



# Tewin Magazine



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## Happy Easter

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our March edition and I'd like to wish a Happy Easter to all our readers. Details of Church Services over the Easter period can be found on page 3 and Easter shop opening times on page 24.

The spring Jumble Sale takes place on 12th (p6). Tewin Stores is holding its AGM on 14th and Jacket Potato Lunch on 19th (p24). The Bowls Club Quiz Night is on 18th (p21). The THACS creative writing day is on the 21st (p10) and this month's film is 'The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of a Window and Disappeared' also on the 21st (p14).

For children, Tewin School are holding their Easter Service at St. Peter's on the 23rd (p14) and, also at St Peter's, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Craft afternoon on 26th (p30)

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

### FREE MICROCHIPPING FOR YOUR DOG IN MARCH

The law is changing – from April 6, all dogs aged eight weeks old and over must be microchipped and their keeper's details must be up to date or owners may face a fine.

To help dog owners comply with the law, East Herts Council is offering residents a final chance to get their pet microchipped for free.

To ensure lost dogs have the best possible chance of being swiftly reunited with their owner, it's important that owners ensure their dog always wears a collar and a tag displaying their contact details, and that they keep their microchip database details up to date.

The council is offering free chipping and advice in March at:

**Hertford** – Hartham Leisure Centre, Football Pavilion, Hartham Lane, SG14 1QR. **March 16, 10am-12 noon.**

**Ware** – Police Station, Burgage Lane SG12 9AD **March 23, 10am-12 noon.**  
Presdales Football Pavilion, Walnut Tree Walk, SG12 9PB. **March 23, 1-3pm.**

There is no need to book – just turn up with your pet.

For more details see [www.eastherts.gov.uk/straydogs](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/straydogs).

**Easter Services  
St. Peter's Tewin.**

**Palm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

11:15am Family service with blessing of palms  
and a real donkey!

6:30pm Holy Communion and Reading of the Passion

**Maundy Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

8pm Holy Communion All Saints Datchworth

**Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Noon Service of the cross

**Easter Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

2pm – 4pm Children's Easter Crafts

**Easter Sunday**

9:30am Family Communion

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage**

Meet 7am Datchworth Church or 8am St. Mary's Welwyn for breakfast.  
Bring a packed lunch. Service at St. Albans Abbey 3pm. Dogs welcome!

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU !**

**The village fete needs helpers if it is to happen this year**

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## Tewin Parish Council



### **Footpath Works**

The majority of the new footpath has been completed and Taylor Wimpey are due to complete their section across the front of the garage site in the next 4-6 weeks although this may be delayed due to problems with the services on the site. Oak bollards will be installed on May Pond Green to deter parking on the footpath crossover opposite Tewin Hill in the next 4 weeks. The planting of Wild Service trees on May Pond Green has been completed.

### **Highways Meeting**

On 8th December 2015 Cllr K St Pier and Cllr A Hill met with James Vine, the new District Service Agent who looks after the maintenance of roads. If any gullies are blocked and causing an issue such as pooling or flooding which is impeding traffic then it will go on the list for the CCTV & Drainage Investigation Programme which is currently full up until the end of April 2016. This list is subject to prioritisation and photographic and video evidence of problem gullies has been sent.

### **Gulley Dig Out Programme**

Tewin Parish Council have identified 4 priority gullies which have been submitted to Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton for the special gulley dig out programme arranged by Highways. The 4 gullies comprise : Churchfield Road/B1000 gulley, Tewin Cowper School gulley, 56 Upper Green/Taylor Wimpey gulley and Hertford Road opposite Tewin Stores gulley.

### **Potholes**

Potholes located in Hertford Road, Tewin Hill, Grass Warren and Margery Lane have all been reported to Herts Highways during January.

### **Surface Dressing on Churchfield Road**

The Parish Council agreed to report the rapid deterioration of the recently completed surface dressing on Churchfield Road to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton at Herts Highways. This has now been referred to the contractor.

## **Grass Cutting**

St Peter's Church have just completed the extension of the churchyard by adding an area of about 11m by 75m from the glebe field. The Parish Council currently pay for grass cutting in the churchyard and have agreed to add the new land to their grass cutting schedule at a cost of £15 per cut for 10 cuts per annum.

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Mon 7th March 2016 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](http://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](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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**Herts County Councillor:**

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**Police Community Team – 01707-354192** - For non-emergency purposes.

**Highways Fault Line:**      - **0300 1234047**- For reporting potholes etc.

**East Herts District Council: 01279-655261** or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)

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

## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

### **SPRING JUMBLE SALE – 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH: 2 – 4.30pm**

Thanks to a team of willing volunteers, we are now able to localise the collection of your donations from those of you unable to deliver to the Memorial Hall on or before the Jumble Sale. Details of your local collectors are given below should you wish to contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time for the collection of your donations. Please don't forget that we welcome your unwanted items of clothing, shoes, bags, books, jigsaws, toys, bric-a-brac, bicycles, non-upholstered furniture etc. We also require electrical items by 7<sup>th</sup> March please. As usual, the Hall will be open for personal delivery on the Friday evening before the Sale from 6 – 9pm or before 12 noon on the Saturday. Should you wish to make an earlier personal delivery to the Hall during the month, please phone either Todd Canton or Jim Hall (numbers below) to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.

**IF YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND:- PLEASE PHONE:-**

**The Hazels, School Lane & Churchfields area:**

Jim & Ann Hall – 01438 718 505

**Lower Green & Hertford Road:** David & Jules Howson – 01438 717 339

**Cannons Meadow & Grass Warren:** - - - - -Barry Turner – 01438 717 403

**Godfries Close & Harwood Close:**

Roger & Barbara Clarke – 01438 717 770

**Upper Green Road:**- - - - - Gerry & Brenda Barber – 01438 489 425

**Upper Green, Orchard Rd, Badgers Walk & Tewin Close:-**

Nigel & Stephanie North – 01438 712 289

**Tewin Wood & Queen Hoo areas:-** - -David & Dierdre Hatt –01438 798 827

**Burnham Green Road:-** - - Geoff & Sue Whitbourn – 01438 798 221

**Archers Green, Warrengate & Tewin Water:**

Todd & Jean Canton – 01438 717 395

*Finally, if you are able to spare time to help sort on the Friday evening or Saturday morning before the Sale, or help man a stall on Saturday afternoon, we'd be most grateful. We will also need help with setting out tables on Friday pm and erecting gazebos on Saturday am. Please ring Todd or Jean on 717395 if you can help in any capacity. Thank you.*

**Todd Canton – on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee**

Last month the **Tewin DriveSafe** speed-monitor (SID) again logged speeding vehicles to WGC police .. 17 cars were travelling at over 35 mph, some over 40 mph. - Will all drivers through our local villages please keep a safe speed at all times, and stay within 30 mph or less where appropriate!

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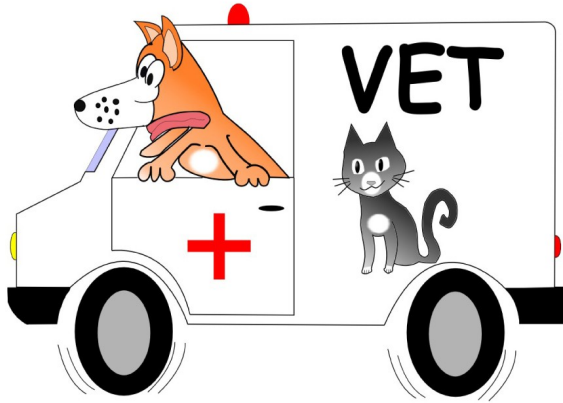
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## **Woolly Hat Day**

Thank you to all those who very kindly supported my Woolly Hat Day coffee morning in aid of St Mungo's Broadway, a charity which helps homeless people back on their feet again.

We raised the magnificent sum of £230, which will attract gift aid of a further £57, so totalling £287.

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Linda Adams

## **Allotments To Let**

Tewin Allotment Association currently has a few small allotment plots to let on the site behind Tewin Cowper School with lovely views of the Mimram Valley.

The rent for a quarter size plot, approx 62 square metres, is currently £12.50 per calendar year to include all water used and manure, when available. Half plots may be available (125 sq. metres approx) with a corresponding rent of £25 pa. All new plot holders are required to become members of the Association for which a once only membership fee of £10 is payable.

No previous experience is necessary and there are many existing friendly plot holders willing to share their knowledge if required. An allotment will improve your health and fitness and provide your family with fruit and vegetables with that special taste. Why not give it a try while vacancies exist?

If you think you may be interested or would like further information please contact John Sheridan, Tel. 01438 717407 or email [johnchris1@talktalk.net](mailto:johnchris1@talktalk.net)

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

### **Creative Writing Workshop on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

This spring's creative writing workshop will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. It has been scheduled to take place shortly before the writing competition which is part of the *THACS* Spring Show in April. Of course, there is no requirement to produce something for the Show – the courses are a pleasure and you may wish to write for yourself but it may provide inspiration for those wishing to enter the competition.

Frances Wilson will again be our tutor. For those who haven't been before, the day starts with some of her famous apple cake, followed by writing exercises. The rest of the morning is spent writing prose and/or poetry of the participant's choosing or on a theme fostered by the exercises. Lunch is a bring-and-share (now well-known and envied!). In the afternoon we hear one another's work and may follow on with a few exercises depending on time.

The cost will be £18 for *THACS* members and £21 for non-members. If you would like to know more or wish to sign up, contact Joanne Allen on 01438 798749 or at [jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Spring Show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

The *THACS* Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. There will be show classes covering flower arranging, flowers, arts & crafts, photography and culinary, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter.

Members have already received the Show schedule and further copies can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the *THACS* page on the village website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/)) from 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to Ray Kepler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, ideally by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Entry fees remain unchanged at 30p per entry for members, 60p for non-members and free for children.

Exhibits should be taken to the Hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day. The show will be open to the public (free of charge) at 2:00pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm.

There is normally an auction of exhibits straight after the prize-giving, but this time we are going to try something different. Instead of an auction, the available exhibits will be placed on a table after the prize giving and you will have the opportunity to buy them in exchange for a donation to a suitable charity (yet to be chosen).

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.



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DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
MAR 6th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SANDIE BECK	1 SAMUEL 1: 20-End	COLOS- SIANS 3: 12-17	JOHN 19: 25b-27
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	EUGENE HANSHAW	ISAIAH 40: 27 - 41: 13	2 TIMOTHY 4: 1-18	
13th	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 43: 16-21	PHILIPPI- ANS 3: 4b-14	JOHN 12: 1-8
20th	PALM SUNDAY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	LUKE 19: 28-40		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 50: 4-9a	PHILIPPI- ANS 2: 5-11	LUKE 22: 14-End, Ch 23
24th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	HOLY COMMUNION WITH WASHING OF THE FEET	8.00pm  AT DATCH- WORTH				
25th	GOOD FRIDAY	TBC	12 NOON	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
27th	EASTER DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 65: 17-End	ACTS 10: 34-43	JOHN 20: 1-18

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm**

## ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
6th PAULINE	KAREN SHAW	KAREN SHAW MAVIS HAGGAR	QUEENIE SIMMONS		BELLRINGERS
	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	LINDA & IVOR WILLIAMS			
13th KEITH	KEITH BARNFIELD	LINDA ADAMS KEITH BARNFIELD	PAULINE BROWN		ELIZABETH WILSON
20th DAVID	UGO ROWELL	DI BRADLEY NICKY HADLEY	MALCOLM & JUNE SLAUGHTER		AMANDA OSGOOD
	MICK SIMMONS	MAVIS HAGGAR PETE JOHNSON			
24th	AT DATCHWORTH				
25th		LINDA ADAMS			
27th DAVID	LINDA ADAMS	NICKY HADLEY KAREN SHAW	MARIE ST PIER	TBC	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**The Church will be floodlit on Wednesday 9th March in loving memory of  
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Tewin Memorial Hall runs a policy of paying its regular bills from its income, reserving other fund raising for financing current and future capital projects. By keeping our regular bills lower, we reduce the need to raise hire fees. One of our main items of expenditure is utilities – Electricity and Gas. We are looking for somebody to help us manage our electricity and gas suppliers. Possibly there is somebody in the village who deals in this area professionally? You don't have to attend any Committee meetings. There will be no pressure to get further involved with the running of the Hall, and the commitment will therefore be limited to reviewing each contract as it matures.

For further details, please contact our Treasurer, Geoff Whitbourn on 01438 798221.

Thank you.

Keith St Pier

Vice Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

## **Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club**

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### **Tewin Memorial Hall Draw**

#### **January 2016**

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>Brian Robbins, Harwood Close</b>
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## Tewin Cowper School

The half-term break arrived – after a day full of farewells to Mrs Traynor-Cole, our much loved teaching assistant who retired that day. We are very grateful for all she has given Tewin Cowper; the children’s letters and cards said it all; they were full of amazing memories and happy times she has shared with us. We are also grateful to Mr Cole who has given some of his spare time to putting up shelves, cupboards and notice boards and helping us out with DIY jobs from time to time. We wish them and their family well with all their future plans as they look forward to travelling and spending more time together.

We are looking forward to our ‘Bedtime Story and Cocoa’ evening in March. This is the Tewin Cowper way of celebrating World Book Day and a special time for all. This year we are celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl and so the children will return to school in their nightwear to listen to their chosen Roald Dahl story, followed by a biscuit and a cup of hot chocolate.

We are now in the special time of Lent. Our Easter Service will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Peter’s Church, the day before we break up for the Easter holidays, and led by Cherry Tree Class (Years 2 and 3). You are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

A Happy Easter to you all

The Staff Team

## Screen On The Green

In March we are showing a Swedish film called *The Hundred Year old Man who Climbed out of a Window and Disappeared* (2013). After living a long and colourful life, Allan Karlsson finds himself stuck in a nursing home. On his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, he climbs out of a window and begins an unexpected journey. Described as absurd and whimsical, this film is based on a 2009 comic novel by Swedish author Jonas Jonasson.

I look forward to welcoming you

**MONDAY 21 March. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start.** Complimentary teas and coffees beforehand. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Linda Adams



## Team Vicar's Letter

While it is still dark...

While it is still dark, the deadened bulb starts to grow. Unseen, embedded deep in the earth. The first green shoot moves through papery skin. New things are happening. But as yet no-one knows.

While it is still dark, the blackbird stirs from its nest. It raises its throat to the soot of the sky and starts to sing. A new day is arriving. The song begins to stir people in their houses, yet they simply roll over and firm the covers over their heads.

While it is still dark, wrapped tight in its cocoon, the earth-bound caterpillar grows wings of gold. Nobody sees. Yet soon, when the sun rises to the top of the sky, it will emerge with beauty and grace and dance with the gift of transformed life.

*While it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw the stone had been removed (John 20:1).* I am always struck by how the resurrection happened in the darkness. In the quiet of the night. In the secret of a garden. While no-one was watching.

While it is still dark, in my life and in yours, God, unseen, is preparing new things. Maybe we won't notice the small shoot underfoot, maybe we'll still sleep and not hear the notes of his song, or perhaps we won't believe the transformation that is possible. But things happen while it is still dark. Stones are removed. Life begins again.

I wish you all a most holy and blessed Easter.

Susannah

## St Peter's News

This year everything seems to be early. The churchyard is covered in snowdrops and the daffodils are in flower about a month before we normally see them. The same is true for Easter which unusually comes at the end of March rather than in April. Thus this year Palm Sunday is celebrated on the 20th of March. Our flower arrangers are hoping to make the church look especially festive this Easter and would welcome donations to offset the cost of buying the flowers. If you can help in this way, do speak to Elizabeth Wilson or to Graham Spring.

Also with an eye on the coming of Spring, I noted that Stuart has begun to prepare the new ground of the churchyard for grass sowing. We look forward to seeing the transformation from rough field to green sward.

You may have noticed that with all the wet weather the south door had swollen, making opening strenuous, if not impossible. That ought to be a thing of the past now that the carpenter has had a look at it and brute force should not be required anymore. While on a maintenance theme, may I ask if there are volunteers out there who could add to our team of cleaners who keep the church looking good? If you might be up for it do contact one of the churchwardens.

Mick Simmons has asked that we flag up the outing to Norwich which is being planned for the 30th July. There will be a tour of the cathedral and of the Bishop's gardens. The plan is to get a coach to take us there and so we need a good number to make it viable. Mick's telephone number is on the back page. It sounds like a very nice day out.

NW

## **'Little Lambs' for Pre-Schoolers and their Carers**

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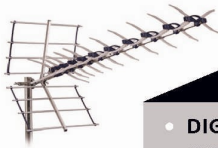
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### **Notice of St Peters Church Electoral Roll Revision 2016**

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between 23rd March and 6th April 2016. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church during that period. Applications must be received by 6th April.

David Rawlins  
*Electoral Roll Officer*



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## **Dropped Kerb Warning To Householders**

Householders are reminded that only Hertfordshire County Council can create a vehicle crossover outside your home, following reports of illegal dropped kerbs being installed.

The reminder comes after a Watford resident paid out more than £1,000 to an individual claiming to work for the county council's highways department to install a dropped kerb.

By law, only the highways authority and its appointed contractors can carry out this work and planning permission may be required. It is illegal to damage the public highway. Terry Douris, Cabinet Member for Highways, said:

"People should be on their guard from anyone calling at their door and claiming to work for the county council or one of our contractors. Our officers would never call at your home to offer you a dropped kerb or carry out unplanned private works."

"If you have an illegal crossover installed you may have to pay for the work to be redone or even reinstate the old kerb if it does not meet the required standards."

For information about applying for a dropped kerb, visit [www.hertsdirect.org/droppedkerbs](http://www.hertsdirect.org/droppedkerbs)

## **BOWLS CLUB UPDATE**



The Bowls Club is now in the process of arranging fixtures and making plans for the opening of the Spring and Summer season. Details will be given in the next issue of this magazine. Meanwhile, Carpet Bowls has continued throughout the Winter, as well as other activities such as

Art Classes and Chair Yoga.

In addition, the Club has continued with its popular Sunday lunches catered for by Club members, and Kevin's Quiz Nights have attracted such great interest that for the January event the Club had to close the attendance book because so many people had registered to take part it was no longer possible to accept more! In fact, bookings for the next Quiz Night on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, have already reached a very high level so if you do wish to come along, you are advised to put your name down before it's too late by contacting either Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395. Please note that the cost is £7.50, which includes a fish & chips or chicken & chips supper.

In the meantime, if you need any other information about the Club's activities, please contact either of the above.

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club

**Tewin Website News Feb 2016**  
**[www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)**

The website group has met six times this year to review the site. There have been over 43000 hits on the site during this year (39,000 in 2014). The average number of visitors to the site each month is 3,587 (3,300 in 2014).

This has been a year of consolidation continuing to develop the use of the software we started using in late 2014. The front page has important information about the seriously reduced bus services, and planned events in the village are headlined on the right hand side. The photos and videos pages are regularly updated and give a very good record of life here in Tewin. John Ling also adds a link each month to a video trailer on the Screen on the Green page for our film evenings. Do take a look at the site and give me any comments you may have.

Thank you to the website group for their work this year:

Derek Adams for the Home page including photos

Felicia Green for her technical help and the Home page

Merralyn Sandison for the Memorial Hall

John Ling for the Screen on the Green, other photos and video content

Doreen Lloyd (and Caroline MacFarlane) for the Parish Council

Anne Hall for Friends of Tewin

Jackie Murphy, for the Tewin Magazine, and material for the Church

Alf Fulford, with Malcolm Allen, for the THACS pages

Updating the Calendar can now be done by most of us so please tell us of any special events you would like to include on the site.

Finally I do the Business pages, Directory pages and the Shop pages

Lots of people look at our site so it is an excellent advertising medium.

If you are interested in helping with the village website please get in touch.

Happy surfing

Linda Adams

Tewin Webmaster

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## Tewin Stores

We had a very successful Pancake Day in the shop when many people came to enjoy Mary Rouse's homemade pancakes, some with sweet fillings and ice cream. Very naughty! Thank you to Mary for the pancakes and thank you to all the extra helpers with Linda Crawford, who served in the shop that day.

**The Annual General Meeting for the shop, which is open to all, though only shareholders may vote, will be at 8pm on Monday 14th March at the Tewin Pavilion.** The invitation to attend will be sent out by email to those for whom we have email addresses, thus saving the shop the costs of printing and paper.

**Our Special Lunch event in March is on Saturday 19th from 10am to 2pm,** when we shall be serving Jacket Potatoes and fillings.

I am delighted to announce that we have received a grant from **East Herts District Council** for a new shop till, which we shall be purchasing shortly. Thereafter all volunteers in the shop will undergo training for this and also for use of fire equipment. The Fire Service visited this month and have been very helpful in identifying improvements to be made should a fire occur.

Thank you also to **Friends of Tewin** for the grant for a new pricing gun – our present gun has been with us since Roger's days and is past its best!

I am **STILL** looking for a **new Treasurer**, so if you have skills in that area, the shop needs you. The role includes updating our budget records from till read-outs and paying the monthly bills. Our main book keeping is done by our accountants and they also do the payroll. The shop committee is a friendly team: do come and join us.

**Easter Opening hours: Good Friday 9 – 12    Easter Saturday 8.30- 12  
Easter Sunday Closed    Easter Monday 9 – 12**

And finally, with most people now avoiding using plastic bags for their shopping, the shop is short of these, so if you have any lurking about your house, would you kindly bring them down to the shop for use by us.

If you would like to become a shareholder, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary Doreen Lloyd (01438 715020), or speak to Bev at the shop (01438 717929)

Linda Adams

**Normal shop opening hours:**

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## Friends of Tewin



We held our Annual General Meeting at the Memorial Hall on 8th February. The Officers and Committee were re-elected and I want to thank everyone who attended.

By the time you read this article, our first event of the year will have taken place. The Annual Senior Citizens'

Lunch is very popular and this year we are providing a meal for 100 Tewin Senior Citizens. We serve a two-course lunch followed by a quiz and the afternoon is rounded off by serving tea, coffee and chocolates. It really is a great afternoon with a wonderful atmosphere! It will be a very busy day for the committee and for everyone who has very kindly offered to help us to prepare and serve the lunch. It is a huge team effort and I'm sure we will all sleep well afterwards!

We were very grateful to receive a donation of £100 from Tewin Parish Council towards the cost of the lunch and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for their support.

Here are the dates of our 2016 events. Please add them to your diary.

### **DANCING AROUND THE MAYPOLE -29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

We hold this event in conjunction with Tewin Cowper School. The Maypole dancing usually takes place mid-morning and is held on Lower Green.

### **TEWIN CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT SHOW - 21st AUGUST 2016**

This is our biggest event of the year and is held on Upper Green. If you would like to be a part of our team on the day, please contact me. It is a great event to be involved in.

Here are my contact details.

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## **Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital**

Earlier this year we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our longest standing resident at Danesbury. Cicely had been living at the original Danbury Home in Codicote Road and moved to the present building when it was opened in 1993. There have been many changes since then and what is now Danesbury Neurological Centre is a very different place to what it was then. It has however always provided a caring home for Cicely, and continues to do so. She was joined for her birthday party by family and friends, as well as many of the medical staff who care for her each and every day.

Social media is now part of daily life for many of us. The Friends have had a website for many years and it is now in the process of a redesign to make it more friendly to those using tablets and smartphones. In the future the Welwyn shop will be using the website to keep customers up to date – and we already have our own Facebook page at Danesbury Shop Welwyn. Twitter will be next!

A number of changes were made at our shop last year and this year we invite our customers to take advantage of late night shopping. We usually close at 4pm but as from 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be open until 6pm every Thursday. The shop team look forward to seeing you then.

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### **Thursday Badminton Group**



We currently have a couple of vacancies for new members.

The current group is of mixed age, mixed sex and, err, mixed ability. We play from 8pm in the Tewin village hall for between 1 and 2 hours, depending on numbers. The play is not overly competitive, but we do have fun and a good run around.

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## Isabel Hospice

### **7-11 March – Isabel Hospice Make A Will Week**

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To make an appointment contact any participating solicitor quoting 'Isabel Hospice Make a Will Week'. Book as early as possible as some solicitors are only able to offer a limited number of appointments. A list of all participating solicitors are on our website: [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).

### **Saturday 12 March – Firewalk and IceWalk 7pm – 10pm Presdales School, Ware.**

Take on the challenge of a firewall walk barefoot over red hot coals or over broken glass and amaze your friends and family. £30 entry fee for one walk, £50 if you take on both that evening. Raise a minimum of £70 in sponsorship on top of your entry fee. You can sign up at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) – places are limited.

### **St Peter's Popular Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Crafts**

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#### **Tewin Stores Post Office Open:**

Mon 13.30pm until 15.30pm

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday

## Dates for your diary this month

Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
Tues	Tewin Stores	4-4.30pm	Fresh Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Mon 7th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 3rd, 17th & 31st	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 10th & 24th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Sat 12th	Memorial Hall	2-4.20pm	Spring Jumble Sale
Mon 14th	Pavilion	8pm	Tewin Stores AGM
Sat 19th	Tewin Stores	10am-2pm	Jacket Potato Lunch
Mon 21st	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'See page14'
Sat 26th	St Peter's	2-4pm	Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts

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