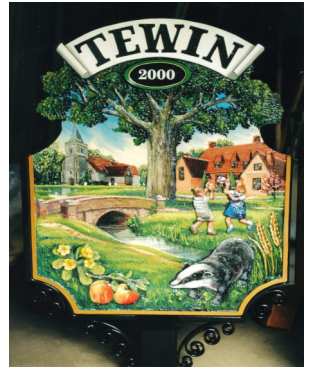




# Tewin Magazine

February 2023

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## Tree Planting at Tewin School



Welcome to the February 2023 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover shows John Sheridan and the children of Tewin Cowper School as they plant their contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy. See page 16 for details. The lovely photos on page 2 were taken by Steve Hughes. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine.

Please note that, due to time constraints, the deadline for the March 2023 issue of the Magazine is earlier than normal and articles and photos should reach me please by **12th February**.

There are two THACS workshops this month:

Lino print workshop on 2nd and creative writing workshop on 28th ( please note change of date). Email thacs.bookings @gmail.com to register.

The Senior Citizens' Lunch returns on 15th (p31) and Friends of Tewin are holding their AGM on 21st (p31). If you're inspired by the talk on bees and beekeeping at the THACS AGM on 27th (p6) then you may be interested in the beginners beekeeping course being run by Central and South Herts Beekeepers Association (p6).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Duke' on 20th (p10).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

This year Shrove Tuesday is on February 21st. Enjoy your pancakes!

**Trussells Butcher's Van** is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm.

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Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). **The deadline is the 12th of the month, but the earlier the better.**

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Views expressed in the '*Tewin Magazine*' are not always those held by the Parish Council or by the Parochial Church Council

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## Tewin Parish Council



### **TREE WORKS**

The Parish Council have obtained a survey of the trees in the Parish which are under the Parish Council's responsibility and are in the process of arranging for various works to be completed.

### **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, pay road tax, phone top ups and purchase your Euros for your holiday. Please support this service.

**Tewin Stores** Mondays 1.30-3.30pm;

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Fridays 9.30-11.30am

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## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.45pm **on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023** at Tewin Memorial Hall.

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

**Agenda:** Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 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 and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

**Meeting Dates and Newsletters:** These are published on the website.

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

### **Annual General Meeting and Beekeeping Talk on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

The twenty-first *THACS* AGM will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7:30pm. The evening will start with the AGM and then there will be refreshments, followed by a talk from our guest speakers. This time, we have a double-act from two local beekeepers, Mike Brady and Phil Raine, who will tell us about some aspects of beekeeping.

There is no admission charge for the evening and no booking is necessary. This is an important meeting for *THACS* (especially this year) and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote. Any non-members who just wish to attend the talk are advised to arrive by 8:30pm.

Ray Keppler, THACS Chairman

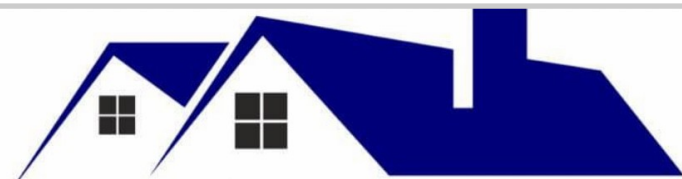
### **Beginners' Beekeeping Course**

**Wednesday evenings, 8th to 29th March 7.30pm to 10pm  
Christchurch, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City**

If you want to take up beekeeping or are just interested in bees then the Central and South Herts Beekeepers Association (CSHBKA) are running a Beginners' Beekeeping course in March.

The course consists of 4 evening classes, a Saturday practical day and a hands-on apiary session at a cost of £99.

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## Winter On the Farm

I commented in December that we have put the farm and crops to bed for a couple of months, and that's exactly what has happened. Through December we had 5 ins of snow and very hard frosts. Hard frosts and snow do the winter crops no harm at all, it checks any disease that might be on the plant leaves. At the moment all it seems to do is rain, huge amounts which will build up in the aquifer to support the River Mimram for the next couple of years. The river is now in full spate. An old farming saying is *February fill dykes*, and that's what is happening this winter. The first Monday after the 6th of January is known as Plough Monday. It was traditionally the day on which work on the land was resumed, and strangely we still have 60 acres still to plough for spring crops, but that's due to the wet winter. By the next time I write, we hope the peas will be planted.

Ivor Williams.



## Welwyn Floral Group

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by

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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## Food Bank Donations



Thank you so much to everyone who so very kindly donated to our Christmas collection for The Hertford Pantry. They were so grateful and I am sure your donations made Christmas a lot better for many families.

We actually lost count of the amount of tins collected but we took well over 250 items!

Just a reminder if you want to continue to make donations, there are collection boxes in Tewin Stores and the Church.

Thank you again and we wish you all a happy 2023.

Lynne and Cheryl x

## On This Day February 14th

- 1477** John Paston received the first recorded valentine letter in English, from Margery Brews.
- 1852** Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, fitted with 10 beds, admitted its first patient, George Parr, who was suffering from catarrh and diarrhoea.
- 1922** Marconi began regular broadcasting transmissions from Writtle in Essex.
- 2005** Three Paypal workers started a video-sharing website, calling it YouTube.

## Screen On The Green

This month's film on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February is *The Duke (2020)*, directed by the late Roger Michell and starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent with Matthew Goode in a supporting role.

This highly entertaining comedy drama is based on the amazing true story of the theft of Goya's painting of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery by an eccentric 60-year old taxi driver. *The Duke* is reminiscent of an Ealing comedy with engaging performances by Broadbent and Mirren, some great scenes of London in the 1960s and playful music by George Fenton.

*The Duke* had its world premiere at the Venice film festival in September 2020 but its release in the UK was delayed until February 2022 due to the pandemic.

Future dates for the diary:

20 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Rififi (1955)</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Laura (1944)</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Little Women (2019)</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Rocketman (2019)</i>

**MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY** Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. Complimentary tea or coffee. 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

**6th February 1964** Britain and France agreed to build a Channel tunnel. It was opened to freight on 1st June 1994 and to passengers on 14th November 1994.

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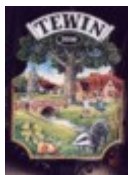
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Go to:

[www.tewinvillage.co.uk/village/tewin-businesses/](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/village/tewin-businesses/) and you will see that already there are over 40 entries covering a very wide variety of businesses.

Many residents in the village and surrounding areas use the website to find local traders so why not add your name to the list by emailing [tewin.village@gmail.com](mailto:tewin.village@gmail.com)

Anne Hall

Website Group

## **THE NATURAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR WELLBEING**

**A local wildlife conservation charity is championing the value of nature for health and wellbeing as many people start to think about a fitter and healthier 2023.**

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust are encouraging people to connect with the natural world through a range of New Year events and activities, and to experience wildlife close up at Nature Reserves throughout the region. Research shows that interactions with nature promote psychological restoration, improve mood and attention, as well as reduce stress and anxiety.

That's why, as the new year kicks in, we're promoting a series of walks, talks and tree planting sessions, and providing activities people can try in their own green spaces and neighbourhoods to connect with and support nature. You can also visit over 40 Nature Reserves and project sites across the region.

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

Mon 13.30pm until 15.30pm

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

### **Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:**

Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

## Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

### **December 2022**

Here's confirmation of the draw results for December

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>£49</b>	<b>Mary Gregg, Hertford Road</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>£30</b>	<b>Byron Sinfield, Bishops Road</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Jamie Morrisroe, Orchard Road</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Chris Haden, Godfries Close</b>

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- Tewin Stores
- [www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club](http://www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club)

## Tewin Cowper School



‘Hide and Seek’ games at Tewin Cowper School will have some new hiding spots for years to come, with the recent planting of two trees. John Sheridan kindly helped the children plant a wild cherry and small leaved lime tree at the southern end of the playing field in December. The trees were provided as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative, which was set up before the death of Her Majesty and has recently been extended, with volunteers planting over a million trees as a living legacy to her memory. The children of Year 4 regularly learn how to grow vegetables with John’s help, so this project provided some further valuable nature education - as well as cool shade for future generations.

### On This Day

**26th February 1935** A Heyford bomber flying in the main beam of a BBC short wave transmitter gave back reflected signals to the ground, securing government approval for Robert Watson-Watt to develop radar technology.



## Team Vicar's Letter

*God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.*

1 John 4:16

February - a favourite month for chocolate shops and florists as lovers mark St Valentine's day. A day of joy for those in the throws of romantic love, a day of indifference for many who resent its commercialism, and a day of hurt for some who for whatever reason might find romance to be a painful topic at present in their lives.

I'm writing this letter on the day that the BBC has published the headline 'Church of England bishops refuse to back gay marriage', or if you prefer the bishops have published their own headline that perhaps reads a little more affirmingly 'Bishops propose prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and for God's blessing on same-sex couples'.

It is ten years since same-sex marriage has been legal in the UK, but at the point the Marriage Act was changed it remained illegal for Church of England priests to conduct same-sex marriages. It was felt that the church, which is immensely broad in its political and theological viewpoints, should have time to come to a closer agreement before this would be permissible. They have been a difficult and painful ten years, and many Christians (myself included) have longed for the day when all those who would like to marry in church (regardless of sexuality) might be welcomed. Alas that hope is yet to be realised – although the new provision of allowing a blessing in church of a same-sex civil marriage is a step in the right direction.

There are reasons why the church is slow with its workings out, but I am deeply sorry that this process has been so hard for many good friends, including within our villages, congregations and fellow clergy.

*"I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this ...I am as passionate about this (the UN campaign to back LGBT+ rights) as I ever was about apartheid. For me it is at the same level"*  
The late, great Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
FEBRUARY 5th	3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 58: 1-12	1 CORIN- THIANS 2: 1-End	MAT- THEW 5: 13-20
12th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 1: 1-2.3	ROMANS 8:18-25	MAT- THEW 6: 25-End
19th	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	DAVID MUNCHIN	MAT- THEW 17:1-9		
		EVENSONG	6.30pm	MICK SIMMONS	EXODUS 24: 12-End	2 PETER 1: 16—End	
22nd	ASH WEDNESDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	10.00am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOEL 2: 1-2, 12-17	2 CORIN- THIANS 5: 20b—6: 10	JOHN 8: 1-11
26th	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7	ROMANS 5: 12-19	MAT- THEW 4: 1-11

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm**  
**Services marked with a \* will be streamed**

## ROTAS

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<b>FEBRUARY</b> 5th  ALED	<b>NICKY</b> <b>HADLEY</b>	<b>ROZ</b> <b>HOLDEN</b>  <b>ANNE</b> <b>LAND</b>	<b>MARY</b> <b>GREGG</b>	<b>JUDY</b> <b>PUDDEFOOT</b>	<b>LINDA</b> <b>MAITLAND</b>  <b>ANGELA</b> <b>WILLIAMS</b>
12th  <b>DAVID</b>	<b>ALED</b> <b>OWEN</b>	<b>GRAHAM</b> & <b>PAULINE</b> <b>SPRING</b>	<b>GERRY</b> & <b>JACKIE</b> <b>MURPHY</b>	<b>CLARE</b> <b>RAWLINS</b>	<b>PAULINE</b> <b>SPPRNG</b>
19th	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MYRA</b> <b>WALKER</b>	<b>BARBARA</b> <b>CLARK</b>	<b>MARION</b> <b>COMPTON</b>	<b>CLARE</b> <b>RAWLINS</b>
22nd  <b>PAULINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>PETE</b> <b>JOHNSON</b>	<b>NO COFFEE</b>		
26th  <b>PAULINE</b>	<b>SPIKE</b> <b>NICHOLSON</b>	<b>DI</b> <b>BRADLEY</b>  <b>SPIKE</b> <b>NICHOLSON</b>	<b>QUEENIE</b> <b>SIMMONS</b>	<b>LENT</b>	<b>PETE</b> <b>JOHNSON</b>

## FUNERAL

**6th January 2023    Ann Veronica Moon**

## St Peter's News

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

It seems my computer was not as daft as I thought when it predicted snow for us in December! There was a lot of snow! It made the church driveway very icy and walking into church for the Annual Carol Service was quite dangerous. It is always a surprise when the rain chases it away almost as soon as it comes. The Christmas services were otherwise uneventful except that the church clock kept stopping and we muddled some of the hymn numbers on Christmas Day. Many apologies to those who came that day to sing jolly carols and were disappointed.

Susannah has had a nasty cold and cough over Christmas and New Year from which we are all hoping she has fully recovered. Nevertheless, she was there for a very well attended Crib Service which was on Christmas Eve afternoon with 27 children all wanting to find the characters for the Nativity, and she kept going for a memorable Midnight Mass in the evening. Fortunately, the Rev. Susan Marsh led the Christmas Day service and Epiphany two weeks later. Epiphany is the day on which we celebrate the coming of the Magi to see the baby Jesus, as described in the gospel of St Matthew. This year its celebration coincided with the Sunday on which we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, thirty years later, by John the Baptist. Susan was assisted by Mick Simmons, our Reader, who managed to preach two sermons to cover both events. Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, or Magi, and is celebrated in many countries on 6 January with feasting and presents and is as important as Christmas Day in those places. One New Year I was visiting my French pen-friend's family on this day, and we were eating vast hams and cakes until 2 in the morning.

Thank you to the team led by David Rawlins that has been tidying the leaves in the churchyard. Most of the work in the churchyard is done

by Pete Johnson, our Verger. You can see her out most days in all but the worst of weathers, clipping and weeding and, when the wind is in the right direction, even having a bonfire. Many thanks also to all those people who give their time to beautifying the church with flowers or keeping it clean. Over Christmas and New Year, the church flowers were spectacular. Thank you to Clare Rawlins for once again decorating our tree, kindly donated once again by Ivor and Linda Williams.

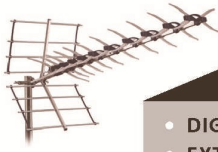
Nick Whiting, my fellow Churchwarden, is also often busy in the churchyard. He has in hand to re-erect a couple of gravestones which have fallen over this winter and he is getting the wobbly gate post at the end of the drive replaced. These are essential jobs which can be grappled with fairly easily. What we both find increasingly mysterious is the software associated with applying for permissions to do things in the church. I used to think I was getting old when all the policemen looked like they had just left school. Now I know I am an older person because I find dealing with banks, chatbots, multiple telephone choices, and complicated computer forms all a great faff!!

We have been saddened by the loss of several of our congregation or their loved ones this December and January. Susannah and all the Welwyn team are always there to give support to those who are ill or recently bereaved. Do get in touch using these links:

*The Rev'd Susannah Underwood*  
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Stay safe, stay well and Happy New Year to you all

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## Tewin Tennis Club

Exciting news in the world of tennis... no, Djokovic hasn't lost, it's that Tewin Tennis Club is getting a new surface for their courts.

After a lively debate at the AGM held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, the committee's proposal for an artificial surface known as Tiger Turf Advantage Pro was passed. The new surface, which is a much-improved all-weather surface better than the current asphalt and also kinder to the joints, will be laid in the spring.

The next decision for the committee is which colour shall we have? Blue, Green and Terracotta are available but my favourite is pink with red spots; known as The Ermintrude.

Hopefully all members have received an email reminder from the LTA in early January regarding opting in to the Wimbledon ballot. It's a great day out for those lucky winners but you need to be in it to win it.

If you aren't a member then now is a great time to join. The club has the cheapest subscriptions in the local area. Regular tennis sessions are run weekdays and weekends. Adding the ABC league, Datchworth league, men's, ladies' and mixed doubles' competitions, a summer party and an autumn event means there is a lot to look forward to both sporting and social wise. So let's blow away the cobwebs after the Christmas excess by joining and get playing. Oh, and there will also be an open day for non-members and members alike once the shiny new courts are laid.

Finally, whilst Peter was writing the previous edition in mid-December, we were in the grip of snow and freezing temperatures. Now as I write this, it is raining persistently. Bring me sunshine ... please.....

Mark Lee

**TEWIN JUMBLE SALE – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL  
2pm till 4.30 - 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

We are delighted that the Spring Jumble Sale is back!

We already have some donations but as always, we are calling on your generosity to make the sale a success. So, if you're having a New Year clear out, please remember us.

We are asking for donations such as, clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, books, jigsaws, children's clothes and toys, unwanted gifts, electrical goods, and most other general household items. Please note, for the safety of our volunteers and customers, we cannot accept broken items.

*As a reminder, please note that we cannot accept large items of furniture such as bulky televisions, 3-piece suites, wardrobes, sideboards, cookers, freezers or refrigerators etc. These items are difficult to sell and we often end up trying to dispose of them ourselves.*

*To sum up, if your items will not fit into an average sized Estate Car, they are too large for the Jumble Sale.* Instead, you could contact East Herts Council or your favourite charity who may be able to help.

We have a number of residents who have kindly offered to collect items for the Jumble Sale and you will find their details on the yellow flyer which will be delivered to every house around the village in the next week or two. Please contact the collector nearest to your home if you have donations to make. Their contact details will also be in next month's Tewin Magazine and spare copies of the flyer will be in Tewin Stores.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at the Jumble Sale and hope you pick up a bargain or two!

Thank you in advance for your contributions which over the years have made the sales such a huge success.

All profit from the Jumble Sale goes towards the upkeep of  
Tewin Memorial Hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**Can you help at the Jumble Sale?**

Have you got an hour to spare to help us on the Friday afternoon/evening before the Sale or on Saturday? We rely entirely on volunteers to sort through the jumble, set up the gazebos and work on the stalls during the sale. It's fun to be involved, so if you are available we would be most grateful for your help.

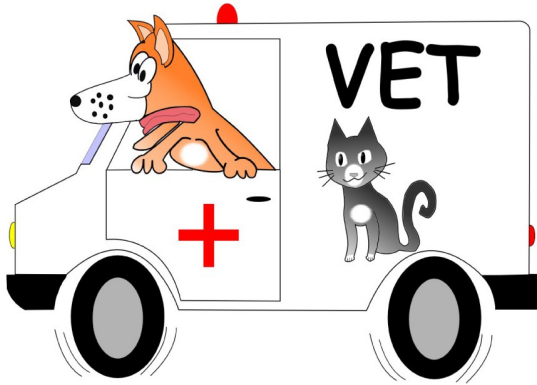
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mjpurser@hotmail.com to let us know what time you can come to help.



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## BOWLS CLUB NEWS

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all in Tewin and our thanks to those of you who helped to make our New Year's Eve Celebration a success by welcoming in the New Year with us.

Although the bowling season ended in September the Club's winter calendar has been in full swing. Carpet Bowls on a Monday night, Art Class on a Wednesday morning, Bridge on Thursday afternoons (every other week) and Table Tennis on Friday nights. The bar is open as normal on Friday nights and Sunday lunch times. The monthly Quiz Nights have resumed. These are well-supported by members and Tewin residents alike and bring in much needed revenue for the Club. Sunday Lunches are limited on numbers to members and Club Patrons on a first come first served basis.

Although the Green closed at the end of September work on it has not stopped. At the beginning of October the autumn renovation of the green was carried out by a company specializing in turf care. The renovation work consists of five stages,

Stage 1. The green is mechanically spiked to a depth of 120mm,

Stage 2. Dethatched to a depth of 40mm to remove most of the dead grass which has built up during the bowling season.

Stage 3. 75kg of specialized grass seed is spread across the green,

Stage 4. 5 tons of top dressing is spread across the green.

Stage 5. Three x 25kg bags of fertilizer are spread across the green.

The green is then left for three to four weeks to allow the seed to root.

In November and under normal conditions the green would be cut every other week until the warmer weather in April, but with the higher than normal temperatures we have been experiencing it has been necessary to cut every week. The warm and wet conditions have led to another problem, fungus, to which fine grasses are susceptible. The green has been hit hard this autumn/winter and will take some months to recover, however work has to continue to insure a good playing surface in the spring. If you would like to find out more on the subject pop into the club and ask for Rob. I cannot promise to have all the answers as I am learning myself, but am always happy to meet prospective new members!!

If you would like to try your hand at any of the winter activities then just pop along to the club on the day or evening when they are taking place and you will be sure to be given a warm welcome.

If you would like more information about the Club, just contact

one of the following – The Secretary Rob Kenway. on 07552 780236.

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Coming home from the airport in a taxi the other week, the driver enthusiastically told us that having some time on his hands before a pick up, he went for the first time to have breakfast at our café. He couldn't speak highly enough about the lovely people that served him the food and was amazed at all the products we sell. He will definitely come back again (and will hopefully tell lots of his other customers too!). It is always wonderful to hear good news, and is a super endorsement of what our lovely shop and café provides, both to our villagers and those that come into the village from outside.

And talking of those that live outside Tewin, over the last few months, we have been busy providing breakfast, drinks, sandwiches and other food to a number of builders within the village. So just a thought for those of you that have builders and contractors undertaking work for you, especially on a longer term basis, please remember to recommend the shop and the service we offer.

Following a rather challenging December, we were back to full business in January, notwithstanding the wind, rain and rather cold temperatures. For the eagle eyed amongst you, you will have noticed the new LED lighting we now have in the shop, replacing our rather aged fluorescent lighting. We are also planning further improvements in the shop over the coming months to provide a better experience both to our customers and volunteers.

The 100 club winners of the December draw were:

1st Prize: Bridget Keppler - £43.50

2nd Prize: Dagmar Brook - £21.50

3rd Prize: David Thomson - £12.90

As ever, we are thankful to our team of volunteers that give their time so generously, but if there are others of you that would be interested in volunteering, then please get in touch.

### **Opening Hours:**

**Monday- Friday** 8.30am - 4.00pm

**Saturday** 8.30am - 12.00 noon

**Sunday** 9.00am - 12.00 noon

## Friends of Danesbury and QVM

Love is in the air, everywhere I look around. Love is in the air, every sight and every sound!

February is the month of love... and our shop in Welwyn High Street has been preparing to be part of the annual Valentine's Day celebration. No doubt our window display will be worth a look. Our shop also has lots of affordable items which during these hard times could offer you that gift for someone special without breaking the bank.

Throughout February we will be carrying out refurbishments within the shop, to modernise it and make items more accessible. Please do look out for signs on our shop window and website for updates on which days we will be having to close the shop. Some of our supporters may also have noticed that the flat above our shop has gone up for sale. Please can I reassure you that this will have no impact on our shop and we will be open to the public for many more years to come.

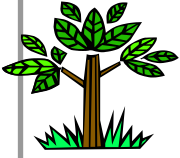
As a special treat before Christmas the Welwyn Wailers reunited to sing carols at both Danesbury and QVM. This proved to be a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to say a special thank you to all those who organised and took part in this event.

At Danesbury and QVM the calm after the Christmas celebrations hasn't lasted long as the gym refurbishment continues at Danesbury. The physios and occupational therapists have again been displaced while the refurbishment takes place, with patients carrying out their physiotherapy in make-do accommodation. However, this hasn't stopped patient progress and we are happy to report that the Friends have been able to support the refurbishment of the gym with the purchase of new equipment. At QVM the refurbishment of the hospital has finally come to an end, with only the odd finishing touches due to take place.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our shop this year. The shop is a treasure trove of things to buy. It is the main source of our income and funds everything we do to support the patients at Danesbury and the QVM Hospital. A special thank you as well to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle, we raised an amazing £1,180. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

We have also had a great response in regards to needing volunteers at Danesbury and QVM. For those that have offered their time, thank you. Wishing you a wonderful February, Friends of Danesbury & QVM

# Friends of Tewin



## Senior Citizens' Lunch – 15<sup>th</sup> February

In early January an invitation was delivered to every house in Tewin inviting residents who are 60 years or over to come along on 15th February and share an afternoon with friends and neighbours in Tewin Memorial Hall. This event is very popular and in previous years the Memorial Hall has been full, so I hope you have already returned the reply slip!

We serve a two-course lunch with wine, chocolates, tea or coffee followed by a light- hearted quiz. After a gap of 3 years, we are really looking forward to seeing you for what promises to be a lovely afternoon together.

Our thanks go to Todd Canton and his team for delivering the invitations for us.

Our AGM is on 21st February 6pm in the Parish Room in the Memorial Hall. All Tewin residents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our committee has been busy awarding donations to many of our village groups. We hope to distribute these monies as soon as possible to benefit those groups in their endeavours.

Olly Morrisroe  
Vice-Chair Friends of Tewin

## On This Day

**23rd February 1820** The Cato Street Conspiracy, a plot to assassinate the entire British cabinet, was uncovered.

**24th February 1920** US-born MP, Nancy Astor, became the first woman to speak in the House of Commons.



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Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Burnham Green	12.45-1.15pm	Mobile Fish Van
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 2nd & 16th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 2nd	Bramfield	10am-4pm	THACS Art Day
Mon 6th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council
Wed 15th	Memorial Hall	12-4.30pm	Senior Citizens' Lunch
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green 'The Duke'
Tues 21st	Memorial Hall	6-7pm	Friends of Tewin AGM
Mon 27th	Memorial Hall	7.30-9.30pm	THACS AGM
Tues 28th	Bramfield	10am-4pm	THACS Creative Writing Day

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