



# Tewin Magazine



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## Tewin Celebrates

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our February 2018 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The cover photo this month, taken by Jules Bridgman, shows Aimi and the Shadowman who entertained residents at the Memorial Hall on New Year's Eve. Read a report on the event on p9. My thanks go to Heidi Tipper for stepping in to edit the January magazine whilst I was indisposed. I'm sure you'll agree that she did an excellent job..

Events this month include a Coffee Morning staffed by work experience students from Oaklands College on 5th (p3), Parish Council Meeting on 5th (p5), and Tewin Stores' AGM on 7th (p25).

Tuesday 13th is Shrove Tuesday and on that day we have pancakes being served at Tewin Stores (p25) and the 3 Villages Pancake Race at Burnham Green (p15). Can Tewin wrest the title from the holders, Datchworth? On the 14th, Ash Wednesday, there will be a special service at St. Peter's Church (p15) and the Senior Citizens Lunch (p27). The Saturday Lunch at Tewin Stores will be on the 17th when Soup and Sandwiches will be served (p25). Friends of Tewin are holding their AGM on 20th (p27) and our film this month, 'Rebel Without a Cause', is on the 19th (p10).

Ever wondered about whether certain items can be recycled or what bin to put them in? I've recently seen two newspaper items regarding the recycling of plastic bottle tops. One article said yes they can be recycled and the other that their inclusion contaminates the whole load. See page 24 for the answer to this as far as Hertfordshire is concerned and for where to have your own queries answered.

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

## **County Council Welcomes Critical Report On Great Northern And Thameslink Rail Services**

Hertfordshire County Council has welcomed the publication of the National Audit Office (NAO) report criticising the Great Northern and Thameslink train services operated by GTR. The report says that these services have been the worst in the country over the last three years.

Cabinet Member for Transport, Derrick Ashley, said: “Thousands of local residents rely on these services to get to work every day. They should not have to suffer regular delays and cancellations. A good train service is a vital part of our transport plans for the county, and will only become more important as we see more homes built in our area.”

The NAO report highlights shortcomings in the Government’s Department for Transport and Network Rail as well as by the train operator.

Derrick Ashley continued: “I hope that the Department for Transport responds positively to the report and introduces improvements. For example we urgently need the fifth platform at Stevenage station as the train company is about to introduce bus replacement between Hertford North and Stevenage due to the lack of platform capacity. Another quick win would be the introduction of the Oyster card to Hertford North services.”

The NAO report comes in advance of major timetable changes which will be introduced from May. Final details of the new timetable will be published by GTR this month.

The NAO report is available at

<https://www.nao.org.uk/report/the-thameslink-southern-and-great-northern-rail-franchise/>

## **Coffee (& Tea) Morning at the Rose and Crown**

Following the success of the coffee morning in December, the young people from Oaklands College will once again be serving tea, coffee and cake at the Rose & Crown, Lower Green. The event, which will have a Valentine’s theme, will take place on **5th February 2018 at 11am**.

Hope to see you there.

Sean and Martine.

## Tewin Parish Council



### **CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS**

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin for beautifully decorating the Christmas tree this year and for helping organising the carol singing event. We would also like to thank Mr. Vic Murray for kindly PAT testing the tree lights.

### **DEFIBRILLATORS**

We now have two new defibrillators in the Parish which are kept in a locked heated cabinet. The code to unlock the cabinets is available from the ambulance service when you ring 999.

Burnham Green Village Hall - Located on the side wall facing the car park. Thanks to generous donations from Tewin Parish Council, Burnham Green Village Hall Committee, Datchworth Parish Council and Alan Tyler.

Tewin Memorial Hall - Located at the rear of the hall facing the car park. Thanks to a donation from Tewin Parish Council.

### **PAVILION**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Adrian Hill, who is standing down from the Pavilion Committee, for all his hard work and dedication which ensured the smooth running and success of the Pavilion.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 5th February 2018 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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**TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**  
**ANOTHER YEAR – ANOTHER JUMBLE SALE!**

As always at this time of year we are asking you to keep us in mind if you're having a New Year clear out. The Spring Jumble Sale is on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, and we would be grateful for your donations. Most things are welcome but we cannot accept old bulky televisions, upholstered furniture, underwear, or broken items. You will know that we now have a number of able and willing residents who have kindly offered to make collections in and around the village. Their help has become invaluable and so please contact them if you have donations to make. Below are their details, with the specific areas they each cover:-

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**Burnham Green Road:**

Geoff & Sue Whitbourn – 01438 798 221

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Todd & Jean Canton – 01438 717 395

However, if you are able to make a personal delivery to the Storage Unit at the back of the Memorial Hall please telephone Todd Canton or Jim Hall (numbers above), who will meet you there by arrangement.

Many thanks for helping us to make the Tewin Jumble Sales a memorable event each year.

Todd Canton

on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee

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## **New Year's Eve Party**

It was so good to spend New Year's Eve in the company of so many people in the Village. The food was festive and the duo of Aimi and Shadowman had a repertoire that made us want to get up and dance. We knew all the words and sang along, more fulsomely as the evening went on! With some wonderful prizes, the raffle raised £300 for the Air Ambulance Service and Isabel Hospice. In the new year, we had a very generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous but who matched the funds raised. Thus, we have been able to send a total of £600 to these charities. All in all, it was a very good party and the warmth spread around that evening could not be bettered anywhere. Thank you so much to those who volunteered to help and became our steering group and to everyone who contributed to making the evening successful. Special thanks go to Keith St. Pier whose support brought about the backing of the Memorial Hall Committee. Special thanks also to Todd Canton and Geoff Whitbourn who were patient and willing advisors to us in our novice year. Happy New Year to you all.

Joanne and Malcolm Allen

## **DUVETS AND TINS OF CORNED BEEF AGAIN**

John and I are planning to take another load of unwanted duvets, sleeping bags and other bedding to St Saviour's Priory in Shoreditch on 24 February. I have contacted some people who offered goods before Christmas but if others have any bedding they wish to donate, please get in touch before then. We can also take small toiletry items such as, shaving kits, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, and clean men's socks and underpants. And of course, tins of corned beef and other tinned meat, fish, beans or fruit.

With many thanks

Linda and John Gilley  
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## Screen On The Green

This month's film on the 19<sup>th</sup> February is a classic from the 50s – *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955), starring the legendary James Dean in his most celebrated role before his untimely death. It is considered to be Hollywood's best 50s film about rebellious, restless youth in America during the Eisenhower era. Directed by Nicholas Ray, with co-stars Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo, it received many accolades including two BAFTAs, a Golden Globe and three Academy Award nominations.

The dates and other films to be shown this season are as follows:

19<sup>th</sup> March. *The Merchant of Venice* (2004)

16<sup>th</sup> April. *Hidden Figures* (2017)

21<sup>st</sup> May. *84 Charing Cross Road* (1986)

18<sup>th</sup> June. *The Tin Star* (1957)

**MONDAY 19 February. 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.**

Marie St Pier

### February Facts

The months of January and February were added to the Roman calendar by Numa Pompilous when the calendar was increased from 10 to 12 months. The name derives from Februa which means cleansing or purification. The Anglo Saxons called February 'Sol-monath', cake month, because cakes were offered to the gods in that month. It was also known to the Saxons as 'sprout-kale' from the sprouting of cabbages and kale.

In Shakespeare's time, about 400 years ago, the second month was known as 'Feverell'. In Isaac Newton's time, about 100 years later, it had become 'Februeer'. The modern name of February is only about 100 years old.

Shrove Tuesday marks 40 days before Easter. In 2018 this falls on the 13th February.

The flower called Snowdrop first appears in February. The 'drop' refers to eardrop another name for an earring.



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## Tewin Tennis Club



As promised, here are more details of the Tewin Tennis Club AGM. It takes place on Friday 2 March at the Pavilion on Upper Green, at 7.30 for 8pm. This is a great opportunity to find out what your committee has been up to on your behalf over the past 12 months, and to throw in some ideas of your own that you think might help make for an even better tennis club.

The committee, like all of those in the village clubs and societies, is built upon the efforts of volunteers who put their time and optimum efforts into doing what we hope are best for the members. We are very keen to add to the committee base, so please do think about getting involved. We promise it is not too onerous!

So come along on Friday 2 March, and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles, and a chat with your fellow members. The AGM is also the time when we undertake the draw for Wimbledon tickets. The club usually gets allocated eight to ten pairs of tickets, which members have the opportunity to buy, as long as they are lucky in the draw. Remember, you do have to be registered with the LTA to be eligible for Wimbledon draw tickets. "Lite" membership is free.

Peter Burgess

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## Poppy Appeal



May I thank you all so much for all your generous donations in 2017. The Tewin total currently stands at £2,211. Special thanks to all our house to house collectors! Whilst the November Poppy Appeal is our main fundraising time, we do raise funds throughout the year, so you will see our gazebo popping up now and again at other events, such as the Classic Car Show. I also hope to have a static collection point in the village for this year's appeal.

Linda Merritt  
PAO Tewin



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

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### **Generosity in Tewin**

The residents and worshippers in Tewin are to be congratulated on their generosity in supporting the various charities for whom money has been raised in 2017.

Special collections have been made as follows:

- The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal (£381)
- The Royal British Legion from the Remembrance Day service (£251)
- Shelter from the raffle at Carols round the Christmas Tree (£184)
- The Children's Society from the Crib service on Christmas Eve (£287)
- The Christian Aid Special Christmas Appeal from the mid-night and Christmas morning services (£611).

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I would like to express our thanks to those who have responded so generously and enabled us to support all these charities in the past year.

Graham Spring

## Team Vicar's Letter

Pick up your pinnies and polish your pans – the Three Village Pancake Race is back! Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Burnham Green. Racing starts at 11am. Racers arrive by 10:45am to sign up to one of the village teams. No runner too young or too old! Pans and pancakes will be provided but do come with footwear suitable for a muddy green. And fresh free-from-field pancakes will be served in the White Horse afterwards.

The coveted trophy is currently held by Datchworth ... can it be retained or will victory be bagged by Burnham Green or taken by Tewin? Spectators welcome to cheer on your favourite parish.

Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fun and feasting before the more sombre season starts. But there is a richness in solemnity as well as in silliness. This year's Ash Wednesday service will be held at St Peter's, Tewin at 8pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. An unusual evening out for what is also Valentines day but certainly a service where we contemplate love at its greatest depth, as ash from last year's burned palm crosses are placed upon our foreheads as a reminder of the God who loves us so entirely, that he takes upon himself the sin and pain of the world.

During Lent you are also invited to attend one of our study and discussion groups where each week we will look at a part of the story of the last week of Christ's life (often known as the Passion). The Tewin group will meet for 5 weeks on a Monday at 8pm at 15 School Lane beginning on the 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Off now to the bottom of the garden to chat to the hens, to put in my order for eggs this year. I think I'll be needing a lot of batter...

Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
FEB 4th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSAN MARSH	PROVERBS 8: 1, 22-31	COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20	JOHN 1:1-14
		CHORAL EVENING-SONG	6.30pm	MICK SIMMONS	GENESIS 2: 4b-End	LUKE 8: 22-35	
11th	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	2 KINGS 2: 1-12	2 CORINTHIANS 4: 3-6	MARK 9: 2-9
14th	ASH WEDNESDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	8pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 58: 1-12	CORINTHIANS 5: 20b-6: 10	JOHN 8: 1-11
18th	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MARK 1: 9-15		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD USHA HULL	GENESIS 9: 8-17	1 PETER 3: 18-End	MARK 1: 9-15
25th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16	ROMANS 4: 13-End	MARK 8: 31-End

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



## ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
FEB 4th DAVID	ALISTAIR BUCHANAN	GRAHAM SPRING MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	CLARE RAWLINS	TBC	PHILIPPA DODGSON
	PAULINE BROWN	MARY GREGG KEITH BARNFIELD			
11th KEITH	LINDA GILLEY	DI BRADLEY ELAINE FOWLER	KEITH & ALISON BARNFIELD	TBC	PAULINE BROWN
14th DAVID	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	MARY GREGG PETE JOHNSON			
18th PAULINE	MAVIS HAGGAR	NICKY HADLEY MYRA WALKER	JUNE & MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	LENT	CLARE RAWLINS
	TBC	GRAHAM SPRING IVOR WILLIAMS			
25th KEITH	PAULINE SPRING	MARK SWANN PAULINE SPRING	MAVIS HAGGAR	LENT	SUE WHITBOURN

**The Church was floodlit on 29th January in memory of Jim Moon, with our love, – Ron and all the family.**

## St Peter's News

Writing these notes on a beautifully sunny and benign morning in January (can it last?), and seeing the spring bulbs and foliage beginning to show through reminds us of the promise of Spring and the year ahead.

At our PCC meeting later this week we will be discussing, apart from the financial and business side of things, our plans for various events including a possible pancake race on Shrove Tuesday and a children's workshop at the beginning of the Easter holidays. Lent is fast approaching and we are hoping to hold a Lent lunch in March and also to run a Lent group on Monday evenings in Lent. There will be an additional service in Church on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m.

In the meantime, our children's groups continue to thrive – the Little Lambs group has already met once this year. The Lambs come along to the Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month with their parents, grandparents or carers to enjoy an hour of play, prayer, craft and singing between 2 and 3 p.m. We are always pleased to welcome new Lambs, so do come along with yours or let others know about it. Older siblings are also welcome when not at school.

Our Story Club is held on Fridays at Tewin School, where we have a good group who again enjoy time at the end of the day with stories, craft, prayer and play. If you think that you could help with either group then please let Susannah or Pauline know.

PB

### St Peter's Church Christmas Market

It may seem a long time ago but it has only recently been possible to finalise the results of the Christmas Market which took place at the end of November. The net amount raised was £2,584. This compared with the previous year's £2,900. Footfall was generally down so there were noticeably fewer customers to buy what the stalls and other attractions had to offer. However, I think it fair to say that all those who were present, both behind the stalls and buying from them, enjoyed the occasion.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Graham Spring

## Conversations With God - Sunday Morning At Church.

*God* Hello on this fine morning I have sent you and it is good to see you in church.

*Me {or you}* Good to be here

*God* So what can I do for you?

*Me (or you)* How do you mean?

*God* Well, you have just told me about your being a miserable sinner and something about a grievous and intolerable burden so, taking you at your word, I think you need to tell me more about the particular sins that are so intolerable if you want my help.

*Me (or you)* Are you not being a little intrusive asking me a pointed question like that. Miserable and grievous and intolerable are the words written in this prayer book, what you might call a figure of speech.

*God* Oh, I get the idea. You are telling me things you don't mean. Well that is a start I suppose. But I would not have thought that particular sin would be an intolerable one

*Me (or You)* Sin, that is a word I do not think of in relation to me. - a little on the strong side for the little mistakes I make which are often someone else's fault anyway. And miserable isn't me at all.

*God* Let us get back to the point. Which sins are you here about today?

*Me (or you)* Well nothing in particular just whatever you can think of which you would like to forgive me for.

*God* How long have you got?

*Me (or you)* No, let's be serious. All I want is a general absolution as usual for all and everything in general and nothing in particular, or at least nothing I can think of here and now. What I want is that bit about forgiving all who truly repent etcetera.

*God* Sorry, I don't do that. You might call it just a figure of speech. And you? Truly repent? Don't make me laugh .

Ted Sharp



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## **Tewin Website News February 2018 [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)**

The website group has met five times this year to monitor and review the content of the site. There were 56,437 hits on the website during 2017. This is an increase on the previous year of over 5,000. The average number of visitors to the site each month is 4,703, however in August the number of visits peaked at 7,491, presumably due to the Classic Car Show.

The group saw some personnel changes at the beginning of 2017 but I'm pleased to say that we carry on with the same cheerful spirit as before.

Malcolm Allen convenes the meetings, Anne Hall takes the notes and is the new Tewin Webmaster and Felix Green is our Technical Advisor. Friends of Tewin own the domain name and fund the registration costs every two years.

During the earlier part of 2017 we concentrated our efforts on reviewing pages under the "Village" heading. We have so far focused on approximately half of the organisations listed in this section and will continue with this in 2018.

More recently we have started to look at the "Photos & Videos" section and this project is still ongoing.

The Home page is frequently updated with new information and we hope this is a useful asset for the village. We try our best to keep the events calendar up-to-date but we very much rely on village groups and organisations informing us about their events.

I want to thank all of the website group for their contribution this year:

Felicia Green for her technical help and updating the Home page

Malcolm Allen for convening our meetings and assisting with the THACS pages

Alf Fulford for updating the THACS pages

Jean Fawcett for updating the Pavilion's Hire Calendar

John Ling for updating the Memorial Hall, Screen on the Green, Over 50's, other photos and video content

Caroline MacFarlane for Tewin Parish Council

Doreen Lloyd for Tewin Stores

Jackie Murphy, for the Tewin Magazine, and material for St Peter's Church

I have updated the Business pages, Directory pages and the Friends of Tewin pages

Our grateful thanks for their contribution also goes to Derek Adams and Merralyn Sanderson who left the group during 2017.

Tewinvillage.co.uk is viewed by a wide variety of people living locally and much further afield and as such is an excellent advertising medium for our village businesses.

If you are interested in helping with the village website, new blood is always welcome. Please get in touch with any of the Website Group.

Happy surfing

Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster, [tewin.village@gmail.com](mailto:tewin.village@gmail.com)

## **Libraries Consultation: Have your say on how we deliver your services**

Hertfordshire residents have the chance to help shape the future of library services in the county by taking part in the Inspiring Libraries consultation. The public consultation is open from 8 January to 18 February 2018 and seeks to find out library users', residents' and other interested parties' views on whether an alternative delivery model approach would work in Hertfordshire.

'Inspiring Libraries – the next phase' was recently agreed by the County Council. Part of the strategy sets out a suggested proposal for delivering the library service in a different way, which could contribute savings to the ongoing pressures on the County Council budget. This idea is supported by national government and similar models are already in place in a number of other local authorities, including Suffolk, Nottinghamshire and Devon.

Terry Douris, Cabinet Member for Libraries, said:

"Ongoing pressure on the County Council budget means that we have to consider how we can continue to save money across all services.

"In order to achieve our ambitions for 'Inspiring Libraries' within a reduced budget and put ourselves in the best position to grasp future opportunities, we need to identify the most appropriate way of managing the library services in the years ahead, and we welcome your views."

Options under consideration include:

- Keeping the service in-house – run by the County Council.
- Operating the service through a Local Authority Trading Company.
- Transferring the service to a Public Service Mutual – a not for profit organisation, created and commissioned by the County Council to run the service.
- Outsourcing the service to a third party – an independent organisation or business.
- Operating the service through a joint venture – a partnership between the County Council and a third party organisation.

You can find out more and complete the consultation survey by visiting <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/libraryconsultation/>

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### **Recycling**

Having difficulty deciding what can go in what bin? Is this recyclable? Here are some results of queries emailed to East Herts Council.

1. Should we leave plastic tops on plastic bottles & cartons going into the blue bin? and metal tops on jars ?

Reply: Plastic tops from bottles and jar lids should be removed and placed loose into the blue lidded bin.

2. How best to wrap-up paper-shreddings from our shredder ?

Reply: Shredded paper should either be placed loose into your brown bin or can be placed into an envelope and placed into your paper box.

3. Should we put black plastic food-trays into blue recycle or black rubbish bin?

Reply: Black plastic food trays are acceptable in your blue lidded bin.

Any other queries can be emailed to **[Operations.Admin@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:Operations.Admin@eastherts.gov.uk)**



## Tewin Stores

Can we remind you that the Shop's AGM is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and all are welcome, although non shareholders are not allowed to vote. It is a one off payment of £25 to be a shareholder, please consider donating. The venue is Tewin Pavilion, Upper Green, and will commence at 8pm. The other way you may like to help the shop is either by joining our 100 Club with monthly cash prizes, or by becoming a Shop Volunteer. I am sorry to say the shop has been very close to shutting some days recently. What with the dreaded virus affecting everyone we have struggled to keep open and, for various reasons, our list of volunteers is diminishing. Please let us know if you can offer a couple of hours a week to help and all training is given. We are a happy lot and it is an ideal way of making more friends as well as helping your community. We are also currently looking to recruit a reliable person to assist in the Shop on Saturday mornings. Please contact our shop manager Bev on 01438 717929 or e-mail [tewinstorevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:tewinstorevolunteers@gmail.com). The shop has proved to be so valuable over the last 10 years. Yes, it will be 10 years on February 21<sup>st</sup> so please pop in for a cup of coffee and cake during that week to help us celebrate.

In January we had a wonderful Vintage Afternoon Tea as well as our monthly lunch, but do pop into the shop to see what other special occasions we are organising in the future.

13<sup>th</sup> February is Shrove Tuesday, when Mary Rouse always makes wonderful pancakes which are served from 10am till 3pm and the Saturday lunch on 17<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 2pm, is homemade soup & sandwich for £5 including a hot drink.

The January winners of the 100 Club draw were:

1<sup>st</sup> Nicola Toombs - £44.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Sharpe - £22.25

3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Bennell - £13.35.

### **Normal Shop Opening Hours:**

Monday –Friday 8.30 –4.30pm

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**Shop Number** 01438 717929

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# Friends of Tewin



## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY IN TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

During early January, we delivered an invitation to every house in Tewin inviting residents who are 60 years or over to come along on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and enjoy a freshly

cooked lunch.

We serve a two-course meal with wine and chocolates followed by a light-hearted quiz. This is a very popular event so if you would like to come, please complete the reply slip as soon as possible and take it to one of the three addresses shown on the invitation.

If you haven't seen your invitation or have mislaid it, go to Tewin Stores where there are spare copies, but please let us have the slip as soon as possible because in the last couple of years, the Memorial Hall has been full! The event starts at 12.00 noon and it is a lovely way to catch up with old friends or to make new ones. So, if you are new to the village or haven't been before, why not come along. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and is open to anyone who lives in Tewin.

Anne Hall – Chairman  
Friends of Tewin

## Candlemas Day

The 2nd of February is Candlemas Day. This is the midpoint of winter, half-way between the shortest day and the spring Equinox.

According to weatherlore, if the weather is fine and dry on Candlemas Day then winter will come again but if Candlemas Day is wet and stormy then winter is over.

According to superstition, any Christmas decorations not taken down by Twelfth Night should be left up until Candlemas Day and then taken down.

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

The fairy lights and Christmas decorations are now packed away for another year. The fun of New Year celebrations is all over and we wait to see what the rest of the winter weather will bring. More ice and snow are quite likely, but maybe we will be lucky?

February is the crunch month for those New Year resolutions. As Friends our resolution is to continue to identify the best ways, and new ways, in which we can provide support to the professional team within the Herts NHS Community Trust who are associated with Danesbury Neurological Centre and QVM Hospital. In response to the financial pressure on their services there has to be ever closer cooperation between the various facilities in the county. By working together, they can maximise their resources and thus the benefits to patients and their carers.

Currently our trustees are looking at some specific opportunities which may help. As a charity the Friends are very well supported by the local community and we are certain that we can put that support to effective use in this new climate of cooperation.

It remains to be seen how all this will evolve in the coming months but, as always, our primary concern will always be the patients, their families and those who care for them.

Find us on Facebook at Danesbury Shop Welwyn

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## Isabel Hospice

### Volunteers Needed!

Isabel Hospice has over 600 volunteers who donate their time in supporting the local charity throughout eastern Hertfordshire. As the need for their specialist end-of-life services increase, so does the need for more volunteers. It is estimated that 87,000 hours of volunteer time were donated to Isabel Hospice last year, at the value of £780,000\*

The Hospice offers full training and has a variety of roles in which help is needed. These include driving patients to and from Hospice Living Well with Isabel Day sessions, helping in the hospice's shops and helping in fundraising to put on mass events. If you feel you could donate a few hours a week on a regular basis, please get in touch as we really need your help! Find out more at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/volunteer) or ring the Volunteer Office on 01707 382500.

One of our Volunteer Drivers, Malcolm, shared his experience of working for the Hospice.

“As a volunteer driver you collect patients from home and take them to Isabel Hospice Living Well sessions across eastern Hertfordshire. It is a real privilege to drive. You get to know people over the weeks and it's much more than driving people from A to B. You listen, you talk and hear stories from people from all walks of life. As you are driving it takes the pressure off the conversation and they are able to tell you things that maybe they can't share with their family, knowing it won't go any further. I'd thoroughly recommend it. “

\* based on National (Real) Living Wage

Find out more at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/volunteer) or ring the Volunteer Office on 01707 382500.

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## Dates For Your Diary This Month

Tues	Tewin School	7-10 pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-10pm Adults
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	2.30-3.30pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 1st & 15th	Pavilion	2.15-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 8th & 22nd	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Mon 5th	Rose & Crown	11am	Coffee Morning
Mon 5th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 7th	Pavilion	8pm	Tewin Stores AGM
Tues 13th	Burnham Green	11am	3 Villages Pancake Race
Tues 13th	Tewin Stores	10am-3pm	Pancakes
Wed 14th	Memorial Hall	12 Noon	Senior Citizen's Lunch
Sat 17th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch 'Soup & Sandwiches'
Mon 19th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green- 'Rebel Without a Cause'
Tues 20th	Memorial Hall	8pm	Friends of Tewin AGM

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