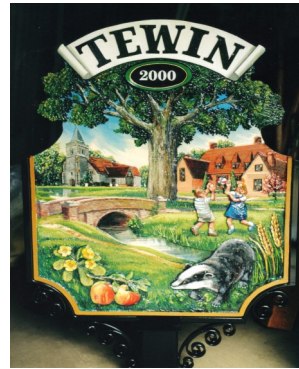




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April 2020



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Editorial Note

Welcome to our April 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The front cover photo this month was taken by Graham Spring.

Well, we certainly live in challenging times and this has been the most challenging issue of the Magazine I've ever had to put together.

I've tried to leave the final edition as late as possible to keep up with the latest situation but, as you are all very well aware, things are changing often and quickly. I'd recommend checking the Tewin website, www.tewinvillage.co.uk, for the most up to date information.

As of the time of going to press, the government has advised the closure of all schools, churches, pubs, cafes, restaurants, clubs and theatres. Basically anywhere that people gather in large groups in close proximity. Everyone should practice social distancing - staying at least 2m from each other - even outdoors, with those over 70 or with existing health problems being particularly vigilant. And of course WASH YOUR HANDS. If, like me, you're soooooo tired of singing Happy Birthday twice, Gyles Brandreth has suggested that reciting The Owl and the Pussycat takes the required 20 seconds but I haven't tested it out yet.

If you have a fever and a new, persistent cough you must isolate yourself for 7 days and anyone living in the same household should isolate for 14 days. This means not leaving the home for any reason.

We are fortunate in Tewin in that we have a very supportive community. **Tewin Stores** is opening for reduced hours (p25) and will deliver to vulnerable and self-isolating households.

Tewin Ladies has offered a variety of ways to help (p3).

The Rose and Crown is operating a takeaway service for its full menu (subject to stock availability) and the **Plume of Feathers** is applying for a licence change to do the same. See page 21 for details of village activities which have been suspended until further notice.

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. 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.

Stay Well

Jackie Murphy, Editor



Hello!

If you are self-isolating and need help due to Covid-19 please contact us.

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We will put you in touch with someone who can help.



Tewin Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. In other respects, the Parish Council will function as normal. Please email any queries to the Parish Clerk.

TEWIN STORES

Your village shop will be open daily until midday although the cafe is now closed until further notice.

A delivery service will be available. If you need any items please call the shop on 01438 717929 or email tewinstores@gmail.com

If you are able to offer any assistance in the shop or making deliveries call or email the shop.

UPPER GREEN DAMAGE

The Parish Council would be grateful for any information relating to the damage caused by a car driving across the cricket square on Upper Green sometime over the weekend of 14/15th of March. The car may have stopped at Lower Green to remove a section of the cricket rope that it had caught up. The Parish Council would also be grateful for any information relating to one of the football goals being dragged out on to Upper Green and left standing in a manner which could have caused serious injury if it had fallen on somebody.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

Spring Show - CANCELLED

The *THACS* Spring Show was to have been held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th April. However, in view of the increasing impact of the coronavirus and the high level of public concern about it, the committee took the difficult decision to cancel this event.

If you had intended to enter something into the show and had already started work on your exhibits, then be assured that your work will not have been wasted. We intend to carry forward all of the show classes for adults (Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Culinary) to the Spring Show 2021.

Annual General Meeting - CANCELLED

The *THACS* AGM was to have been held on Monday 23rd March, but that event was cancelled. All members will receive an explanation of how the committee intends to deal with the implications of the cancellation.

Forthcoming Events

At the time of writing, all of the other planned events are still going ahead. These include the Tewin Open Gardens on Sunday 17th May and the Autumn Show on Saturday 5th September.

On This Day - 1st April

- **1875** The Times became the first newspaper to publish a daily weather chart
- **1908** The British Territorial Army was formed
- **1918** The RAF was founded, incorporating the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service
- **1957** The BBC fooled the nation with a spoof documentary about spaghetti farms in Switzerland

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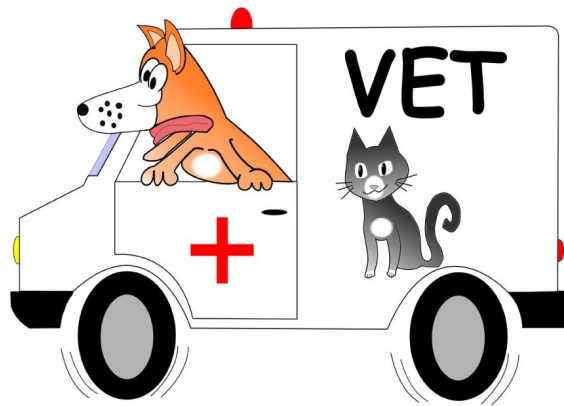
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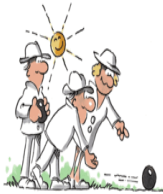
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BOWLS CLUB NEWS

UNFORTUNATELY ALL BOWLS CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

This includes our Open Day scheduled for 25th April, as well as the Quiz planned for 24th April, as well as other events. We understand that Bowls England have ordered all Bowls Clubs to suspend all activities, including matches, until the Coronavirus outbreak is over.

We apologise for this but hope you will understand and we will resume our activities as soon as the present crisis is over. Meanwhile we thank everyone for supporting our events over the past year, with special thanks to all our Patrons. We hope that we will be able to resume our activities in the not too distant future, so please look out for our posters in Tewin Stores.

Meanwhile, anyone wishing further information or application forms to join the Club, please contact any of the following;-

Rob Kenway on 07552780236

Mike Howe on 01438 840063,

Todd Canton on 01438 717395.

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Rain On The Farm

We are in uncharted waters as far as farming goes. Literally. We have never had the conditions this bad before. The water has been standing in the tramlines for months. The ground is saturated and the rain has nowhere to go. Luckily we have had some windy days which dry up the surface which gives us a very small break in conditions to spray some nutrients. The ground has been so wet that the nutrients get washed away. The tramlines are set when we drill or sow a field so that the tractor, which spreads the fertiliser, and the sprayer use the same tramlines. Our tramlines are set at 24m. Other farmers have them set at 32m or 36m.

As we get into April, we hope the weather will improve. It will not come a moment too soon for many farmers. We are very lucky that we have not suffered from the floods which have affected many areas of the country. Farmers there will be fortunate if they get to sow any of those flooded fields and so will miss a harvest and a year's income.

I need 2 hours of dry weather after spraying for the spray to be absorbed by the plant. I know I'm a bit colour blind but I do think the fields are turning a growing green, so Spring is coming, the days are getting longer and the wildlife is more abundant. I have never seen so many hares about. They are pairing up now and they are very fond of eating growing wheat. They have had a good breakfast by eating some field corners bare.

Farmers and gardeners are the same. We all want to know if the soil is warmed up enough to plant seeds. These days you can get a soil temperature probe but, in days long ago, farmers walked into their fields, dropped their trousers and pants and sat on the soil! If they jumped up quickly it was too cold but a slow rise from the ground meant it was time to start planting.

We plan to sow a large area of Blue Peas and also trial 4 Hectares of chickpeas, which is a new crop for us.

Ivor Williams

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

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Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Fri 1.30pm until 16.00pm

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

February 2020

Below are the results for the February Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	Roger Huggins, Hertford Road
2nd	£34	Myra Charman, Lower Green
3rd	£11	Elisabeth Tyers, Cowpers Way
3rd	£11	Diana Saban, Bishops Road

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Please join the Club and help us reach 300 members and monthly prizes totalling £150 every month.

Application forms and more information available from:

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

Screen On The Green

Following Government guidelines, this month's film, "*The Post*", due to be shown on Monday 20th April, has been cancelled.

We will monitor the situation and post further information in next month's Magazine and on the Tewin Village website.

Marie St Pier

Maundy Money

Every Maundy Thursday, The Queen distributes special Maundy money to local pensioners in a service which commemorates Jesus' washing of the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper.

The Maundy Service happens each year on the Thursday before Easter Sunday. Each year The Queen travels to a different cathedral or abbey to give gifts to local people.

During the service, The Queen distributes gifts according to the number of years she has lived. In 2020 she will distribute 94 pence worth of Maundy money to 94 men and 94 women in recognition of their contribution to the community and to the church.

The service dates back to 600AD and these special coins have kept much the same form since 1670. They still bear the portrait of Her Majesty designed for her coronation in 1953, even though the image on ordinary circulating coinage has since been changed four times. The coins come in 4 denominations: a groat (4p), threepence (3p), half-groat (2p) and a penny (1p).

Each recipient of Maundy money is given two small leather purses by The Queen, one red and one white.

The first contains a small amount of ordinary coinage which symbolises the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. The second purse contains Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age. The coins are legal tender but recipients normally prefer to retain them as a keepsake.

Team Vicar's Letter

Usually at this time of year I'd be writing to tell you of all the Holy week and Easter events that we have planned. But, like a lot of life, physical church has been suspended for the foreseeable future. That means all of our meetings, activities and services have been cancelled. It is sad and unprecedented for us as a church community not to be able to meet and worship together, but essential, like the rest of society, that we take seriously the need to limit the spread of COVID 19.

However the word 'church' does not really refer to the building, rather the 'church' is its people. So in that sense the church is still very much alive and active, in prayer and service, although in a different way.

I, with my clergy colleagues, will continue to meet and pray every day, as well as celebrate the eucharist on behalf of the people. We are looking at ways in which we can provide people with prayer resources as well as online resources so you might join with us whilst in your own homes.

Mick Simmons has also volunteered to lead a simple service of prayer and bible reading down the phone. Please contact him directly if you'd find that helpful (01438 817510). The church building will remain unlocked every day and you are welcome to enter for private prayer.

We are also very keen that in these difficult times we all find ways to support one another, and particularly the most vulnerable in our neighbourhoods. It has been heartening to see so many offers of help for those who are self isolating.

But, even though we won't meet in church, it will still be Easter. For Christians it will feel strange, but the ungathering might remind us of something important – that resurrection happened in the dark, when no-one was watching. That while the world carried on with its worries and concerns, with its human frailty and weakness, Christ was, in secret, in the quiet, resurrected from the dead. Eventually a few knew and celebrated, although most didn't and the world just carried on. It's important to remember that, because it's a reminder that God is at work, bringing hope and new life even when we don't see it. He is unstoppable, even in difficult times.

I realise this is a time of great anxiety for many people. Please do get in contact with me if I can help in any way. But although life operates differently at present, the church still exists, and still prays. Christ has risen, and his life has overcome all death.

Susannah

The Village of Tewin

From records and maps held by the Records Office in Hertford it is confirmed that the main village of Tewin was for many years a small hamlet based around Upper Green. Houses, shops, a cordwainer (shoe maker), wheelwright, farms, an inn (The Plume of Feathers), and Church land, possibly with a 'parsonage' near the pond, are all recorded.

Back Lane and Dead Lane were well trodden thoroughfares, and the map dated 1785-1803 shows details of the tracks used around Upper Green, one of which remains today. The farm near Piggotts has completely disappeared although the pond that was in front of the farm buildings was there until the early 1950s when it was filled in. Known by many as Peacocks Pond, it was full of all kinds of treasures: frogs, newts and crested newts to name but a few.

Dead Lane, it is thought, possibly got its name from the time of the Black Death and perhaps adjacent fields were used as a burial ground.

On the site where the tennis court car park now stands was a well cover and well similar to the one on Lower Green. The area near this well cover was later used to excavate gravel and possibly bricks were made on the site.

The road from Burnham Green is obviously a very old communications link and houses such as Piggotts and the Cattery are of 17th Century foundation. Wormlybury Manor where Sewells Orchard now stands is also mentioned in the Records Office.

Upper Green, as the main village of Tewin, declined gradually and by 1700 a few more houses were beginning to be built around the Lower Green. The oldest house is opposite the Memorial Hall. The Rose and Crown and the Old School House were early buildings.

The Well House was at one time more in the centre of the green, over the village well. There were three water pumps, one on each

corner of the Green, which remained in use until after the Second World War.

In 1953 the Parish Council, as a way of marking the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, moved the Well House to its present site. The Green was ploughed and re-seeded with grass, the footpaths were put in and the flagpole erected.

Extracted from 'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'

St George's Day 23rd April

Who was St George? Saint George is popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry, but actually he wasn't English at all. Very little is known about the man who became St George. St. George is believed to have been **born in Cappadocia** (now Eastern Turkey) in the year **A.D. 270**. He was a Christian. At the age of seventeen he joined the **Roman army** and soon became renowned for his bravery. He served under a pagan Emperor but never forgot his Christian faith. When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St. George pleaded with the Emperor to spare their lives. However, St. George's pleas fell on deaf ears and it is thought that the Emperor Diocletian tried to make St. George deny his faith in Christ, by torturing him. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23 April, 303.

In 1222, the Council of Oxford declared April 23 to be St George's Day and he replaced St Edmund the Martyr as England's patron saint in the 14th C. In 1415, April 23 was made a national feast day.

The church was floodlit on Monday 9th March, in memory of our dear friend and bell ringer, Bertha Banks, who died this day in 2013. We miss you greatly, rest in peace. Tewin Bell Ringers

St Peter's church tower was floodlit on March 30th, the birthday of Kirsten Margareth Roberts, with love and fondest memories, Ben, Susan, David and Brian.

St Peter's News

This is a very difficult time for us all. As I write the Church of England has decided to suspend all services for the time being, except for funerals and weddings. Our church will still be open every day for private prayers and everyone is welcome to spend time there as we think of the whole world, and people grieve for their lost ones. We are finding ways to help the most vulnerable in the parish by regular contact and delivery of goods where needed. Please can you still support our local food bank collections at the church or via the shop. Tewin is a supportive community. With each other's support and care we will get through this together.

In other news, it has been Lent in the Church calendar throughout March. We began the month by following morning service with a Litter Pick around the village, filling twenty sacks of rubbish and then sharing a well-earned lunch at the Rose and Crown. This was part of our Lent project celebrating Creation and our Care of the Earth. For two weeks we then welcomed visitors to an exhibition on the same theme. Exhibits have included beautifully executed paintings and ceramics, needlecraft and other handicrafts and pictures by the children of Tewin Cowper School Story Club. Thank you to all who contributed to this and to Pauline Brown and her helpers for all their hard work in setting up the exhibition. It was a joyful outpouring of love for our world and all living things. Photos of the event can be seen on page 31.

At the same time the Lent group started the 40 - day challenge **#Live Lent: Care for God's Creation**, looking especially at the significance of light, water, heat, land and plants. In April the course should have also continued by looking at creatures of sea and sky, and humans and other animals.

There will be no Easter services and the craft afternoon for children will not take place. Let us all pray for better times to come.

Happy Easter
LG

Looking Beyond Our Parish Of Tewin

Here at St Peter's we thought the wider village might be interested in hearing of some of the charities we've supported over the last year.

At Christmas time we always support carefully chosen charities which in 2019 were Embrace the Middle East and the Children's Society. Whilst the Children's Society will be well known to many, Embrace may not. Their Christmas appeal was for Christian refugees in the Lebanon, though they also support people in other Middle Eastern countries as well. Together, they received over £500. Christmas-tide charity fund-raising in 2019 was boosted enormously by the efforts of Sean & Martine at the Rose & Crown who with their various activities, and support from their many customers, raised £1,100 for the Children's Society.

At other times of the year the surplus from our Lent lunch also supported Embrace; the Harvest Festival collection went to Save the Children Fund and the Remembrance Day collection supported the Royal British Legion; this was in addition to money raised from some lovely home-made knitted poppies. The Nativity play surplus went to Oxfam. In total these special fund-raisers resulted in over £2,400 going to a wide selection of charities.

In addition to all this, St Peter's itself has regularly given to the local Tewin Cowper School, to Church Missionary Society for its mission partners, to Church Urban Fund, and to Church Army, which in 2019 totalled £2,500.

Jesus said 'love your neighbour', this is one small way in which we attempt to do just that.

St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision

The annual revision of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 25th March and the 8th April 2020. Anyone wishing to become a new member of the church should apply using the forms found at the back of the church during this period.

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David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)



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Tewin In The Time of COVID19

As a result of Government guidelines to help halt the spread of COVID19, the following village activities have been suspended until further notice:

- Table Tennis Club
- Parent and Toddler Group
- Thursday guided footpath walks
- Over 50s Club
- Bridge Club
- Parish Council Meeting
- Tewin Stores Monthly Lunch
- Screen on the Green
- All Regular Church Services (including Easter Services)
- Bowls Club

Shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants which are operating a reduced service

- Tewin Stores, 01438 717929 (mornings only and deliveries to those self isolating)
- Tewin Café (closed)
- Tewin Post Office (Wednesday and Friday mornings only)
- The Rose and Crown, 01438 715757(closed except for takeaway food)
- The Plume of Feathers, 01438 717265 (closed - applying for a change of licence to offer takeaway food)
- Tewinbury Farm, 01438 717793 bars and restaurants (closed)
- The Bumpkin, 01438 718880 (closed)

For information on the Community Bus please call Ann Kevis on 01438 717473

These details are correct as of 21st March 2020 but, things are changing often and quickly. Please check www.tewinvillage.co.uk and www.gov.uk for the latest updates.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

JUMBLE SALE CANCELLATION

By now you will be aware that a decision was made to cancel the Spring Jumble Sale due to the various effects of the Coronavirus, which is currently sweeping the country. Much thought has been given prior to this decision, with various people's views being sought, including those of all our willing helpers – the Jumblers.

Many reasons were given consideration, including the fact that a great many of the attendees at the Jumble Sales come from far and wide, some even outside Hertfordshire, and therefore we had no knowledge of their travel movements over recent months. In addition, we could not estimate the 'footfall' as people who normally come to our Sales may decide to stay away on this occasion. Various other factors were considered, including the fact that this virus can be passed through the exchange of money and although gloves could be worn, there was also the additional factor that it can also be contracted through breath inhalation.

All this, plus the fact that many of our Jumblers, and regular visitors, are now quite elderly, so they would be particularly vulnerable. Therefore, it is with great regret that the decision to cancel was made. However, we are storing all the valued donated goods which have already been collected, and these will be brought out for our Autumn Sale on the 10th October.

Our decision to cancel was made with great regret as we know that our twice-yearly Jumble Sales are a much enjoyed feature of the village, but we felt that common-sense should prevail and that helpers and visitors should not be placed in a vulnerable situation, which we hope you will understand.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

At the time of writing, the Government's response to the Coronavirus outbreak has been upgraded. As a Community Benefit Society our aim is to continue to support the community, especially the more vulnerable residents; those over 70 years old and those with underlying health problems.

Our ambition is to maintain supply of everyday essential items and we are currently contacting our suppliers to understand their supply contingency plans. We plan to keep the shop open, but as we rely on volunteers (many of whom are over 70) we will prioritise morning opening and open:

Monday – Saturday: 8.00 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

The **Post Office** will be open:

Wednesday and Friday 9.30 - 11.30am

We expect that many residents will be self-isolating. For this reason we will operate a home delivery service for vulnerable and self-isolating residents, providing the basics such as bread, eggs and fruit & vegetables. We hope to be able to maintain Newspaper deliveries. We have had many kind offers to provide deliveries and we are confident we can create a network of residents who are willing to make these deliveries.

If you are running low and you need any items please call the shop on **01438 717929**.

If you are able to offer any assistance, in the shop or by making deliveries, call the above number or email tewinstores@gmail.com

Finally, and most importantly we must play our part in limiting the spread of infection as much as possible, and we have therefore decided to close the café with immediate effect, and ask our customers to start social distancing.

Please check the Tewin Village website for updates
Tewin Stores Committee



Tewin Tennis Club

The season should now be kicking off with a vengeance, so all the coaching and friendly matches that have taken place over the colder months could be translated to peak match fitness. Well, hoped.

Our courts have new posts, one set of which is courtesy of a generous grant from Friends of Tewin. They really make a difference, the new posts anchoring the nets much more tightly at the sides, which helps keep them in place when it's windy. The court surfaces are in excellent condition and in early March underwent the first of three phased cleans/moss treatment during the year.

This month should have seen the initial matches in the Datchworth Summer Tennis League. As last year, Tewin had entered three teams at different levels. Each comprises one lady and two men, so each player gets two doubles matches on Monday evenings. Yes, it could be evenly balanced, but historically there seem to be fewer ladies prepared to partake, even though the matches are usually very friendly affairs.

In May we may see the start of the club's ever-popular ABC tournament on Friday evenings. *EVERY* member of the club is encouraged to sign up for the ABC, so please don't hold back. There will be more details next month, but please look on the club's website www.tewintennisclub.co.uk for the details. Our AGM was scheduled for Friday 3 April, at the Pavilion by the tennis courts and we hoped that the relatively limited size of the gathering meant that we wouldn't be caught by any coronavirus limits on sports events. Events have been overtaking us quickly, so we are formulating a new plan for the AGM.

The draw for the Wimbledon tickets usually takes place then too. We know we have been allocated around nine pairs and are working on a plan for a form of prize draw to see who will be able to buy them. Though at this point in time Wimbledon seems like another sporting event that will suffer this summer.

Finally, we are hoping to move with the times by introducing an on-line court booking service. More of this soon. Meanwhile the committee wish to make it clear that *under normal conditions* apart from Saturday mornings, which are set aside for the ladies social play (CATS) from 9.30 to 11.00, and men's social (RATS) 11.00 to 1.00, and the Tuesday evening mixed social play, which should be restarting in April, plus a couple of mid-week afternoon coaching sessions for juniors, the courts are free to be booked by any member who wants a slot. We hope the new system will encourage you to book more often from home, work or even on the train, and thus maximise tennis court use. There is plenty of availability.

Here's to all our members, and everyone in Tewin, keeping fit and well.

Friends of Tewin



SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH – 19th February 2020

We were delighted to once again welcome 96 people to the Memorial Hall on 19th February.

Our menu this year was a lunch of either Beef Bourguignon or Salmon en Croute, followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding or Strawberry Mousse. After lunch everyone joined in the quiz which got the brain cells working!

We are pleased the afternoon was a great success, we have had some very kind comments from people telling us they had such a lovely time. It makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We want to thank everyone who helped to serve the lunch, we couldn't have managed without you.

Our next event, which we really look forward to, in conjunction with Tewin Cowper School, is dancing around the Maypole on Lower Green. This will take place on Thursday 7th May starting around 10 am. The children really look forward to performing the special Maypole dances, they spend hours practising so, please come along to support them.

If the weather is bad, the children will dance in the school hall, but please still come along to support them.

DIARY DATE;

Classic Car & Craft Show will be held on 23rd August 2020

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It is far too easy for the work done by the volunteers and staff in our shop in Welwyn to be taken for granted, just one of those things that happens seamlessly and which does not really get the accolades that it deserves. Nonetheless, it is one of the most important stages in the life-cycle of fund-raising and giving that constitutes the work of the Charity.

Our ability to support neurological rehabilitation across the county is also made possible by other fund-raising events. Pictured below are (left to right): Roger Simons, Julia Gearhart, Simon Whitworth (Trustee and Treasurer of the Charity) and Lorna Tappin. Roger was a patient of the Stroke Early Supported Discharge Team (ESD) in the QVM Hospital. The ESD team helps patients who have had strokes to transition quickly and safely home from



hospital. The team then promotes each patient's recovery, with six weeks of intensive rehabilitation services in the patient's home, which may include physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychology, social work services and more. Julia and Lorna are two of the ESD staff who were responsible for Roger's rehabilitation.

Roger, who is a member of Royston Town Band, organised a fundraising concert, which raised money that will be used to purchase iPads, which can be lent out to ESD patients. The patients can then use apps to guide them through exercises or language activities, to get extra practice. The ESD team also will be able to use the tablets for teaching, using various wellness apps, or an app with a rotatable 3D brain diagram.

Do pop into our shop in Welwyn High Street and have a look at what we have to offer. We rely on donations as, unlike some of the larger charity shops, we do not buy in items. We have recently also started selling on eBay's charity site (see the link below):

<https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/FRIENDS-OF-DANESBURY-AND-QUEEN-VICTORIA-MEMORIAL-HOSPITAL/3150501>

You can also visit us on both Facebook and Instagram.

Do help us maintain this rewarding and productive fund-raising → giving cycle.

Making Tewin a Dementia-Friendly Village

We held an initial meeting in the Village Hall which was very well supported. It was recognised that the Over 50s Club is already providing a great resource that is available to everyone, including those with dementia. We are trying to follow their example by adding activities, open to all, that will be dementia-friendly. The Rose and Crown is now hosting 'Knit and Natter' sessions at 11 on Monday mornings, and we hope to add 'Memory Morning' singing sessions shortly. A very important part of making any community dementia-friendly is providing information to show everyone, young and old, how they can become 'dementia friends'. This is why we intend to hold two initial information sessions when Government advice on COVID19 allows. Suggestions and views from those who have dementia, and their carers, would be particularly welcome, and could be sent to brenmbarber@gmail.com.
David Kempson

Medical Breakthroughs in April

12 th April 1955	US physician, Dr Joseph Salk's, polio vaccine was pronounced safe, effective and potent
23 rd April 1984	It was announced that the virus which caused AIDS had been isolated
25 th April 1953	Francis Crick and James Watson revealed the role of DNA in human biology
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