



Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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The Church's calendar this month is almost entirely devoted to the season of Lent. Customarily, Lent is the time when we are urged to give things up: to avoid the temptation to indulge ourselves in those pleasures which at all other times of the year we take for granted. This practice is designed to enable us to identify with Jesus who spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness, during which time he was tempted by Satan to use his status as the Son of God to exercise power and dominion over the entire world. Jesus resisted the temptation and said "Away with you Satan!" How many of us, I wonder, will have the strength of will to say "Away with you Satan!" when confronted with the things that give us pleasure but which we've vowed to sacrifice for the Lenten season? For the Christian, Lent is also the time to identify mentally and spiritually with Jesus' passion, the period that culminated in the ultimate sacrifice of his own life for the salvation of all people. Yet following his passion and death was his resurrection to new life at Easter and this new life for all is the Christian hope.

In more recent times there appears to have been somewhat of a shift in emphasis from giving things up for Lent to taking things on - something extra to our usual round of activities. It still requires discipline but it's seen as a more positive way of observing the season. If you feel that taking something on during Lent is for you, there are a number of Lent courses being run in the churches of the Welwyn Team. They will be challenging but also edifying and spiritually beneficial. Ted Sharp is running a course in Tewin at his home in Orchard Road on Thursdays at 7.00 (Tel: 01438 798594).

I said that March is *almost* entirely given over to the season of Lent, but there is one day on which a break can be taken from the rigours of Lenten observance. March 14th is Mothering Sunday and, of course, on that day we give thanks to God for our own mothers and for everything to do with motherhood. It's a day of celebration and there will be a service in St Peter's church at 9.30am during which bunches of daffodils will be given out to all the mums. If your mother can't be there you can take one to her. Come along; it will be a joyous occasion!

Mick Simmons

Churchwardens' Notes

Since the last Parish News went to Press, we have had a visit from the Herts Air Ambulance charity at a Sunday morning service. The Hertfordshire Air Ambulance has only been introduced in the last year or so and involved considerable fund raising to 'get it off the ground'. It costs around £80,000 per month to operate the service, which receives no funding from the National Lottery. It relies on the generosity and goodwill of the people and businesses of Hertfordshire. Since its introduction, it has been called upon over 300 times and has already been instrumental in saving a number of lives. If you missed the opportunity but would like to donate, this can be done using a yellow St Peter's envelope. Our treasurer, Graham, will be able to recover tax under the gift aid scheme and remit the total to the charity.

As some of you will have seen, the vacancy for our Team Rector has now been advertised. Some interest has been shown and interviews are scheduled for the second half of March. However it seems unlikely that a new rector will be in post before September.

We have been asked about the floodlighting of the church to mark special occasions. This can be arranged by contacting Pete Johnson and usually operates from lighting up time to around 11pm. A donation of £10 (or more!) is appreciated by our Treasurer towards church funds.

Although not many people want to venture out in the dark winter afternoons to visit St Peter's, the service of Evening Prayer has continued uninterrupted throughout the winter. This is a quiet, contemplative service with no music and lasts about 25 minutes. All are welcome – just come along for 5pm. every Tuesday at the church.

Now some dates for your diary. Firstly, our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is scheduled for 18th April, at about 7.30pm in the church, following the 6.30 service of Holy Communion. Then on 14/15 May we intend to have our **annual Spring Clean**. Please make a note of the dates, as we always need plenty of volunteers. There will be lists at the back of the church nearer the time for you to add your name. Many thanks in advance!

Finally, it will soon be Easter. If you would like to give a donation towards the flowers for decorating the church, please hand it to Sally, a churchwarden, or our Treasurer.

Mike & Pete

St Peter's

will be floodlit on

Saturday 6 March

in memory of

Freda and Claude Owen.

Requested by Val and John Hills

Notice of St Peter's Church ~ Electoral Roll Update

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 21st March to the 3rd April 2010. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find the enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church. Applications for enrolment must be received by 3rd April and the revised Roll will be posted in the church porch the following day.

David Rawlins (Electoral roll Officer)

Coming soon!! Planned Giving Envelopes

Those of you who use the Planned Giving envelopes will have noticed that they will shortly be coming to an end. Don't panic! The new sets starting in April will be available during March; so you should have a seamless transition into the new year. A good time to think about your giving to St Peter's, perhaps? There are additional boxes available for anyone who would like to join the scheme. It helps you to keep your giving to St Peter's regular throughout the year, whether or not you attend church each week. All the details are kept completely confidential.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on Saturday 24th April. More details will be available nearer the time. Any questions, just ask me.

Graham Spring, Treasurer



Tewin Parish Council

Highways

Ditch Clearing Outside 33, 35, 37 Upper Green Road

Highways has advised that ditch cleansing is expected to take place before August/September 2010 within the next financial year.

Gritting

For the time being Tewin and adjacent villages will not be included on the gritting schedule.

A request to refill the salt bin opposite Tewin Stores has been made to Highways.

Street Signs

Various damaged signs have been reported.

Potholes

Defects in Upper Green and Orchard Road are included in 'Winter Recovery Programme' which is underway and it is anticipated that these defects will be repaired within the next 7-10 days subject to weather conditions of course.

Telephone Kiosk

The Parish Council would like to thank the Friends of Tewin and THAC's for their kind donations towards the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk.

Waste Collections

It has come to the Parish Councils attention that a lack of waste collection must be reported to East Herts Council (01279-655261) within 48 hours otherwise they will not be able to collect it.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING The next meeting is on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are: Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.45pm preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm

AGENDA Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COM-

MENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, NEWSLETTERS AND DATES OF MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT

www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting). Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact: Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256, Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

East Herts District Councillor

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430, South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

Herts County Councillor

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Operation Arable- 01992-533000 - For reporting motorcycles

Police Community Team - 01707-354192 - For non-emergency purposes

Police Control Room - 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line:- 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 0300 123 4040 or www.hertsdirect.org

Animal Warden ~ Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

Tewin Parish Council~ Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.

TEWIN STORES

SHOP MANAGER WANTED

HOURS : MONDAY TO FRIDAY

(APPROX 25 - 30 HRS/WK)

REQUIREMENTS :

RETAIL EXPERIENCE ESSENTIAL, MUST BE COMPUTER
LITERATE WITH EXPERIENCE OF EXCEL

APPLY TEWIN STORES : 01438 717 929 FOR AN
APPLICATION FORM

The Tewin Stores Association Ltd.

A community shop run by the village for the village

The Tewin **JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY, 6th MARCH: 2 – 4.30pm**

The Memorial Hall is the place to be on 6th March when we are holding the Spring Jumble Sale. We always have an enormous display of items and once again are relying on your generosity for the donation of goods such as unwanted gifts, clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, furniture, books, electrical goods etc.

Please note, **electrical items will be required by MONDAY, 1ST MARCH** so they can be PAT tested in advance – **we can collect these items on Friday 26th February by arrangement.** We will collect all other jumble throughout the day on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March, although heavy goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the evening of Friday, 5th March. To arrange a collection, please phone one of the following:-

Todd Canton: 717395, Peter Burleigh: 715260, David Laming: 798213

Of course, if you are able to deliver non-electrical goods direct to the Hall on **Friday the 5th - between 7.30 and 9pm, or on the Saturday morning - before 12 noon please**, it would be much appreciated.

Finally, we need as much help as possible to man the stalls and help sort on the Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please call Jean or myself on 01438 717395 if you are able to help in any capacity. Newcomers are welcome.

Todd Canton on behalf of Memorial Hall Committee

The Tewin Society

It was with sadness & regret that a decision was taken, following a vote at the recent Special general Meeting to wind up The Tewin Society with effect from 31st December 2009.

During 2009, several issues indicated that the future viability of the society was in doubt.

Following the AGM the position of chair remained vacant.

Several committee members had resigned, and the society no longer had a membership secretary, nor any one undertaking the news letter. The remaining committee were few in number, and some of the committee were considering stepping down at the next AGM, following many years as hard working committee members.

The secretary had indicated that she would be looking to step down at the end of 2009, and the treasurer also pointed out that she had exceeded her term under the constitution, and would stand down at the next AGM. In addition to this, the trustees, who are the retired chair, the secretary, and the treasurer, were looking to handover their responsibilities by the next AGM.

The Tewin society is a registered charity, and as such, regulated by the charity commission. The requirement for the Tewin society is a minimum three trustees, and if this is not fulfilled, then the society can no longer operate or function.

A meeting of the trustees was held in mid 2009, and subsequently several committee meetings were held to discuss the way forward. It was agreed that a SGM should be called, with the situation put to the membership, together with a proposal to wind up the society. The alternative was for those who wished the society to continue, to step forward and take on the roles & responsibility soon to be vacant, and to ensure that the activities of the society could be effectively maintained. This did not occur. The proposal to wind up was accepted by a majority of members attending the SGM.

It was also agreed that prior to winding up, several donations should be made in the spirit of the aims of the society, which could benefit the village of Tewin. Any funds remaining at closure would be transferred to the Herts & Middx wildlife trust, an affiliated charity, which would be in line with the charity commissioners requirements.

Final accounts are now in preparation for submission to the charity commission and will be made available in due course. Over the years, the society endeavoured to ensure that Tewin and its surrounding area was not affected by any plans & proposals, which did not maintain its character. It leaves behind many legacies, which enhance the nature and environment of Tewin, and which can continue to be enjoyed for the future.

It is intended that a trophy will be awarded annually by THACs, in the name of The Tewin Society for a category yet to be decided but that is in spirit with of its aims.

The Tewin society history association, which initially had been set up as a sub committee for the research for the book on the history of Tewin was by 2009 operating independently with the book nearing completion. This is not affected by the winding up of the Tewin society (registered charity), as it has a separate legal entity. The book has now been published and is a wonderful document on the village of Tewin. It includes a section on the map of Tewin parish and its rights of way, which the society had re printed in 2008. The remaining stock of maps has now been handed over to the Memorial hall committee.

It is appreciated that the winding up of the Tewin society will generate much sadness, as the society was established in 1969 and many people have been involved over the years in maintaining and supporting the activities for which the society has become known.

Unfortunately in recent years this has become more difficult to sustain. However, this does not diminish the high regard felt for all those who have given of their time over the last 40 years, as committee members and supporters. They are too numerous to mention by name but on behalf of the Tewin society thanks and gratitude are sent to all those individuals past and present who so generously gave their time and support.

Gail Elliott

Hon Treasurer

THACS - Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society

Saturday 20th March 2010 – THACS Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall

THACS will be holding the ninth annual Spring Show at Tewin Memorial Hall on **Saturday 20th March** this year. We very much hope that non-members as well as members will be tempted to take part in this popular village event.

The schedule, rules and entry form can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Anna Clark, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX** by **Sunday 14th March**.

Entries should be taken to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day. The show will be open to the public at 2.15pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon, and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm, followed by an auction of some of the exhibits.

We look forward to seeing you there and good luck with all your entries!

Thursday 15th April 2010 – “April in England” talk by Roy Lancaster

Roy Lancaster will be delivering a talk entitled “*April in England*” at Harpenden on the evening of Thursday 15th April, on behalf of Plant Heritage. Entrance is by ticket only and these are £12.50 per person, including refreshments. Roy is a most exuberant and knowledgeable plants man and a well-known TV and radio gardening presenter and writer, so tickets for this event will be sold out quickly. Consequently, we recommend that you act quickly if you wish to go. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs Margaret Easter, 23 Wroxham Way, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 4PP (telephone 01582 768467, email mail@thymus.co.uk). Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and make your cheques payable to *NCCPG Herts & Beds*.

Open Gardens

We plan to run Open Gardens again this year, with a variety of gardens in Tewin, and also gardens of members outside the village. We are aiming to open the gardens on a Saturday and/or Sunday in May, and would like as many gardeners as possible to join in.

If you would be prepared to open your garden for a day, or if you would just like to know more about what it involves, then please contact Ray Keppler on 01438 717545 or email to ray@raykeppler.wanadoo.co.uk.

Friends Of Tewin

At our AGM all the committee members agreed to stand again but we do have a new President Ben Roberts. What a lovely day we had on Wednesday 17th February for the Senior Citizens lunch. The weather was kind and 80 people sat down and enjoyed lunch cooked by ourselves. The quiz and entertainment by local musicians was well received. as was the sherry and wine served during the meal. We finished with tea/coffee and raffle prizes. We can now sit back until May 7th when the Cowper Tewin School children will again dance round the Maypole on the Lower Green.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

ERIC SHERRIFF

The family would like to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the many letters and cards received from our friends in Tewin and beyond on the sad passing of Eric and for so many attending his special service on 1st February at St. Peters.

LADY AILEEN LAMING

Herbert Laming would like to thank most warmly everyone who sent him such loving messages following the death of his wife Aileen. He is most grateful.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB ~ Results for the January 2010 draw

1st £62 D Saban, Bishops Road , 2nd £37 E Norris 3rd £12 J Canton, Lower Green 3rd £12 T Brown, Godfries Close. Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall committee

Tewin website news Feb 2010 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

This is my annual report about the Tewin website for the year 2009/10

The Website group has met five times this year in February, April, June, August and November to review the website, which is updated regularly every month in some form or another.

Overall there have been just less than 6000 hits on the site since January 2009, slightly lower than in 2008 but still showing a pattern of around 500 hits per month. For a small village like ours that is still quite an achievement. For Friends of Tewin itself, the website publicity has yielded increased interest in the Classic Cars event. So I think it would be fair to say that it pays its way.

The website continues to be financed by village organisations – Parish Council, Friends of Tewin, Tewin Society, THACS, the Church and the Memorial Hall. In 2010, with the demise of the Tewin Society we need to approach A N Other organisation in the village for help with the costs, which are not high (about £70 + per annum), shared between all the groups mentioned above.

Any business in the village may have an entry free of charge on the Business page. Further new entries have been added this year.

During the year we have also added two new pages for young people in the village:

The Under Fives page for Tewin's pre-school and Tewin Tots The Tewin Teens page for school age children showing where to find what's on in the area for young people up to 16 years old.

Other changes have included a redesign of the Parish Plan information to make it easier to download.

There have been a number of changes to the group this year. First of all, we miss the late Peter Walters, one of our founder members, who had conscientiously

updated the church pages, Events Calendar, Events History and Parish News, as well as offering to produce or upload new pages as required. I am pleased to report that these responsibilities have been shared out amongst newer members of the group, some of whom only joined this year.

I would like to thank all those who currently help with the website:

Derek Adams who keeps the home page up to date and is our minute secretary.

Felix Green who gives technical support as well as updating the Events Calendar, and uploading pictures from energetic villagers who send in contributions for the "Your Pictures" page. (Many thanks to them, keep them coming...)

Doreen Lloyd, our Parish Council rep, who keeps the Friends of Tewin page current and works with Alf Fulford on the THACS pages

Lia Parkinson who has already done sterling work on the Parish Plan and is now tackling the redesign of some of the older pages on the site as well as updating the Church and Events History pages

Helen Pinkney who grapples with the Parish News and Caroline Mc Farlane who does the same for the Parish Council and Teen pages Liz Goscomb who has recently joined us to represent the Tewin Under Fives and finally Lynn Farr who has been the Memorial Hall rep since day one.

In 2010 we plan to continue the programme of the redesign of certain older pages and to give the site a new look generally. We shall also be adding new pages for Tewin Stores, and "Where to stay in Tewin".

Happy surfing

Linda Adams

Tewin Webmaster alannio@btinternet.com or feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk or 01438 798147

ih Isabel Hospice
Local Care for Local People since 1982



Sun 11 Apr 2010

Open Garden with Tea

14:00 - 17:00

Come and visit the beautiful gardens and enjoy a cup of tea at The Mill House, Tewin AL6 0JQ in aid of Isabel Hospice. Parking is available.

St Peter's Services March 2010

Date	7 th		14 th	21 st		28 th
Day	Lent 3		Mothing Sunday	Lent 5		Palm Sunday
Service	Holy Communion	Choral Evensong	Family Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Officiating	Stephen Fielding	Coralie McCluskey	Coralie McCluskey	Coralie McCluskey	Stephen Fielding	Stephen Fielding
Time	9.30 am	6.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm	9.30 am
1st Reading	Isaiah 55:1-9		N/A	N/A	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a
2nd Reading	1 Cor. 10:1-13		N/A	N/A	Phil. 3:4b-14	Phil. 2:5-11
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9		Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	John 12:1-8	Luke 23:1-49
Server	Trevor		Pauline		David	Trevor
Intercessor	Di Bradley		Trevor Land		Ted Sharp	Anna Clark
Reader	Pauline Spring	Linda Adams	Nicky Hadley	~	Janet Gladwin	Mary Gregg
Sidesmen	Nick Whiting & Pauline Spring	Ivor & Linda Williams	Keith Barnfield & Di Bradley	Pauline Brown	Clare Cherry & Mary Gregg	Pat Ashman & Malcolm Slaughter
Flowers	Lent	~	Lent / Mothing Sunday	Lent	~	Lent
Coffee	Christine Sharpe	~	Queenie Simmons	Pauline Brown	~	Pete Johnson
Cleaner	Sue Whitbourn	~	Bell ringers	Elizabeth Wilson	~	Sheila Feakes

Funerals Aileen Margaret Laming 29th January 2010 & Eric Fowler Sherriff f^t February 2010

Said Evening prayers Tuesday Evenings at 5.00pm

Every Wednesday	Rose & Crown	9.15 pm ~ Quiz
Every Thursday	Lower Green	9.25 am ~ walks of the footpaths of Tewin
Saturday 6 th	Memorial Hall	2.00 ~ 4.30 pm Jumble Sales
Saturday 20 th	Memorial Hall	2.15 onwards THACs Spring Show

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