. She is currently pursuing Doctoral study at Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She has won top prizes at international competitions including 1st Prize at the 2016 Concours International de la vie de Maisons-Laffitte and 1st Prize at the 2014 Shenzhen Competition (China).

In 2017 Ke made her debut at Wigmore Hall. She has given concerts across the UK, in France, Germany, Poland, the US and Canada. Recent engagements include recitals at the Purcell Room, Kings Place, and the Chopin Festival at the Fisher Center in Bard College, New York.

A committed chamber musician, Ke Ma has given a recital at Wigmore Hall and recorded music by Vieuxtemps for Champs Hill Records with star violist Timothy Ridout.

### **Tewin Stores Easter Opening Hours**

<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>8.30am - 12.00 noon</b>
<b>Easter Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am - 12.00 noon</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>9.00am - 12.00 noon</b>



## Team Vicar's Letter

When I was 17 our Rector in Welwyn, Terence Wenhan, was dying from a brain tumour. He was the loveliest of men. As a youth group we spent a weekend away where we had been thinking about death and resurrection and read the book *Hope for the Flowers*. It is a story about caterpillars searching for the meaning of life. It ends with their mystical transformation into butterflies.

When we returned Terence invited us to his house to see him. We arrived to find someone had given him a caterpillar house where they had cocooned. On the day we came to visit these caterpillars had broken out of their chrysalises and, with Terence, we went into the garden to set these brand new butterflies free.

I will never forget the shock as Terence, a man who had once been large and strong, stumbled clumsily with his now weakened frame and collapsed into the stinging nettles. He, being him, laughed and we pulled him up, but I was dreadfully upset to see him like this. We opened the box: the butterflies took flight.

I also remember sitting with a friend, a practising Catholic who had a very down-to-earth no-nonsense spirituality. Shortly after she was diagnosed with cancer, I found her sitting in her front garden with a cup of tea. Joining her on her seat, she reflected how peaceful she felt knowing that her life was drawing to a close. "It's quite exciting" she said "to think I'm finally going to know what it's all about".

One winter afternoon she organised a group of neighbours into planting crocus bulbs along the verge of the road where we lived, and although rather frail at this point, she was with us insisting she did the same.

When she was in the hospice I wrote to her to let her know the crocuses were poking their heads through. They are, I wrote, such a wonderful sign of hope and new life. I promised to send her a photograph when they blossomed. The day they finally opened in a blaze of yellow, bursting through the darkness of endless winter months, was the day she died. I'm sure it's significant.

The frailty of human life. The strength of spirit. The hope of resurrection. Butterflies and crocuses.

I wish you all a most holy and blessed Easter.  
Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
MARCH 3rd	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD  JO SAMPSON	EXODUS  20: 1-17	1 CORIN- THIANS  1: 18-25	JOHN  2: 13-22
10th	MOTHER- ING SUNDAY  4th SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSAN MARSH	EXODUS  2 : 1-10	COLOS- SIANS  3: 12-17	LUKE  2: 33-35
17th	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	EXODUS  7: 8-24	ROMANS  5: 12-End	
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD  CATHERINE JUPP	JEREMIAH  31: 31-34	HEBREWS  5: 5-10	JOHN  12: 20-33
24th	PALM SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MARK  11: 1-11	PHILLIPI- ANS  2: 5-11	MARK  14: 1-End of 15
29th	GOOD FRIDAY		12 NOON	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
30th	EASTER SATURDAY	MESSY CHURCH	3pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
31st	EASTER DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	ACTS  10: 34-43	1 CORIN- THIANS  15: 1-11	JOHN 20: 1-18  or MARK 16: 1-8

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## St Peter's News

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

We have had a busy month in the church during January and early February. As usual we left the Nativity scene on the South Altar until the end of the month and Candlemas. This is the celebration of the moment when the baby Jesus, the Light of the World, was brought to the temple for the first time and was seen by Simeon and Anna. There was an evening candlelit service at St Mary's, Welwyn which was well attended.

Massy church began again with a celebration and understanding of Candlemas. The children coloured a new picture of a candle symbolising Christ, which can be seen on the wall behind the altar.

During January you will have heard the bellringers one Saturday afternoon when they held a District Meeting at St Peter's. They have also been keeping an eye on the clock which has been misbehaving a bit, stopping a few times. The LED lights in the nave have also been flashing at us. I think it's the cold that upsets everything! It all makes work for the workingman to do. The flashing bulbs will be replaced shortly and are still under warranty.

Susannah held a discussion evening with couples who are planning their weddings this year at St Peter's. We wish all those who are embarking on this new phase of their lives the very best of luck for their future happiness. Couples who have experienced the marriage talks have been surprised to find them a worthwhile use of their time.

The standpipe in the new Memorial Garden was repaired this month. Thank you to plumber, John Griffiths. We have had the spirelet (our wee spire on top of the church tower) inspected this month as our diocesan architect thought he could see daylight when he went up in the tower in November. Indeed, there is a small place where the covering has risen but it will not incur huge costs to repair. The damp in the north wall gives more cause for concern but we have taken advice on that and will be dealing with it. Thank you to Friends of Tewin for their generous donation towards the essential repairs to the north chancel roof.

The model of our church with a proposal for new facilities was on display in the church throughout December and January. It is not the agreed design. It is one idea, from several we have had, encompassing all the needs of the church at pre-

sent. We have had an opportunity to review the views of many within the congregation and from the wider community, including representatives of the diocese, heritage organisations and the East Herts planning authority. Everyone agrees that we have a need for improved facilities. The project team is working closely with the diocese to find a solution which will be acceptable. This will take time. Meanwhile we have been working with a fundraising consultant on a feasibility study to see whether we can raise the funding required. This is for a fixed fee. She will not be doing the fund raising and will not attract a percentage of the funds raised.

**You will have an opportunity to ask how we are progressing on this project at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at the church. Do come. All are welcome.**

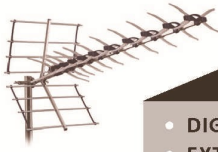
**Our Lent course will be continuing until 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This is at my house 30 Godfries Close for 12.00 – 2.00pm on Fridays when we shall share a soup lunch followed by a discussion about paintings on display this month, in the Focolare Centre in WGC, of the Methodist church collection of twentieth century religious art.**

**Finally – a date for your diaries – the Annual Spring cleaning of the church will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. So, get your brushes and polish out and come along to help make the place spick and span for the summer. Any time you can spare to help with this will be very much appreciated. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church where you will find further details.**

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

Possibly the most important date for your tennis diary this year is Friday 1st March and the AGM of the Tewin Tennis Club. As usual, we will make this as much a social occasion as a report on the way the club has been managed by your committee over the past 12 months.

It is, too, your opportunity to find out how we make the decisions that affect the day-to-day organisation and, importantly, your chance to suggest ways in which things can be better. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club with very low fees but there is always room for improvement, especially if you can spare a little time to help out.

We'd love some of you newer members to get involved. For example, the committee is on the lookout for someone to update the website and maybe develop it further. It's not an onerous task, but our man Henrik is heading home to Sweden so we need a sub.

The AGM starts at 7.30pm, but please come along from 7pm when there will be drinks and nibbles and a chance for a catch up with other members.

On a completely separate matter, my son gave me Andre Agassi's autobiography *Open* for Christmas and I ploughed through it in no time at all. I find biographies of any kind often run out of steam, but this is a tremendous page-turner. I've just Googled *Open* and on one these lists it's rated as the very best sports biography of all time. Highly recommended.

See you at the pavilion on March 1.

Peter Burgess

## **A Big Thank You to Ivor Williams**

Can I please say thank you to Ivor Williams for giving me nearly 2 tons of road planings for the back road at the rear of Upper Green Road.

When I enquired last year the Parish Council said that the road belongs to the Electricity Board who didn't want to know. So, fed up with the potholes, I decided to buy the planings myself. I approached Ivor to see if he would sell me some of the planings which he buys and he said that he would. Lovely. 4 days later Ivor turned up with two tons(ish), tipped and levelled the road and then refused to charge me anything!

Ivor, you are the kindest man I know.

Thank you

Alan Bonds

## **WGC Chorus and Orchestra Concert**

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**5.30pm**

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## The Tewin Grand Prix

You do not have to pay to watch or wait for weekends to see the Tewin Grand Prix. Each morning that I walk our dog above the orchard I witness the racing cars performing, even in icy conditions, to rush into blind corners like the ones where frustrated Upper Green householders have put up their own 30mph signs, to no avail.

When I walk on Upper Green we have to cross next to Piggotts where the ancient right of way route by track, path and bridleway meet the road that cars speed round before they turn the blind corner where they might meet a line of ramblers or individuals with dogs crossing. Some cyclists even increase their speed to make the 30mph illuminated sign show red (shouting to egg each other on). Where would they go? Into people or pets, or into one of the trees by hitting the bank here? I once photographed the number plate of a car that was racing down the road here and had easily already turned the sign to 'Too Fast'.

I sent a copy of the image to the police only to be told to mind my own business. I never contact them now anyway, since they also ignored over 2000 thefts over the years from our little gate shop and we finally gave up and packed it in. They said we should not sell things at the gate.

If I see a speed trap, the police dress up in fluorescent tops to show themselves and the drivers can flash each next car in turn to warn them. All these drivers fully know the road is restricted. The police (or anyone) only need to hide out of sight in the large bush in the open field by the bend in Upper Green and record with a camera the deadly drivers to pick out the daily threats to the village, its people and animal life in their rat runs.

Michael Clark

## Friends of Danesbury and QVM

I do hope that you managed to see the Valentine's Day window in our charity shop in Welwyn High Street. This was dressed by our shop manager Georgia with her usual flair – I was especially struck by the shocking red lingerie under a black leather coat but there were other more conventional items – hearts, bottles of champagne and various goodies which could be purchased in the shop. Georgia has a particular talent for window dressing and her displays are always worth looking at.

As many of you will know our shop has the huge advantage of having Brian King and Heather Knappett behind the counter. With a joint age of 174 they are truly amazing. Both have been selling in the shop for very many years in the different premises occupied by the charity in the High Street. Our other important resource which you may be less familiar with are our volunteers. They may be in the shop but are also often behind the scenes sorting out and pricing donations and making sure the shop is continually stocked with attractive high quality clothes, shoes, china and glass and other items. You may have noticed that there is always an excellent stock of items of jewellery under the glass counter in the shop – these items are sorted, cleaned and priced by a volunteer with long experience in the trade and we are most grateful for her expertise. One of the special features of our shop is that there is always a wide range of different items of jewellery at very reasonable prices.

As the proceeds of sales in our shop fund the activities and items which we are able to provide for the patients in Danesbury and the QVM hospital we are most grateful for your continued support in both donating and buying – a very ecological solution which benefits everyone. You may not appreciate that we rely totally on good quality donations from members of the public – as a small charity we do not have access to new clothes and other goods no longer needed by the larger stores.

As the days lengthen and the weather improves Spring is just around the corner. We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope to see in our shop soon.

*Jennifer Fowler*

*Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital*

*Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'*

## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Hopefully, Spring is on its way so we mustn't forget our birds; they give us so much pleasure in Tewin. The variety we have here is great and Tewin Stores caters for most of their food requirements; so if you haven't bought our fat balls, bird seed, peanuts and sunflower seeds or hearts at our competitive prices, then please try.

Talking of competitive prices, did you see the recent TV programme "Inside the Factory" which showed the UGO pasta which is made locally to us?

We are lucky enough to have the owner of the company living in the village which means we have a better variety of UGO pasta, particularly the Crab and Crayfish which was shown in the programme. So pop in and buy one or more of our favourite pasta meals.

He is also responsible for the Tewin Mill Honey which you will also find on the shelves in the Shop.

The knitted Easter bunnies and chicks, all containing chocolate, will be available soon in the Shop and would be lovely gifts for children.

Pancake Day was a great success with over 40 people enjoying the pancakes containing either savoury or sweet fillings, made by Mary Rouse.

The next lunch at the Shop will be Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> when it will be chicken in a sauce with potatoes and veg. We usually have a choice of two puddings to follow.

No need to book: just arrive between 12.15 and 1.30pm.

The 100 club winners in February were:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize;	Terence Sargent	£43.05
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## Friends of Tewin



### SENIORS' LUNCH - 20 February 2024

February was a very busy month for us as we prepared for the Seniors' Lunch and our AGM. As I write this, I know we are looking to host around 90 residents in the Memorial Hall where we will offer a pre-lunch drink followed by a 2 course lunch, either Creamy Fish Pie or Chicken

and Mushroom Cobbler, a dessert of either Toffee Apple Bake or Lemon Mousse and a glass, or two(!), of wine to go with it, finishing off with tea/coffee and chocolates.

There is a lot of number crunching, food preparation etc going on at the moment but, by the time you read this, the lunch will have taken place, so I am certainly keeping my fingers crossed that all went well and that those of you who were with us had an enjoyable time - there is something special about celebrating time together and the laughter and smiling faces of our guests in previous years has always been a tonic for all of us.

Our Annual General Meeting will also have taken place in the Memorial Hall by the time you read this. The Agenda was on display in advance at the village shop which gave an indication of our thoughts for events during the year. We will be having a Committee Meeting early March after which we hope to give more details of our Maypole event with the children from Tewin Cowper School, which is usually held on Lower Green, our Scarecrow/picnic weekend and, of course, our Classic Car and Crafts show which is on **Sunday 18th August** on Upper Green - a fantastic day out for families from the neighbourhood and beyond.

Friends of Tewin Committee

### On This Day

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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 14th & 28th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 7th & 21st	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 16th	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Jumble Sale
Sun 17th	St Peter's	3-4.30pm	Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt
Mon 18th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Bohemian Rhapsody'
Sat 23rd	Rose & Crown	9.30am	Visit to Vanstone Park
Sat 23rd	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch 'Chicken and Vegetables'
Sat 23rd	Lower Green	3pm	Tewin School PTA Easter Trail

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