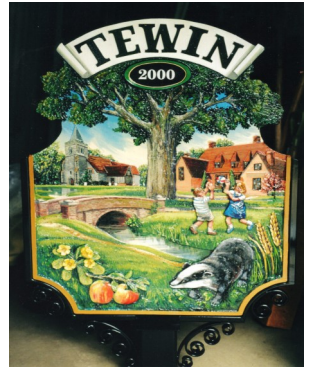




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Editorial Note

Welcome to our February 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I hope you like your new look Magazine with the ability to print out our lovely front cover photos in colour. I'm always happy to receive any suitable photos.

Events this month are Friends of Tewin AGM on 11th (p27), Rose and Crown Coffee Morning on 12th (p2), 'Dante for Dummies' on 15th (p19), Senior Citizens' Lunch on 19th (p27) and Tewin Stores' AGM on 24th (p25). Tewin Stores' Lunch this month is 'Homemade Pasta' on 15th (p25), the Parish Council is meeting on 3rd (p5) and The Screen on the Green is showing 'Green Book' on 17th (p14).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p31).

The season of Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday service on 26th (p18) so don't forget to make pancakes with all your 'forbidden' eggs and butter on Shrove Tuesday on the 25th. Or, better still, head down to Tewin Stores from 10am to 3pm that day and let them serve you (p25).

Dementia is a cruel disease. There is a proposal to make life a little easier for sufferers, their carers and families by making Tewin a Dementia Friendly Village. A meeting is being held on 17th (p29) to discuss the best ways to do this. Please attend if you can and participate in the discussions.

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

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Rose and Crown News

Here are some dates for your diary for the month of February:

Wednesday 12th - St Valentine's Coffee morning with the students from Oaklands College. Come along and 'fall in love' with a coffee and a piece of cake! From 11am-12noon

Sunday 16th – eyes down for Bingo from 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th (3rd Tuesday) - our folk group will be gathering and making music from 8.30pm

Sunday 23rd - our Open Mic Night. From 6.30pm

Sean and Martine

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION SUCCESS

The New Year's Eve party at the Memorial Hall proved to be a happy, joyful occasion when a variety of different groups of friends and family came along to celebrate and welcome in a new Decade. The gaily decorated Main Hall set the theme for the evening as people exchanged greetings and joined in the dancing to a variety of music presented by 'Shaken, Not Stirred', an excellent duo who ensured that their music appealed to all age groups, which resulted in people occupying the dance floor throughout the evening.

In addition to the revelry, everyone was able to take part in an excellent Quiz, which resulted in much discussion and exchange of ideas, and they also had the opportunity to partake in a Raffle for which prizes had been generously donated by residents as well as local pubs and hostelryes. Funds raised from these attractions have been donated to the Herts Young Homeless charity.

Not only did this prove to be a successful, happy evening for everyone but it was provided at a reasonable admission charge for a New Year's Eve event. Live entertainment makes the evening special, but it is also the major cost to be covered. The Hall is provided free of charge.

So our thanks go to Joanne and Malcolm Allen and their helpers, who again worked hard to ensure that the Tewin New Year's Eve celebration enjoyed maximum success. Therefore we all look forward to the next one and meanwhile wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Keith St Pier
on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Tewin Parish Council



Highways Works

Carriageway resurfacing works on the access road to the Plume of Feathers pub will take place on 6th March 2020.

Warrengate - Plotlands , Tewin

A plot of land has come up for sale at Lousehole Bottom on the Hertford Road. This land has had two Article 4 orders placed on it covering all plots. These orders remove all permitted development rights. The Parish Council has advised the agent and East Herts Council. If you see any work in progress to put up fences, lay tracks, remove hedges etc, please inform the Parish Council or East Herts Council.

Hertford Road Blocked Gulleys

In response to the continued pooling of water on Hertford Road, Herts Highways have advised that they will arrange for a CCTV drainage investigation of the highway drainage system. This will identify any defects in the underground pipework and detail what can be done to limit the amount of water being held on the carriageway.

Whilst they are on site the crew will also investigate the pipework under the carriageway at Lousehole Bottom on Hertford Road near Tewin Bridleway 004.

Utilities

UK Power are investigating a series of short term power cuts in parts of Tewin. Sewage blockages are becoming a regular event in Tewin. The main causes are wet wipes flushed down the loo and cooking oil poured down the sink.

Please Use Our Post Offices

Just a gentle reminder that your local post offices are located at Tewin Stores and Burnham Green Village Hall and they offer a wide range of services: sell stamps, send parcels, pay bills, pay in & withdraw cash from most banks, road tax, phone top ups and purchase your Euros for your holiday. Please support this service.

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 3rd February 2020, at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Kimberley Room

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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 three 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 and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

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

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Creative Writing Day Monday 16th March 2020

The event for this spring will be run by Frances Wilson, our very popular tutor of several years. The timing is from 10am until 4pm and participants are asked to bring something to share for lunch.

As usual, the day is a combination of exercises and writing of poetry or prose which can be a subject of one's own choosing or from something which has arisen from the exercises.

The cost of the day is £21 for members and £24 for non-members to be paid by 10th March. Cheques should be made payable to THACS. To reserve a place and get more information, contact Joanne Allen on 01438-798749 or at jralen14@hotmail.co.uk. Numbers are limited so early booking is advisable.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Joanne Allen (Event Organiser)

THACS Shows in 2020

The Spring Show will be on Saturday 4th April 2020 and the Autumn Show will be on Saturday 5th September 2020. The Show Schedule for the Spring Show will be published on our web pages and sent to all members in the second week of February. Additional paper copies will be available in Tewin Stores from 2nd March.

Meanwhile here are the photographic categories for both shows:-

| Spring 2020 | Autumn 2020 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Arches | 1. Corners |
| 2. Floating | 2. Balance |
| 3. Machines * | 3. Food and / or Drink * |
| 4. Village Scene * | 4. Rivers and Lakes * |
| 5. Nature * | 5. Wildlife * |

The Adult Section consists of all ten categories and the Children's Section consists of the six categories marked with *.

There is plenty of scope here for you to use your imagination, observation and photographic skills, so I look forward to seeing the resulting photographs at the shows.

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

Gerry Barber

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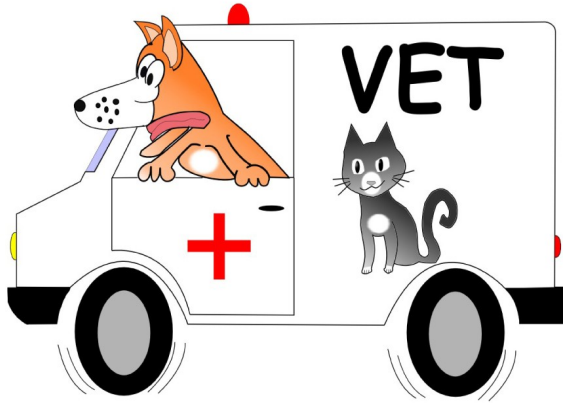
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THE HISTORY OF THE BOWLS CLUB

Part 1

Have you ever wondered how Tewin became home to a Bowls Club called 'Shire Park'? It all goes back to the time, shortly after the First World War, when the New Town's Commission bought land from Lord Desborough of Panshanger for a new town to be called Welwyn Garden City.

Businesses were invited to come and settle in Welwyn Garden City to provide employment for the new house owners. Several of these new factories encouraged recreation for their workers, and there was a strong League of bowling teams, one of which was at the I.C.I. Plastics Factory but, after some years, I.C.I. Plastics relocated to the North East and the factory site was taken over by a company called 'Shire Park'. The I.C.I. bowlers renamed themselves as the Shire Park team, and were allowed to keep playing on the old I.C.I. green.

But then, in the early 1990s, the Shire Park Company wanted to build on the green! So the 36 bowlers had no facilities for home games. 17 of them joined other local teams, but 19 decided to buy a corner of a field in Tewin and build their own green so they raised the cost between them. Shire Park Company allowed the fledgling new club to take all the machinery and ditches etc. which were stored in a farm shed until 1994 when the digging out began in the field behind Tewin Village Hall. Most of the hard labour was done by 12 stalwart Club members, who spent all their spare time on the task for the next two years. It was hard physical labour to change the sloping field into a flat bowling green of a good enough standard to host national competitions. On 14th June 1994 the J.C.B. arrived, and on 21st July a small trench was dug for the water pipe and electricity cable – but it was not all plain sailing. There were several setbacks - the Dumper Truck required to move 360 tons of sand was stolen. Another setback came when the footpath authorities pointed out that the Northern footpath could not be moved from its position, even to accommodate the planned corner of the Bowling Green, and would have to be reinstated as shown on the Ordnance Survey map. This meant reconfiguring that corner of the green and shoring up the bank with concrete.

At last the work was done and Tewin had a new bowls green, albeit one called 'Shire Park', and the first match was played in the Summer of 1996.

(To be continued in the next issue)

Winter on the Farm

These days a lot of farmers have the luxury of an agronomist to help them with farming their crops. You may ask ‘what is an agronomist’? They are people who walk the farmer’s fields and analyse the soil and growing plants. They are able to look at the plant and inspect the leaf to see if any damage has occurred through drought, rain, pests or disease. With their knowledge we are able to rectify some of the problems that happen. Our agronomist is a highly professional person, with huge knowledge of growing crops. You may have seen him walking our fields with his dog.

Years ago farmers’ knowledge of their land came down through the generations and many old sayings still prove correct to this day. I often say that you have to ‘plant barley in the dust and wheat in the mud’! This is certainly the case this year.

I’m running a little late on spraying some of my fields because of the weather but this gives me a chance to have my sprayer MOT’d. The sprayer has to have an MOT just like a car, truck or van. This has to be done once a year by a trained tester. The machine will then have a sticker which states the reference number, date of the test and the name of the tester. This may be checked at any time during the year. Our farm team have to attend training courses. Each course is awarded a certain number of points and any person who wishes to use the sprayer must have gained 20 points per year. Those who don’t attain the required number of points are not allowed to use the sprayer.

With the sowing conditions last year being less than perfect, our crops are progressing slowly and we look forward to the longer hours of daylight.

At this time of year we try and put our machines (tractors, combine, JCBs and all tillage equipment) through the workshop and give them a full service.

We may not be working on the fields but we are working to maintain maximum efficiency of our equipment.

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

December 2019

Below are the results for the December Supporters Club draw:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st | £56 | Tricia Lyons, Orchard Road |
| 2nd | £34 | Gary Morrisroe, Orchard Road |
| 3rd | £11 | Leigh Clements, Orchard Road |
| 3rd | £11 | Joanne Childs, West Riding |

Want to see your name here?

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Application forms and more information available from:

- Lisa Bove on personal@lisabove.com
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

Tewin Drive Safe

Tewin Drive safe team would like to thank the Tewin Households who have agreed to display 30mph bin stickers on their refuse / recycling bins. Let's hope it helps make a difference !!

Screen On The Green

On Monday 17th February we are showing *Green Book* (2018), a biographical comedy-drama directed by Peter Farrelly. Set in 1962, the film is based on the true story of a tour of the American Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley and his driver cum bodyguard, an Italian American, Frank “Tony Lip” Vallelonga. The title of the film comes from the so-called “Green Book” that they used to guide them to the few establishments that were safe for African Americans at that time.

The soundtrack includes rarities from 1950s/60s American music as well as original music from Kris Bowers and one of Shirley's own recordings. *Green Book* received numerous awards and accolades, including Oscars for Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor.

Future dates for the diary:

16th March: *The Commitments* (1991)

20th April: *The Post* (2018)

18th May: *Hugo* (2011)

15th June: *Stan & Ollie* (2018)

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. A complimentary drink 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

On This Day - 1st February

1 February 1587: Under pressure from her Council, Queen Elizabeth I of England signed the warrant authorising the execution of Mary Queen of Scots.

1 February 1884: The first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary was published.

1 February 1949: The end of clothes rationing in Britain, four years after the end of World War II.

1 February 1984: Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, announced that the halfpenny coin would cease to be legal tender.

Team Vicar's Letter

The geese on Mardleybury farm are for me a symbol of God. A couple of summers ago I was walking my dog in Datchworth whilst the light was fading in that way which gives everything a golden glow. The evening was warm and perfectly still, each leaf, branch and blade of corn held unmovingly in place.

Usually dog walking is a sociable activity, with owners stopping to remark on the weather and dogs sniffing out a new friend, but that evening there was no-one around. I was completely alone when I heard, in this stillness, the strange throated language that geese speak to each other get increasingly nearer, and then, the noise of the beating of wings. Suddenly, as I walked on one side of a tall hedge a skein of geese skimmed so close I swear I could feel the air pushing down on me beneath each sweep of their wings.

It was over in seconds but it was thrilling. I'm not sure exactly why I felt I had seen something of God in that moment; perhaps their freedom, their wildness, the unpredictability, the unexpected gift, or was it this life that was somehow shared with mine and yet so strangely different? Truthfully I don't know, but that strange encounter has stayed with me so much that each time I drive past their pond, or hear their call, or see them on the field nibbling the grass, they still give me a sense of God.

I tell you this peculiar tale because so many people find something divine in nature - in the glory of a mountaintop, the peace of a garden, the hope of spring shoots, the glow of a sunset.

The psalms tell us that God reveals his presence through his creation. I think therefore if we lose our love for our environment then we damage something of our ability to recognize who God is. We also lose sight of who we are. The name of the first human in the bible, 'Adam', means 'earth' and reminds us from where we are drawn, and our deep connection with the world in which we live.

This Lent the churches of our team will be focusing on biblical teachings on our responsibility to care for creation and what this means in the light of the modern challenges of climate change and increasing pollution. You'd be very welcome to come to one of our Lent groups who will be discussing this theme, or come to any of our services. Or simply find a bench in the churchyard and feel the rain/sun/wind on your face, be astonished at the life around you, know you are part of it, and pledge to protect it.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

| DATE | DAY | SERVICE | TIME | MINISTER | 1 ST READING | 2 ND READING | GOSPEL |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| FEB 2nd | CANDLE- MASS | HOLY COMMUNION | 9.30am | SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD | MALACHI 3: 1-5 | HEBREWS 2: 14 to End | LUKE 2: 22-40 |
| | | CANDLEMASS AT ST MARY'S WELWYN | 6.30pm | | | | |
| 9th | 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | HOLY COMMUNION | 9.30am | EDWARD CARDALE | ISAIAH 58: 1-12 | 1 CORIN- THIANS 2: 1 to End | MAT- THEW 5: 13-20 |
| 16th | 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | FAMILY SERVICE | 11.15am | SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD | MAT- THEW 6: 25 to End | | |
| | | HOLY COMMUNION | 6.30pm | SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD DAVID MUNCHIN | GENESIS 1: 1- 2: 3 | ROMANS 8: 18-25 | MAT- THEW 6: 25 to End |
| 23rd | 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | HOLY COMMUNION | 9.30am | DAVID MUNCHIN | EXODUS 24: 12- End | 2 PETER 1: 16 to End | MAT- THEW 17: 1-9 |
| 26th | ASH WEDNESDAY | HOLY COMMUNION | 8pm | SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD | JOEL 2: 1-2, 12-17 | 2 CORIN- THIANS 5: 20b- 6: 10 | JOHN 8: 1-11 |

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

ROTAS

| SERVER | READER | SIDESMEN | COFFEE | FLOWERS | CLEANER |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| FEB 2nd PAULINE | PAULINE SPRING | ANN LAND PETE JOHNSON | NICKY HADLEY | CHRISTMAS FLOWERS | VOLUNTEER NEEDED |
| 9th DAVID | ELAINE FOWLER | PAULINE & GRAHAM SPRING | DOROTHY SWANN | SUE WHITBOURN | PAULINE BROWN |
| 16th PAULINE | LINDA GILLEY | MYRA WALKER | DI BRADLEY | MARION COMPTON | CLARE RAWLINS |
| 23rd DAVID | ALICE GREENWOOD | MAVIS HAGGAR NICKY HADLEY | GLORIA KERSEY | JUDY PUDDIFOOT | SUE WHITBOURN |
| 26th DAVID | PAULINE BROWN | PETE JOHNSON | | | |

St Peter's Church Floodlighting

29th January 2020

In memory of Jim Moon. With love from all his family.

St Peter's News

A church at the heart of the village, with space for all

The New Year has burst upon us with mild, rather damp weather, as many of us gaze in horror at the TV images of the bush fires in Australia, where many have friends and family. We pray that while people may lose their livelihoods and homes, that they and their loved ones survive.

In the church we have celebrated Epiphany, when the light of the world came here as a tiny baby and was baptised. Susannah encouraged us all to bless our homes at this time saying this prayer, whilst chalking 20+C+M+B+20 on the outside of our houses:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen

This is an old tradition but one which most of us have forgotten. Another old tradition at St Peter's takes place every New Year's Eve. The bell ringers ring in the New Year until the clock is about to strike midnight. On the first stroke they dash out of the church door, round the churchyard, via Lady Anne Grimston's grave and back into the church before the twelfth dong. In the dark! They insist that the lights are turned off for this exercise. Unfortunately, one of their number bumped into a wooden grave sign this year and was slightly hurt. We wish him a speedy recovery. If anyone knows the origin of this midnight madness, please can they tell me – it should be in our village history!

LG

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8pm on Wednesday 26th, Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of Lent. The ashes, formed from a mixture of last year's Palm Cross and Holy Water, are a sign of repentance.

'Dante for Dummies'

A study day led by the Rev'd Susannah Underwood

Saturday February 15th 10:30am – 3pm

St. Mary's Church, Welwyn

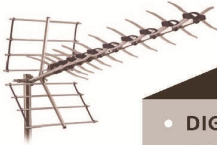
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The website group has met 5 times this year to monitor and review the content of the site. There were 56,845 hits on the website during 2019. The average number of visitors to the site each month is 4,737, however in April the number peaked at 6,646. This may have been generated by the launch of entries to the Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings, Anne Hall takes the notes and is the Tewin Webmaster and Felicia Green is our Technical Advisor. Friends of Tewin own the domain name and funds the registration costs every two years.

During 2019 we continued our review of the pages under “The Directory” Tab and the information in this section is now more relevant and up-to-date.

We continued looking at the Photographs and Videos area of the site in an attempt to make it easier for members of the public to share their photographs of Tewin. We know many of you take photographs of Tewin and would love you to use Flickr as a means of uploading photographs.

The Home page is frequently updated to show current information. The Events Calendar on the right-hand side of the page lists “What’s On” in Tewin. Obviously, we are completely reliant on groups and organisations giving us details of their forthcoming plans. If you are organising an event and want it including, please email tewin.village@gmail.com.

I want to thank all of the website group for their contribution and friendship this year: **Felicia Green** for her invaluable technical help and updating the Home page; **Malcolm Allen** for convening our meetings, updating many of the Directory pages and working with Felicia Green on a complete restructuring of the THACS pages; **Alf Fulford and Malcolm Allen** 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 and the Over 50’s pages, plus uploading photographs 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. In December, we welcomed back **Linda Gilley** who took over responsibility for updating the pages for St Peter’s Church. I have updated the Business pages, Directory pages and the Friends of Tewin pages.

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 live in Tewin and want information about your business included on the website, please email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

New ideas and expertise are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Website Group, please talk to any of the Website Group or email: tewin.village@gmail.com. Happy surfing - **Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster**

Tewin Tennis Club



Someone – who knows who or even exactly when – counted the number of Saturday mornings during a whole year that tennis was playable. Turned out it was on 49 occasions, which means that incredibly, bad weather prevented play only three times!

I am not exactly sure if there is not some element of urban myth here – the story was told to me in the Plume of Feathers – but my sense is that it genuinely is pretty rare for social tennis to be called off. Of course, we are a hardy lot and, as on last Saturday, we will play on through a shower of rain with gritted teeth.

As I write this the Australian Tennis Open is about to start, which rings that Wimbledon bell once again. Tickets for the Open Championship have never been easy to get on the open market. Indeed, if you wanted to buy them yourself for this year you're already too late as applications had to be submitted last December.

However, affiliated tennis clubs get their own allocation. Tewin Tennis Club usually gets offered around a dozen pairs of seats on centre and number one courts, and we have a grand draw for the honour of buying these seats at the end of the AGM each year. But to be eligible, you *must* opt in to the ballot via your LTA membership. LTA Lite membership is free and can be found on www.lta.org.uk.

Finally, an early reminder for that Tennis Club AGM. It's taking place a little later this year, on Friday April 3, so the clocks will have gone back and the evenings will definitely be lighter. Please put the date in your diary, and we'll have more information about it next month.

Peter Burgess

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 25th February 2020

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Throughout the United Kingdom, and in [other countries](#) too, people indulge themselves on foods that traditionally aren't allowed during Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

We hope to see you all at the Cricket Pavilion on Monday 24th of February at 7.30pm for our AGM. It is going to be an interesting year for Tewin Stores as we consider how best to develop the store both structurally and in terms of the service and goods we offer. It is your own local convenience shop and your opinions matter.

We are constantly bringing in new products for you to try. Currently in the chiller we have Mellata, which consists of spinach and cheese and, when warmed, makes a lovely snack with a light salad. It is a cross between a soufflé & a mousse and is also gluten free as well as locally produced.

Due to popular demand we now also offer vegetable boxes made up to your own requirements. We have always done this at Christmas but can now offer this service all year round. Why not give it try?

Have the winter bugs caught up with you? If they have, don't forget we stock cough mixture for both adults and children, throat sweets and headache tablets, all to get you back on your feet again.

The `Afternoon Tea` again was a great success. Sorry if you missed out but thanks to Brenda and her team for a great fundraiser for the shop.

There will be Pancakes on Tuesday 25th February from 10am-3pm. The next Saturday lunch, which will be a homemade pasta meal, will be on February 15th. We serve from 12 noon till 1.30pm at a cost of £5.00, pudding extra.

Please note we are no longer able to offer battery and ink cartridge recycling. These can be re-cycled at the Cole Green recycling centre as well as at larger electrical goods outlets.

The January 100 club winners were :-

1st Prize: Robert Polydorou- £38.00

2nd Prize: Victor Murray -£19.00

3rd Prize: Sheila Cowie - £11.40

Normal shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.30 -4.30 pm,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford, Vice Chairman, Tewin Shop Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

JUMBLE SALE REMINDER

If you're now having a New Year Clear Out, please keep our Spring Jumble Sale in mind. This will be held on **Saturday, 14th March from 2 – 4.30pm in the Memorial Hall** and, as always, we will be relying on your generosity for donations to the Sale.

As usual we have a number of willing local residents who will be on hand to collect your goods. Their contact details will be given in the yellow flyer which will be delivered around the village in the next few weeks, and it will also advise times when you can make personal deliveries to the Hall.

Meanwhile, please make a note of the Jumble Sale date because, as always, we will look forward to seeing you at the Sale. Finally, we thank you in advance for your contributions, which are paramount in making The Tewin Jumble Sales such a success over the years.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th March.

The Jumble Sale Committee

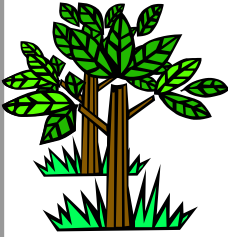
Safeguarding

With safeguarding in the public eye again I'd like to take a moment to assure you how seriously we take safeguarding at St. Peter's. We follow all the requirements of the House of Bishops' policy and the church legislative requirements. We practice safe recruiting and we have a parish safeguarding officer. We have participated in the diocese's safeguarding training and follow the requirement for this to be refreshed every three years. There is signposting on the church website page and noticeboards about who to contact in case there are any issues anyone wishes to raise. The diocese's and our approach to handling any situation that does arise is best described as 'survivor led'.

If you have any concerns, our parish safeguarding officer is Mrs Pauline Brown, 01438 717580, terry_brown@tiscali.co.uk, or you could speak to myself.

Susannah Underwood, Team Vicar.

Friends of Tewin



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

As in previous years, we held a raffle at the Carols around the Christmas Tree, albeit this time in the school hall because of bad weather. We still managed to raise £119 for Shelter despite fewer people attending. The prizes were donated by Friends of Tewin and our thanks once again go to members of St. Peter's Church who came on the night to sell tickets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is at 6pm on Tuesday 11th February in Tewin Memorial Hall, the meeting is open to anyone who lives in Tewin. Coffee and tea will be available.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH - Wednesday 19th February 2020

I hope by now, those of you who are 60 or over have returned your invitation reply slips. The lunch is held in Tewin Memorial Hall at 12noon.

By the time you read this, it may be that we are already full as last year we had 95 guests. If you would like to come along and you haven't completed your slip, please do so straight away.

If by any chance you have lost/mislaid the invitation that came through your door, don't worry, you can get another at Tewin Stores. Hurry though, this is a very popular event!

If you are new to the village or if you haven't been to the lunch before, we serve a two-course home-cooked lunch with wine, tea, coffee and chocolates. The afternoon is a marvellous way to catch-up with old friends and to make new ones.

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Help Tewin Become a Dementia-Friendly Village

Dementia presents a huge health challenge to the UK. According to the Alzheimer's Society, 'one person develops dementia in the UK every three minutes'. 1 in every 8 deaths registered in the UK in 2018 was attributed to dementia or Alzheimer's. Many of us will know people affected.

So what more can we all do to help, right here in Tewin?

Quite a lot, actually. In 2018 the Alzheimer's Society and the Prime Minister's Rural Dementia Task and Finish Group published a practical guide for rural communities to support people affected by dementia (and 'those affected' includes families and carers as well as those living with dementia). Dementia-Friendly Communities are committed to working together to ensure people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. The Parish Council and the Vicar have already given their enthusiastic support to the idea of Tewin becoming a Dementia-Friendly Village and we have trained dementia champions, including Dr. Anne Horsman and Aimi Percival, who are happy to train those of us who are interested to become 'dementia friends'.

I propose to hold an initial meeting at Tewin Memorial Hall on 17 February at 4pm for all who are interested – particularly those willing to help/be trained, and those who are or have been affected by dementia in any way, including carers, so we can: - **set up an enthusiastic, positive group** to guide us to become a Dementia-Friendly Village; **get as many initial ideas as possible** as to what might most benefit people affected by dementia in Tewin; **see whether we can come up with any ideas** that might help towards achieving some of those benefits; **see how many people would be interested** in training to be a dementia friend (it takes less than an hour and sessions are friendly and interactive) and when would best suit trainees and trainers; **begin to develop an action plan** that can be reported back and continually improved.

Initial thoughts that have been given to me include: some people might not want to go to a separate 'dementia group', but could need help to get to Tewin's excellent Over 55s group; others might want a separate group, but could object to 'dementia' in the title – 'Memory Mornings' might be better, with the opportunity of getting together over tea and coffee, and the chance to sing old songs. If you can, please come along to our initial meeting. If you are interested but can't make it, or if you are reading this after the meeting has taken place, please email me at davidkempson@hotmail.com. I am also hoping to arrange an evening meeting, for those interested but unable to attend on the afternoon of the 17th.

David Kempson



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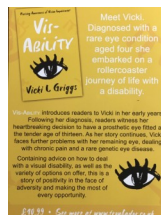
Debut Book From Local Author

Tewin resident, Vicki Griggs, has published a new book to raise awareness of visual impairment.

Diagnosed with a rare eye condition at the age of four, Vicki chronicles her difficult journey from diagnosis to the present day in ‘Vis-Ability’.

Containing advice on how to deal with a visual disability, as well as the variety of options on offer, this is a story of positivity in the face of adversity and making the most of every opportunity.

See more at www.troubador.co.uk



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Dates For Your Diary This Month

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| Tues | Tewin School | 7-10 pm | Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-10pm Adults |
| Wed | Memorial Hall | 9.30– 11am | Parent and Toddler Group |
| Thurs | Lower Green | 9.25am | Footpath walks of Tewin |
| Thurs | Memorial Hall | 1.30-4.30pm | 50+ Club |
| Fri | Tewin Stores | 2.30-3.30pm | Trussells Butcher's Van |
| Thurs 13th & 27th | Bowls Club | 2-5pm | Bridge |
| Mon 3rd | Memorial Hall | 7.45pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| Tues 11th | Memorial Hall | 6pm | Friends of Tewin AGM |
| Wed 12th | Rose & Crown | 11am-12 noon | Coffee Morning |
| Sat 15th | Tewin Stores | 12-1.30pm | Lunch 'Homemade Pasta' |
| Mon 17th | Memorial Hall | 4pm | 'Make Tewin Dementia Friendly' Meeting |
| Mon 17th | Memorial Hall | 7pm | Screen on the Green 'Green Book' |
| Wed 19th | Memorial Hall | 12 noon | Senior Citizens' Lunch |
| Mon 24th | Pavilion | 7.30pm | Tewin Stores AGM |
| Wed 26th | St Peter's Church | 8pm | Ash Wednesday Service |

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