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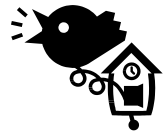
Tewin Hill Dexters

Editorial Note

Welcome to our March edition. As I sit here waiting for the next February storm to hit, it's hard to believe that 20th March is the official first day of Spring. March is a busy month. 4th March is Shrove Tuesday when traditionally the last of the 'forbidden' fat and eggs were used to make pancakes before entering the contemplative and abstemious period of Lent on Ash Wednesday. 10th March is Commonwealth Day. See page 23 for details of that. 30th March is Mothering Sunday and British Summer Time begins. **Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour at 1am on Sun 30th.**

Please continue to send your contributions for future editions to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor



Bridge at Tewin Pavilion

There will be **Bridge** at Tewin Pavilion on

Thursdays 6th and 20th March 2014

Starting at 2:15pm and finishing at 5pm. Refreshments will be provided.

A charge of £2.00 per person will be made to defray expenses. If you intend to come along, either on your own or with a partner, please tell

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Thank you to all the folks who attended our Valentine Day morning. Any money made will go towards repairing the roof of the outside toilet . Our next event will be to celebrate **Shrove Tuesday on March 4th** and we will be making pancakes for you . Look for posters in the shop advertising the day and time. We really do appreciate your attendance . Run by the village for the village and staffed by volunteers, we provide fresh baked bread, croissants, teas and coffee. There is fresh fruit & veg, meats, general groceries, plants, gifts, as well as newspapers & magazines.

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Music in St Mary's Church, Welwyn

*Sarah Butcher, a professional cellist living in Welwyn for the past 15 years, has presented memorable chamber music concerts in the church in the last two years. Her ensemble, **The Chamber Players**, is putting on concerts in March and April, including Bach's great **St. John Passion** with international musicians on **12th April**.*

On **15 March at 7.30**, we present a rich programme of late Romantic music, Schoenberg's **Verklärte Nacht** (written before his 'modern' period), Brahms' grandiose **Sextet in B flat**, and Strauss's passionate opening to his final opera, **Capriccio**. It promises 'chocolate for your ears'!

For tickets and more information please go to the websites below.

www.thechamberplayers.com/tickets & www.ishirini.co.uk

Tewin Parish Council



EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN

The draft of the new East Herts District Plan is going out to public consultation on 27th February 2014 for 12 weeks. All comments should be received by 5pm on Thursday 22nd May 2014.

A newsletter and a fact sheet will be delivered to every household from East Herts Council and a talk will be arranged in due course. Details can be found online here tinyurl.com/ehcplan - look down to item 38.

A presentation by East Herts Council for the parishioners of Tewin, Bramfield, Hertingfordbury and Stapleford will be held on Monday 7th April 2014 at 7pm at Tewin Memorial Hall. Documents will be available to view.

Tewin Parish Council are pleased to report the draft plan proposes that Tewin will be a Group 2 village (previously a Category 1 village) which are only allowed infilling up to five houses per site. Group 2 villages will have a village boundary whereas Category 2 villages did not.

OLIVER HEALD MP Tewin Surgery

Oliver Heald MP will be at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd March 2014 from 9.30am until 10.30 a.m. Please call in if you have any issues you would like to raise with him.

388 BUS Timetable

To find details of the 388 timetable, news of service disruptions or contact details please use:

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If you have any queries or complaints please call **0300 1234050** or write to The *Intalink* Partnership, c/o Passenger Transport Unit, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, CHN101, Hertford, SG13 8TJ. It would be much appreciated if you could copy any correspondence to Tewin Parish Council otherwise we cannot follow it up.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Agenda: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting. *All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

Minutes: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Newsletters/Meeting Dates: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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Did you know the Herts & Essex branch of Samaritans has been based in Ware for the last 45 years, and has 120 volunteers who answer almost 35,000 calls every year?

People can contact Samaritans at any time of the day or night, and despite what some people think, callers don't have to feel suicidal to get in touch. As well as the phone line, the branch responds to emails, text messages, and visitors who drop in to talk face-to-face.

There's no typical person who contacts Samaritans. People call about all sorts of things - such as job and money worries, family and relationship issues, feeling alone, sad or angry all the time, being abused, or feeling suicidal. There is no typical problem.

Samaritans give people the chance to talk to someone in confidence about anything that might be troubling them.

Noel Griffin, branch director, explains some of the other work the branch does: "Recently we were the first group of Samaritans in the region to deliver a programme about emotional wellbeing to hundreds of primary school children in the Stevenage area. We also have volunteers out talking to people in Hertford's Parliament Square on Friday nights. I am hugely proud of the branch and its volunteers."

If you'd like to find out about volunteering call the local number below or email ware@samaritans.org.

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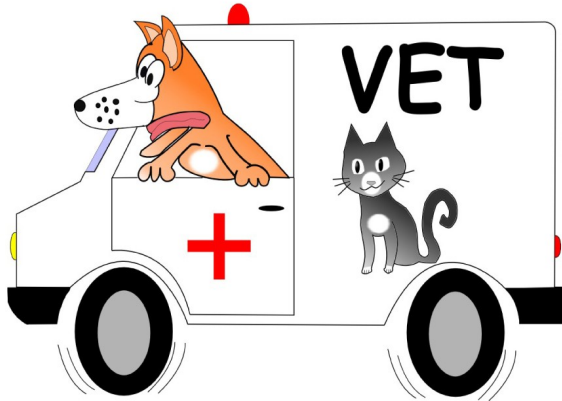
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Tewin Cowper School

Our half term ended in a wonderful way! We had a whole school trip to the Hindu Temple at Neasden on the morning of Thursday 13th February and in the afternoon visited St Alban's Cathedral. We spent most of the day gazing in awe and wonder. During our time at the Hindu Temple, we spent almost two hours in silence as we looked and listened. The building is just incredible, so ornate and colourful. Then in the cathedral, there was much to explore, finding dates, looking for names, reading prayers in different languages including braille, sketching some of the stained glass windows and patterns we could see. We continued our R.E. learning in school the next day with each class finding out about a different religion and then exploring through art. At the end of the day, each class presented their work: this included plays, artwork and cooking. What a wonderful way to end the first half of the term.

The Staff Team

Screen On The Green

It's hard to believe but 'Screen On The Green', Tewin's very own cinema night, is now two years old. And what a successful two years we've had. Since we started with *Ocean's 11* way back in March 2012, we've shown 19 films in total and have not only covered running costs but also made £950 profit for the Memorial Hall. So a big thank you to everyone who's attended the films or helped out on the committee. We'll look forward to seeing you at the next screening, which, incidentally, is a gem. On **Monday 17th March** we're showing **The Queen**, the 2006 Oscar-winning portrait of Queen Elizabeth II's 'annus horribilis' after the death of Princess Diana. Helen Mirren's performance is truly one for the ages, and not to be missed.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start, with the usual complimentary tea and coffee served to all comers. Snacks are on sale or you are welcome to BYO. Tickets cost £4 and are available in Tewin Stores, or at the door on the night.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!
THE SPRING JUMBLE SALE IS ON SATURDAY, 8th MARCH
2 – 4.30pm in TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

Once more we hope you'll join us to rumble in the jumble. We've already had some excellent donations but are looking for many more. I'm sure that by now you'll be well aware of the type of goods we're looking for but, if not, you'll find details in the yellow leaflet that will be dropping through your letterbox. .

The only thing we must stress though is that any **electrical goods will be required no later than FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY**, so they can be PAT tested in advance – **we can collect these by arrangement**. Other jumble can be collected throughout the day on THURSDAY 6th and FRIDAY 7th MARCH, although heavy goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the evening of FRIDAY 7th.

To arrange a mutually convenient time for collection of jumble or electrical goods, please contact Todd Canton on 01438 717395 or e-mail: Toddcanton39@gmail.com.

However, if it is possible for you to deliver to the Memorial Hall on **Friday, 7th March, from 7.30pm – 9pm**, or on the **Saturday morning - before 12 noon please**, that would be most helpful. (***We would stress that we cannot accept electrical items at this time - eg. anything with a plug! - as it will be too late to have them tested***).

As always, we need as much help as possible - we already have a great army of 'Jumblers' but always need more, so if you are able to join us to help sort out contributions on the Friday evening and Saturday morning, or help man a stall on Saturday afternoon, you'd be very welcome. In addition, we will need assistance with collections and setting out tables etc. Please ring Todd or Jean on 717395 if you can help in any capacity.

Over the years our Jumble Sales have attracted many visitors due to the quality of items on offer and now, as an added attraction, we are also able to offer refreshments, so please come along, browse around at leisure, and enjoy the day.

Todd Canton

on behalf of Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Family Easter Egg Trail

Around Tewin village - Starting between 3-3.30pm from 'The Gazebo' on Lower Green, Finishing at Plume of Feathers approximately 4-4.30pm for refreshments

Saturday 29th March 2014

Tickets include a map/clue sheet and are £3.50 each for children on the day at the starting point (the Gazebo)

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Team Vicar's Letter

Despite her peculiarities I always had some sympathy with Alice, particularly her musings before she disappeared into the rabbit hole; "...once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversations?'"

It is possible to be very clever about God, and I'm glad some people are, but intellect only gets us so far. More often than not Jesus, when he was speaking about God, gave images and stories to those who would listen and pictures which were often open ended and which left space for pondering; stories which, rather than providing neat answers, threw back at the audience different questions to challenge their assumptions.

This year, during Lent, small groups of people will meet weekly across the villages in our Team and ponder the story of Easter by looking at story, art and film. It will be a different way of engaging with the narrative of Jesus' own life and help us reflect on how it interweaves with our own. Details are in the magazine. You would be most welcome.

Datchworth also has many community groups across the village getting together this year to make their own pictures to reflect something of the Easter story, which will appear inside the church in our Story Tent during Lent. Do pop into church some time and see what has been produced – or better still produce your own picture and add it to the display.

At the moment, as I put together the material for the Lent groups' session on art, I have spent quite a bit of time with Stanley Spencer's pictures of Jesus. Spencer, you may know, paints a series of pictures where Christ is seen in ordinary scenes of life in Spencer's hometown of Cookham in Kent. Christ carrying his cross up Cookham High Street, the last supper being hosted in Cookham malt house, preaching at Cookham regatta. Most famously of all perhaps is the image of the resurrection taking place in Cookham cemetery.

So use your imagination: where would you picture Christ in our community today? Would you listen as he told his stories to gatherings of people in the Rose and Crown or Plough? Would he eat his Last Supper in church, in the Horns or Plume, or in your home? Would you look as he carries his cross across the village Green? And what would the resurrection look like in Tewin or Datchworth? Can you picture the joy?

Take some time out this Lent to search out the mystery of God in art, film, books or anything that sparks off pictures of him for you. And I pray, this Lent and Easter, that you would know that your image is bound up in his image and his story is given so that your story may be complete.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MAR 2nd	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	RICHARD SYMS	EXODUS 24:12-End	2 PETER 1:16-End	MATTHEW 17:1-9
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	MICK SIMMONS	ECCLESIA- STICUS 48:1-10	MATTHEW 17:1-23	
5th	ASH WEDNES- DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	8.00PM	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 58:4-12	2 CORIN- THIANS 5:20b-6:10	JOHN 8:1-11
9th	LENT 1	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	LUCY DALLAS	GENESIS 2:15-17 3:1-7	ROMANS 5:12-19	MATTHEW 4:1-11
16th	LENT 2	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 3:1-17		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30 pm	TOM GLADWIN	GENESIS 12:1-4a	ROMANS 4:1-5 & 13-17	JOHN 3:1-17
23rd	LENT 3	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 17:1-7	ROMANS 5:1-11	JOHN 4:5-42
30th	MOTHER- ING SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RICHARD SYMS	EXODUS 2:1-10	2 CORIN- THIANS 1:3-7	LUKE 2:33-35

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30th TREVOR	NICKY HADLEY	KARIN SHAW LINDA ADAMS	MARIE ST. PIER	LENT	SHEILA FEAKES

St Peter's Church was floodlit on 10th Feb in loving memory of Mark Lewis Woodruff. Always in our thoughts. Love from Mam, Peter, Ann, Paul and Rae.

It will be floodlit on the 9th March in commemoration of Peter Allen who would have been celebrating his 80th birthday on that day. Love from Freda and Family.

It will also be floodlit on 30th March in memory of Kirsten Margaret Roberts. From Ben, Susan, David and Brian.

St Peter's News

We held a Church Council on 29 January and it was noted that Jackie Murphy had agreed to become editor of the Tewin Magazine. Indeed she had already produced her first edition (January)! Many thanks to Jackie for taking over, and a big thank you to Jane for her time as editor. Discussion continued regarding the provision of extra space at St Peter's. The PCC agreed to meet the legal and administrative costs arising in the extension of the churchyard further into the Glebe Field. There was a similar transfer in 1974 and more space is now required for the Memorial Garden and burials. The Diocesan Glebe Committee is 'minded to agree', but further discussion is needed with Ivor, who currently farms the land. A new Team policy for Child Protection was agreed. The length of the term of office of elected PCC members was discussed.

Even though it is winter, there has been some activity in the churchyard. Stuart replaced the storm-damaged fence next to the kissing gate by the red brick wall in the southeast corner. He also trimmed the inside of all the hedges. Some pruning was carried out in various places, not least to tidy up after the high winds. Our big problem at present is the state of the grass verges along the drive, particularly on the west side. Please be very careful when parking to avoid becoming stuck and further damaging the verge. Any long-term solution appears to be very expensive, but if you have any good ideas, please talk to our churchwarden.

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners is scheduled to take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on 24 March. All those who are resident in the parish and whose names are entered on the local government electoral roll are entitled to attend, together with all those whose name is on the church electoral roll. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two churchwardens for the following year. As you may know, for the last year we have had only one warden, Pete. Please talk to her to find out what is involved – and then put your name forward for election! This meeting is followed directly by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which all those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote. This meeting elects PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives; receives the audited financial statements for the past year; receives a report on the electoral roll, and an annual report on the proceedings of the PCC together with an annual fabric report. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Kersey

St Peter's Kids Club

St Peter's Kids Club runs on the first Sunday in the month, alongside the 9.30am Holy Communion service. We chat, tell stories, do craft and play. At present it takes place in the vestry.

If you know of any children /young families who may be interested, please tell them about it. We would love to see them there!

For further details please contact Anne Land 01438 715166 or turn up on **2nd March or 6th April.**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Monday 24th March 2014 at 7.30pm** in the Kimberley Room, Tewin Memorial Hall.

See previous page for details.

Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between 20th Feb and 9th March. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church. Applications must be received by 9th March.

David Rawlins
Electoral Roll Officer

Passionate Arts:

Lent groups this year will look at the Passion displayed in the arts - music, dance, art, poetry, and film.

There is a full list of groups meeting across the team but the Tewin group will meet at **60 Orchard Road on Wednesdays during Lent 7:30pm.**

Please call Ted Sharp for more details: 798594.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 5th April 2014 - Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall

The THACS Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 5th April**. The show schedule, rules and entry form can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk from 1st March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn Herts AL6 0LE** by **Sunday 30th March**.

Please note that **no entries will be accepted after 12:00 Thursday 3rd April** so please submit your entry forms and fees in good time.

Exhibits should be taken to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day. The show will be open to the public at 2.15pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm.

Entry fees remain unchanged at 25p per entry for members, 50p for non-members and 10p for children. However, there will be free admission to visitors in the afternoon.

So go on, take a look at the categories and have a go. You never know, you could be a winner! Ask your friends along to see the show in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday 18th May 2014 - Open Gardens

We are planning an Open Gardens Day on 18th May 2014 with several local gardens open from 11.00am to 6.00pm. This is a very popular event with local residents, whether they are gardeners or not. It is a very nice way of spending a couple of hours, travelling around the village and being welcomed into private gardens.

We are delighted that a number of gardeners have already agreed to open up their gardens to the public and join us in what should be a great day. It is lovely to chat to the visitors who come and admire your gardening skills.

Lots of us enjoy spending time in the garden and do our best to put on a lovely display. So, if this is you, then why not join in and open your garden on the 18th May?

If you think that maybe your garden isn't of a good enough standard, please don't be put off! In the past we have had gardens that are still a

“work in progress”. We have seen small gardens, large gardens, it really doesn't matter and it is just an enjoyable event to be a part of.

If you are willing to open your garden on Sunday 18th May, or if you would like more information or advice then please contact Jim Hall (email jimjhall@btinternet.com or telephone 01438 718505).

The Tewin Society Award

The presentation of the third annual Tewin Society Award for Heritage, Conservation and environment took place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 13th January, immediately before the *THACS* AGM.

David Gregg started the presentation by announcing the winner and describing the work being recognised by the award. The winner of the 2013 Tewin Society Award is Patrick Holden.

Patrick received his award for his leadership in the 1980s and 90s of a team of more than 50 people who cleared, rehabilitated and mapped the footpaths of Tewin. The culmination of the project was a beautifully illustrated map, still available today from Tewin Stores, used by many walking groups around the county and from further afield. More maps have been sold than there are people in Tewin and the maps have gone across the world to Australia and beyond. A more detailed account of the work can be found on pages 242 & 243 of *“The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin”*.

In accepting the award, Patrick was careful to thank the many people who helped with this venture. He said, "Our village map is an exemplar for other community maps and has stood the test of time over several decades".

I was delighted to present the award to Patrick. The Tewin Society Award plaque had been engraved with his name and the year of the award (2013) and Patrick will have it for a year. He also received a presentation crystal bowl which comes with a separate small base inscribed with "The Tewin Society Award for Heritage, Environment and Conservation 2013".

Our congratulations go to Patrick and our thanks and gratitude to all those who helped him in this work.

Ray Keppler (Chairman of the Tewin Society Award committee).

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IN MEMORY OF JACK BIRD
22ND MARCH 1916 to 1ST JANUARY 2014

Born in Accrington, dad came to Tewin in 1935. He had gained a scholarship to Kew from Blackburn College, but had to do 2 years work as a gardener. He worked on the Tewin Water Estate of Sir Otto Beit, where he made friends with several of the villagers including his future wife Lily Chalkley. Lily was a Tewin girl and she and dad were married at Hertford Registry Office in 1941. They lived at 40 Upper Green Road until 1948 when he moved with mum and I to 25 Cannons Meadow, where he remained for the last 65 years of his life.

Dad worked for the Development Corporation in WGC as Commercial Manager responsible for landscape development and maintenance for WGC and Hatfield. He became active in the village and, in the late fifties, he joined the Church Council and became a churchwarden and treasurer and sang in the choir. He took on the responsibility for the churchyard, which had become overgrown and he arranged for the regular grass cutting by the Development Corporation and hence the improved appearance. This extended over the years to the Village Green, football and cricket pitches. He was on the Hall committee and one of his favourite tasks was to supply and run the plant stall at the Christmas Church Bazaar.

In later years he helped to set up the tree-planting scheme along with Margaret Knight. He was particularly proud of the Millennium Oak planted on the village green.

He joined the bowls club when Shire Park moved to Tewin and was responsible for the planting scheme. The bowls club became a big part of his life.

He always tried to keep abreast of village life, his neighbour Rose passing on titbits of gossip.

He was a quiet man who kept his own counsel and was always ready to help and advise on gardening issues. He had a good sense of humour and always liked a chat, especially about plants and trees and could always recall their Latin names. He will be missed by all who knew him, not least Joan and I, his two grandsons Stuart and Steven and his eight great grandchildren.

Roy Bird

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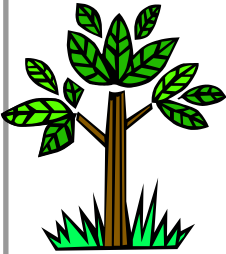
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Friends of Tewin



We held our AGM on 10th February, about 30 people came along and I would like to thank everyone who braved the elements to attend.

It was a night of mixed emotions for us all as our Chairman Linda Crawford stepped down after leading the group since its inception in 2001. She has worked tirelessly over many years to organise events and raise funds to benefit organizations, groups and good causes in Tewin. Linda will be sorely missed but she has promised to remain as part of our extended "Friends" family. Ben Roberts, President of Friends of Tewin, presented Linda with a gift from the Committee as a mark of thanks for all her hard work. I'm pleased to say that most of our Committee remains the same as it was last year and we are looking forward to planning events for the year ahead.

In my new role as Chairman I look forward to writing an article each month to let you know about our activities.

As this edition goes to press, we are busy with final plans for our first event of the year, the Senior Citizens Lunch. It will have already taken place by the time you read this and I will give you an update about it in next month's edition.

Anne Hall

Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Celebrating the Commonwealth

For the first time ever, local authorities and civic dignitaries, community groups and charities throughout the British Isles are taking part in local flag raising events and ceremonies of dedication to mark Commonwealth Day.

"It is about celebrating a commitment to the Commonwealth, appreciation of the values it stands for, and the opportunities offered to its citizens around the world."

The flags will be raised throughout Hertfordshire on **10 March**. 500 Commonwealth flags will be raised throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on this day.

A specially written Commonwealth Affirmation will be read out at each ceremony.

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Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

It is some 20 years since the Friends opened their shop in Knebworth. Sadly the time has now come to close this shop and we ceased trading at the end of February.

The original Danesbury Appeal was set up to raise funds to build a new Danesbury Home. At that time this was 'home' for around thirty residents plus regular respite visitors. Since that time there have been many changes and that new facility, now Danesbury Neurological Centre, is a very different place with very different needs.

Since our lease at Knebworth had expired and given the radically changed nature of the healthcare services provided at Danesbury Neurological Centre the Trustees had considered the future funding needs of the charity and did not feel justified in making the commitment to a new lease.

Our shop in Welwyn, for which we have an existing lease, will be the continuing major source of our funds. The Trustees are confident that the Friends will continue to be able to provide the necessary support to patients and their carers at Danesbury and QVM Hospital in the future.

The Friends are most grateful to all those who have been involved with the Knebworth shop. Especial thanks are owed to the managers, staff and volunteers who have given so much support over the past twenty years – and of course, to all our loyal customers.

**Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
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Coffee Morning in aid of Danesbury Hospital

A coffee morning in aid of Danesbury Hospital will be held at Burnham Green Village Hall on Wednesday 26th March 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

All are welcome. For further details please contact **Sue Sparshott on 01438 716414**

Isabel Hospice

MARCH

Saturday 29 March – Mayoral Civic Dinner in support of Isabel Hospice.. 7.30pm. Bishop’s Stortford Golf Club.

A fantastic chance to attend this fabulous Civic Dinner and support Isabel Hospice. The dinner will be held at the Bishop’s Stortford Golf Club. For more information please contact Renee Friend on 07854 374481.

Sunday 30 March - Annie’s Adult Aquathon in aid of Isabel Hospice. 12.00 – 14.00. Haileybury College Swimming Pool.

This is a 300m pool swim followed by a 3k undulating run all in the grounds of Haileybury College in aid of Isabel Hospice. It is organised by Annie Thomas, a long standing Hospice supporter.

The distances are designed to encourage newcomers to Aquathlon as well as being an early season sharpener for more experienced aquathletes. Suitable for entrants age 18 and over.

£20 entry fee. For more information please contact Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500. Entry forms can be downloaded at www.isabelhospice.org.uk.

APRIL

Saturday 5th April. 7pm- 10pm. Sponsored Swim to raise money for Isabel Hospice. Haileybury College Swimming Pool.

The sponsored swim is in aid of Isabel Hospice and is suitable for children and adults of all swimming abilities. Entry fees are £15 for Adults and £5 for children under 16. Under 14’s must be accompanied by an adult. Entry forms are available online at www.isabelhospice.org.uk or call Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500 for more information.

Be Clear on Cancer

As the organisation responsible for Public Health in the county, Hertfordshire County Council is encouraging women aged 70 and over to continue to regularly check their breasts for signs of breast cancer. One in three women who develop breast cancer are over 70. If you notice any changes, please tell your GP straight away; it could save your life. You’re not wasting anyone’s time and it’s much better to be sure, if only to put your mind at rest. Finding breast cancer early makes it more treatable. You are still entitled to NHS breast screening and just need to make an appointment.

Dates for your diary this month

Tue	Pavilion	7.30-9.30	Table Tennis
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11.00	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Rose & Crown	9.00pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	9.45-10.45	Song Bird Music Club Term Time only
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Sun 2nd March	St Peter's Church	9.30am	St Peter's Kids Club
Wed 5th March	Welwyn Civic Centre	7 for 7.30pm	Welwyn Floral Group demonstration by Kathy Stangaard
Thurs 6th and 20th March	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Sat 8th March	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Jumble Sale
Mon 17th March	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green – 'The Queen'
Sat 29th March	'The Gazebo', Lower Green	3-3.30pm start	Family Easter Egg Trail

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