



# Parish News



April 2011

*The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry*

*Parish of St Peter, Tewin*

Price 50p

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## A Letter from Mick Simmons

I don't know if it's just my imagination, but Spring seems to have begun very early this year. Daffodils have been blooming in my garden since the end of February and everywhere I look I see trees and hedgerows coming into bud and in some instances even into blossom and, as I write, it's only the middle of March. The people in the know have been telling us for a while that Spring is now starting a couple of weeks earlier in the year, but this year it seems that it's almost a month early! Perhaps those who talk of climate change have got it right.

But if Spring is early, Easter this year is as late as it can be with Easter Day falling on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. This of course has nothing to do with climate change but is due to the way the Church calendar operates. However, for most of this month in the run-up to Easter we are still in the season of Lent and our Lent courses are in full swing across the Welwyn Team. This year's course has been devised by the bishops and follows the theme of "Living God's Love". It's an excellent course covering six weeks and it's full of meaty topics for discussion and provides much food for mental and spiritual sustenance. Ted Sharp and Stephen Fielding are leading the Tewin course on Fridays at 7.30 pm at Ted's home, 60, Orchard Road.

Incidentally, in case you were wondering about the origins of the words Lent and Easter, Lent is the Old English word for spring and is derived from the Germanic word for "long" because in the Spring, days visibly lengthen. Easter derives from the name of an Anglo-Saxon pagan goddess Eostre, whose month was April but whose worship was replaced by the Christian "Paschal" season, a term which refers to the suffering, death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus Christ.

I hope you have a happy and blessed Easter.

Mick Simmons



## Churchwardens' Notes

March began with a visit from U3A (University of the Third Age) of Ware. Over twenty members came and we provided coffee and biscuits and a short talk. They appeared to enjoy their visit and made an unsolicited donation. We also received an offer of a return visit to St Peter's later in the year to demonstrate brass-rubbing.

The next day was even livelier when thirty children from Honeybees class visited from the school, accompanied by five staff. Stephen and seven of our congregation were 'in attendance'. This enabled the children to be split into groups and rotate around items of interest, such as the organ (three playing at the same time!); the bells; flower arranging and decoration; the altar and vessels; ideas of activities, such as teddy bear parachuting; and the churchyard. In all, a very enjoyable occasion!

Early in March, there was a meeting of the Team Council. This is a forum, with four meetings a year, which promotes an exchange of ideas, particularly related to matters which we might find difficult to arrange on our own but which work well with five churches involved. An example is the themed series of Summer Evensongs which have become a regular feature. This year we are hoping to once again have a team cathedral visit. Norwich is our choice for this visit and David has achieved the agreement of Bishop Alan Winton to show us around. This is scheduled for Saturday, 10 September. Put it in your diary now!

Our PCC met on 14<sup>th</sup> March, when the accounts and annual reports were approved for submission to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March. We once again made a reserve to our fabric fund but still managed to break-even. If we proceed with an extension in the area of the South Porch, we will clearly need more funds. For the present, we have agreed to proceed in phases, the first being consideration of moving the Sabine Memorial. As churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting, there is a possibility that this will be our last notes. Thank you for reading them!

The process of finding a new Team Vicar has made good progress. At the time of writing, a number of applications have been received and short-listing has taken place. Interviews are scheduled for the end of March. Thus, very shortly, we should have more definite news.

The cotton holding the gold thread on the altar frontal continues to deteriorate. We are most grateful to Elizabeth Buchanan who has again been busy with repairs. It seems that there is now more to do! Thank you Elizabeth!

With Spring just around the corner, we find that we have seventeen weddings booked for this year. So, a busy time ahead.

Pete and Mike



## St Peter's Church Easter Activity morning Good Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 9.30-11.30am



Would you like something different to do? Why not come along and join us for lots of fun Easter things to do? Things to make, things to join in with, things to see, things to find. Must go now! ..... See you there!!!



## Easter Flowers

We would be most grateful to receive donations towards the purchase of flowers to decorate St Peter's Church for the Easter celebration.

If you are a taxpayer, please use the 'Gift Aid' envelopes which will enable us to claim back the income tax already paid.

Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

St Peter's Church was floodlit  
on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March  
in memory  
of  
Donald Southgate  
from Lilian Southgate

St Peter's Church will be floodlit  
on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April  
in loving memory  
of  
Peter Walters

This is an edited version of John Swift's report on Men's Breakfasts for the Annual Church Meeting at St Mary's Welwyn.

*'The aim of the Men's Breakfast is both to enable fellowship amongst the men of the congregations which comprise the Welwyn Team and to enable friends to have contact and enjoy fellowship with the Church community.'*

*On both counts it is proving increasingly successful – a tribute to all who have contributed to getting things going and developing the event over the years. We also are pleased to be able to raise some money, which is divided equally between St Mary's and a Charity of the Speaker's choice. The Breakfasts have raised approximately £700 each year.*

*We have again had a programme of high quality Speakers who have been both informative and entertaining. During the last year Stephen Fielding spoke of his career and journey to Welwyn, revealing his many talents and experiences from which we so benefit in his Ministry; Freddie Godshaw spoke movingly about his perilous early life as a Jew in Nazi Germany and his extraordinary journey to setting-up his jewellery business in Welwyn Garden City and Terry Pettigrew outlined the fascinating twists and turns in his life leading to him becoming a writer of television drama and books.*

*The recent Breakfast in January was a special occasion for everyone to get to know the New Rector, David Munchin, as he took us on his journey of Blondes, Biscuits, Processions and Anarchists.*

*The Breakfast is prepared in New Church House by the Galley Team, who produce a high quality full English Breakfast for up to 70. Other key roles involve an MC, a Treasurer, setting-up and clearing away, promotion and ticket selling through the churches of the Team, the Church Office and the Danesbury Shop.*

*So you see, it is a real team effort all round and we have a lot of fun to boot!!'*

The next Breakfast is on **Saturday, 9th April** when **Chris Dobson, Executive Vice President, Sales, for BBC Worldwide** will talk about his career with **Microsoft** and later the **BBC**.

Admission is by ticket only, at **£5 each**, available from **Graham Spring** on **017107 375499**.



## HELP NEEDED for SPRING CLEANING!

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm onwards

Able bodied people to clean beams, wash windows, move furniture, kneelers, hymn books, etc

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May from 8.45am .....

Volunteers needed to help us scrub floors and polish woodwork

**Scrubbing 8.45am, Polishing 10.30am, Restoring order 12.30pm**

Please put your name on the form at the back of the Church or contact Pete Johnson 01707 332579 (evenings) to let her know what help you can give and when



### Welwyn Floral Group — Programme for 2011

- 6<sup>th</sup> April** Nick Grounds, *'Flotsam & Jetsam'*
- 4<sup>th</sup> May** Vivien Eller, *'Temporary Beauty'*, competition entitled *'May Time'*
- 1<sup>st</sup> June** John Chennell, [National Level] *'Seasonal Splendour'*



We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre, Welwyn at 7.30pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.



### *Friends of Tewin*

I am now taking bookings for our coach outing on the **5<sup>th</sup> July** to Whitstable and Canterbury. The cost is £16 per person with a £5 deposit. Please telephone me on: **01438 717538** to reserve your seat on the coach.

The next date for your diary is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10am on Lower Green** when the children from Tewin Cowper School dance around the Maypole. Please come and support the children who put on a wonderful display and usually ask some of us to join in at the end. Tea and Coffee is available after the event at the Village Shop.

No more news yet about the pond on the Upper Green ..... watch this space!

We are already making plans for the **'Classic Car Event'** to be held on Upper Green on **21<sup>st</sup> August 2011**, so if you have a classic car or wish to have a stall in our 'village' of stalls, let me know and we will send you a booking form. The booking form is also available on the 'Friends of Tewin' page of the Tewin Website.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 






# Family Easter Egg Hunt

Around Tewin village - starting 3-3.30pm  
from 'The Gazebo' on Lower Green


finishing at Plume of Feathers  
approximately 4-4.30pm for tea and cake



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April,  2011**

Tickets include a map/clue sheet  
£3 each for children on the day  
at the starting point (the Gazebo)

*For further information or tickets before the day ring:  
Jules Howland 07773 352380*



## John Lee

It was with great sadness that the village heard the news of the death of John Lee. As many people know, John had lived in the village since the early 1960's and had been involved in much of the life of the village.

Always prepared to help out in any capacity, he had much to do with Tewin [Wood] Players, perhaps only treading the boards on a couple of occasions but mainly back stage building the sets and filling in whenever needed.

It was John and Peter Briggs who worked tirelessly for the Village Hall when times were hard and things such as rewiring, installing new central heating and a permanent stage were needed.

John served on the Parish Council and was a founder member of the Tewin Society. He soon became Chairman and later, President. It was his idea to have evening classes that are held in Burnham Green Village Hall. He has even been known to help out at P.A. jumble sales and fetes.

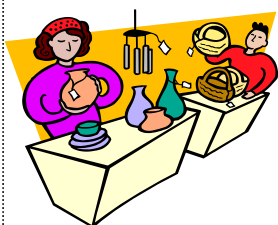
He and Ann, along with Christine and Arthur Edwards, were perhaps the instigators of 'The History of Tewin', when they put together a talk on the subject at the Village Hall. When the book was first mooted John therefore had already done much of the spadework for his chapters on geology and archaeology.

John, a graduate of UCL, went first to De Havilland Propellers, working on *Bluestreak* and *Firestreak* air to air missiles, then to becoming Managing Director of Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Engineering.

In a lighter vein, John was always keen to enthuse his own and other people's grandchildren with his loves of archaeology and aircraft, organising trips to places such as Duxford and various museums.

Roger Temple, Tewin Stores

## Tewin Village Fete - 25<sup>th</sup> June



We now have to plan for the annual Village Fete and are asking all villagers to tell us what they would like to see at this year's event. We held an inaugural meeting in March and are looking for people who would like to join the committee and help put new ideas into the planning.

### We need your input!

The jobs are never onerous or too time consuming because we spread the tasks - the more people we have to help, the better for everyone. So ..... please ring me on the number below to offer help or give suggestions on the content of the Fete.



Thank you.

Lynn Farr (01438 798307)

Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Fete Committee

## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL FUNDING and AGM (27<sup>th</sup> April, at 8pm)

1. The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee is delighted to report that its application to the Community Capital Grants Scheme has been successful and the Hall has been granted the maximum amount of £8,000 towards refurbishment of the kitchen and bar area. This sum has to be matched by Hall funds to the tune of £8,500. We are now preparing the necessary specification for the area and will commence work as soon as practicable.
2. The Committee is once again indebted to the members of the Tewin History Book Group, who have donated a further £500 to the Memorial Hall, bringing their total donations up to the magnificent sum of £5,000. All proceeds from the sale of *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'* are given to the Hall and we are extremely grateful to the Group for their continued generosity. If you have not yet bought a copy of this splendid record of our local history, you can still purchase it from Tewin Stores, or on line at: [www.tewinorchard.co.uk](http://www.tewinorchard.co.uk)

Although the above figures may seem large, it's worth noting that the Hall needs to spend about £40,000 on repairs and improvements in the foreseeable future. The rental income exceeds day to day expenditure by only a small amount, and in the current financial climate it would not be prudent to increase our rental charges. Our fund raising events only produce about £7,500 per year, which means that any grants and donations are vitally important in continuing to improve and maintain the facilities. Please support the Memorial Hall whenever possible by hiring it, by becoming members of the Supporters Club, or by attending fund raising events, thereby ensuring that it continues as an important part of Tewin life.

**The Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Please come along to the meeting to hear the outline details of our planned improvements – we should be delighted to see as many villagers as possible so everyone is fully aware of our on-going proposals.**

### TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the February 2011 draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£61	Kay Adams, Orchard Road	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£37	Antony Powell, Harwood Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Valerie Newman, Cannons Meadow	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Tom Brown, Godfries Close

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

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JUMBLE SALE!!



We were once again blessed with a sunny day for our March Jumble Sale, which attracted more visitors than ever before. As a result, the takings on the day totalled £2,282.54 which, once outgoings have been deducted, will provide an excellent boost to Memorial Hall funds.

Our thanks to all those people who donated an enormous number of items, and especially to the hard working team who came along to sort and sell, fetch and carry and to set up and clear away.

We had so many willing workers, it's not practical to name them here but, as always, the Memorial Hall Committee is very grateful to them all and is fully aware that without their willing efforts we could not run the Jumble Sales and raise the vital funds which contribute so much to the maintenance of the Hall.

Our sincere thanks to everyone.

**Diary Date: Next Jumble Sale – Saturday, 8th October!**

Todd Canton  
on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee





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Tel: 01438 717378

## Our March 2011 News

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Honeybee class enjoyed a most informative workshop at St Peter's Church, where they were able to "Meet the Team". Members of the congregation, instrumental in the running of St Peter's, were able to describe their roles and engage the pupils in explaining the significance of our Parish Church. It was a mutually satisfying event and a photo display of the day features on the notice board in the church.



Meanwhile, back at school, the Grasshopper class were enjoying a Greek Day. After a unit of study about Myths and Legends, pupils enjoyed grand finale with Greek feasting, dancing (and plate smashing), making pots, taking part in a drama in the improvised Greek theatre (the school's gazebo), and competing in a mini Olympics. All this dressed in fantastic costume—we had Zeus, Medusa, Pandora, the Minotaur, and many more!

On Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated an historic event, though one we hope will from hereon be more commonplace ...our first win for the Tewin School Football Team! This was in a match against Puller with a score of 2-0. We are hugely proud of our players and wish them all the best for continued success.



On Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> costumes featured once again as we had our official *World Book Day* and pupils dressed as their favourite book characters. Everyone participated and we are in awe of the inventiveness of the spectacular results. A book swap also took place, so lots of children now have new reading material to enjoy.



On March 8<sup>th</sup> Key Stage one classes enjoyed pancakes in celebration of Shrove Tuesday. Now as we enter the season of Lent, we look forward to Easter and the school's service that will take place at St Peter's at **9.30am on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>** to which all are most welcome.

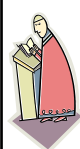


On March 11<sup>th</sup> our Parent Association raised substantial funds for the school with a most appealing event - A Ladies Pamper Evening, much enjoyed and undoubtedly much deserved by all who attended. Thank you for your support.



On Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick's Day, the monthly Tea Dance was held and doors opened to our wider community. We are delighted that it is increasingly well attended, as we have much to learn (and simply admire) from some very accomplished dancers from the village. Mrs. Wright is now hard at work preparing our Maypole dancers for their performance on the Village Green.

May I end with some reminders....the THACS Spring Show will be upon us very soon and we are very hopeful of plenty of entries from young and old alike.



The doors are also open to those of you wishing to worship with us in school, **every Wednesday at 10.25**, when Rev. Stephen conducts our assembly. Do come and join us in prayer for those affected in the recent disaster in Japan, and for the rescue efforts currently underway.



The Staff Team



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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - THACS Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall**



Do come along and enjoy the *THACS* Spring Show. Doors open at 2.15pm, with the presentation of the prizes at 3.30pm, followed by sale of produce by auction. Entrance is only 50p, with children under 14 and exhibitors admitted free.

You still have time to submit entries to the show, provided that you act promptly. The schedule, rules and entry form can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the *THACS* page on the Tewin website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Talk titled 'The Life & Work of Henry Moore' by Barry Dodge**

As announced last month, Barry Dodge will be talking about *The Life and Work of Henry Moore* in the Memorial Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011, starting at 8pm. **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 ONP** by **4<sup>th</sup> May**. You can get the booking form from the newsletter on the *THACS* page on the Tewin website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - Visit to Margaret Easter's garden, Harpenden**

You may remember Margaret Easter's talk entitled "The garden in Autumn and Winter", which she presented to us last November. Many of the *THACS* members who attended that talk expressed interest in visiting her garden and that has now been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.



This is a plantsman's garden planted for year round interest and for wildlife. Margaret Easter has been gardening organically for about 25 years and has not used peat since 2002. The borders are closely planted with as many plants as possible crammed in and under-planted with bulbs. The garden contains national collections of *Thymus*, *Hyssopus* and *Satureja* and this visit has been timed to enable us to see the *Thymus* collection at its best. You can find out more about the garden from the website <http://www.thymus.co.uk/>. The tour is certain to be of interest to all keen gardeners, so do come along and join us.

Margaret Easter will give us a guided tour which will start at 2.30pm and last about two hours. The garden is in Harpenden and, since that is so close to Tewin, we will not be providing a coach. Instead, we will provide a map for car drivers and facilitate car-sharing to allow non-drivers to attend. Please note that the garden is not suitable for wheelchairs. Also, the garden does not have toilets or a tea room but the location of the nearest public toilets will be shown on the map.

**The cost will be £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members.** If you wish to attend, then please fill in the booking form and send it with your payment (cheques payable to *THACS*) to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE** by **3rd June**. You can get the booking form from the *THACS* page on the Tewin website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)) or from Ray Keppler (01438 717545).

## FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

With Spring almost here patients and staff at QVM Hospital and Danesbury are looking forward to taking advantage of the attractive gardens we have on both sites. Over the years much time, energy - not to say, money - has been invested in making these of real benefit to all. Some of the patio at Danesbury has been taken by the new Day Room but there is still plenty of space to enjoy the new planters filled with Spring bulbs.

Inside Danesbury the new Day Room kitchen is completed, and improvements made to the patient facilities funded by the NHS. Schemes are under consideration at both sites for the new financial year and we fully expect the Friends to play a part in whatever may be approved.

Our shops continue to thrive despite the gloomy economic climate. The Welwyn shop has been improved with more selling space and is brighter overall. We have concerns regarding the proposed Knebworth parking regulations, especially for our volunteers. If anyone has space available for a few hours, any time, please contact our Manager Jean Mafham. As always, we'll be delighted hear from you if you have any unwanted items for sale in our shops.

The Friends are holding a lottery this year and amongst the prizes will be a quilt generously donated by one of our longest standing Trustees, Pat Lewis. We are planning to launch this at the Mimram Quilters 2011 Exhibition on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April in Welwyn Civic Centre.

The excellent work done at QVM Hospital and Danesbury Neurological Centre, which the Friends support in so many ways, inevitably depends on resources. The Friends can often help with funding but the need for volunteers to help with patients is critical. Whilst the traditional "tea and coffee round" will always be needed, opportunities for volunteers to become more directly involved in patients' welfare have increased dramatically. Anyone over 18 years with some time to give on a regular basis it is a way to make a real difference to patients' lives. Do please contact the Friends if you would like to know more.

**Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514**

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



### ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

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

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



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

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

#### **Fri 29 Apr 2011 Royal Wedding Street Party 12:00md - 11:00pm**

.... outside the White Horse Pub, Mill Lane, Welwyn. BBQ, Beer Tent, Music, entertainment and Charity Raffle. Link: <http://www.thewhitehorse-welwyn.co.uk>

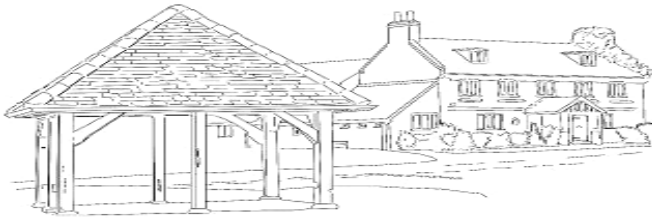
#### **Sun 8 May 2011 Rotary Walk 8:30am - 10:30am**

Organised by Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City Rotary Clubs. Start at Campus West Car Park, WGC. Accept the challenge and raise money for a good cause. Further details: John Hopley on 01582 832679. Link: <http://www.welwynhatfieldrotarywalk.org.uk>

#### **Sun 8 May - Sunday Cycle Ride 2011 09:30**

It's back! The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual bike ride. Take the challenge - all welcome! 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 go 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. Call 01707 382500 or email: [cazamy@btinternet.com](mailto:cazamy@btinternet.com)





## Tewin Parish Council

### **SIGNS**

The new "Segway Adventure" signs off Orchard Road, and the associated toilet block, have been reported to the appropriate departments within both Welwyn Hatfield and East Herts Councils.

### **LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

The next election for the whole of East Herts Council (50 members) is scheduled for the above date. The election of District Councillors will be combined with those for the District's Town and Parish councils. These local council elections will in turn be combined with the referendum on the voting system for the UK Parliament. A poll on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 will only take place if there are more candidates than vacancies in each ward.

### **VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

A vacancy has arisen in the north ward of the parish of Tewin. If you wish to stand for election please contact the Parish Clerk or Chairman of the Parish Council (contact details below) for further information and a nomination paper. *Please note that the deadline for nomination papers to be received is noon on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.*

The job of the Parish Councillor is voluntary and non-political. The Parish Council meets on the evening of the first non-bank holiday Monday of each month except January and August, but Councillors can expect to volunteer more of their time between meetings. The use of email plays a significant part in the day-to-day operation of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's work includes the following:

*Setting a budget each year, from which we set the precept to obtain funds via the Council Tax. All expenditure and income is monitored against the budget.*

*Upkeep of both village greens, various pieces of common land, and 100 Year Wood. It also owns the Pavilion and playground on Upper Green, phone box opposite the Rose & Crown, bus shelters, flagpole on Lower Green, and most of the benches in the Parish.*

*Examination of all planning applications in the Parish and commenting to EHC as necessary.*

*Projects, ie provision of a playground on Upper Green in 2007 and refurbishing of the Pavilion on Upper Green in 2010.*

*Close liaison with Hertfordshire Highways ensuring any problems with the roads are addressed.*

*Shared responsibility with Herts CC for the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.*

*Input as necessary to various consultation documents issued by other authorities.*

The full scope of the Parish Council activities can be seen by reading past minutes and newsletters on: [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

### **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish meeting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm** in Tewin Memorial Hall, followed by the Parish Council meeting.

Other meeting dates are:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011** (Annual Parish Council meeting)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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](http://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 notice board 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**

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### **East Herts District Councillors:**

**North Ward:** Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

**South Ward:** Cllr Linda Haysey Tel: 01992-582151

**HCC:** 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](http://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](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

### **Tewin Parish Council**

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