



Parish News



The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

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Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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A Letter from Coralie

June was a busy month in the parishes of the Welwyn Team. All the villages in the Team had a fete and although rain threatened the weather was good for each one and the crowds plentiful. The Lower Green was suitably festive and buzzing with people. I bought some lovely fudge from the Brownies, failed to get near the Tombola because of the queues, thought the plant stall wonderful but the highlight was winning the 1st programme prize, a Sunday Carvery for 2 with a bottle of House wine at the Rose and Crown. I can't wait, what a treat and for somebody who says she never wins a raffle.

July promises to be equally busy. We have four church schools in the Team so that there are final church services for year 6 group and inevitably we say goodbye to some staff members in the schools. My best wishes go to the Tewin Cowper year 6 class of 2009 and may God's blessing guide them along the way and my prayers for a positive transition to secondary education. We will also be saying goodbye to Vivienne Brooks and thank her for all her hard work and wish Vivienne all the best on her travels.

On Sunday July 12th the Bishop of Hertford will be present at St Mary's Welwyn for the confirmation of adults and young people from the 5 churches of the Team. Eighteen people will be confirmed including Michael Read from St Peter's church. The service is at 9.30am, there will be no service at St Peter's that day but you are welcome to come along to St Mary's for the service. Please pray for Michael and all the others as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

A prayer for those who have been confirmed

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may be yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

Coralie

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Churchwardens' Notes

Prayer Diary for St Peters Tewin

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened.' Matthew 7: 7,8

Wednesday 1st - All in Churchfield Rd

Thursday 2nd - Churchwardens, Pete & Mike

Friday 3rd - Clergy, Alan, Coralie, Diane & Stephen

Saturday 4th - All in Hertford Road

Sunday 5th - Our organist, Rosemary

Monday 6th - All in Queen Hoo Lane

Tuesday 7th - All at Tewin Hill

Wednesday 8th - St Mary's, Welwyn

Thursday 9th - Our Church Bell Ringers

Friday 10th - All in Orchard Road

Saturday 11th - Our readers, Catherine, Mick, Usha & Colin

Sunday 12th - All in Welwyn Road

Monday 13th - The Friends of Tewin

Tuesday 14th - Those who have recently moved into the area

Wednesday 15th - All Saints, Datchworth

Thursday 16th - The Tewin Society

Friday 17th - Wedding of Kirt and Victoria

Saturday 18th - Wedding of Philip & Clare

Sunday 19th - Our Family Service

Monday 20th - Our local shops, businesses and pubs

Tuesday 21st - All in Tewin Close

Wednesday 22nd - those who have died recently & their families and friends

Thursday 23rd - The THACS Group

Friday 24th - All in West Riding

Saturday 25th - The wedding of Gary & Joanne

Sunday 26th - All in Upper Green Road

Monday 27th - The Tewin Tots

Tuesday 28th - Our Intercessors and Readers

Wednesday 29th - Pete & Mike our Churchwardens

Thursday 30th - All in Archers Green

Friday 31st - Our Gardeners and Helpers

(If there are local concerns you would like to have considered for future inclusion please contact Philippa at the office on 01438 840964 or by e-mail at secretary@welwyn.org.uk)

The month of May ended with two notable occasions. Firstly we again had the pleasure of our choir singing during Communion to mark Whit Sunday. Then in the afternoon, we said a fond farewell to Freda Owen when over forty people attended her memorial service and her ashes were placed in our memorial garden.

No sooner had the new month started than your churchwardens were off to Ashwell to attend the Arch-deacon's Visitation. This is when we take the oath of office for the next year. It was also an opportunity to see a very interesting old church with a very high tower and 14th century graffiti regarding the plague at that time.

When rust stains develop beneath an electrical socket, it is time for further investigation! This has occurred at St Peter's and as a result we have moved the organ to the north wall, just west of the (unused) north door. The move went well and, for the time being, it has given us more space in the vicinity of the south door.

We much enjoyed the Village Fete on 20 June and are full of admiration (and thanks) for all those who organised and helped to make it such a good occasion. It brings home to us what a good place Tewin is to be in.

Now for July. You will see from elsewhere in the News that there is **No service at St Peter's on the second Sunday, 12 July.** On that day, there is an opportunity for all the Team churches to join together at St Mary's, Welwyn for the 9.30am Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop.

Our series of Summer Evensongs begins on 26 July, 6.30pm at St Mary's. The theme this year is "The Psalms". The next week is at Datchworth (2 August); then Woolmer Green 9 August; Tewin 16 August; Welwyn 23 August; Datchworth 30 August; Woolmer Green 6 September; and Ayot St Peter 13 September. We do hope that you will be able to come to at least some of these - there is generally a glass of wine available following the service.

Now for advanced notices. All Saints, Datchworth have their festival on 22/23 August; Our very own Harvest Festival Weekend is on 19/20 September (see elsewhere in the News for more detail); Robert Gould will be coming to St Peter's with his Harpsichord Camerata on 10 October at 8pm; and there is a Quiz Night open to all in the Welwyn Team on 21 November at 7.30pm at St Michael's, Woolmer Green.

Meanwhile, we hope that you all have a very good summer!

Pete & Mike



Tewin Parish Council

Parish Council Financial Accounts For Year Ending 31.3.09

The internal auditor found all the records to be in good order and there was no need to qualify the report in any way. The accounts inspection period is now over and they have been sent to the External Auditor.

Major Changes to Refuse Collection in Tewin

There will be a village meeting on **Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm** at Tewin Memorial Hall so that East Herts can inform the residents about these changes and answer any questions about how the scheme will work and why it is being introduced.

Repair and Maintenance Work in the Village

Unfortunately our current "handy man" Alf Yates is retiring and the Parish Council would like to pass on their warmest thanks to him for all his help around the Parish over the years. If anyone is interested in quoting for a few small repair jobs in the village please contact the Clerk.

BT Phone Kiosk

Tewin Parish Council now owns the kiosk and is currently looking into the options for renovating the kiosk and looking for volunteers to help with the work. If anyone is interested in helping renovate the kiosk please contact the Clerk.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 7th September 2009

Monday 5th October 2009.

AGENDA

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (They do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting)

Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive. If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256

Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969

E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

East Herts District Councillor

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151
Herts County Councillor Cllr Bryan Hammond
Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Operation Arable - 01992-533000

- For reporting motorcycles,

Police Community Team - 01707-354192

- For non-emergency purposes

Police Control Room - 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: -- 01438-737321

- For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads.

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261
or www.eastherts.gov.uk

- For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or www.hertsdirect.org

Animal Warden ~

Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

Tewin Parish Council

Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.

Thacs -Tewin horticultural arts & crafts society

Forthcoming events

5th September 2009 - Eighth THACS Autumn Show

Everyone, members and non-members, can and should enter!

The marvellous growing weather this year will have put us in good stead for a bumper crop of vegetables and display of flowers in our gardens and allotments. The Autumn Show at the beginning of September is a great time to show what can be done with some expertise and TLC. And if your forte is cooking, crafts, photography or flower arranging there is something for everyone, with a large class for children, so come along, have a go and support your village show!

Don't forget, the more categories you enter, the more likely you are to win a prize. Show schedules and entry forms will be available from 1st August in our local stores or from Anna Clark, THACS Show Secretary, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin AL6 0LX, telephone 01438 798324.

Good luck with your entries, and we hope to see you at the show from 2.15pm on 5th September.

Recent events

Sunday 7th June 2009 - Treasure Hunt followed by BBQ at the Rose & Crown

THACS was blessed with a rain free evening on Sunday June 7th, when 24 intrepid walkers set out to solve the clever clues devised by Steve Stott. These clues told, in rhyming couplets, the route to take and questions to be answered along the way, in relation to THACS interests. Small groups of people met at the flagpole on Lower Green and were sent in four different directions on the same circuit to avoid any collusion. One group had chosen to do a shorter version of the walk and the non-walkers stayed in the Rose and Crown pub to puzzle over a quiz set for all the participants.

After the Treasure Hunt, everyone sat down to a tasty barbeque at the pub. The winners of the two walks and the quiz received delicious chocolate prizes, which they were asked to kindly share around, so that all could relish.

It was a different and fun event, enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the organisers and especially to Steve Stott for preparing such imaginative clues.

DAPHNE KETTERIDGE

St Peter's will be floodlit
On Monday 3rd August
In memory of
Daphne Ketteridge
Requested by
Roy, Jayne and Bubbles

The Tewin web site at
www.tewinvillage.co.uk
carries a list of all future
events. Please advise them
of any thing that you may
have planned. It really does
help prevent diary clashes
and provides a useful
reference.



Friends of Tewin

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Your last chance to book our "Away Day" trip to Southend on Tuesday 7th July. This was a suggestion put forward by Tewin for us to arrange but we are still short of a few people to fill the coach. Please contact me on 01438 717538, you can invite friends from outside the village and we are doing one pick-up in Stevenage.

Sometime ago you may remember we had a box in the village shop for any donations towards saving the telephone box. As you may be aware the telephone box has now been adopted by the Parish Council and we do not have to help toward the cost, so the donation of £25 collected has been given to the Parish Council towards the paint they will need to smarten it up. Thank you for your donations.

Our next date for your diary is our annual "Classic Car Display" being held on Sunday 23rd of August with Craft and Farmers Market stalls. Any one wishing to enter their cars for this event please contact David Gregg on 01438 717544.

Linda Crawford, Chairman Friends of Tewin Telephone: 0143871 7538

On Sunday 17th May before Evening Communion, some of the local bell-ringers and Audrey & Peter's son, Alan Walters, rang a quarter peal at St Peter's to mark the passing of our well-respected and much loved Tower Captain, Peter Walters.

The details of the ringing were as follows: 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 43 minutes

1. Bertha Banks	4. Mark Hall
2. David Rawlins	5. Alan Walters
3. David Hall	6. Graham Lay (conducted)

The previous week, on Saturday 9th May, the Tewin ringers won the Eastern District Striking Competition and so brought the Borden Shield back to Tewin!

A striking competition is where the bell-ringing is judged on how evenly spaced the bells are apart, whether the changes are correct, whether there is a good rhythm and therefore whether the ringing sounds good.

This year's competition was at St Dunstan's, Hunsdon, where the bells are not as easy to ring as at Tewin! The band, comprising David Rawlins, Julie Grimwade, David Hall, Mark Hall, Graham Lay and Bertha Banks, rang Grandsire Doubles and were judged to have fewer faults than the two other teams from Broxbourne and Ware.

Bertha now has the trophy to polish for another year!

Tewin Memorial Hall

Book Sale

The Spring Book Sale at the Memorial Hall generated a large attendance, resulting in record takings of £584.00.

The Memorial Hall Committee is very grateful to everyone who donated books and jigsaw puzzles, and to the Friends of Tewin, who organised the event on behalf of the Hall, with special thanks to Linda Crawford, and David and Mary Gregg, who worked hard to ensure its success. As with the Jumble Sale, the Tewin Book Sale has become an important event in the village calendar, attracting people from surrounding areas as well as villagers. It provides vital funds for the maintenance of the Hall, so our thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way.

Extract from Chairman's AGM Report for Tewin Memorial Hall 2008/9

Having now been in post for almost 12 months I would like to thank the outgoing Chair, Paul Haggard, for his contribution to the Hall. In addition to this my thanks go to Todd Canton who, despite 11 years as Chair, continues to be a crucial part of the team, along with Jean, his wife. Where would we be without them?

To say our Hall is well used would be an understatement as we calculated that it hosts up to 1000 events annually for a wide range of local groups and organisations. For me this clearly illustrates its value as a focal point of community life in Tewin. With this in mind it is vital that we continue to pull together as a village in raising the funds necessary to maintain the fabric of the Hall. Every year is difficult from this point of view, even though this year the Under 5s team, under the leadership of Caroline Davies, secured a significant grant to refurbish the Scout Hut. Well done for this success and their excellent Ofsted Report!

The Hall Committee also secured a smaller amount for the Hall from the EHDC. This only covered the replacement of 2 windows. There is much more outstanding work ahead, which is vital for the proper upkeep of our Hall. This is despite having spent over £18,000 this year on renovation and refurbishment. Much of the labour has been from volunteers, especially Rod Frayne and Keith St Pier. We thank them for their unstinting commitment and for saving us considerable additional costs.

Thankfully we have an excellent Treasurer in Peter Burleigh, who makes every penny work for us and who also runs the highly successful Supporters Club (if not already a member - please join up now!). Peter also produces detailed accounts for the Charity Commission each year to ensure we recoup even more funds. Lynn Farr, Secretary, is also thanked for her superb admin skills and major contribution to Fete organization, along with Linda Mandall. Now to Jane Warehand our loyal caretaker who works so hard to keep the Hall ticking over - many thanks.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank all the willing helpers who make our Jumble, Book Sales and Fetes so successful. However, we do NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. Speak to anyone you know who gets involved and they will tell you it's not a chore but good fun, thanks to the organisers' efforts.

Finally, can I thank you, the community who support our events with such generosity every year and especially so in the present economic climate. We have had bumper takings at our Fete, Book and Jumble Sales. Unfortunately we cannot be complacent about the future as we still have much more work to complete on the Hall and are anxious about the recent rise in gas prices - 39% from 1.5.09. This factor alone will have a significant impact on the funds we raise for the Hall.

David LAMING Chair Tewin Memorial Hall Committee (Tel: 01438 798213)

SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the April 2009 draw ~1st£64 Jack Badger, Margery Lane, 2nd£38 Mike Weight, Bishops Road, 3rd£13 Erica Norris, Upper Green Road, 3rd £13 Richard Crawford, Grass Warren

Results for the May 09 draw ~ 1st £64 Ian Clements, Orchard Road, 2nd £38 Kenneth Feakes, West Riding, 3rd £13 Julie Grimwade, Grass Warren, 3rd £13 Lynda Howson, Tewin Hill

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall committee

Due to lack of space last month it was necessary to hold this page over

St. Peter's, TEWIN Harvest Festival Weekend

19th-20th September 2009

Preparations continue for the weekend of events to be held on 19th/20th September.

The programme for the concert on Saturday 19th is being finalised and the singers from the Royal Academy will deliver a varied programme to suit all tastes. Tickets will be available both in the Church and outside for picnics – more news soon. Alison Barnfield has been busy typing up recipes for the book - 'A Taste of Tewin' and the pupils of Tewin School have presented us with a huge pile of recipes and drawings for inclusion in the book. Many thanks to all the children. If any of you have any last minute submissions – please let us have them as soon as possible. We still need a few more starters, main course and supper dish recipes to balance things out! Forms are available in the Tewin shop or in the Church and can be e-mailed to Alison at alison@thehermitage.co.uk or left at the shop. Janet Robbins is kindly helping to prepare the copy for the printers – thank you. Mary Gregg and I have also been able to introduce the school children to the concept of Teddy Parachuting! As part of the celebrations we will be launching bears from the Church Tower (each with his own parachute) with proceeds to the Children's Society – entries will be welcome from children and adults alike. Again –more information to follow.

Hopefully the Harvest Weekend will provide something for everyone, - please put the dates in your diary.

Tewin
Tots



Tewin Tots, a small friendly village Pre-school

Tewin Tots was first established in 1997 by a local mum and has been re-opened under new management in September 2008 after briefly closing for two terms.

The pre-school is housed in the Parish rooms of Tewin Memorial Hall on **weekday mornings term time only excluding Wednesdays from 9.05am until 12pm.** **There is also a lunch club on Tuesdays and Fridays until 12.45 am.**

Tewin Tots takes children from 21 months until 3 years.

It is run by four qualified nursery nurses all Level 3 in early years education, three of whom are graduates and all are mums of young children themselves. The manager has 10 years primary teaching experience, and the SENCO is also a qualified speech therapist.

The team includes Julia Kidd (manager) Angie Dehadray (deputy) Alison Cox (SENCO) Lynn Seewraj, Melissa Ford who is due to finish her NVQ level 3 training in September and a new enthusiastic young member of staff Jenny Meesan who has recently joined our team is keen to start her NVQ training with us and has proved to be a fantastic addition to Tewin tots staff bringing the staff ratio to children 1 to 3.

This small nursery is extremely well equipped with stimulating toys, games and puzzles for the children to enjoy.

Having recently done some fund raising we have acquired a new wooden shop, cooker, puppet theatre and outside toys.

The pre-school went through an OFSTED inspection in January 2009, just 4 months since re-opening and received a rating of 'Good' for which we are all very proud.

Many of the Pre-school children go on to Tewin Under Fives which we work closely with in order to ensure a smooth transition.

All the children have equal access to a range of play activities including small world, art and craft, messy play and role play.

Tewin Tots has colourful displays created by the children and is presented in an organised, safe and caring environment which allows each child to flourish, make friends and experience a sense of pride and achievement.

There are currently spaces available for September. Contact Julia Kidd (01438 712464/ 07968397759)