



# Parish News



May 2011

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Dear Friends

Sadly, this is the last time that I will be writing for Parish News. As some of you will know, I am moving to become Team Vicar of Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham, which is part of the Much Hadham team of parishes. This is another lovely part of Hertfordshire.

Leaving is going to be very difficult, and my last Sunday service will be on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. I do hope that lots of you will be able to be there.

I am to be licensed to my new post in Braughing church at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and you will be most welcome to come to that - I would love to see you there.

It has been marvellous to be associated with Tewin over the past 4 years. I have loved it, and so has my wife. I want to thank everybody who has made our time here so happy and fulfilling. It is a wonderful church and a great community.

As I have said before, the church and the school have been my main focus, although watching my son Edward play cricket for Tewin has been an added pleasure! The church and the school need each other, and I am really confident that these firm links will strengthen and grow under Coralie's successor, the Rev'd Susannah Underwood.

Meanwhile we have just celebrated Easter, with its message of abundant new life in Jesus Christ. The good news is that the darkness has been overcome and can be overcome. The light of Jesus shines through - it cannot be put out and it will shine forever.

Every blessing

*Stephen*



## Churchwardens' Notes

First, an appeal. We have scheduled our **annual spring-clean** for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 8.30am. We urgently need volunteers. Please put **your** name on the list at the back of the church for one or more time slots during Saturday morning. Without your help, we cannot keep St Peter's looking its best.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Last month we suggested that it might be our last 'Notes'. But both wardens were re-elected, so here we are again! Seven members of the PCC were also re-elected. After a good number of years on the PCC, including five as a churchwarden, Pat Ashman stood down. Our grateful thanks go to Pat for all her service to St Peter's over the years.

During April, we had another visit from the school for their Easter Service. This was a lively occasion with over 100 children in church and around 35 adults. An integral part was their Easter Play, performed by Honeybees class and much enjoyed by all.

It seems that we are in times of constant change! In 2009, it was first announced that Alan Winton was leaving us; in 2010, David joined as our new rector; followed in October by the announcement that Coralie was leaving; then, in record time, especially for the C of E, the news that Susannah Underwood is to be our new Team Vicar, hopefully joining us by September; and now the departure of Stephen Fielding, whose last service with us will be on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Our best wishes to Stephen and Angela for their move and many thanks for their time with us.

Now a date for your diary. The proposed date for the licensing of Rev'd Susannah Underwood to the Welwyn Team Ministry is 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.

We hope that you have all enjoyed Easter and the myriad bank holidays. Now to keep our spirits up, we have the school Maypole dancing on the Green on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May (weather permitting!)

Please also remember our proposed visit to Norwich Cathedral on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, when Alan Winton has agreed to show us around. Put it in your diary now!

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Church will be floodlit on  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May  
in memory  
of  
Alan Lawson  
from Joy, Kristina  
& the family



## HELP NEEDED for SPRING CLEANING!

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

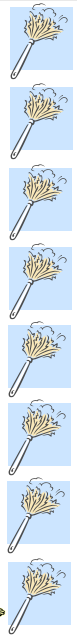
Able bodied people to clean beams, wash windows, move furniture, kneelers, hymn books, etc

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY from 8.30am .....

Volunteers needed to help us scrub floors and polish woodwork

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

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



## Treasurer's Notes

### GIFT AID

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all those who give to St Peter's under the Gift Aid scheme, whether this is by standing order, the weekly envelope scheme, cheque or the yellow Gift Aid envelopes placed in the pews in church. For the most recent year we have received the magnificent sum of £8,800 in tax recovery. Although in future, with the end of transitional relief, the figure may be about £1,000 lower, it is still a valuable addition to our income when so many costs are rising. So whatever you give to St Peter's, if you pay tax, please **GIFT AID** it.

Don't forget that if you are a higher rate taxpayer you are entitled to extra tax relief on any gifts you make to charities. Anyone requiring information in order to complete their 2010-11 tax return may contact me at [graham.spring@tesco.net](mailto:graham.spring@tesco.net) – or on 01707 375499.

### GOOD WILL

Secondly, a question: Who said ***"In this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes"***? The answer is Benjamin Franklin, as long ago as 1789. So what's new in the world?

Nowadays, the link between death and taxes is Inheritance Tax (IHT), which hits estates with a tax of 40% on everything over the nil rate band.

Why am I saying this, you might ask? Well the answer is simple. ***Gifts to charities in a person's will (ie bequests) reduce the value of the estate for IHT purposes.*** So if 40% IHT were likely to be payable on an estate and a gift of, say, £1,000 were made to a charity – like St Peter's – then the IHT liability would be reduced by £400, making the net cost only £600. Food for thought, perhaps, when making or reviewing a will.

This is a way in which **goodwill** could be reflected in a **good will**, possibly for the eventual benefit of St Peter's.

Graham Spring

## Tombola Stall at Tewin Fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

St Peter's Church has taken up the reins for the Tombola stall again and we would be very grateful if you could look out any unwanted presents, items suitable for gifts. Also, donations of WINES-SPIRITS-GIFTS-CHOCOLATES-TOILETRIES AND ANY OTHER ITEMS towards this popular stall.

Contributions can be delivered to **MARY GREGG** at **20a Hertford Road, .....**  
**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE -**

Thank you in anticipation!

60<sup>th</sup>

## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE — 2012

60<sup>th</sup>

Despite the fact that a leaflet about the Diamond Jubilee meeting was sent to all Tewin, householders, only 18 people came along to the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March to discuss possible celebrations.

This was very disappointing and followed the trend set by an earlier leaflet drop asking for suggestions, when only 12 replies were received.

This left us with a dilemma – should Tewin ignore this important anniversary completely? The people who did attend the meeting felt that we should celebrate in some way but the lack of interest shown by villagers limits possibilities, especially since only one parent of school-age children turned up. From the suggestions we did receive, a Dance in the Memorial Hall topped the list – people remembered the great time we had at the VE Celebrations Dance but a meeting held at that time was attended by well over 100 people so we knew it would be well supported.

To repeat the exercise we would need to hire a band and be assured that people would buy tickets in order to pay for it since we don't have funds available immediately. It is more likely that instead we will need to decide on an event requiring minimum outlay. However, a small committee has been formed who will discuss what is practicable under the circumstances.

One possibility is a picnic (bring your own food and drinks), preceded by a Church Service, on Lower Green but other ideas are in the pipeline. In the meantime, if anyone has any suggestions on sponsorship, or is willing to help in any way, please contact either of the names below:

Todd Canton (717395) or

Linda Crawford (717538)

The Memorial Hall Management Committee

## Tewin Brownies Really Do Have Talent!



This term Tewin Brownies worked very hard towards the Hertford District Talent Competition "Brownies Got Talent", a yearly competition sponsored by the British Legion. It had a new theme this year, allowing 11 Brownie Packs from all over the Hertford to enter one act into a Britain's Got Talent themed contest.

Our Brownies decided they all wanted to be in the act together. After discussion we all decided that Lydia's gymnastic ability would be the centrepiece of our performance "Do you Believe in the Ocean Dream". Other Brownies would feature as sea creatures around her, and Amelia as a fisherman who was very confused by the display. Each Brownie designed their own costume and graphed her own choreo-routine.



On the big day the Tewin Brownies looked as if they should have been found in the Atlantic rather than Simon Balle School. Their costumes were fantastic, their faces painted with glowing paint to give them an effective mystical look, leading to the judges commenting on the very good costumes. The Tewin Brownies performance was fantastic and very sophisticated which impressed the rather realistic judges known to us as Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and Piers Morgan.

The standard of the competition was very high with Brownies involved performing a variety of acts from dancing and singing to short plays. The judges voted and Tewin came an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which we were very happy about and the girls thoroughly deserved from all their hard work. Eleanor Midgely, a brownie, wrote "Everyone put in a great deal of effort and hard work and for that I would say we were all winners. It was a very fun afternoon." A big well done to all the Brownies!!



## SPRING BOOK SALE— Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm in Tewin Memorial Hall



We'll have an even larger selection of second-hand books at this year's Spring Book Sale. There will be books in all categories – novels, biographies, gardening, cookery, sport, the arts, transport and other specialist subjects. Whatever your reading taste, we are sure you'll find something to suit you. Children's books will also be available, as well as a selection of jigsaw puzzles and board games to suit all ages.

In addition, there will be 'Children's Story Time' at 11am and 2.30pm. This has become a popular feature of our Book Sales so we hope as many children as possible will be there to enjoy it.



All our second-hand books, some as new, are sold at very low prices, so please come along, browse at your leisure – and also enjoy some refreshments whilst you're there. Entrance is free.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please phone any of the following:

Linda Crawford 717538  
David Gregg 717544  
Todd Canton 717395

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



## The Tewin Society Award

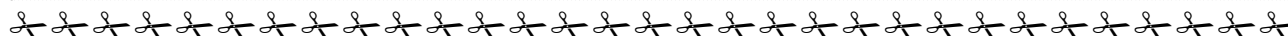


The principles of the Tewin Society live on in the form of a new annual award. After the Tewin Society wound up in 2009, they donated some of their funds to **THACS** in order to preserve the Tewin Society name via an annual award to be presented to an individual for achievements that reflect the aims of the Tewin Society.

The award is The Tewin Society Award for Heritage, Environment & Conservation. It takes the form of a perpetual plaque which has a large disc at the top, engraved with the award title and 24 smaller discs that can be engraved each year with the winner's name and the year of the award. The award will be presented every year at the **THACS** AGM commencing in 2012.

The TSA committee has been created to manage the award and will soon announce the evaluation criteria leading to the selection of the winner by the end of this year.

You'll be hearing more about this in due course but, meanwhile, you can help by thinking about whom you would nominate to receive this award and why, so that you'll be prepared to make the nominations once the procedure is announced.



### Diary Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June ..... VILLAGE FETE!!!

Tewin Village Fete plans are well advanced and there will be information on the many attractions in the next issue of Parish News. We will also be giving details regarding donations to, among others, the New/Nearly New, Cake Stall and Tombola Stalls.

As always though, we cannot hold the Village Fete without your help. We will need as much assistance as possible to set up on Lower Green in the morning and to clear away afterwards, as well as with the manning of stalls.

If you can help in any way, please phone Lynn Farr on 798307 or Todd Canton on 717395. **New helpers are very welcome.**

Thank you.

Lynn Farr, Chairman, Tewin Fete Committee



### *Friends of Tewin*

I am happy to say the coach outing in July being organised by Friends of Tewin going to Whitstable and Canterbury has just one seat left! The response has been great and we went from a 35 seater coach to a 51. Any bigger coach probably wouldn't have got up the lanes!

Don't forget the dancing round the Maypole on the Lower Green, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Committee has a quiet couple of months but most of the members are busy with other village projects, including Upper Green Pond, Memorial Hall, THACS Spring Show, Book Sale, parish affairs and shop, not to mention Easter holidays and The Royal Wedding.

Hope you enjoy your extra holidays and the good weather continues.

Linda Crawford  
Chairman, Friends of Tewin

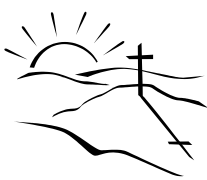




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### Our News

Our first week of April was a very quiet one in school with the absence of Dragonfly class away on their PGL residential trip in Liddington, Wiltshire. Accompanied by their classteacher Mrs. Fenner, our student teacher Evelyn Rackley and our school's caretaker Mr. Morgans, pupils enjoyed a week not only filled with challenge and activity but also of glorious sunny weather.



Back at school preparation went ahead for our end of term Easter service. Officiated by Rev. Diane Whittaker, this was a service led by Mr. Le Tissier and his Honeybee class with a dramatic presentation delivering the message of Easter in a most powerful and impacting way. The singing was equally rousing and may we thank Rosemary Knight who accompanied us on the organ.

The Easter break was as busy as ever with a great many pupils and children of the community returning to school for the Easter Holiday club led by Mrs. Wright. This proved as popular as ever and fun was had by all.

On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> school was well represented at the THACS Spring Show with record entries from our pupils especially in the Handwriting, Art and Poetry categories. We are very proud of all who participated.

On our return to school on April 26<sup>th</sup> we launched straight into a three day Royal Wedding Bonanza of events beginning with a series of workshops which included, making bunting, crowns, learning about the history of our recent and more ancient monarchs and making commemorative coasters. On the Wednesday the whole school enjoyed a trip to Knebworth House gaining insight into how aristocracy - and under stairs servants once lived.



On the Thursday we all attended the wedding in school of Mr. & Mrs. Colligan, who had kindly volunteered to partake in a demonstration marriage officiated by Rev. Stephen. This was an opportunity for our pupils to gain insight not only into the excitement of such an event but also the religious significance of the vows exchanged. That same afternoon, we all enjoyed a Street Party (albeit a playground party) to which everyone was invited to celebrate with us and to enjoy an afternoon of music from the gazebo, games, and refreshments all under our school-made bunting!



May I end with some reminders... Maypole dancing will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am on the village green when you can come and admire all the hard work which has gone into training our expert dancers.



Dancing shoes back on please for the May Tea Dance on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4.15pm. Please do join us.



Also, you are most welcome to join us in school, every Wednesday at 10.25am when Rev. Stephen conducts our assembly.

The Staff Team

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011** - Visit to 'The Cult of Beauty' exhibition at the V&A museum and a guided tour of Leighton House.

**THACS** is fortunate to have been able to book for this fascinating exhibition which focuses on the then 'new' beauties, Lizzie Siddal, Ellen Terry, Jane Morris and others, who were the muses and inspiration for the Aesthetic Movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This was groups of artists, designers and architects who believed in 'art for art's sake', such as the Pre-Raphaelite bohemians Rossetti, Burne-Jones and William Morris and later Whistler, Oscar Wilde and Aubrey Beardsley. Sumptuous decorative designs feature in the exhibition by Walter Crane, Morris, Beardsley and E.W. Goodwin, and paintings by Frederick Lord Leighton, who led the group.

To compliment the exhibition, we have booked an optional guided tour of Lord Leighton's house (Leighton House Museum) which, among other delights, has an astonishing Arabic-style tiled hallway. The museum has recently undergone restoration to something near its original glory, with a twinkling fountain in an interior pool, and dark, lustrous interiors. We will be able to see Leighton's studio and imagine those great artists gathered together. Queen Victoria visited in 1869 and purchased 'Cimabue', Leighton's first painting to be exhibited at the Royal Academy, for 600 guineas.

Costs for the trip range from £15 to £32, full details can be found on the booking form, together with the logistics. However, please note that:-

- The coach will leave the Rose and Crown in Tewin at 9.00am **sharp**.
- Leighton House Museum regrets that at present there is no wheelchair access.

We are required to confirm booking **one month** in advance, so please book your seat for this eye-opening outing quickly. Send your completed booking form, with payment (cheques payable to **THACS**) to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP by **30<sup>th</sup> April**. Booking forms from Pat Fulford (01438 798717) or the **THACS** page [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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



This visit was detailed last month and there is still time to book a place on it. The cost will be £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members. If you wish to attend, 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Booking forms from Ray Keppler

(01438717545) or the **THACS** page on [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011** - **THACS plant stall at the Village Fete**

THACS will again be managing the plant stall and will be grateful for any plants that you can spare to sell on the day. Unwanted seedlings, rooted cuttings and divided perennials will all be welcome.

Please label and deliver to the stall on Lower Green in the morning from 11.00am onwards. Alternatively, you may leave them with either:

**Kate Stott at: 20 Harwood Close (01438 717680)** or  
**Sue Whitbourn at 107 Burnham Green Road (01438 798221).**





## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **March 2011** draw

1<sup>st</sup> £61 Jennifer Doxey, Bishops Road                      2<sup>nd</sup> £36 Dagmar Brook, Bishops Road  
3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Margaret Knight, Mill House                      3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Lynn Farr, Upper Green

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

**WANTED!**

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**Would you like a new and rewarding challenge in 2011?  
Would you like to be part of a thriving, busy and successful school environment?**



The governing body of Tewin Cowper School is looking for 3-4 local people interested in becoming school governors. You don't need any experience of education just a willingness to learn and adapt your skills to the development of the school. Financial skills particularly welcome but please don't be deterred if this isn't your background! Maybe you've had children at the school in the past, maybe no connection at all, but feel you can contribute a few hours each month to help secure the future of this valuable resource to the local community.

The governors meet four times a year as a whole governing body and then once or twice a term in committees – financial, facilities and health and safety, curriculum and personnel. Meeting times are scheduled to accommodate governors own work, family and general commitments. We try to ensure that whole governing body meetings don't run longer than 2 hours! A programme of on-going training is provided.



If you would like to discuss this further please contact me, *Rachel McCreith* or any other governor (names are on the school website) via the school on *01438717378*. Alternatively, for more information about the role of a school governor visit: [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

### **Thinking about fostering? Come along to our open evenings to find out more...**

Our foster carers come from all walks of life and provide caring, stable homes for children and young people going through tough times.

We are particularly looking for carers to foster older children (10-18 years) and sibling groups of two or more children. If you love working with children, are enthusiastic, have at least one spare room in your home, fostering could be for you.

We are also looking for experienced people to help children and young people with more challenging needs as part of our specialist fostering scheme. You can find out more about supported lodgings and shared care for children with disabilities too.

All foster carers receive a competitive fee, an allowance, on-going training and support.

To talk to foster carers and professionals in Hertfordshire, come to one of our open evenings:

*Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30-8.30pm at Ramada Cromwell Hotel, High Street, Stevenage, SG1 3AZ*

*Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30-8.30pm at Ramada Hotel, Hemel Hempstead Road, Redbourn, AL3 7AF*

Please ring 01438 843281 if you'd like to come along. To find out more about fostering, ring us or visit [www.hertsdirect.org/fostering](http://www.hertsdirect.org/fostering)

## FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April has been a rather busy month for everyone. As you read this the Easter holiday and the Royal Wedding will have been enjoyed by us all and now we look forward to the summer hoping for good weather.

For patients at Danesbury and QVM hospital there is the same anticipation of summer but it's not quite the same. The gardens surrounding both premises are attractive and can be enjoyed by those able to get out into the fresh air, but not all can. The staff make every possible effort to fill patients' time with activities to help the day pass enjoyably but needless to say time is always at a premium.

This is where our volunteers play an important part and make such a major contribution to patients' welfare. Whether assisting the therapists with hobbies and games, adding to the conversation at meal time, and, of course, the morning and afternoon drinks round. Increasingly it is recognised that such contact plays a major part in the success of any hospital and really aids a patient's recovery.

Recognising this we have plans to develop and expand our volunteers activities. Part of this will be proper training and support for all those involved. We believe it will provide exciting opportunities for anyone wanting to make a real contribution to the excellent work already being done at Danesbury Neurological Centre and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital.

We will have more detailed information next month but if you would like to be kept in touch with our plans do please let us know.

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

**E mail: [danesburyqvm@btconnect.com](mailto:danesburyqvm@btconnect.com) and [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



#### **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Rotary Walk 08:30 - 10:30**

Walk organised by Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City Rotary Clubs. Start at Campus West Car Park WGC. Accept the challenge and raise money for your favourite good cause. Tel. John Hopley on 01582 832679 or visit: <http://www.welwynhatfieldrotarywalk.org.uk>

#### **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May Isabel Hospice Sunday Cycle Ride 2011 09:30 onwards**

All welcome to take the challenge! The second annual bike ride, choosing from 10/25/50 miles circuit. Starting at Woolmer Green Village Hall, Hall Lane, Nr Datchworth. SG3 6XA. Cash BBQ & Bar, Delicious Cakes, Tea & Coffee. Please obtain sponsorship for us! Adults £10, kids go FREE but under 14's must be accompanied on the ride by an adult. Register now on 01707 382500 or email [cazamy@btinternet.com](mailto:cazamy@btinternet.com)

#### **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 Open Garden with Tea and Stalls 14:00 - 17:00**

The gardens of Great Munden House, Great Munden, Nr Ware SG11 1HU will be open. Proceeds to Isabel Hospice.

#### **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 Care 4 a Cuppa**

Individuals or groups are invited to hold tea parties in aid of Isabel Hospice from June - September. Ring Katie Robertson on 01707 382500.

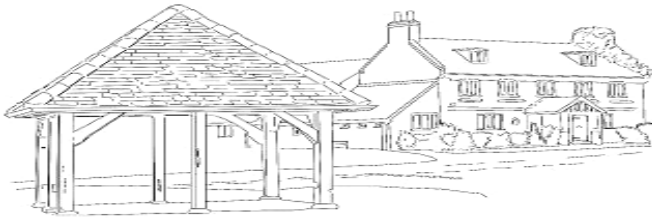
#### **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Teas in Gardens 14:00 - 17:30**

Danny Desmond of Bride Hall, Ayot St Lawrence, Welwyn AL6 9DB is opening his garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. Featuring stunning, formal gardens, herbaceous and mixed borders, a herb garden, sunken garden, vegetable garden, courtyard and orchard. Set in 285 acres of wild flower meadows, ridge and furrow fields, two wildlife ponds attracting an array of birds, butterflies and wildlife. For details ring Renee Friend 01279 755320.

#### **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Nightrider Open Challenge Event**

A circular route of 102km/64 miles on roads takes in over 50 of London's famous landmarks with fully sign-posted route and 4 snack stops along the way. A truly unique way to explore London. Ring Julie North to register your interest for 1 of our 10 places on this popular event. Tel: 01707 382500 or email: [julie.north@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:julie.north@isabelhospice.org.uk)





## Tewin Parish Council

### Bridge Cottage Surgery, Welwyn - Prescriptions

From Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 prescriptions can be picked up from **Tewin Stores** during opening hours. Put repeat prescriptions in the black box [as before] by 9am on Tuesdays & Thursdays for collection.

### Lower Green

The Parish Council is very grateful to the parishioner that arranged for the southernmost point of Lower Green to be turfed, it has made a vast improvement to the look of the Lower Green.

### Highways

Memorial Hall/Scout Hut Sign :

This has now been installed on Lower Green.

Access Road repairs to Godfries Close Sub Station: Hertfordshire Highways have resurfaced their piece of land and Cllr K St Pier is due to meet Riversmead representatives to discuss their responsibilities.

Hertfordshire Highways – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a joint meeting about repairs to the roads throughout the Parish.

### 'Segway Adventures'

This company provides corporate events in fields west of Orchard Road. The toilet block built in the woods has been reported to Welwyn Hatfield Planning Enforcement and the necessary planning permission requested. The land can be used for 28 days of the year for this, however any more than that requires permission for change of use.

### Elections

There are 8 nominations for 8 vacancies on the Parish Council so no actual ballot will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Common Ragwort (*Senecio Jacobaea*)

This is a common weed found throughout the British Isles and is very toxic to horses and other livestock. It can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state.

Under the Weeds Act 1959 the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent their spreading. The Act specifies five injurious weeds: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Creeping Field Thistle, Broad Leaved Dock & Curled Dock.

By promoting good practice and neighbourliness it is hoped this weed can be controlled. If you find it in your garden please use rubber gloves to remove the plant and place it either in the black bin or burn thus prevent livestock eating it. Fragments of root will remain in the ground so any new growth and root has to be monitored and removed every year. For more information on identification and control of ragwort visit [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.45pm**, Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the Parish Council meeting.

### Other meeting dates are:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011; 7.45pm; Tewin Memorial Hall  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011; 7.45pm; Tewin Memorial Hall

### 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 noticeboard by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall & bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

Queries or comments for the above, please contact:

**Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256**

**Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969**

E-mail - [caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net](mailto: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** For reporting m/cycles

**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.