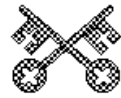




Parish News



June 2012

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 60p

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Vicar's letter

"I declare before you that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service ... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it".

These were words spoken by Queen Elizabeth II on her 21st birthday in 1947. In a world where promises seem cheap and readily broken it is awe-inspiring to see footage of this young woman committing herself to her country and to think upon the decades she has faithfully done so. On national and international stages, in political and social arenas the world has turned relentlessly – much has come and gone – but it seems to me that the Queen's commitment to her role and the countries she serves remains constant.

Of course the idea of monarchy and service are deeply imbedded within biblical tradition. Yes, kingship was a privilege but with it came a hefty responsibility for the care of one's people. Old Testament prophets got very angry when ruling monarchs forgot this. Obviously the most notable model of rule and sacrifice is to be seen in Jesus himself, the servant king.

Her speech also invites us all into her role: into service and neighbourliness of one another and perhaps also prayerful support of her. So as we approach our Jubilee celebrations it is right and proper this is done together as communities. Armed with bunting and teapots, jazz and dancing, the villages of Datchworth and Tewin promise to be examples of this nation at its best - for there is no better way, I feel, to celebrate a monarch who's promoted responsibility and care of one's neighbour than to get together with our own.

Among the celebrations will be a special village Jubilee service of thanksgiving on Lower Green. Fuelled with a hearty English breakfast in the Memorial Hall, sing with us some of the nation's favourite hymns, join in with prayers for our Queen, nation and neighbours and then listen to the wonders of the Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir. Sunday 3rd June 11am, Lower Green. Then, to complete the day come to St Peter's church for tea and cake in the afternoon. I'm sure her Majesty would thoroughly approve!

Susannah



Churchwardens' Notes

On 29th April we were pleased to welcome Bishop Alan of St Albans who came to baptise and celebrate Holy Communion with us.

The following weekend was the annual spring clean. In spite of the very limited numbers on the sign up sheet for volunteers we were thrilled by the number of people who came to help. A bumper turnout resulted in a very thorough deep clean. Many, many thanks to all concerned and a special thank you to Ivor Williams for providing the hot water yet again.

On 11th May the Honeybees class from our school came to *Meet the Team*. The children were introduced to the various jobs involved in running St Peter's. For example, playing the organ, ringing the bells, maintaining the churchyard to mention just a few. Many thanks to all those who took part.

Another thank you goes to Nick Whiting who so kindly planted the area in front of the Beit Memorial with tulips. The combination of bright red tulips against the backdrop of the yellow oil seed rape and the fresh green of all the new grass and leaves on the trees was very spectacular.

On 19th May a concert was held in Church entitled *Jazz at St Peter's* featuring music from 1940 to 1970. A pianist, double bass player and a vocalist provided a most entertaining evening enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Many thanks to Ted Sharp for organising this event.

On Sunday 3rd June there **will not** be a morning service at St Peter's. Instead there will be a breakfast in the Memorial Hall [remember to give in your £1 deposit voucher from Tewin Stores], followed by a service on Lower Green at 11am. This will be followed by coffee served on the green. In the afternoon you are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and home made cake at St Peter's. Please let us know if you can provide a cake.

Now a reminder about *Open Church* on Sunday, 24th June when St Peter's will be open to visitors as usual throughout the day with the added bonus of refreshments being available between 2pm and 5pm. If you could help with baking or setting up/clearing away for this event please contact Nicky Hadley or Pauline Brown.

On Sunday, 20th May two children were baptised during the Family Service. We welcome Noah Lewin Farnsworth and Lorcan Gabriel Blythe Melling, and also Catherine Eleanor Wood [baptised by Bishop Alan at the end of April] into the Church family. In the evening Diane Whittaker came to conduct her last service with us at St Peter's before moving on to pastures new. We thank Diane for all her time spent with us at Tewin and wish her and John all the very best for their future in Northamptonshire.

Pete and Mike

Treasurer's Notes

Many thanks to those who have supported St Peter's throughout the last tax year, whether by standing order, weekly envelopes, Gift Aid envelopes, cheque, cash, or some other way.

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Treasurer's Notes cont'd

The tax year has ended and many may soon be faced with completing their tax return. If you are filling in the Charitable Giving section of the return and need to know how much you have donated to St Peter's during the tax year, please do contact me.

I have some spare boxes of envelopes for anyone who would like to join the weekly giving scheme; and standing order forms for those who wish to start or alter their giving through the bank.

So much tidier than cash in the bag! Speak to me in church, or give me a call.

Graham Spring (01707 375499)

Open Church Sunday, 24th June 2012



Although the inside of our church may be familiar, when did you last visit? You may have attended the occasional service, but have you stopped to appreciate its architecture or fabric?

Perhaps you hadn't considered visiting churches as they may be closed. Now, for one Sunday in June, many churches throughout the diocese have agreed to open their doors and welcome visitors. St Peter's will be offering refreshments including homemade cakes.

How about a family day out on Sunday 24th June with a picnic? Plan your route by visiting www.livinggodslive.org/openchurchsunday and drive, cycle or walk on a tour of churches in your area. St Peter's Tewin warmly welcomes everyone to see inside our beautiful church. We look forward to you joining us.



Friends of Tewin

Unfortunately the weather did not allow the children from Tewin School to dance around the maypole on the Village Green but we hope you managed to see them at the school.

Did you remember to buy your vouchers for the Jubilee Breakfast? Sorry if you were too late. It plans to be a good weekend of celebration for the village.

The balance of £14.50p for the Windsor trip on Tuesday, 17th July 2012, is due in June. Cheques payable to '**Friends of Tewin**' and sent to me please. We'll leave the Rose & Crown at 9am.

Our next venture will be the Musical Evening on Saturday 21st July. If, by then, you have heard the WGC Male Voice Choir at our Jubilee celebrations you will enjoy a varied programme of singing, and local soloist Sarah Colligan, in Tewin Memorial Hall. The Hall opens at 7.30pm to buy drinks from our licensed bar before the performance at 8pm. We plan an interval for a raffle and purchasing of drinks, with the evening finishing at 10pm. However, you will be welcome to stay until the bar closes at 10.30pm, allowing you a relaxing evening out. Tickets will be £10 each, available soon from Tewin Stores or a member of the F of T Committee. This is a fund raising event for us, so hope we see you there.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Tewin Memorial Hall AGM – 24 April 2012 - Chairman's Report

(Abridged Version – the full report can be seen on the Tewin website)

Thank you for turning out, and welcome to the East Herts District Council's '**Village Hall of the Year**'!

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Tewin Memorial Hall AGM – cont'd

This award was the culmination of many months of hard work by our small committee, whose devotion and commitment was truly tested as we navigated our way through a series of major refurbishment projects and fund raising efforts. The fact that we received this official recognition, despite stiff competition from fellow village halls lying within such a large area of Hertfordshire, illustrates the true extent of our achievements over the past 12 months.

The financial element of this award is £10,000, which is to be invested in the creation of much needed additional storage by extending the Scout Hut, for which we are currently seeking permission. Our Treasurer, Peter Burleigh's, report details the full extent of our finances but I would like to mention that in 12 months we secured grants, and fund raised, to the tune of £59,792, which drew interest from the local media and is thanks to our dynamic committee and loyal supporters. Space does not allow me to name everyone who has played such a key role in our success, but I would like to highlight the day-to-day maintenance work done by Rod Frayne and Keith St Pier, who have saved us thousands of pounds and allowed our hard earned fund raising monies to work even more effectively for the benefit of the Hall. In addition, Julia Tizard has also given great support, whilst Lynn Farr has worked feverishly putting together the grant papers, with Peter providing the financial element. All our submissions were completed to a very high standard, which afforded us a level of success way beyond expectations. I would also like to mention Paul and Diane Hagger who were key organisers of our kitchen, toilet and bar refurbishment, and would also thank Debbie Kirby of the Under 5's Group, who managed to secure a significant grant to help finance the replacement of the Scout Hut roof.

Moving on to fund raising, I think it is fitting to mark and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Todd and Jean Canton's command of the well-oiled machine that is Operation TMH – Jumble Sales. This year they, and their army of loyal volunteers, broke all previous records, which increased the total raised in 10 years to a massive £28,886. Lynn Farr is now in the process of planning our Fete, which is another successful event, raising much needed funds, and brings our small community together. This year she needs extra support, so if you are able to either join her planning group or be there on the day, please contact her straightaway on 01438 798307. Both this and the Jumble Sales could be in jeopardy of cancellation in the future if we do not get some new blood on board and SOON!

Despite being very well managed and publicised by Lisa Bove, our Supporters' Club struggles to secure more members, even though we offer the potential of winning 4 prizes per month for only a £1 contribution, and from this we direct £6 per member each (plus gift aid) into our funds. So please spread the word and encourage others to sign up NOW! I must also thank Linda Crawford and David Gregg (Friends of Tewin) for their tireless efforts on the Book Sales, which have proved to be another good fund raiser. Further generosity from the Parish Council, THACS and Friends of Tewin was also very much appreciated by the Management Team as they were crucial sponsors in securing our *Biffa Award*. I also wish to convey thanks to the THACS Committee and its members for their generous donation of £1,000 towards the acquisition of projection and sound equipment. This will not only support '*The Screen on the Green*' initiative, but will provide valuable additional facilities for hirers of the Hall. So far all of the screenings have been sell-outs, so thank you Linda Adams, Kevin Brazier, Rod and the Team.

Finally, on fund raising, I must make a plea to our residents to consider hiring our Hall for weddings, celebrations, business or recreational purposes, or please support our Zumba, Yoga and Badminton Groups, who may soon cease functioning without new members. The phrase 'Use it or Lose it' comes to mind here (see Tewin website for details). When compared with other venues, the hire cost of your Hall is well below the market rate, and our catering, bar and toilet facilities are of a very high standard. Feel free to come and look at the improvements. We are now looking for someone to join the Committee in a marketing role, with a view to increasing our bookings. Is there anyone out there who would like to help?

In addition, this time last year I announced that Peter wished to hang up his abacus and hand over his Treasurer duties. Thankfully, he was too loyal to walk out the door but insisted we identify a replacement whom he would support through their first year. Into the breach stepped Gail Elliott as Treasurer Designate, and by Pat Fulford as Assistant Treasurer. Both these ladies have a professional background in finance and we are fortunate to have them on board. Going back to Peter, I would take this opportunity to say a few words on his outstanding commitment. When he took over in 2001, no returns had been completed for the Charities Commission, and the Beit Trust monies had not been claimed for 6 years. Peter has rectified this and has also set up a Gift Aid facility. In 2001 the annual spend was £356, in 2012 it fell just shy of £50,000, and the total balances were £6,000 and £57,000 respectively. (*David continued his tribute to Peter Burleigh but space doesn't allow for the full report which can be seen on the Tewin website*).

Other future plans include work on our car park, finishing the secondary glazing and replacing guttering. In the meantime I want to state that it has been a real pleasure working alongside such wonderful people.

David Laming, Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Tewin Memorial Hall - Book Sale



The Spring Book Sale takings were a very creditable £270 - a welcome boost to Memorial Hall funds - and the Hall Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated books and jigsaws, and all those who came along to purchase on the day. We also thank the Friends of Tewin, who kindly organised the event on behalf of the Hall, as well as everyone who helped set out tables, arrange displays and man the Hall during the day.

We look forward to seeing everybody at our **next Book Sale on 3rd November.**



Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club — Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **April 2012** draw

1 st	£63	Roger Huggins, Hertford Road	2 nd	£38	Derek Saban, Bishops Road
3 rd	£13	Emma Burleigh, Harwood Close	3 rd	£13	Karin Borg, Harwood Close

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



'Screen on the Green' Tewin Memorial Hall Monday, 18th June at 7.45pm *'The Sound of Music' (1965) 2hrs 54mins*



This musical tells the story of Maria, an Austrian nun whose life is changed when she becomes governess to the children of Navy captain Georg Von Trapp. Our presentation will be a 'SINGALONG' with optional, but highly encouraged, fancy dress! Subtitles provided for those unable to remember the words. Everyone practice their Do Re Mi's, gents don lederhosen, and ladies your white aprons, we can yodel away for a really fun community bash. Doors open at 7pm for free tea and coffee. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine and glasses please!

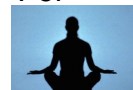
Tickets £4, available from Tewin Stores or on line from sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk



Yoga classes

Hello, I'm Charlotte and I'm a Wheel of Yoga accredited teacher. I teach Yoga on Mondays 9.30-10.45am and Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall. For more details please ring **07989 331270** or callam@hotmail.com

Charlotte Allam



Manager: Bev Barraclough
01438 717929

The shop cafe is doing really well and also sells lunches as well as teas. Pop in and see the menu on offer. It is also very busy selling the many tickets for village events don't miss out by leaving it too late as all events have a limit.

The Tewin Jubilee mugs are now available at £3.50p, and I noticed some very patriotic cards and greeting cards. Don't forget 'Father's Day' on 17th June. Pop in for a bottle of wine, beer or fancy cake along with your card. Thank you for supporting the shop.



**Diamond Jubilee Weekend Celebrations
Saturday 2nd and Sunday, 3rd June**



Saturday, 2nd June: 7.30 for 8pm - Midnight

A Celebration Dance in the Memorial Hall, with music provided by popular singer and guitarist, Paul David, of Guys 'n' Dolls. **SOLD OUT!** Admittance by ticket only so if you've bought a ticket, please bring it with you, together with your drinks & glasses. A raffle will be held, the funds from which will be given to The Moorfields Eye Hospital. If you are able to donate raffle items, they would be most welcome. Please ring me on the number at the end of the article. I will be happy to collect any donations.

Sunday, 3rd June: Breakfast in the Memorial Hall will be from 9.00 – 10.30am not 8.30am as previously advised. A film of The Queen's Coronation will be shown in the Hall.

11am: Church Service on Lower Green conducted by Rev'd Susannah Underwood, which will be followed by a selection of songs from The Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir. Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks will be available.

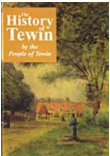
2.30 – 4.30pm: St Peter's Church will be serving tea and home-made cakes.

Tewin Jubilee Mugs now available at Tewin Stores – Price £3.50. If you have completed a pink form, but have not yet claimed your child's Jubilee Mug, please call 01438 717395 to arrange collection.

Todd Canton

Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee **01438 717395**

Tewin History Book Now reduced in price!



'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin' has been a great success since its launch in November 2009, and a further £500 from the sale of the book has recently been donated to the Tewin Memorial Hall maintenance fund, bringing the total contribution to £6,000.

We have decided to reduce the price of remaining stock from £25 to £22.50 in line with that offered in the Howard Centre book store.

If you have not yet purchased a copy, or are new to the village, perhaps you should consider a few of the comments we have received since its launch:

".....a magnificent production" : ".....I've learned so many new things about Tewin..." :

".....very well written...have read it cover to cover" :a fascinating amount of information....." : "...I hadn't expected a book of this quality...." : "....information is beautifully put over" :beautiful photographs and illustrations....." :

".....Congratulations on producing such a splendid book".

For just £22.50 you will receive a 264 page hard-back book full of fascinating information about the village, including 490 photographs and illustrations, the majority in colour, covering Tewin's history from 500,000 years ago to the present day. You can buy it from Tewin Stores or via the website: **www.tewinorchard.co.uk** Alternatively, please phone Linda Adams on 798147 or Jean Canton on 717395.

With this new reduced price, now is the time to purchase a copy before stocks run out.

Elizabeth Wilson,
Chairman, The History Book Group



VILLAGE FETE - Saturday, 30th June, 2-5pm Lower Green & the Village Hall



Once again we hope you will come along and join us at this year's Fete where you will be able to enjoy many attractions, such as a Children's Fun fair, various games, Face Painting, a variety of stalls including Crafts, as well as Tombola, a Barbecue, a Pimms Bar, a Jazz band and much more. In addition, we have some great Auction and Raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets will be available on the day of the Fete - if, however, you are unable to be there, you can buy them now at Tewin Stores.

As well as your support at the Fete, we will also need assistance setting up on Lower Green in the morning and clearing away afterwards, as well as with the manning of stalls, so if you are able to help in any way perhaps you would let us know in advance so we can allocate jobs -

please phone **Lynn Farr on 798307**, or **Todd Canton on 717395**.

As always, we would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls:

Tombola



Wine – Spirits – Gifts – Chocolates - any other items (again, not jumble).
Also we would like Toys and Gifts for the Children's Tombola.

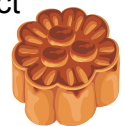


Please contact **Alison Burleigh** on **01438 715260** any time prior to the Fete, but **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING, 27th June, PLEASE.**

Cakes etc



Home Made Cakes - large or small - Biscuits etc. Please contact **Jean Canton** on **01438 717395**, or deliver to her at **21 Lower Green** on **FRIDAY 29th** or **SATURDAY 30th JUNE (before 12 noon please)**. You can also deliver direct to the Memorial Hall on **SATURDAY MORNING.**



Thank you for your help with these donations, the proceeds from the sale of which will go towards the refurbishment and maintenance of the Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing you at the Fete. In the meantime if you'd like to know more, there is a direct website link on: <http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/village-hall/the-fete/>

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
 email: admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk
 Tel: 01438 717378

Our News, May 2012



On Monday, April 23rd, Years 5 & 6 set off on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight for a week of adventure. They scaled climbing walls, ab-seiled, canoed and kayaked in the sea, sped along the zip wire and celebrated friendship. The giant swing raised screams of such high decibels it was thought it could be heard back at Tewin! Despite the weather and torrential downpours back at home, the glorious Isle of Wight micro climate brought sunshine to proceedings, which meant the team had an exhilarating and fun-packed time.

On Friday April 27th, one of our parents, Mr Du Plessis, came to give a powerpoint presentation and talk about the life of Nelson Mandela to Caterpillar and Grasshopper classes, both of whom had been studying People of Significance. It so happened his talk fell on Freedom Day, still celebrated in South Africa as the date of the first free elections.

The school's Tea Dance took place on Thursday May 3rd and this time we were well supported by members of Tewin's Over Fifties club, plus other visitors. It is a special pleasure for the children learning their dancing skills to show them off to interested parties and to see that dancing can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Unfortunately, the soggy weather confined us to Maypole Dancing in the school hall on May 4th. We were delighted so many of the village community came to watch. The children performed so well, remembering their steps and plaiting those ribbons round the pole with such precision, we were very proud of them.



Grasshopper class braved the weather again on Thursday May 10th visiting the bluebell woods near Harmer Green. The first half of the circular walk was in bright sunshine and a warm wind, but then the skies opened! Suitably booted, the mud and the puddles were enjoyed and a new born calf was seen in the pasture by the Rose & Crown.



On Friday May 11th Honeybee Class visited St Peter's Church for their annual workshop where they "Meet the Team", discovering who helps with all the many aspects of running the church and worshipping in the community. They met intercessors and wrote their own prayers, which were used at evening prayer the following Sunday. They met someone who reads, looked around the churchyard at how that was managed, talked about what vicars do and decided what aspect they would enjoy most if they were vicars (mainly baptising babies, marrying people and drinking the wine!). They all got a chance to play the organ but best of all, Audrey Walters got them flying up (literally) on the ropes as they rang the bell. Undoubtedly the favourite activity!

Please pencil these dates into your diaries knowing you are most welcome to attend...

Sat 26 th May	2-5pm	Tewin School Fete	At school & on the field
Thur 31 st May	1.30-3pm	School's Jubilee Party	School's gazebo, playground & field

The doors are also open to those of you wishing to worship with us in school, every Wednesday at 10.25am, when Rev. Susannah conducts our assemblies.

The Staff Team

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 30th June - Plant stall at Village Fete



THACS is once again running the plant stall at the Village Fete. We need donations of plants (correctly labelled) and helpers for setting up, pricing the plants and running the stall. If you think that you may be able to help in one of more of these activities do get in touch with Nick Whiting on

717230 or by email to nick@whitingn.plus.com

Many of us have plants in the garden which propagate easily and now is the time to pot up some of these ready for the fete. Also, excess from your sowings could be valuable even though it is a little late in the year. Please do what you can as every bit of money that we make is desperately needed by the village hall.

If you have any plants to donate, please bring them along to us at the plant stall on Lower Green during the morning of the fete. If this is not convenient you can leave them with either Nick Whiting, 5 Churchfield Road, or Sue Whitbourn, at 107 Burnham Green Road.



Creative writing workshop & art workshop



We are seeking expressions of interest for a creative writing day and for an art day. Both of them would be run by Frances Wilson who is an accomplished artist and a published author. She often judges the poetry competition at the **THACS** Spring Show.

The writing day starts with a selection of exercises to get the creative juices flowing followed by an opportunity to write on a particular subject of your choice, either poetry or prose, and a chance to hear one another.

The subject of the art day is to create experimental/decorative backgrounds on which to develop your paintings - for example, using patterned tissue paper as a base which forms part of the painting.



Both days have been a delight according to Joanne Allen who has attended them in the past. The class can be offered on a full day or half day basis. The full day class has the multiple advantages of a longer time and a shared lunch.

Frances Wilson would charge £50 for a half day and £100 for a full day and will take between four and ten students, so you can see that depending on the amount of interest, this need not be an expensive pleasure. Both classes would be scheduled for the autumn. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending.

To express your interest in either of these workshops or to find out more, please contact Joanne Allen on **01438 798749** or email jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk



The Tewin Society Award

This award seeks to honour people who, by their unpaid work, have enhanced Tewin in its built or natural environment and/or in its history. The award for 2011 was the inaugural award and won by Margaret Knight for her long-term leadership of the Tewin Tree Planting Scheme which started in the 1970's. The trees now make a truly spectacular difference to Tewin.

Who will you put forward for the 2012 award? Entry forms will be available from about the beginning of September, for submission by 30th November, with the award being presented at **THACS'** AGM in the New Year.

The Tewin Society Award Committee



Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

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| 4 th July | Lisa Howarth | - 'With a Curl and a Twirl' |
| August | Garden Tea Afternoon | - TBA |
| 5 th September | Linda Kingscott | - 'The Greenman & Friends' |



We meet 1st Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm
Visitors and new members are always welcome. Enquiries 01438 798611 - Visitors £5

Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Danesbury Neurological Centre, School Lane, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9SB

The *Welwyn Wailers* have long been enthusiastic, generous supporters of the Friends of Danesbury and QVM Hospital. Earlier this year they donated £500 from the proceeds of their annual show towards our work. Given the *Wailers* historic connection with QVM Hospital the money has funded splendid new planters now in pride of place outside the new front entrance. Our gardener has created magnificent displays to greet the arrival of patients and visitors. A perfect refurbishment finishing touch.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee party preparations for Danesbury and QVM patients are all in hand. Along with the rest of the country we are banking on the weather being glorious for the long weekend of celebrations.

Despite continuing economic challenges both our shops continue generating funds the Friends need to support Danesbury and QVM. As NHS money is so limited, without the Friends help many gaps would be unfilled. If you have anything we might be able to sell please call into our shops in Knebworth or Welwyn, we'll make good use of your donation.

Last but not least, if you have some spare time and are interested in helping our work, do give us a ring or drop into one of the shops. We will be delighted to hear from you.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514
E mail: danesburyqvm@btconnect.com www.danesburyqvm.co.uk

Tewin Parish Council



Parish Council

Following the Parish Council meeting on May 14th 2012 Kristina Lawson and Keith St Pier were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively with the unanimous support of the Councillors.

Sevenacres

Planning Application 3/12/0597/FP - Demolition of Seven Acres House and erection of 28 dwellings (including 18 previously approved) new dwellings (including 11 affordable units). Tewin Parish Council displayed paper copies of the planning application in Tewin Memorial Hall from 2.30pm to 7 pm on 14th May 2012. This presentation was well attended and seventeen written comments were left as well as a number of verbal comments.

The Parish Council agreed to submit a response to EHC Planning reflecting parishioners' main concerns which were the cumulative effects of further development, to retain the existing tall hedge that borders the tennis courts on Upper Green, inadequate parking provision, unwanted overflow on to the Upper Green car park, narrowness of the site roads, insufficient recycling provision and impractical storage of bins. The Parish Council would like consideration to be given as to how the site is to be maintained and ensure that garages are not converted and front gardens not paved over through use of planning conditions. The Parish Council support the use of low level lighting bollards and the proposal of at least 75% of the affordable housing as some form of part ownership with preference to people connected with Tewin.

The Parish Council is in the process of arranging a meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss the way forward with regards to the footpath and the flashing solar powered speed sign.

River Mimram

The River Mimram is in danger of being damaged by a lack of water, partly caused by Veolia extracting water on our behalf. The Environment Agency has developed a positive business case to justify a reduction of water abstraction by 2015. For this to come to fruition it needs to be approved by Ministers before Christmas 2012. Your support is desperately needed by going to the www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk click on 'Get Involved' and choose to fill in a survey, become a Friend of the Mimram, become a volunteer or choose who to write to and example letters.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is the **Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th June 2012, in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

Parish Council minutes

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website, www.tewinivillage.co.uk The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are also displayed at 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 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

Police Community Team: 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes

PCSO Karen Broad - 01992 533671

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes, flooding etc

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 and Tree Preservation Orders.

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

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