



Parish News



The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

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Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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A Letter from Coralie

It's June and the wedding season is in full swing. We have ten weddings at St Peter's Church this Summer and all have a close connection with the Parish. A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of commitment as well as celebration and great joy. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ and is based upon a solemn, public and life long covenant between the couple.

The couples will need the continued support and encouragement of family and friends in the days, weeks and years ahead of them and as the church bells ring out on Fridays and Saturdays this Summer please remember: Neal and Jennifer, Tom and Amanda and Richard and Bonnie who were married in April, Victor and Linda, Jason and Sally, James and Dorothy, Timothy and Gayle, Stephen and Hannah, Eamon and Miranda and David and Clare

Weddings are also an excellent opportunity for the church flower arrangers to demonstrate their immense creative skills, add to that the regular weekly arrangements and finally Harvest Festival on September 19th and the regular Sunday congregation and other visitors to the church are in for four and a half months of the glory of creation both inside and outside St Peter's.

Best wishes and God's blessing,

Coralie

Advance notice

Sunday club for Primary school age children will be running every Sunday morning during August at the same time as the regular Sunday service. All are welcome and you can bring along younger brothers and sisters. More details next month!

Churchwardens' Notes

Last month opened with an unfortunate incident with a break in to the church discovered on the Saturday morning. Damage was caused to the tower door, the fire extinguisher disappeared and was found on top of the hedge, half way down the drive, having been discharged.

On a brighter note we have had three visits from groups interested in our church. The first, on May 4th, was the 'Firbank Housing Group' who were particularly interested in the kneelers. This was followed on Saturday May 8th by a group of around 30 people who came to commemorate the 200th anniversary of John Carrington. Extracts were read from his diaries and a tribute was laid on his grave. After refreshments a talk was given on the history of the church. Our thanks go to Mary Gregg for delivering that talk and to Gloria Kersey for helping with the refreshments and providing delicious cakes. Our third group visit on May 12th was from U3A - (University of the Third Age) who were also interested in the history of our church.

Our fortunes dipped again that weekend when on both Friday and Saturday evenings a good number of the people of Tewin were disturbed by music coming from Dawley Wood. Many of us will hope this does not become a habit.

It has been good to see the school at the church with class visits on May 12th to learn about the church and on the 18th to learn about the organ.

Last weekend we undertook the annual spring clean of St. Peter's. Although we had fewer helpers on the Friday evening, we were well supported on the Saturday and finished by 1pm. It was a lovely sunny day which always helps and the church looked really good when we'd finished. Many, many thanks to all our helpers and to Ivor Williams for supplying lots of hot water once again.

Thank you again to everybody involved.

Pete and Mike



Tewin 'Open Gardens' - Sunday 27th June from 2-6pm



with a magnificent display flowers, shrubs & trees



at 106 Orchard Road, Tewin AL6 0LZ



The garden has a wheelchair-friendly layout, so do come along and join us for a cream tea and a selection of homemade cakes, pastries, etc.

We will also have a raffle with excellent prizes!

Entrance is £3.50 for adults, children under 16 years—no charge

Dogs welcome on leads

in aid of Alan Adams Tribute Fund & the National Gardens Scheme

Offers of help on the day and for helping supply cakes etc most welcome

Please contact me on 01438 798147; 07803 248423 or alannio@btinternet.com





Tewin Village Fete



Saturday, 26th June, 2-5pm on Lower Green

Attractions will include a Children's Funfair, craft stalls, tombola, soccer fun, a jazz band, and much, more. We will also have a Raffle with great prizes.

To guarantee success at the Fete, we need as many visitors as possible and a great deal of help, so please come along and support us. We will need assistance setting up on Lower Green in the morning and clearing away afterwards, as well as with the manning of stalls, so if you are able to help in any way perhaps you would let us know in advance so we can allocate jobs - please phone Lynn Farr on 798307, or Todd Canton on 717395.

As always, we would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls:

TOMBOLA

Wine - Spirits - Gifts - Chocolates - any other items (not jumble).

Please contact Alison Burleigh on 01438 715260 or deliver to 23 Harwood Close prior to the Fete, **BUT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 25th JUNE.**

CAKES etc

Home Made Cakes - large or small - Preserves etc

Please contact Jean Canton on 01438 717395, or deliver to her at 21 Lower Green on **FRIDAY 25TH OR SATURDAY 26th JUNE (before 12 noon please).** You can also deliver direct to the Memorial Hall **ON THE SATURDAY MORNING.**

TEDDY BEAR TOMBOLA

New, or good condition 'old' Teddy Bears or Cuddly Toys.

Please deliver to Jane Warehand at Tewin Memorial Hall **by 19th June.**

Please note that proceeds from the sale of all these donations will go towards
the maintenance of the Memorial Hall

Thank you for your help - we look forward to seeing you at the Fete. * If, however, you're unable to be there, Raffle tickets are now on sale at Tewin Stores.

In the meantime, if you'd like to know more about this year's Fete, there is a direct website link on

www.tewinvillage.co.uk/fete



Some news from another church in the Welwyn Team Ministry

St Peter's, Ayot St Peter

where a 'Church Recording' has taken place, similar to the 'Recording' at St Peter's, Tewin in 1983-1986.

On 18th April, following morning service, John Banbury of NADFAS presented to Stephen a file containing the results of three and a half years of volunteer effort. NADFAS, [the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies] is an arts-based educational charity with over 300 societies and 90,000 members worldwide.

At the heart of NADFAS are the local societies and one of their activities is church recording. We were fortunate that the Harpenden DFAS has a team of specialist recorders who are working their way round churches in Hertfordshire and, even more fortunate, that they offered to make St Peter's their next project.

Since 2006 the team of up to 20 recorders has been meeting at St Peter's on Tuesdays, recording every aspect of the church, from the floor tiles to the ceiling. Everything to do with the church has been described, photographed or drawn and, where necessary, its history researched. That the file is over 4 inches thick gives some indication of the dedication the recorders have brought to their task.

After the presentation the congregation was invited to stay for a chance to meet members of the Recording Team and discuss their work over a glass of wine. Talking to the Recording Team's artist Clare Allen, I asked for an example of where pen and ink was superior to the camera. She told me about a feature I had never noticed in 10 years of kneeling at the altar rail. The wooden rail is supported by decorated wrought iron pillars. Where each of the nuts securing the rail to the metal are tightened onto the iron structure you might expect to see a washer, but not in a Victorian arts and craft church. Instead of a plain washer there is a tiny rosette and one of Clare's many drawings in the record showed this little detail.

Visiting the church one Tuesday during the recording work I was lucky enough to see the team's photographer Sheila Collingwood at work recording the church plate. This must be one of the most difficult tasks, with so many potential reflections and shadows. A miniature studio had been set up in the chancel, with the chalice being photographed in a white cube and illuminated with a complex lighting arrangement.

One of the highlights of the record is the first professional photographs of the stained glass from the previous church, which is stored under the floor in the church. This was taken out, cleaned and photographed in all its Victorian glory. Also on record is the painted chancel ceiling, which must have been another photographic challenger when it came to lighting.

These photographs will provide a valuable source of information for our next project – cleaning the ceiling. Here the news is that during the last week of April we removed the altar between services enabling scaffolding to be erected for a professional conservator to inspect the ceiling and also try the effect of various cleaning media. Here the good news is that there is no damage to the paintings and an appropriate cleaning solvent has been selected to remove over a century and a quarter of accumulated grime.

Roger Ford

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Wednesday 23rd June 2010 - Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens

There are still places available on the visit by coach to the Beth Chatto Gardens, which are near to Colchester, Essex. These gardens are inspirational, so do come along and enjoy them. If you want to find out more about them before the visit, please check their 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 Tewin Stores or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

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

Do you have any spare plants? If so, please donate them to *THACS* so that we can sell them at the plant stall during the village fete, in aid of the Tewin Memorial Hall. 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.



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Our May News

I am writing this just after having attended the wonderful May-day celebrations on Lower Green, having watched our Honeybee Class pupils give such splendid entertainment with their delightful dancing. Their skills have been honed under the tutelage of Mrs. Campbell, who once again has made us all *so* proud.

The eventual arrival of Spring has made for a very exciting time in school with our general grounds, wildlife area and our pond area bursting into bloom. Thanks go to Mrs. Davies and her army of parent volunteers whose horticultural expertise and jolly hard work keeps it looking great. Pupils in Ladybird, Caterpillar and Grasshopper classes are adding to their efforts, with plenty of gardening projects of their own as well as nurturing tadpoles and chrysalis.

We celebrated a significant birthday on Tuesday May 4th when our Walking Bus was two years old! Initiated by one of our Governors, Mrs. Mairi Snow, it has since been taken on by Mrs. Morfill and her helpers to whom we are most grateful. It now runs *every day* of the week, giving our pupils the benefit of exercise and a chance to appreciate their lovely village surroundings.

Grasshopper Class made a visit to the Bluebell woods earlier this week and their stamina for walking the four miles was rewarded by the awe and wonder when seeing a blanket of blue. Next week they are off again, this time for some workshops at St Peter's Church.

Meanwhile back at school... plenty of assessment is in progress especially for our Key Stage Two pupils, and we ask for your prayers as they give of their best efforts and endeavours.

The schools' Prayer Group meet twice each term and welcomes anyone who wishes to pray with us for the school and our wider community. We shall endeavour to inform you of the dates and venues for our meetings through the Parish magazine and notices in the village shop.

The Staff Team



Another Successful Book Sale



The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee wish to thank everyone who donated books and jigsaws for our Spring Second-hand Book Sale. Takings on the day amounted to £541.95, which is a great result. This is a welcome boost to Hall funds and the Committee is very grateful to everyone who contributed and came along to make purchases.

They also thank Linda Crawford and David Gregg from Friends of Tewin, who organised the event on behalf of the Hall, as well as everyone who came along to help. The twice-yearly Book Sales have become a worthwhile and enjoyable event and in due course we will be advising the date of the Autumn sale when we look forward to seeing you all again.

Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **April 2010** draw

1 st	£63 L Southgate, Back Lane	2 nd	£38 J Doxey, Bishops Road
3 rd	£13 D Hall, Maple Grove, WGC	3 rd	£13 R Kirby, Harwood Close

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



Friends of Tewin

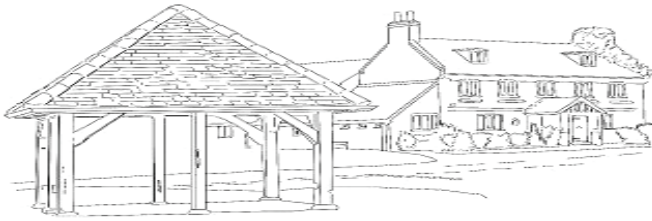
The Maypole dancing by the children from Tewin Cowper School was well attended despite the cold wind. However, the children didn't seem to mind the cold and threw off their coats as they grew hotter from dancing. The plaiting on the pole is really very clever and apparently it usually only has 16 ribbons whereas this one had 24 to allow more children to participate. Following a splendid display by the children, the parents, teachers and friends were encouraged to join hands to form the biggest circle ever made on Lower Green and dance with the children to bring to a close an enjoyable event. We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Campbell, who teaches the country dancing, is leaving the school and presented her with a small plant in thanks for all her work.

On 25th April, the dedication of the Cherry Tree on Lower Green in remembrance of Don Southgate was performed by the Revd. Coralie McCluskey and was attended by Lilian Southgate and Don's sister, as well as many friends.

We now have just a few tickets left for the trip to Brighton on Tuesday, July 6th.

Barn Dance tickets will be on sale this month at £10, children under 11 years of age, £5. Available from Tewin Shop or any Friends of Tewin Committee Member.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Tewin Parish Council

Footpath Works Outside 54 & 56 Upper Green

As part of the refurbishment of 54 and 56 Upper Green, the developer is establishing a roadside footpath to improve the pedestrian access up to Upper Green. Eventually it is the Parish Council's intention to have a footpath from Godfries Close all the way up to Upper Green.

Playground

The Parish Council has applied to East Herts Council for permission to leave the protective nets around the Upper Green playground up all year. The nets are suffering from excessive wear and tear from being put up and down and stored each year. The net is 6.3m high and 17.5m long (approx 110sq m) and its removal is an enormous job requiring heavy machinery, in the form of a cherry picker, to do the job, which causes damage to the Village Green. Leaving the nets up will mean that the heavy equipment does not go onto the Green every Spring and Autumn. The Parish Council are also of the view that the black mesh netting blends in with the surrounding greenery and is almost invisible when up.

Benches

The Parish Council has just completed its annual risk assessment of the Parish where they consider what needs repairing or replacing in the parish. Various works that will be done are the repainting various benches around the village such as the bench on the corner of School Lane and Churchfield Road, outside 18 Lower Green. May Pond Green and Church Green. The bus shelter opposite the Rose & Crown will be repainted and the fence corrected on the playground.

Pavilion Refurbishment

The Parish Council hopes to start the refurbishment works on the Pavilion in the near future.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on **Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.45pm** at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.45pm

Monday 6th September 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

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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: 01992-555555 or

www.hertsdirect.org

Tewin Parish Council

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