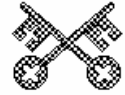




Parish News



April 2010

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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It's March 8th, the sky's blue, the sun's shining, the snowdrops are enormous (it must have been that snowy winter), the daffodils are still keeping their heads down but all seems right with the world. Well I'm not sure that it is! Try as I might I cannot avoid the images of suffering in Haiti and Chile following the earthquakes and another one in Turkey as I write this letter, the deaths in Iraq during the recent elections, the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan and many more vile things happening closer to home.

Not a very positive Easter message I hear you say but the St Albans Diocese Lent material, *Words of Challenge, Words of Life*, has been challenging and it has made me think and reconsider my priorities. Above all I wonder whether we, the human race, with all our sophisticated technology and communication skills have progressed at all in our respect and care for one another and the planet we inhabit.

Two thousand years ago Jesus walked this planet with a message of hope. Many have followed in his footsteps sharing the message and bringing comfort and hope to others. Too many of them, like Jesus, have met an untimely death for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people and above all having the courage to expose their faith in a loving God.

Yet that hope lives on, and on Sunday April 4th the churches of the Welwyn Team Ministry will be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Christ. It will mark a new day, a new beginning, bringing fresh hopes, an opportunity to say sorry and to forgive.

As new Easter candles are lit accompanied by the words, *may the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts*, let's celebrate the hope and promise that God gives us in the resurrection of Christ.

I hope that however you are celebrating the Easter weekend this year it will be a joyous celebration and that you may find hope and peace in the Easter message.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Coralie

Churchwardens' Notes

We are always in need of more Sidesmen to welcome people into church and hand out books. For the morning Communion service we now have 2 people on duty and this results in more frequent appearances on the rota. The more people we on the rota, the less often your turn will come around. Please help if you can.

Whilst the paintwork on the railings around the Lady Anne Grimston tomb has lasted well for some years, the metalwork has failed in a number of places. Several finials are missing as are a number of vertical railings. The horizontal rails have rusted away entirely at some points weakening the whole structure. We have investigated a degree of remedial work and have been most fortunate in receiving an offer from Alan Glasson of Glasson Metalwork, W.G.C. This offer includes the repair of the horizontal rails and replacement of the missing vertical railings. Our thanks to Alan for this generous offer.

The next Annual General meeting of the Parochial Church Council is to be held at St.Peter's at 7.30pm following the evening Communion service on 18th April. Do come if you can (and volunteer as a Sidesmen if you are not already on the list!)

The annual Spring Clean of St.Peter's is planned for May 14th/15th. We start around 6.30 to 7pm on the Friday evening moving books and furniture, removing cobwebs and cleaning windows. All are welcome but traditionally this is the time for input from the men. Then on Saturday morning, by 8.45am scrubbing and polishing gets underway. Many hands make light work and YOUR contribution would be most welcome, even if you can only spare a short time. Last year we were all finished by 1pm. Please put your names on the list which will appear very soon at the back of the church.

Now for some "Thank you's". Firstly to Ken Feakes for making a wooden template for marking grave sites prior to digging and for marking planting areas after filling in and settling, for those who wish to do so. Also to Diane Bradley and her team who once again made the lovely daffodil sprays for Mothering Sunday. And last, but not least, to Roger Malec for fixing the leaky tap on the vestry wall. Water will now be available all the time for watering cans and thirsty dogs.

Almost as soon as this edition of the Parish News is published we will have reached Eastertide. Being part of the Welwyn team our Good Friday service will be at St. Mary's from noon to 3pm or any part there of that you may wish to attend. Then on Sunday 4th April our main service at St.Peter's will be Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by Choral Evensong at 6.30pm. We hope that you will be able to come and join us.

Pete and Mike

Planned Giving Envelopes

New sets of Planned Giving envelopes, starting in April, are available for anyone who would like to join the scheme. The weekly envelopes are a good way to keep your giving to St Peter's regular throughout the year, however often you actually attend a service in church.

All the financial details are kept completely confidential; the list posted in the porch only gives cumulative totals by envelope number, with no names being disclosed.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on Saturday 24th April when the speaker will be Stephen Fielding. Tickets will be available nearer the time. Just ask me if you are interested.

Graham Spring, Treasurer

St.Peter's Church was floodlit

on Thursday March 18th

in memory of

Donald Southgate

Requested by Lilian



Spring activity Morning

At St Peters

Wednesday, 14th April

Between 10 am ~ 12 pm

Late Easter Egg Hunt



Tewin Parish Council

POTHOLES

If you would like to report a defect/pothole in the road or pavement you can either:-

1. Ring the Highways fault line 01438-737321 and provide them with details of where the defect is and its size. The road name and a house number can be helpful in order to find the exact location.
2. Go online to www.hertsdirect.org and click on "Highways Fault Reporting" on the right hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. You can search for the location by address and will be asked to mark the exact location of the pothole on a map.

In both cases you will receive a reference number which can be used to track the pothole repairs.

HIGHWAYS

Following a meeting between the Parish Council and Herts Highways Engineer on 1st March 2010 it was agreed that:-

- as soon as possible from 1st April the ditches on Upper Green will be dug out in order to create greater holding capacity and thus take some of the water off the road.
- to check for details on the underground gulley system in Upper Green Road.
- to submit a request to the Long Term Programme to cover up the ditches in Upper Green Road, although this may take a few years.
- to check ownership of the verge opposite the Upper Green Road ditches with a view to reinstating the ditch on that side of the road and clearing the verge.
- to check ownership of the green between 49 Upper Green and the 'Plume of Feathers' with a view to creating a larger holding ditch for the water there which is currently flowing out of the ditch and down the road.
- to note a few gullies that do not seem to be on the "annual gulley cleansing list"
- to order a replacement triangular sign for May Pond Green
- to report the road deterioration on Churchfield Road and the flooding at Lousehole Bottom, Hertford Road.

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

East Herts Council has given the Pavilion refurbishment planning permission.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

If you have any concerns whether it is smoke nuisance, burglar alarms, stray dogs, noise nuisance, dog fouling, dead animals on the road, fly tipping etc please ring East Herts Council on **01279-655261** ask for Environmental Health. Out of hours, please ring the same number following the series of recorded messages to complaining about noise or stray dog option and you will be put through to an "out of hours" Duty Officer who will be able to advise you or contact an Emergency Environmental Health Officer.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is on **Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.45pm**, preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Other meeting dates are: **Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.45pm** will be the Annual Parish Council meeting
Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.45pm

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 COMMENTS 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 smoke and noise nuisance, fly tipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, 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

Tewin Parish Council

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

OPEN GARDEN AT THE MILL HOUSE, TEWIN

Sunday, 11th April: 2pm – 5pm

You are invited to The Mill House by Margaret Knight who is opening her garden to raise funds for the **Isabel Hospice**. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk around the delightful grounds, visit the stalls, and enjoy a cream tea and cakes.

Entrance is £3.50 – Children Free. Please come along and enjoy the lovely gardens of The Mill House, whilst at the same time contributing to a really worthwhile cause.

(Enquiries: 01279 755320)

**TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD ON 22 April 2010 at the Hall in the Parish Room at 8 pm
Come and support the Management Committee and see how the hall is funded and run**

SUPPORTERS CLUB - Results for the February 2010 draw

1 st	£63	M Woolner, Bishops Road	2 nd	£38	M Sharpe, Margery Lane
3 rd	£13	J Ansell, Grass Warren ,	3 rd	£13	K St Pier, Upper Green Road

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall Committee.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, 24th April from 10.30am – 4pm is the date of our Spring Second-Hand Book Sale at the Tewin Memorial Hall. This twice-yearly event has proven to be very popular and we anticipate that we'll have more books than ever for sale this year, as well as a large selection of jigsaw puzzles.

There will be a dedicated stall for railway enthusiasts and, in addition, the Hertford Writers' Circle will be displaying their literature. We'll also have books by local authors, including *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'* and *'A Taste of Tewin'* recipe book, both of which have been very well received.

All our second-hand books, some as new, are sold at very low prices so please come along, browse at your leisure, and stock up on your summer reading – and bring children too as there will be plenty of suitable books for them.

Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

If you have any queries, please phone any of the following:

Linda Crawford 717538, David Gregg 717544, Todd Canton 717395

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

"THANK YOU" AGAIN TEWIN – AN ALL-TIME RECORD!

Once again the Jumble Sale record has been smashed. Takings on the day brought in £2,287.52, beating all previous records. There will be deductions to cover expenses, such as newspaper advertising, but this is still a wonderful result, largely due to the generous donations made by local people and of course to the hard work of everyone who turned out to help. We had more goods to sell and more people through the door than ever before, which resulted in such a successful day. The Memorial Hall was packed with visitors from all over the County, and some who had travelled even further. Many who came were 'regulars' and, as one of our helpers remarked, many greeted us like old friends – in fact one regular visitor brought with her a beautifully laundered duvet cover and slippers which she donated to the sale.

As always, the success of the Jumble Sale is dependent upon the amount of help we get and, once again, our army of willing workers turned out in force – added to which we were delighted to see some new faces. It is hard work, but always fun, and the spirit of camaraderie is second to none. So the Hall Committee is extremely grateful to you all – the helpers, the people who donated goods, and also of course to everyone who came along to buy them. Our sincere thanks.

Todd Canton on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

THACS - Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society

Saturday & Sunday 15-16 May 2010 - Open Gardens

Several local gardens will be open over the weekend of 15-16 May. These Open Gardens are a mixture of previously-opened gardens and those that are opening for the first time. They represent a great diversity in location, size and style. There are enough Open Gardens to make up two full days out and enough variety to give you plenty to see. We hope that you will come along and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to see a wide variety of interesting gardens.

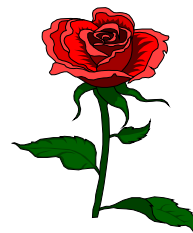
Each garden will be open for one day from 11:00 to 18:00 but there will be different gardens open each day, so you will not have too many to visit in one day. Gardens in the south part of Tewin, Digswell and Tewin Water will be open on Saturday 15th May, whilst those in the north part of Tewin will be open on Sunday 16th May. Refreshments and plant sales will be available at some of the gardens.

Programmes are £2 per adult (accompanied children free) and contain the addresses of each of the open gardens, together with a map showing their location. These programmes act as your entry tickets, giving you entry to all of the gardens and will be on sale at **Tewin Stores and Tebbutts** from **Monday 26th April**.

Welwyn Floral Group

Flower Arranging Demonstrations this year are:-

Mar	3rd	Carole Johnson	From a blank canvas
Apr	7th	Alan Smith	Floral Magic
May	5th	Lionel Clark	As time goes by
		Competition -	Darling buds of May
Jun	2nd	David Thomson	TBA
Jul	7th	Gill McGregor	Summer Sensation
Sep	1st	David Fawcett-Ropner	Beyond your wildest dreams
		Competition -	Golden Anniversary
Oct	6th	Gloria Bacior	Pedestals
Nov	3rd	Jane Ellis	Mornings of Mist
Dec	1st	Doug Howard	This is Christmas
		Competition -	A Christmas Carol





Friends of Tewin

Thank you to all the people who congratulated us on a lovely Senior Citizens Lunch, it is much appreciated by us and makes it all worthwhile.

As I mentioned last time the Tewin Cowper schoolchildren are planning to dance around the Maypole this year on Friday 7th May. Please come and support this event which starts at 10am. Tea and coffee will be available from the shop.

The other date for your diaries is Tuesday 6th July when we will leave Tewin for the day and go to Brighton. Last year's trip was a great success and I am taking names and deposits of £5 to secure your seats. The total cost is £13.50p.

Also, are there any folk who would like to have a pitch at our Classic Car Show on Sunday 22nd August to sell their wares? Again, contact me for more details. Thank you.

Linda Crawford

Chairman, Friends of Tewin

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY AND QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

This month's exciting news is that Danesbury's new Day Room extension has received planning permission. This new facility will be financed by the Friends and construction is expected to commence in the spring. In addition the Primary Care Trust has now completed modifications to the existing building to provide two additional bedrooms which will be used to increase the capacity of the Neurological Centre.

A major contribution to the estimated £150,000 cost of the Day Room came when Johnny Tait, an entertainer and after dinner speaker based in Codicote, handed over a cheque for £3,416. This was raised from two performances of the pantomime Cinderella which Johnny produced and directed at Welwyn Civic Centre. The cast known as "The Goat Players" had rehearsed over many weeks in the back room of the Goat Inn in Codicote. Both performances were sold out and thoroughly enjoyed by the enthusiastic audiences. This is not the first time that Johnny has contributed to the QVM and Danesbury and we are most grateful for all his support.

Sally Chandler the volunteer coordinator for the QVM and Danesbury for the last 15 years is retiring in March. In addition to her duties arranging volunteer rotas and liaising with "the Friends" Sally has arranged entertainments and has been responsible for the patients Art group. Sally has made a great contribution to the quality of life of the patients during their many weeks in hospital. She will be sadly missed but we hope she will herself continue to be associated with us as a volunteer. A replacement will be appointed but in the short term anyone wishing to know more about volunteering should contact us by phone or via the internet.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital **01438 840514**

www.danesburyqvm.co.uk

St Peter's Services April 2010

Date	4 th Easter Day		11 th 2 nd Sunday of Easter	18 th 3 rd Sunday of Easter	25 th 4 th Sunday of Easter
Service	Holy Communion	Choral Evensong	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion
Officiating	Stephen Fielding	Coralie McCluskey	Coralie McCluskey	Mick Simmons	Coralie McCluskey
Time	9.30 am	6.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	9.30 am
1st Reading	Isaiah 65:1-7, 25	Isaiah 43:1-21	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-6	Acts 9:3-6, 43
2nd Reading	Acts 10:34-43	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Revelation 1:4-8	tbc	Rev. 7:9-17
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12		John 20:1-9, 31	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30
Server	David	~	David	Trevor	Pauline
Intercessor	Pat Ashman	~	Linda Adams	~	Mick Simmons
Reader	Herbert Laming	Pat Ashman	Jenny Malec	~	Karen Shaw
Sidesmen					
Flowers	Easter		Sally Owen	Judy Puddefoot / Wedding	Wedding
Coffee	Pat Ashman		Nicky Hadley	Mary Gregg	Diane Bradley
Cleaner	Helen Pinkney		Amanda Glew	Ruth Sharp	Pete Johnson

Said Evening prayers Tuesday Evenings at 5.00pm

Wedding Blessing Arthur and Charlotte Tizzard 27th February

Every Wednesday	Rose & Crown	9.15 pm ~ Quiz
Every Thursday	Lower Green	9.25 am ~ walks of the footpaths of Tewin
Saturday 1 st	The Mill House	2.00pm ~ 5.00pm Open garden
Wednesday 1 st	St Peters Church	10.00 ~ 12.00 Children's activity morning
Saturday 2 nd	Memorial hall	10.30 am ~ 4.00 pm Book Sale

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