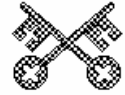




Parish News



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Letter from the Asst Curate

They say that 'Imagine' is one of the most popular songs ever written, and it's not hard to see why. The music is great, the Beatles are fabulous singers, and the song invites us to see that things can be otherwise. Just imagine...

I do not know whether cats and dogs can imagine things being other than they are - whether a cat can say to itself 'I'd love some different fish' or 'wouldn't it be nice if there were more mice around here?' but I do know that you and I have this much in common - that we can imagine things being otherwise, and we can do it without even lifting a finger or moving one step from where we currently are.

Now don't get me wrong! We can get so stuck in a groove, so fixed in our point of view, whether in a family relationship or an issue of work or in our political beliefs or even in our religious outlook that we have literally imprisoned ourselves - we've put walls around ourselves that make the imaginative task absolutely impossible. And indeed sometimes I think we believe that our own world is the only world - a world in which we are very un-free.

The attractiveness of Christianity is that when things are down and out, or when we're trapped in views of the world that we believe to be utterly true but which are very limiting, God acts; and God acts in ways more imaginative than we can possibly imagine for ourselves. He acts in ways that make us free.

My appeal to each and every one of us is that we get our imaginations going, that we imagine good things for ourselves and for others, and we ask the imaginative God to help us in that process God bless you all. *Stephen*

Views in the Parish News are not always those held by the Team Ministry or by the Parochial Council

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Churchwardens' Notes

As many of you know, the Bishop has now appointed a new rector to the Welwyn Team. He is David Munchin, currently vicar of Hatfield Hyde, a large parish surrounding the QE II hospital in Welwyn Garden City. We look forward to welcoming David in September when he takes up his new post. Meanwhile, our Ministry Team are working very hard and to good effect, whilst one member short following Alan's departure. It is always very helpful if you let us know of anyone who may appreciate a visit for whatever reason - and particularly those who are unwell. Coralie and Stephen are always very willing to visit but it is difficult for them to know who would welcome an opportunity to talk. It is particularly helpful to know if someone goes into hospital. Thanks to the Data Protection Act, the hospital chaplain can find it difficult to know who it is appropriate to visit on the wards.

On 15 April Clare and Coralie ran another 'Activity Day' that attracted 21 children. When we saw a microwave oven going into church, we knew there would be some interesting activity; and the day proved to be very successful.

Once again the church looked beautifully decorated for Easter and our thanks go to Sally Owen and the flower arrangers (with our sympathies to Ann Lee who is temporarily out of action, having hurt herself). Our thanks also to Mary Gregg and Pauline Brown for creating the Easter Garden in the south aisle. And whilst thinking of flowers, we send our best wishes to Elizabeth Wilson for the success of her hip operation.

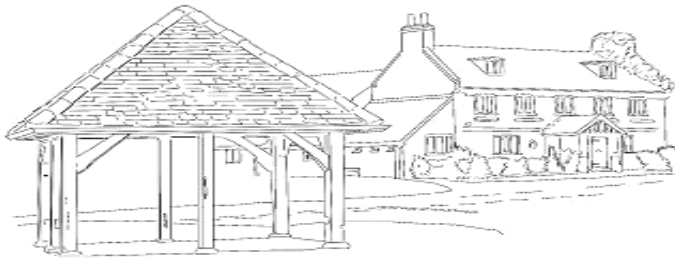
The finishing touches to the building works carried out in 2009 have been taking place. The south porch and the vestry WC are now painted. The cords on the nave north windows are being repositioned and a handle fitted to the eastern-most window. Both windows are having 'stops' installed to lock them shut, but also to hold them in an open position when required.

On 18th April we held our annual general meeting. For personal reasons, Helen Pinkney, who has been our Parish News editor for over 18 months, did not stand again for election to the PCC. We are most grateful to Helen for all she has done for St Peter's, not least taking over the 'News' at such short notice in October 2008. It is good to be able to tell you that Nicky Hadley has agreed to take over as editor and we are most grateful to her. Mick Simmons has agreed to join Pat Ashman and Ted Sharp in attending the Deanery Synod meetings. And finally, Pete and Mike were re-elected as churchwardens for another year.

Mike & Pete

St Peters Church was floodlit on
Tuesday 27th April in memory of
Peter Walters
as requested by Audrey

Flood lighting of St Peters Church
In memory of Alan Lawson on his
birthday, 1st May
From Joy, Kristina & all the family



Tewin Parish Council

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

It is with regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Steve Stott. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his valuable contribution over the last 8 years and wish him every success in the future.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The job of the Parish Councillor is voluntary and non-political. The Parish Council meets on the evening of the first non-bank holiday Monday of each month except for January and August, but Councillors can expect to volunteer more of their time between meetings. The use of email plays a significant part in the day-to-day operation of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's work includes the following:

1. Setting a budget each year, from which we set the precept to obtain funds via the Council Tax. All expenditure and income is monitored against the budget.
2. Upkeep of both village greens, various pieces of common land, and 100 Year Wood. The Parish Council also owns the pavilion on Upper Green, the playground on Upper Green, the phone box opposite the Rose & Crown, the bus shelters, the flag pole on Lower Green, and most of the benches in the Parish.
3. Examination of all planning applications in the Parish and commenting to EHC as necessary.
4. Projects such as the provision of a playground on Upper Green in 2007, and the current project to refurbish the pavilion on Upper Green.
5. Close liaison with Hertfordshire Highways to ensure that any problems with the roads are addressed.
6. Shared responsibility with HCC for the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.
7. Input as necessary to various consultation documents issued by other authorities.

The full scope of the Parish Council activities can be seen by reading past minutes and newsletters on the village website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

COMMON RAGWORT (*Senecio Jacobaea*)

This is a common weed found throughout the British Isles however it is very toxic to horses and other livestock and can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state. Under the Weeds Act 1959 the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent the spread of injurious weeds. The Weeds Act specifies five injurious weeds: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Creeping of Field Thistle, Broad Leaved Dock and Curled Dock. By promoting good practice and good neighbourliness it is hoped that this weed can be controlled. If you find you have it in your garden please put rubber gloves on and remove the plant and either place it in the black bin or burn it to prevent livestock eating it. Fragments of root will remain in the ground so new growth will have to be monitored and removed year after year. Search for more information on the identification and control of ragwort at www.defra.gov.uk

ROAD CLOSURE

The B1000 from the Panshanger Lane (to Aerodrome) junction to the Hollybushes junction will be shut to enable bridge maintenance works to take place. It is anticipated that the section of road will be closed for up to 10 weeks, sometime during the period 26 April 2010 and 2 October 2010, when signs are in place. An alternative signed route will be provided for traffic whilst the road closure is in place. Please note that when a 'B' class road is temporarily closed, the diversion route legally has to be on roads of the same class or higher, i.e. 'B' roads, 'A' roads or possibly motorways. Therefore the shortest legal diversion route is the one Highways have specified using the B195, however, Panshanger Lane adjacent to the aerodrome will remain open and there will be nothing to prevent local vehicles from using this route.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.45pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall. Other meeting dates are: Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.45pm Monday 5th July 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

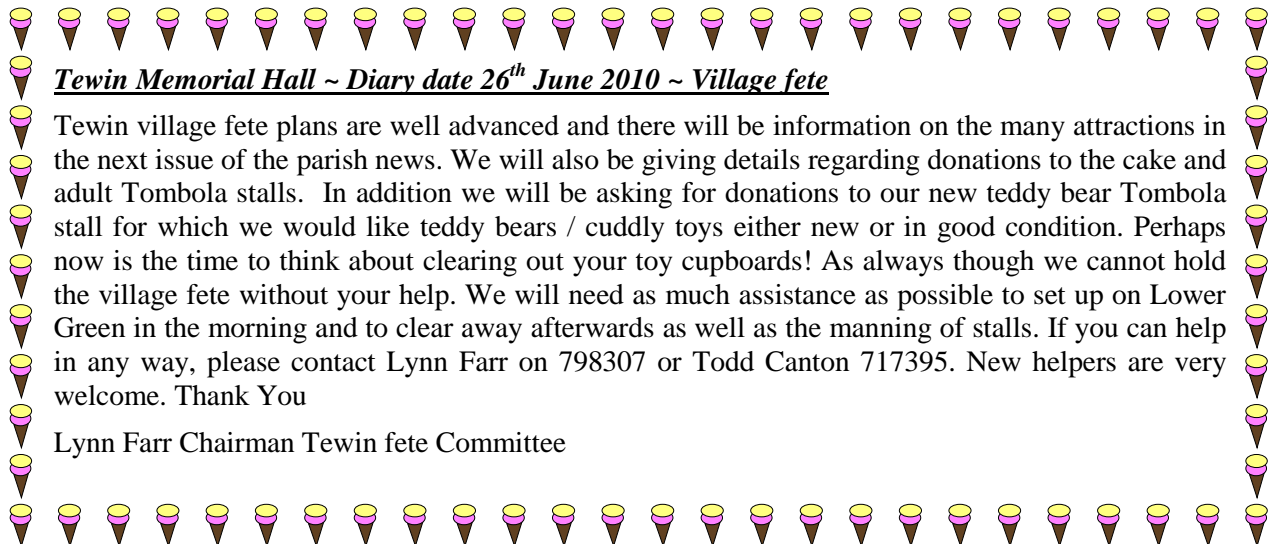
Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, 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.



Tewin Memorial Hall ~ Diary date 26th June 2010 ~ Village fete

Tewin village fete plans are well advanced and there will be information on the many attractions in the next issue of the parish news. We will also be giving details regarding donations to the cake and adult Tombola stalls. In addition we will be asking for donations to our new teddy bear Tombola stall for which we would like teddy bears / cuddly toys either new or in good condition. Perhaps now is the time to think about clearing out your toy cupboards! As always though we cannot hold the village fete without your help. We will need as much assistance as possible to set up on Lower Green in the morning and to clear away afterwards as well as the manning of stalls. If you can help in any way, please contact Lynn Farr on 798307 or Todd Canton 717395. New helpers are very welcome. Thank You

Lynn Farr Chairman Tewin fete Committee

***THACS* - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

Saturday & Sunday 15-16 May 2010 - Open Gardens

Please remember that several local gardens will be open over the weekend of 15-16 May.

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. They are available from Tewin Stores and Tebbutts.

We hope that you will come along and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to see a wide variety of interesting gardens.

Wednesday 23rd June 2010 - Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens

THACS has arranged for a visit by coach to the renowned Beth Chatto Gardens, which are near to Colchester, Essex. These gardens began in 1960, so this is the year of their 50th anniversary. From an overgrown wasteland with poor gravel and boggy hollows, it has been transformed into an informal garden harmonising with the surrounding countryside. The gardens are divided into three different areas:- gravel garden, water garden and woodland garden. There is also a tea room and an extensive nursery with over 2,000 plants classified according to their growing conditions. If you have a problem area in your garden, then this is the ideal place to go to discover how to deal with it. You can find out more about these gardens from the web site www.bethchatto.co.uk.

The visit includes an optional one-hour guided tour for £2, which should be particularly useful to you if this is your first visit to the gardens. The prices for this visit are as follows.

Prices	Visit only	Visit + tour
THACS members	£15.50	£17.50
Non-members	£17.50	£19.50

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.00am, so please be there for 8.45am to ensure that the coach can leave on time. It will leave the gardens for the return at 3.00 pm and we hope to arrive back in Tewin by 5:30pm. Our allocated slot time for the tour is from 12:00pm to 1:00 pm, so there will be plenty of spare time to explore the gardens more fully after the tour.

If you wish to come, please fill in the booking form and send it, with your payment (cheques payable to *THACS*), to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP** by **Friday 11th June 2010**. You can get the booking form from the newsletter on the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

Saturday 26th June 2010 - THACS plant stall at the village fete

THACS will again be managing the plant stall and will be grateful for any plants that you can spare for us to sell on the day in aid of the Tewin Memorial Hall. Unwanted seedlings, rooted cuttings and divided perennials will all be welcome. Please label and deliver to the stall on Lower Green in the morning from 11am. Alternatively you may leave with either Kate Stott at 20 Harwood Close (01438717680) or Sue Whitbourn (01438798221) at 107 Burnham Green Road by Friday 25th June.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Tewin Memorial Hall - Registered Charity No. 308158)

Chairman's Report for 2009/10

Despite the recession the commitment of our loyal volunteers and the generosity of supporters from Tewin and beyond, our Jumble Sales and Fete broke all previous records. They were bolstered further by the efforts of our Friends of Tewin team and its Book Sales. This raised over £12,000 in 2009. In addition we secured a £4,000 grant from East Herts District Council and were given a £2,000 donation on the demise of the Tewin Society. These funds were carefully managed by our excellent Treasurer of many years, Peter Burleigh. We spent over £14,000, mostly on completing our window replacement project alongside other small maintenance jobs. Our Under 5s Group successfully secured a £25,000 grant from the Herts County Council and completed a major refurbishment of the Scout Hut. This was the largest such sum spent on Memorial Hall maintenance and improvements for 15 years.

2010 Progress

However, it hasn't stopped there as we hope to have completed a total refurbishment of the toilets by the end of this month, much of this being achieved thanks to the hard work and generosity of Ian Clemency. We hope all this effort will benefit our fellow villagers and encourage more people to hire our hall for weddings, functions, staff training days and local groups allowing it to provide a focal point for our community. In recognition of the economic climate we have decided not to increase our hire rates, which remain incredibly competitive. Even though we are concerned at the huge rise in our heating costs and the additional maintenance challenges that lay ahead. Despite this year's success and generosity including significant donations from the History of Tewin Book Team we cannot afford to be complacent about the future sustainability of our hall.

As always please allow me to call upon you all to consider joining our diminishing volunteer team. Every year helpers at our fundraising events tell us how much they enjoyed the spirit of community and friendship. Even if you can only manage a few hours a year it will make a real difference and you will work alongside experienced fellow villagers willing to guide you as required. Anyone wishing to respond to this please feel free to make contact.

Finally, due to limited space I apologise to those people's names that are absent from this report but rest assured we are truly grateful for your continued commitment and support without you this year would not have been such a success.

Chairman David Laming Tel:01438 798213 or David.Laming@dsl.pipex.com

Tewin Memorial Hall – History Book Donation

The Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to acknowledge the generous gesture made by 'The History of Tewin' Book Group, who decided to donate profits from the sale of this splendid book to the Memorial Hall. As a result, the Hall Committee has already received two magnificent donations of £1,000 each – a welcome £2,000 towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Hall – and extend to the History Book Group their sincere thanks for this.

If you haven't yet bought a copy of the book, you can do so at Tewin Stores, or on-line at www.tewinorchard.co.uk

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the March 2010 draw

1st	£63	J Canton, Lower Green
2nd	£38	G Morrisroe, Upper Green
3rd	£13	D Gregg,, Hertford Road
3rd	£13	W Shirvell, Upper Green

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



Friends of Tewin

We will have helped at the Tewin Memorial Hall when they had their Spring Book Sale on Saturday, 24th April .

Friday the 7th May is the date when the children of Tewin Cowper School will dance around the Maypole on Lower Green. Please support them and then enjoy a cup of tea/coffee afterwards at the shop. If the weather is as kind as it was last year maybe an ice cream.

Tickets for the Brighton Trip on Tuesday July 6th are going fast as, is a Christmas trip to Thursford in Norfolk on November 17th (which I am personally arranging). To secure a seat for either of these outings a £5 deposit will be required to me.

Another date for your diary, Friends of Tewin very popular Barn Dance is this year being held at Muspatts Farm on Saturday July 24th.

Enjoy the better weather,

Linda Crawford

Welwyn Floral Group

Our meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Welwyn Civic Centre at 7.30 pm [but do come earlier!]. Visitors are most welcome. June 2nd should be very popular as a National-level Demonstrator, David Thomson , entertains with "Flowers my Way".



This will be my last month as editor of the Parish News. In future all contributions should be sent to Nicky Hadley at nicky.hadley@btinternet.com or give it to Mary Gregg at 20a Hertford Road Tewin .

Thanks from the Isobel House Hospice

The Isobel House Hospice fund raisers wish to thank all the people who supported the recent open garden event at Mill House, the home of Margaret Knight. This was very enjoyable & successful day & they wish to thank all the people of Tewin who kindly baked cakes, helped serve teas or made donations through the sale of History of Tewin book & the Tewin map. The weather was kind and over 400 visitors came along to enjoy the wonderful gardens as well as the cream teas. As a result over £2000 was raised for the Isobel Hospice and sincere thanks to every one who came along to give support and make this such an enjoyable and worth while event.

