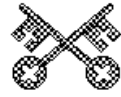




Parish News



March 2011

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 50p

Team Vicar:	Vacant post
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Parochial Church Council:	
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Hon Treasurer:	Mr Graham Spring, Warden's Lodge, 25 Digswell Park Road, WGC, AL8 7NW [01707 375499]
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The Revd Stephen Fielding, Curate in the Welwyn Team, writes:

'One of the great pleasures of being attached to St Peter's Church Tewin is that it gives me weekly contact with the school. I can't tell you how terrific it is to take the regular assembly every Wednesday morning, to see the children and to learn with them, to sing together and to say our prayers, to hear the great stories from the Scriptures, and to meet the staff and the head teacher who together are doing such great things for the children in our community.

Increasingly the children are coming to visit the church during the school week, and as I write we are hugely looking forward to the visit of the Honeybees class on March 2nd. A number of us from the church will be there to welcome the pupils, to tell them what we do and to continue the process of helping the children feel comfortable in the church and to know that it exists for them, as it does of course for everyone in the wider community.

The school needs the church and the church needs the school, and it has been wonderful to see the increasing links in both directions. In addition to the head teacher, I want to say a special word of thanks to Ruth Kearns, who has been instrumental in deepening the links between the church and the school, and therefore the whole community of Tewin.

Please take advantage of the open invitation to come to the Wednesday morning assembly in the school. It is at 10.25, after the break, and lasts for 15 to 20 minutes. We sing a song or a hymn, a pupil will read from the Bible and we say our prayers. You will be impressed by the attentiveness of the children, and I hope will gain something, as I do, from this shared act of worship.

God bless you.

Stephen



Churchwardens' Notes

On 20th March at 7.30pm, we have our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St Peter's. This is your opportunity to elect new Churchwardens and members of the PCC. Sidesmen are appointed at this meeting. We rarely have a flood of nominations for the post of Churchwarden. In the absence of any volunteers, you may like to consider becoming a 'Deputy Warden' for a year in order to obtain a better understanding of what is involved. Failing this, we would welcome volunteers to look after specific items such as archives; building extension; maintenance and repairs; the redesign of the Parish News; and a number of other items. Please do talk to either of the Churchwardens if you think that you may be able to help.

Progress continues towards the recruitment of a new Team Vicar. The 'Profile', giving a "person specification", together with details of the Team Ministry and churches within Team, has been approved by the PCCs in the Team. The advertisement for the post has been published in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website, with a response date of 7th March. Short-listing is scheduled for 17th March.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 9 March. Once again there will be Lent Groups meeting across the Welwyn Team. Please see the separate booklet in the church for full details. This also includes details of Easter Services. As many of you will know, we have struggled with the problem of the need for extra space at St Peter's since at least the 1980's. A number of schemes have been developed but have not progressed for various reasons. A group from the Diocesan Advisory Committee visited in 2008 and recommended an extension in the area of the south porch. In February we had a long site meeting with a prospective new architect. It is clear that we will need archaeological and conservation reports in addition to all the normal planning and faculty procedures. For a modest, timber framed extension it appears the cost would be in the area of at least £150,000, a massive sum for a small village church, but without which it seems we will continue to fail to attract families looking for Sunday School and crèche facilities. This will be a major topic for the new PCC to handle after the AGM.

Finally, we were very pleased to welcome Paul, Bishop of Hertford, to our service on 20th February. It was his first visit, and indeed our first since Christopher, Bishop of St Albans, visited in 2003. Despite it being a half term weekend, there were around 90 in church, including 15 children and with the Brownies and Rainbows 'on parade'!

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Church will be floodlit
on Saturday, 5th March 2011
in memory of
Freda & Claude Owen
Requested by Val & John Hills

St Peter's Church will be floodlit
on Wednesday, 9th March 2011
in memory of the birthday of
Peter Allen
From all the family



Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Update

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 20th February and 6th March 2011. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and a box for completed forms at the back of the Church. Applications for enrolment **must be received by 6th March** and the revised Roll will be posted in the Church porch the following day.



David Rawlins, Electoral Roll Officer

WELWYN TEAM MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast is on Saturday 9th April, 2011
at 8.00 for 8.15 am in New Church House



The speaker is Chris Dobson,
Executive Vice-President, Sales, for BBC Worldwide

He will talk about his career with Microsoft and later, the BBC

Admission is by ticket only, £5.00 in advance, from Graham Spring (01707 375499)



St Peter's Flower Rota

Apologies for not contacting the many people who so kindly arrange the flowers in Church regarding the Flower Rota for 2011. No, I haven't forgotten!

Usually, in early January I receive from the Parish Office at St Mary's a copy of the dates and times of the weddings that will be taking place in the Team Churches.

However, this year it seems there are more weddings than in previous years and not all dates have been finalised. Hopefully, sometime in March, all the dates will be confirmed and I will be able to advise everyone of the new rota for 2011.

Elizabeth Wilson



April's coming - and so is a new Tax Year!

Some of you may remember about three years ago the basic rate of tax dropped from 22% to 20%. That meant the rate of tax recovered by charities on Gift Aided donations would drop too. The Government unexpectedly gave transitional relief for three years, effectively protecting charities from the fall in tax recovery, but that is ending on 5th April 2011. The new lower rate of recovery will reduce our future income by as much as £1,000 each year.

Therefore, if you are planning to give money to St Peter's under Gift Aid it would be most helpful and advantageous if it could be given before the end of March. Then we shall be able to recover tax based on 22% rather than the lower 20%.

If you wish for any guidance on this matter, do please speak to me.

Graham Spring, Treasurer





Friends of Tewin

At the recent Friends of Tewin A.G.M. all the existing committee members agreed to stay on except our Treasurer, who resigned after being in the post for 7 years. We thank Christine Sheridan for all her hard work in helping to keep our finances in the black. Our President, Ben Roberts, presented Christine with a bouquet of flowers with thanks. Brenda Barber from the committee agreed to take over the Treasurer's role, which left a vacancy on the Committee. At the A.G.M. Kevin Brazier volunteered to join us and, after the meeting, David Howson also showed an interest in joining. David will be co-opted on at our next Committee meeting in March.

We now have arranged all our dates for the forthcoming year. Please make a note on your calendars or see the website.

Friday May 6th – Tewin School children Dancing around the Maypole on Lower Green

Tuesday July 5th - Coach trip to Whitstable & Canterbury

Weekend 16th-17th July - Scarecrow Competition

Sunday 21st August - Classic Car Show

Thursday 13th October - Coffee morning

Monday 19th December - Carols around the Christmas Tree

We had also hoped to make a start on rejuvenating the pond on Upper Green, including some clearance work and seeding of wild flowers, but unfortunately as great-crested newts are in the locality it will be necessary to seek the advice of the Countryside Management Service and East Herts Council. We will update you all on progress in due course.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Registered Charity 1139096

Group Leader: **Sarah Storey**

Tel: **01438 716132**

Email: **tewinunderfives@hotmail.com**

Our Village Pre-School

In the first half of term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed covering traditional stories like 'The 3 Little Pigs', 'Snow White', 'Ugly Duckling' etc.. The children also made puppets so they could re-enact the stories in their own words.

As we move into March, we will be looking at *Spring* and the children will start to get the garden planters ready to sow their vegetables. A very messy but fun time for all.

Our January *Quiz Night* raised an amazing £970 for the Preschool! It was an exceptional evening, superbly organised again by Alison Cox and her band of helpers. Some of the money raised will go towards a new book corner at Under Five, including a new soft area for the children to quietly sit and read during the session.

Last month we launched our new website, **www.tewinunderfives.com** to provide current and prospective parents with news and information about our Preschool as well as facilitating the new *Online Application* process implemented by Herts County Council.

Due to the success of our sessions and lunch clubs, we have decided to extend the service we provide by opening for three afternoon sessions each week after Easter. For further information on these or any of the above, please call us on **01438 716132** or email us at:

tewinunderfives@hotmail.com



Thank you so much to all the kind people who sent me 'get well' cards following the recent operation on my feet! The flowers have filled our living room with good wishes and fun, and have cheered me up no end.

Love and best wishes to you all. Anna Clark



JUMBLE SALE, Tewin Memorial Hall

Saturday, 12th March, 2-4.30pm



This will soon be upon us and, as always, we are relying on villagers to help with the donation of goods for much needed funds to continue refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. If you have unwanted gifts, or are planning to de-clutter in the next few weeks, we'd be delighted to take the surplus items off your hands!

We're looking for clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, furniture, books, photographic equipment and electrical goods. Computers and printers etc would also be welcome but, unfortunately, we will not be able to take old-fashioned televisions - people now want modern slim-line styles, making the older variety un-saleable.

Please note: electrical items will be required by THE MORNING OF MONDAY, 7th MARCH, to be PAT tested in advance - we can collect these items on **Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th March**, by arrangement. **Other jumble can be collected throughout the day on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March**, although heavy goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the evening of **Friday 11th March**.

To arrange a collection, please phone 01438 717 395.

As always, if you can deliver non-electrical goods to the Hall on **Friday 11th, between 7.30pm and 9pm, or Saturday, before 12 noon**, it would be much appreciated.

Finally, we need as much help as possible to sort on Friday evening and Saturday morning, as well as manning the stalls on Saturday afternoon. Please call Jean or myself on the above number if you are able to help in any capacity.

If you haven't been a helper before, please be assured that it isn't difficult and is good fun - in fact our regular helpers look forward to the Jumble Sales as much as do our visitors, so please come along and see for yourself.

Todd Canton, *on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee*





Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
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Our February 2011 News

We were very proud to launch the first edition of The School Magazine on February 3rd and are particularly proud of the team of pupils (of all ages) who produced it with the help of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Wright. It is hoped that later editions will be available for purchase at the village shop. You will be pleased to know that some of the monies will go to support a Water Aid Charity.



On February 2nd, Caterpillar Class enjoyed a trip to Mill Green Museum, looking at its exhibitions and had a hands-on bread making experience.

On February 16th Members of our Essential Dance Club performed and entertained at the Senior Citizens' Lunch, an occasion to which we are always delighted to be invited.

On February 18th Grasshopper Class enjoyed their walk to the snow-drops down by Tewin Water. The considerable trek was well rewarded with the breath-taking beauty of the Springtime.



At the end of a fascinating Geology Topic, Honey-bee class set in motion 31 volcanoes (models!) and magnificent eruptions were enjoyed by all!



On February 28th our Year 6 pupils attended the Crucial Crew citizenship training offered to better equip our pupils as they will, before long, be moving on to secondary school. After the half term break our senior class pupils were further equipped for their futures with Cycle Training.

Mrs. Burgess of THACS paid a visit to school on February 14th to generate enthusiasm for pupils to participate in this year's show on Saturday, April 16th. I think we can be confident that Tewin School will be well represented.

On February 17th Essential Dance opened its doors for a Valentine Dance and was delighted to welcome members of our community. Please remember the doors are open to join our dancers every last Thursday in the month, either to dance with us or to enjoy tea and biscuits whilst watching our future 'Strictly Come Dancing' candidates!



The doors are also open to those of you wishing to worship with us in school every Wednesday at 10.05-10.25, when Rev. Stephen conducts our assemblies. In addition to his address, there is always the children's delightful singing to enjoy.

The Staff Team

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 16th April 2011 - THACS Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall

Come on now, it's time to decide on your entries to the Spring Show! Open to the public at 2.15pm with admission at 50p, with children under 14 and exhibitors free.

The schedule, rules and entry form can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Anna Clark, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX** by **Sunday 10th April**.

Monday, 9th May 2011 - Talk entitled *The Life and Work of Henry Moore* by Barry Dodge at Tewin Memorial Hall.



Barry is a guide at the Henry Moore Foundation at Perry Green. He has also been a guide at the National Gallery and a lecturer at North Herts College. You may recall that Barry gave us an interesting talk on Modern Art in 2008.

The presentation will include slides and will last for over an hour. It will cover Henry's life from 1930 when his outstanding career took off, plus details of his famous drawings of people sheltering in the Underground stations during the 1940's, followed by later events in his life from 1950 to 1970. **Prices are £3 for members and £4 for non-members, including refreshments.** If you wish to attend, then please fill in the booking form and send it with your payment (cheques payable to THACS) to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP** by **4th May**. You can get the booking form from the newsletter on the THACS page on the Tewin website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

Calligraphy workshops

The calligraphy workshops will continue after Easter in Burnham Green Hall, starting at 2.30 pm and lasting for two hours, on Fridays 20th May, 17th June and 22nd July. If you are interested in attending these workshops, or would like to find out more about them, please contact **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts AL6 0NP (telephone 01438 -798717)**.



TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **January 2011** draw

1 st	£61 Peter Leigh, Lower Green	2 nd	£36 Jack Badger, Margery Lane
3 rd	£12 Chris Hadden, Godfries Close	3 rd	£12 Jane Steer, Lower Green

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or lisa.bove@btinternet.com or any member of the Hall Committee

Friends of Danesbury & The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

As reported earlier this year, The Friends were selected by Waitrose in Welwyn Garden City as one of three local charities to be supported in their "Community Matters" collection for January. Thanks to their generosity, and to their customers who chose to give us their tokens, we will receive a marvellous donation of £454! We could not be more delighted.

The newly completed Day Room at Danesbury Neurological Centre required major funding but this has not stopped The Friends from funding a number of new purchases to benefit patients and their carers. Notable items include a state-of-the-art electronic Standing Frame and new Exercise machines for the Physiotherapy department. We have also bought video equipment for use in patient assessment.

The Friends are also providing finance for a six month trial in the Psychiatric unit which will be of immediate help to both patients and their nursing staff.

The Day Room is now in full use and the Trustees have agreed to fund the refurbishment of the existing kitchen next to this area. This, together with improvements currently being undertaken by the NHS, will mean that the whole of the ground floor patient facility will be purpose built and up to date in every way.

Each year a group of amateur players based at *The Goat* in Codicote put on a pantomime at the Civic Centre in Welwyn Garden City. Led by Johnny Tait, this year it was their own very particular version of *Robin Hood*. As always it was a runaway success, playing to full houses, and raised proceeds exceeding £4,000. Johnny and his colleagues have donated this money to the Friends. We are enormously grateful for their generosity - and cannot wait for this year's production.

Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

E mail: danburyqvm@btconnect.com www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice

For all enquiries, please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



Sat 26th March Midnight Swim 10pm onwards

Help us complete our 100miles sponsored swim challenge! Two pools to choose from Haileybury College, Hertford Heath or Hatfield Swim Centre. You can swim between 10pm and 2am. Different hours have different themes, simply swimming, boat race challenge and 'midnight fun' swim. Swim on your own or in a team, all abilities welcome. The fancy dress theme for the evening is **Nautical Nonsense** with prizes for the best dressed! Spectators come in your pyjamas! Hot chocolate and cakes will be sold at the event. Ring Katie Robertson on **01707 382500**.

Sat 26th March Social Dance Evening 7:30 - 11:15pm

..... **Newgate Street Village Hall, Newgate Street, Hertford SG13 8RA**. Tickets at £10, including a light ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks & glasses. Ballroom, Latin & Sequence dances to *George & His Music*. Ring John Hankins on **01707 873894** for more information.

Sat 2nd April Quiz Evening Memorial Hall, Welham Green, Herts AL97PG 7:00 - 11:00pm

Tickets at £11.50 each. Raffle and light refreshments included. Call **01707 265333** or **01707 658531**. Please bring your own drinks & glasses. Parking available.

Thursday 7th April Old Tyme Music Hall 8:00 - 10:30pm

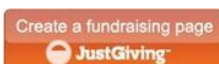
.... to be held at **Thalian Hall, 64-68 Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1JU** (opposite B&Q). Tickets cost £12.50 each, including a fish & chip supper. Licensed Bar. Prize for best outfit, so dig out your fancy hat & feather boa. Call Val Robinson on **01707 382500**.

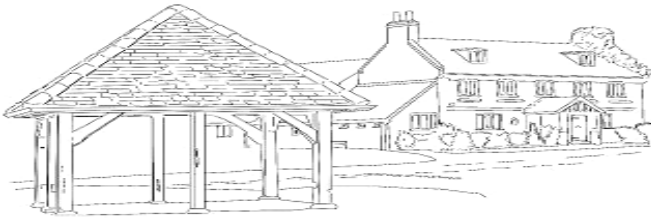
Thu 28th April 'Twelfth Night' at The Barn Theatre, Welwyn Garden City 8pm

Enjoy a fabulous charity gala performance of 'Twelfth Night' by the Barn Theatre. Directed by Dick Breeze. This is Shakespeare's classic comedy of romance, mischief, love, entanglement, wild infatuation and deception. Tickets cost £15 from the box office on **01707 324300**.

Sun 8th May Cycle Ride 2011 9:30am

The 2nd annual Isabel Hospice bike ride is back! Choose from a 10/25/50 mile circuit. Starting from **Woolmer Green Village Hall, Hall Lane, Nr Datchworth. SG3 6XA**. Cash BBQ and Bar, Delicious Cakes, Tea & Coffee. Please obtain sponsorship for Isabel Hospice! Adults £10, Kids FREE but under 14's must be accompanied on the ride by an adult. Register now and receive your sponsorship pack, entry number and details by calling **01707 382500** or via email cazamy@btinternet.com





Tewin Parish Council

LITTER

The Parish Council would be very grateful if, whilst out and about in the parish, all parishioners would help pick up any litter they see on verges or footpaths. At the moment East Herts Council sweep the bus shelters for us and collect litter from the various bins in the village.

UPPER GREEN

Parishioners may have noticed the recent tyre marks on Upper Green. This happens periodically as a result of joy riders and unfortunately there is little we can do to prevent this. The PCSO has been advised and does, whenever possible, patrol the car park.

At the last Parish Council meeting the Parish Council unanimously agreed to sympathetically restore the car park by renewing the gravel surface and completing minor enlargement works. These works will be carried out over the next few weeks.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.45pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 4th April 2011

Monday 9th May 2011

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 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. NEWSLETTERS AND MEETINGS DATES ARE PUBLISHED on www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting). Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall & 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 Councillors:

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 Reporting motorcycles

Police Community Team – 01707-354192

For non-emergencies:

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321

Reporting potholes and any other damage to roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or

www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555

www.hertsdirect.org

Tewin Parish Council

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