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**Spring is Here** 

# **Editorial Note**

Welcome to our May edition. Our lovely front cover photograph, taken by Jules Bridgman, was the winning entry in the THACS 'Spring Flowers' photographic category. Congratulations to Jules and all other winners at the show.

Little Lambs for pre-schoolers and their carers begins this month (p19).

The children from Tewin School will be Dancing Round the Maypole on May 1st (p27). The Spring Book Sale takes place on the 9th (p9). Tewin Stores will be serving lunch on 16th (p25) and our film this month is 'Withnail and I' on 18th (p9). The Bowling season has started (p11).

2015 is the Hertfordshire Year of Walking. To find out about guided walks, walking plans and self-guided circular walks see p3.

The anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), marking 70 years since the end of the second world war in Europe, is celebrated on the 8th. Amazing to think that 2 villagers, Ben Roberts and Ken Wilson, were on active service during that conflict. We owe them a great deal.

Please continue to send your contributions for future editions to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

### Grants Available from East Herts Council in 2015

East Herts Council is pleased to launch its 2015 capital grants programme in rural East Herts only. We have £80,000 to allocate to new projects improving quality of life for residents in rural East Herts. Applications and Terms and Conditions are on our website, go to <u>www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants</u> to find out more.

For projects that cost up to  $\pm 16,000$ , the Council may award up to 50% of costs. The maximum grant available is  $\pm 8,000$ . To be eligible to apply for a large capital grant, you must have 1/3 of the total cost of the project available at the time of application.

In the past, we have funded such projects as equipment to enhance sports coaching in the community, equipment to improve play opportunities, upgrade to village hall kitchen and improved access to facilities. Successful projects are those that are well-thought out and are a close match with the Council's own priorities. The deadline to submit an application is 5 pm 1 June 2015.

The sun is shining so now is the time to get out there and enjoy our lovely countryside with the added bonus that walking is good for your health. Through the website <u>www.hertsdirect.org/walking</u> Hertfordshire residents can keep up to date with the latest organised walking events, links to existing walking groups across the county, such as the Hertfordshire Health Walks (<u>www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org</u>), and have the opportunity to commit to increasing their physical activity levels by completing the 'Pledge to Walk' survey. In return for their pledge, residents can choose to receive the monthly Hertfordshire Year of Walking newsletter, and via <u>www.hertsdirect.org/walking</u>, have easy access to resources including circular walk routes and maps for their local area.

#### Take a step challenge

Most people take on average 3,000 steps per day, while the recommendation for maintaining good health is around 10,000 according to exercise experts. Aim to increase your daily steps by 500 on a weekly basis until you're closer to that target.

### Steps and distance conversion chart

Steps	500	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	7,500	10,000
Miles	0.25	0.50	0.99	1.49	1.99	2.49	3.73	4.97
Km	0.40	0.80	1.60	2.40	3.20	4.00	6.00	8.00

### **Church Spring Cleaning**

Spring has sprung and it's time to give our church a

thorough cleaning, even more so this year after the building works which have been taking place. Many hands make light work and extra help is needed for this task. Please put your name on the form at the back of the Church or contact **Pete Johnson on 01707 332579 (evenings)** to let her know

what help you can give and when.....

### Friday 8th May 6.30pm onwards

Able bodied volunteers needed to clean beams and windows, move furniture, kneelers, etc

### Saturday 9th May from 8.30am

Volunteers needed to help scrub floors and polish woodwork

Scrubbing 8:45am;

Polishing 10.30am; Restoring order 12.30pm

# **Tewin Parish Council**



#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The hot topic of the moment is the Herts County Council ("HCC") proposal to decimate the bus services through Tewin. Obviously for most of us, the car is always there, and we give no thought to the far off day when that is no longer an option. But we are doing our best for

those parishioners for whom the bus service is an essential part of their daily lives in getting to work or to medical services etc. The consultation is now closed, but as a result of the excellent response to the petition, we will have the opportunity to make a further presentation directly to the relevant HCC committee.

Another source of major concern to parishioners is the state of various verges in the village after the depredation of heavy construction traffic. We are in the process of getting the corner of Lower Green by the Memorial Hall covered in cobbles so that larger vehicles can cut the corner without making a mess. When the building work is complete on the north side of Lower Green we will set about repairing the verge along here. We are still pressing the Riversmead Housing Association contractors to repair the verges at the entrance to Grass Warren.

We have now entered the financial year 2015-16 so we should see the County Council install the pathway from Godfries Close to Upper Green, which should sort out the mess on Maypond Green. We should also finally see Highways sort out the problem that is causing the hole on Lower Green. East Herts Council ("EHC") continue their methodical progress towards a new District Plan. They are only too aware that other local authorities have had their new plans thrown out by the inspector because they have failed to take account of the constant stream of new legislation from central government. It is a moving target which is almost impossible to keep up with. EHC are still proposing that Tewin will drop into the Group 2 category, limiting new housing to only infill sites within the existing village boundary. The only objections to the consultation last year were from various landowners who had put forward sites for development around the boundary of the village.

Until a new District Plan is approved, Tewin has some protection, in that most of the immediately available land within the village boundary has already been developed and land outside the village boundary is Green Belt. Even without new development, there will still be construction traffic as houses are sold, and some, particularly in Tewin Wood, are the subject of large scale improvement.

The Parish Council precept for 2015-16 is £28,500.

On behalf of the Parish, I thank the Clerk and the other Councillors for their work throughout the year. Thanks also to our District and County Councillors, and our local MP, Sir Oliver Heald, for their assistance on various topics.

Finally, we get comments from parishioners and visitors alike, that we are lucky to live in such a nice village with such a rich community spirit. Please join in and help us keep it that way, even if it is just for two hours once a year manning a stall at the fete or picking up any litter that you see in the road outside your house.

#### PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next meeting is the annual Parish Council meeting on <u>Monday 11th</u> <u>May 2015 at 7.45pm</u> at Tewin Memorial Hall

**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 can make comments at the start of the meeting.* 

**Minutes**: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

**Newsletters/Meeting Dates**: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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Police Community Team – 01707-354192 - For non-emergency purposes Highways Fault Line: - 0300 1234047- For reporting potholes etc East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

### THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

## Tuesday 7th July - Visit to Audley End House & Gardens

Audley End is an English Heritage site at Saffron Walden, Essex. It offers a wide range of attractions, including extensive landscaped gardens, stunning views, a decadent Jacobean mansion house, an 1880's service wing and a working Victorian stable yard. There is something there for everyone, so come along and join us for a great day out!

There are two cafes, the Servants' Hall Tea Room (locally-sourced hot and cold meals, drinks and snacks) and the Cart Yard Café (light refreshments).

Disabled access is reasonably good, although there is no disabled access to the first floor of the house and the tea room is only partially accessible. Mobility scooters and wheelchairs are available free of charge, but must be booked in advance.

English Heritage members get free entry to the property but they must bring their membership cards with them on the day. Other people in our group will benefit from the 15% discount given to groups like ours. The resulting prices are shown below:-

	With English Heritage membership	Without Eng- lish Heritage membership		
		Adult	Concession (60 or over)	Children (5-15 inc)
THACS members	£10.00	£23.50	£22.00	£18.00
Non- members	£12.00	£26.00	£24.50	£20.50

The free guided tours of parts of the garden last about one hour but these are lead by volunteers, so their availability cannot be guaranteed. There are no tours of the house but there will be room guides in the main areas.

Please http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/audley-end-house-and-gardens/ for further details of the house and gardens.

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9:30am, and will leave Audley End for the return journey at 3:30pm.

Please fill in the booking form with your details and preferences and then send it, with your payment, to Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015. You can get the booking form from the *THACS* page on *www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/* or from Ray Keppler (telephone 01438 717545 or email raykeppler@btinternet.com).





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Our next film is '**Withnail and I'.** This is often described as a cult black comedy from 1986. It was the movie which really launched Richard E Grant's career. Some born before 1950 may regard the lifestyle of the two sixties hippies, played by Grant and Paul McGann, with unbridled horror. But it is actually a glorious rite of passage for them and often very funny.

**MONDAY 18th May**. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. Complimentary teas and coffees beforehand. 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.

#### East Herts Citizens Advice Service

For help with legal, money and other problems, you can access online advice any time at: www.ehcas.org.uk and click on Adviceguide a self-help tool. Phone Advice available on: 03444 111 444. Drop-in sessions at: Bishop's Stortford, Hertford, Ware, Buntingford, and Sawbridgeworth.

We are an independent charity and rely on trained volunteers.

### **Spring Book Sale**

There will be a sale of books at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th May from 10am to 4pm. Come along and stock up for your summer reading. Free Admission. All proceeds to Tewin Memorial Hall. For further information contact Linda on 01438 717538.

Linda Crawford

# **TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**

The Memorial Hall Committee wish to thank the Tewin History Book Group for donations totalling £8,000 from the sale of *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'*. When writing the book the authors decided that all proceeds from its sale should be donated to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Hall for the continued wider benefit of the village.

The Hall Committee congratulates everybody involved with the creation of the book, and thanks them for this generous gesture.

We understand there are still a number of copies left of this hard -back book, which consists of 264 pages of information and photographs covering local history from 500,000 years ago to the present day, so if you don't have a copy and would like one, you can still buy it at Tewin Stores.

Keith St Pier Vice Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

#### Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club Registered Charity No. 308158

### Memorial Hall Draw February

- 1<sup>st</sup> £60 Diane Hagger, Godfries Close
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £36 Jeff Tipper, Godfries Close
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Samantha Collins, Hurstlings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Gerry Morrisroe, Upper Green

Membership forms are available from Tewin Stores, the Hall, Lisa Bove (lisa.bove@btinternet.com or 798546) or any member of the

Hall Committee)

### The Bowls Club Diary Dates

The Bowling Green is open again! After a long, cold winter, it's good to be outdoors enjoying a new bowling season. We have welcomed several new members but have room for more, so if you are interested in having a go, just ring Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395.

As well as playing our Club games, we are hosting some big matches. On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, there is an Eastern Counties League match at 2pm so perhaps if the sun is shining, you may like to come along and watch Hertfordshire play against Huntingdonshire. Then, on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Herts team is again playing at Tewin – this time against Suffolk – starting at 10.20am. On Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, there's another big match for the Middleton Cup, which is a National knockout competition. Hertfordshire play against Bedfordshire, starting at 2pm.

If you come to watch a game, you will see our lovely new bench – given to us by Jack Bird's family in memory of Jack, who was a bowler and worked regularly to keep our gardens in good order. In fact, Jack designed the gardens, and the fragrant roses which he planted at the front of the Club are always a joy to see for members and passers-by, and are a constant memory of Jack. He was nearly 100 when he died and could remember playing bowls on the original Tewin bowling green at the back of the Memorial Hall.

So, if you would like to come along to see our excellent facilities, or just sit and enjoy watching a game, you'll be warmly welcomed.

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club



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### <u>Tewin Tennis Club</u>



As I write this the weather has been absolutely fabulous, simply perfect for tennis. We hope that you have been tempted to get to the courts on Upper Green, and play a few sets.

If you are not a member of Tewin Tennis Club please do consider joining. We pride ourselves in

being a very friendly place to play, and our membership fees are the best value you'll find for miles. All the details are on our new website www.tewintennisclub.co.uk.

The club has now received its allocation of Wimbledon tickets and this year we were fortunate enough to get seven pairs. Members names were drawn from the hat at our recent AGM, so now it's just a matter of paying for the tickets!

Plans are forging ahead with the club's fun day on June 7. This will be a good opportunity for those thinking of joining to come along for a chat and maybe hit a few balls, and for current members to gather socially. The clubhouse on Upper Green is in beautiful surroundings between the tennis courts and cricket pitch. Do drop by. There will be bouncy castle fun for the children too.

Competitive inter-club tennis started on 20 April with the first match in the Datchworth League. This incredibly popular Hertfordshire village competition entices dozens of teams to compete in divisions and, hopefully, to get promoted at the end of the season. Tewin has four teams, each comprising two men and one lady. There's no gender bias here, except we always need more lady players!

Peter Burgess



# VOLUNTEER VISITORS WANTED!

Friends of Welwyn Care Homes seeks to bring the community into the local care homes for the frail elderly by building friendly links between local people and the residents and staff.

Have YOU a couple of hours to spare a month when you could join a small team to chat over a cup of tea, or join in with other activities with residents?

for furthe information:

Contact: - ANNE HORSMAN 01438840566 (anne.horsman@btinternet.com)

# **Team Vicar's Letter**

The comedian Russell Brand, a man with unstoppable hair and an unstoppable mouth, caught public imagination when he campaigned last year for people not to vote "It's not going to make any difference" he declared. His comments resulted in a flurry of interest and interviews, sharing couches on late night chat shows with Hollywood actors and rockstars.

The Church of England Bishops, a group who added together probably have less follicles than Brand on his own, have recently issued their collective thinking on today's political landscape. There has been, of course, less media excitement about this, although some newspaper columnists started suggesting that the Bishop's letter was deliberately partisan – but that is simply not true.

The letter states it comes out of their experience of meeting with many people who are cynical and disillusioned with politics, yet also their encounters with politicians who, with very few exceptions they say, are motivated by a deep desire to make life better for people.

The letter sets out a vision which they hope may re-engage people with politics. It looks at the postwar administrations which changed society; the Labour victory of 1945 which led to the founding of the NHS and welfare state and the Conservative victory in 1979 which stressed the importance of market economics and challenged the growth of the state. The Bishops suggest that it is now time for a new model, which captures the strengths (and avoids the weaknesses) of both. The 'missing link' they suggest, is that we need to avoid the way power has built up in the state or the corporate sector, and return it to local communities and neighbourhoods.

Of course it is easy to say that the Church should not get involved in politics. From a Christian point of view that doesn't add up; the bible repeatedly shows God's concern with how people live together in society and how power in the hands of individuals and states is used or abused. From a democratic point of view also the statement makes no sense, we all have a right and a duty to engage and debate. The Church in particular has much it can contribute. The parish system ensures a presence in every community, in areas of wealth and deprivation, village and city, engaging with businesses, schools, neighbourhoods and other faith groups. It is from the richness of experiences of Christians and their neighbours that the authority of voice can come.

Personally, I am still hugely grateful for people who have won the right for us to have a vote, and to live in a country where I can vote without fear. However disillusioned we may feel, I still believe those two things will never be worth throwing away.

Susannah

If you want to read the Bishops' letter it can be found at: https://churchofengland.org/media/2170230/whoismyneighbour-pages.pdf

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
MAY 3rd	EASTER 5	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	RICHARD SYMS	GENESIS 22: 1-18	ACTS 8: 26-End	JOHN 15: 1-8
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	COLIN HULL	ISAIAH 60: 1-14	REVELA- TIONS 3: 1-13	
10th	ROGATION SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOB 28:1-11	PHILIPPI- ANS 4: 4-7	LUKE 11: 5-13
17th	EASTER 7	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	CATHERINE JUPP	JOHN 17: 6-19		
		B.C.P. HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	EZEKIEL 36: 24-28	ACTS 1: 15-17, 21-End	JOHN 17: 6-19
24th	PENTECOST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	ACTS 2: 1-21	JOHN 15: 26-27 16: 4b-15
31st	TRINITY SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	RICHARD SYMS	ISAIAH 6:1-8	ROMANS 8:12-17	JOHN 3:1-17

#### Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm

ROTAS						
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER	
3rd	RUTH KEARNS	ELAINE FOWLER DI BRADLEY	RUTH SHARP	ELIZABETH WILSON	PETE JOHNSON	
KEITH	LINDA ADAMS	GRAHAM SPRING PETE JOHNSON				
10th PAULINE	IVOR WILLIAMS	LINDA ADAMS MARY GREGG	K & A BARNFIELD	ELIZABETH WILSON	SPRING CLEANING	
17th	NICKY HADLEY	CLARE RAWLINS MYRA WALKER	JANET GLADWIN	CLARE RAWLINS	MARY GREGG	
DAVID	MICK SIMMONS	NICKY HADLEY MAVIS HAGGAR				
24th KEITH	ELAINE FOWLER	KAREN SHAW ROSEMARY NODDER	MARGARET LLORENTE	WEDDING	GLORIA KERSEY	
31st PAULINE	KEITH BARNFIELD	BRIAN EVERS RUTH SHARP	ANNA CLARK	WEDDING	PAULINE SPRING	

#### St Peter's Church will be floodlit on 1st May in memory of ALAN LAWSON, on his birthday. Joy, Kristina and the family

Last month has been a busy and important part in the life of the church as Easter approached.

The undoubted highlight to the services over this period was the Palm Sunday service covering Christ's entry into Jerusalem. A dramatised version of St Mark's gospel was performed by members of the congregation and brilliantly narrated by one of the younger members

of the church, Millie Booker.

The children of Tewin Cowper School again packed the church in Easter week for their end of term service.

Further services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were well attended and it was good to see the return of Rev. Tom Gladwin, following illness, to preach on Easter Sunday morning.

## 'Calling all Scrubbers and Polishers'.

With most of the building work inside the church now complete there is considerable work required to clean the church. We need your help on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm and again on the Saturday morning to finish the work. Please sign up on the board at the back of the church or turn up on the day to help.

Following last year's successful parish outing plans are in place for a trip on the Nene Valley Railway at Peterborough on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

August with, hopefully, a visit to the Cathedral later in the day.

Finally may I say that it has been a privilege to serve as Churchwarden over the last two years but age, family concerns and heavy charity commitments have led me to stand down. I shall, of course continue to help out when required.

Malcolm Slaughter

#### Summer Dates For Little Lambs

'Little Lambs' for pre-schoolers and their carers.



Beginning 14th May 2015 Story, song, play and craft. 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month 2pm-3pm (a) St Peter's Church, Tewin And it's free. Summer Dates: May 14th and 28th June 11th and 28th June 11th and 25th July 9th and 23rd August 13th and 27th

For more info contact **The Rev'd Susannah Underwood** 01438 817183 **Team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk** Or just come along!

Church Treasurer is moving - but not away, just nearer to the action!. So please note my new address is: 2 B Hertford Road, Tewin. AL6 0JY.

**Graham Spring** 



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### New 'buggy friendly' stiles

A big thank you to Tom Goldsmith (the Countryside Access Officer for HCC), and the relevant local landowners for changing two of the narrow stiles on the Digswell side of Orchard Road into larger, buggy friendly, stiles. This means that those with small children in buggies can now walk to/from Burnham Green/Tewin village - a route that was previously inaccessible to them. Thanks to all who made this possible, and thanks in advance to all who are helping to try and change more of the narrow stiles in the area opening the rights of way up further to those with small children. It is very much appreciated. Helen Hart



### Earn While You Learn

Today's apprenticeship schemes are diverse and cover a huge range of career paths. They're a great way to get ahead in the field you want to work in; earning while you learn.

Across Hertfordshire, there is a vast choice of schemes from hairdressing to accountancy, with an average pay of £138 per week (as of 26 March 2015). That's £56 more than the national minimum for apprentices elsewhere around the country. Currently, there are over 300 roles available across Hertfordshire, with a number of available positions working for Hertfordshire County Council directly. So there's a lot of choice out there.

Sophie Mance, aged 21 from Baldock joined the Hertfordshire County Council Apprenticeship Scheme in February 2014 and completed an NVQ in Business and Administration earlier this year. An apprenticeship was an excellent choice for Sophie to enable her to develop office skills, as well as gain a qualification with a wage coming in.

Sophie said, "There was nothing in particular that I wanted to study further after school and so I decided not to go to university. I knew with very little office experience, an apprenticeship would be the best way forward with the added bonus of a qualification at the end of the year. I found out that Hertfordshire County Council had a Business and Administration Apprenticeship Scheme available. I knew this was the best place for me and applied."

Sophie now has a full time fixed term job at County Hall, Hertford. It can be very difficult to choose the best path to take when leaving school, especially if you don't know what you want to do. Apprenticeships provide a wage and also a professional qualification on completion. The schemes also enable apprentices to build up key skills to do the job in hand and learn how to present themselves appropriately in the workplace. Hertfordshire County Council is addressing the County's skills needs by supporting Hertfordshire as a great place to study and learn for all ages and abilities.

For more information and support on apprenticeships in Hertfordshire, or at Hertfordshire Council visit:

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# **Tewin Stores**

Last month our former Secretary, Eleanor Lohr, applied for a Communities Activities grant from East Herts District Council, on behalf of the shop. Imagine our surprise and delight to find that she has been successful. Well done and congratulations to Eleanor. We have a grant of £468.80 to pay for two of our volunteers to do First Aid courses and for a further group to do the on-line training in Food and Hygiene for the safe preparation of food in the café. We do not have to have these formal qualifications, although, let me assure our customers, we do already prepare food hygienically, but their display for inspectors will help us to gain another star for our café, which, since the recent refurbishment of the shop, currently stands at four stars\*. Why not come along and sample the cooking at one of our regular popular events. Our next monthly lunch date is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks to Roger Spendley we now have a new courtyard roof over the garden where you can enjoy tea, coffee and snacks in a dry, restful, sunny place. With holiday time ahead, we shall need more people to help out in the shop. So, if you can spare a few hours to help keep this village enterprise going. please contact Bev at the shop. (01438 717929)

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Monday 13.30 -15.30 Wednesday and Friday 9.30 - 11.30am

#### Do You Know The Definition of Rural and Urban Roads?

Rural roads are roads with a posted speed limit greater than 40mph, and urban roads are those posted with a speed limit less than or equal to 40mph.





# Friends of Tewin



#### DANCING AROUND THE MAYPOLE – 1st MAY at 10.15am

I hope as many of you as possible can join us on 1st May on Lower Green to give our support to the children from Tewin Cowper School as they dance around the Maypole. The children spend time after school learning these traditional dances and I know they will be very excited to see a

large crowd of people come along to watch. Besides enjoying the dancing, this is a good opportunity to meet friends and neighbours. The dancing starts on Lower Green at 10.15am. We've got our fingers crossed for a warm sunny day, but if the weather is bad, the children will dance in the school hall instead and everyone is welcome to join us at the school.

#### **COACH TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE – 9th JUNE**

As I write this, we still have a few seats left for our trip to Cambridge, so why not take the day off and join us? The coach leaves the bus shelter

across from the Rose & Crown at 9.00am and the seats cost  $\pm 11$  each. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Tewin and taken to any of the following:-

Tewin Stores, 27 Grass Warren, 5 School Lane or 32 Firs Walk, Tewin Wood. Please make sure you enclose your name, address and phone number with your payment.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON TEA – 9th JULY

We are already planning this new event and any Tewin resident who is aged 60+ is eligible to come and I do hope you have put the date in your diaries. We will send an invitation to every house in Tewin around the end of May, so watch out for it coming through your letterbox.

#### CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT SHOW - 23rd AUGUST

This year's show is on 23rd August and if you own a classic car that you would like to enter, please complete the form on the Classic Car Show page on <u>www.tewinvillage.co.uk</u> or email us on <u>tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk</u>. If you prefer, please telephone 01438 718505 for an entry form. If you would like a space for a craft stall, please email Linda Crawford on <u>lindarichard@talktalk.net</u>

We have a small army of about 40 people who regularly help us on the day of the show. The fact that most people come back every year to help for an hour or two is proof that although it's a busy day, it is fun too! If you haven't helped in the past but would like to, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me on 01438 718505 or email me on <u>annehall90@gmail.com</u> Anne Hall - Chairman – Friends of Tewin



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### Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Election month has finally arrived. Campaigning began formally only a few weeks ago but it feels to most of us that it began five years ago! NHS funding figures large in all the party manifestos but at the end of the day we all know that there will never be enough to satisfy all their needs.

We, the Friends, understand and accept this reality and with your support will continue to raise money to provide the patients with those all important 'extras'. Sometimes these 'extras' are equipment for the therapists to use on a daily basis. On other occasions the benefits we provide are less tangible but no less appreciated.

Patients and visitors to both QVM Hospital and Danesbury often compliment us on the appearance of our grounds. The Friends pay for the plants and the gardeners who tend them. There is no question that attractive surroundings contribute to patients' recovery. Our current project at QVM is a makeover of the internal courtyard which when completed will provide an attractive indoor / outdoor space in the heart of the patients' area. This is the sort of undertaking which would never happen without the Friends of Danesbury & QVM.

Whatever the results of this election we know that the need for our help is not going to diminish – and in all probability it will increase over the next five years. We are confident that with your support we can, and will, make a difference for patients and their carers.

### Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Tel: 01438 840514

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# May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

Digswell Open Arts Studios

Enquiries: Veronica 07814 704635 Where: The Forge, Hertford Road, Digswell Do pop along and have a browse. Lots of lovely items to see. All welcome. In aid of Isabel Hospice.

## May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

Headz Up Enquiries: Fran Bassell 01707 690735 Where: Welham Green Memorial Hall Dance night. Bring your own drinks and glasses. In aid of Isabel Hospice.

#### May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

#### Old Time Music Hall for Isabel Hospice

Enquiries & Tickets: 0783 6763 949 From 20:00 to 22:30 Thalian Hall, 64-68 Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City Take yourself back to the days of Old Time Music Hall and join us at Thalian Hall on 9th May. Tickets are £12.50 and can be purchased from Pete Dunham. In aid of Isabel Hospice.

#### May 23<sup>rd</sup> Football 7 aside at West Ham From 13:00 to 21:00

Enquiries: 07921 552 142 West Ham Football Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, London Enter your team into our 7-a-side football tournament at West Ham Football Ground. In aid of Isabel Hospice.

#### May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 On Your Bike

Enquiries: 01707 382500

#### Entry: www.isabelhospice.org.uk

Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford Help us make our 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored cycle ride in Bishop's Stortford a 'wheel blast'. With three circular distances on offer (25, 50 and 100k) through beautiful countryside, you will be on the highway to health whichever one you choose! Suitable for teams and individuals of all cycling abilities. Smoothie Bike, medals, team trophy, hot refreshments. £18 per adult and £5 per child. £25 on the day adult price £5 per child.

# Dates for your diary this month

Tue	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Rose & Crown	9pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Wed 6th and 20th	Lower Green	2.15-3.45pm	Mobile Library
Thurs 14th and 28th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 14th and 28th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Fri 1st	Lower Green	10.15am	Maypole Dancing
Fri 8th and Sat 9th	St Peter's Church	6.30pm Fri, 8.30am Sat	Spring Clean
Sat 9th	Memorial Hall	10am-4pm	Spring Book Sale
Mon 11th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 16th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch
Mon 18th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green - 'Withnail and I'

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