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A Sparrowhawk

Editorial Note

Welcome to the February 2017 edition of our magazine. Our splendid front cover photograph of a Sparrowhawk was taken by Roger Temple. What's happening in Tewin this month? On the 5th there is a 5mile walk in aid of the children's charity, CHIPS (p3), the Senior Citizens Lunch is on the 15th (p27) and the Friends of Tewin AGM is on the 21st (p27). Tewin Stores is serving up a lunch of Sausage and Mash on the18th and Pancakes on the 28th (p25). Can you believe it has been 9 years since Tewin Stores opened as a community shop? The anniversary is being celebrated on the 21st with a free muffin with your hot drink (p25). Our film this month is 'The Theory of Everything' on the 13th (p13). See Dates For Your Diary (p31) for other events.

If you keep chickens, ducks, geese or other poultry, no matter how few, then please turn to page 21 for news on the extension of government regulations to prevent the spread of avian flu.

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

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Easter Egg Hunt

Tewin School PTA invites you to an

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 25th March. Starts at Lower Green Gazebo at 3pm.

£4/child For further information contact Alison on 07412 520573



CHIPS Souper Walk Tewin Memorial Hall – Sunday 5th February – 11.30am



Come and join us for a guided 5 mile walk around the Tewin countryside, then enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and crusty bread. There will also be a stall selling cake. Cost is £10.00 for adults or £5.00 for children. Please contact the office on 01992 534664 or email gill@chipsplay.org to reserve your place. Further details on the website www.chipsplay.org

CHIPS (Children's Integrated Playschemes) is a registered charity. We offer play and social opportunities for children with additional needs aged 3 to 19 living in Eastern Hertfordshire

New Year Revolutions
When the New Year dawned
I decided to make
Some new revolutions
For fitness sake
So every morning, just after dawn
I switch on the exercise bike
And then jump on
10 miles per hour, that's as fast as I go
But 20 minutes later I'm starting to slow
1200 revolutions and hardly no pain
And I haven't left the house yet
'cos it's starting to rain
New Year revolutions
Don't leave it too late
Cycling at home
Believe me it's great

Tewin Parish Council



CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin for beautifully decorating the lovely new Christmas tree this year and for helping to organise the carol singing event. We would also like to thank Mr. Vic Murray for kindly PAT testing the tree lights

for us.

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

In accordance with the Financial Regulations the Parish Council unanimously agreed that the precept for the financial year ending 31.3.2018 be increased by 1.75% from £29,000 to £29,500 in line with inflation.

TEWIN SATURDAY COMMUNITY BUS

The Parish Council is delighted to be able to contribute £560 which is 50% of the cost of the Tewin Community bus until 25th February 2017.

388 & 378 BUS SERVICE

Concerns were raised with Herts County Council about the 388 service not running the full route and also the non issue of tickets or issuing of incorrect tickets on 378 and 204. Centrebus advised that the driver has been advised of the full route and assured HCC that it would not happen again. With regard to ticket issuing problems the ticket machines on the buses have been replaced with more reliable machines and all passengers should receive a correct ticket going forward. The Parish Council continues to monitor these issues.

PLEASE USE OUR POST OFFICES

Just a gentle reminder that your local post offices are located at Tewin Stores and Burnham Green Village Hall and they offer a wide range of services: sell stamps, send parcels, pay bills, pay in & withdraw cash from most banks, road tax, phone top ups and purchase your Euros for your holiday. Please support this service.

See Page 30 for opening times.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 6th February 2017 and then 6th March at 7.45pm 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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Ron Brand

1936 - 2016

The Brand family name first appears in Tewin in 1830. Ron's grandparents lived in Nancybury Cottages in Queen Hoo Lane where his Father, Alfred, was born. Alfred married Violet Bramlow and they moved to The Wooden Cottages, which were to the right of the Plume of Feathers where Ron and Daisy were born. The family then re located to Cannons Meadow where they had their youngest daughter Margaret.

Ron attended Tewin School and Welwyn School before going to college and being apprenticed as a bricklayer.

He helped to build many homes in Hertfordshire and also built the plinth for the Tewin Village sign, the 'electricity box' on Lower Green and helped with restoration of some of the brickwork at the Memorial Hall. Ron met Shirley when she was an usherette at the Castle Cinema in Hertford and they married in 1955. This was followed by two years National Service at Aldershot in Hampshire.

In 1961 They moved into one of the newly built houses in Grass Warren with their two small children, Tina and Terry, where they spent the next fifty five years.

Ron was a passionate organic vegetable grower and won the Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal three times at THACS Autumn Shows.

After he retired Ron took on many gardening jobs and was to be seen striding across the fields with his dog every day.

Later, as dementia crept up on him Ron was often to be found looking for The Wooden Cottages (long since demolished) or "off to join the army" and we are grateful to everyone in the village who kept an eye on him, picked him up, dusted him down and brought him home safely.

Terry, Shirley and Hilary

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Tewin Tennis Club



Calling all ladies! Let's get going in 2017! Our initiative for the New Year is turn-up-and-play Saturday morning tennis. Simply come along at 9am on Saturday mornings to the courts and there will be an hour or two of friendly play. For more details contact Gaye Grimmond on 01438 717684. See you there!

For men, the RATS (you'll have to come along to find out what that stands for) group meet every Saturday at 11am and there are usually enough of us to fill both courts. If there are more than eight players we simply swap in and out. After an hour or so players always repair to the Plume of Feathers for a lunchtime refreshment.

The important news for next month is the Tennis Club AGM, which will be held at the Pavilion on Upper Green, 7.30 for 8pm, Friday March 3. Please come along, there will be glasses of wine and nibbles, and your chance to hear about what your committee has been working on, on your behalf. The AGM is also the time when we undertake the draw for Wimbledon tickets. The club usually gets allocated eight to ten pairs of tickets, which members have the opportunity to buy – as long as they are lucky in the draw. Please do put the March date in your diary now, and look forward to a sociable, and perhaps lucky, evening. Meanwhile, see you at Saturday morning tennis!

	February Anniversaries
6th February 1952	Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne
8th February 1750	A minor earthquake shook Britain
11th February 1578	Sir Francis Drake became the first known Englishman to sail the Pacific Ocean
15th February 1971	Britain adopted the Decimal currency. On the 11th and 12th all the banks were closed to prepare for the changeover. Three million pounds was spent converting public phone boxes to take the new two pence piece. Every cash register in the country had to be changed.
20th February 1896	Cinema came to Britain when a programme of films was shown for the first time to a paying audience

Tewin Website News Feb 2017 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

The website group has met five times this year to review the site. There have been over 51200 hits on the site during this year. (43000 in 2015). The average number of visitors to the site each month is 4266 (3587 in 2015). Strangely enough there have been more visitors this year but they have accessed fewer pages.

During the year we have made particular efforts to update the Directory and Business pages. We have focussed on Transport issues for the village, recently advertising the pilot bus service for example. We had planned to have a new page for the Tewin fete: in the end the Fete did not take place but hopefully this may be needed in 2017. The Home page is regularly updated with important information for the village and highlights all upcoming events. We do our best to add events to the Calendar – the software cleverly removes such information after events have happened.

After sixteen years, I am giving up my responsibilities as group team leader and Tewin Webmaster. Malcolm Allen has kindly agreed to convene the meetings from now on and Anne Hall will take the notes and will become the new Tewin Webmaster. Friends of Tewin own the domain name and fund the registration costs every two years, so this keeps the website in good hands. Thank you to everyone who has ever helped me to keep this project going.

Thank you to the website group for their work this year:

Felicia Green for her technical help and the Home page

Malcolm Allen for note taking

Merralyn Sandison for the Memorial Hall

John Ling for the Screen on the Green, other photos and video content

Doreen Lloyd (and Caroline MacFarlane) for the Parish Council

Anne Hall for Friends of Tewin

Jackie Murphy, for the Tewin Magazine, and material for the Church Alf Fulford, with Malcolm Allen, for the THACS pages

Derek Adams, who has taken a back seat this year owing to other professional commitments.

Finally I have done the Business pages, Directory pages and the Shop pages. Lots of people look at our site so it is an excellent advertising medium.

If you are interested in helping with the village website, new blood is always welcome. Please get in touch.

Happy surfing

Linda Adams

Anne Hall (new) Tewin Webmaster

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Screen On The Green

In February we are showing *The Theory of Everything* starring Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones. This is the extraordinary and moving story of one of the world's greatest living minds, the renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking. The film won 5 Oscars and is based on the memoir *Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen*, by Jane Hawking. It follows their relationship as it progresses from their time as students in the 1960s to dealing with Stephen's devastating illness whilst he pursues his brilliant scientific work.

The dates and other films to be shown this season are as follows:

13 March. *The Thomas Crown Affair*. 1968 (not 20th now, due to repairs at the Hall)

24 April Whiplash. 2014

15 May. Delicatessen 1991 French

19 June. The Martian. 2015

MONDAY 13 February. 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.

Marie St Pier



BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Activities at the Club continued into the New Year with another successful Sunday lunch held on the 15th January. In addition, we have a revised date for our popular Crazy Quiz Night. As you will now be aware, we had to cancel the original event at the end of January because we later

learned that the Church's Quiz Night had been arranged on the same date. Therefore, we have set a new date – the evening of Friday, 24th February. However, such is the popularity of the event, as soon as the new date was announced requests for tickets poured in and we have had to close the list. As a result we are sorry to advise that we can take no more bookings Finally, we have received enquiries as to when our Bowls season commences and confirm that the Green will be open on the 23rd April so if you feel like trying your hand at bowls some time, please call Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395. Alternatively, if you'd like to come along to watch a match some time, details of our early fixtures will be given in the next issue of this magazine. <u>Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)</u>

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL <u>"HAVING A NEW YEAR CLEAR OUT?"</u>

If you are now clearing out unwanted gifts or other items, we'd be delighted if you would donate them to our Spring Jumble Sale – planned for <u>Saturday, 11th March</u>.

We now have a number of residents who have kindly offered to make collections in and around the village, and details of their names, telephone numbers, and the specific areas they each cover are shown below:-

The Hazels, School Lane & Churchfields area: Jim & Ann Hall – 01438 718 505 Lower Green & Hertford Road: David & Jules Howson - 01438 717 339 Cannons Meadow & Grass Warren: -Barry Turner – 01438 717 403 Godfries Close & Harwood Close: Roger & Barbara Clarke - 01438 717 770 Upper Green Road: Gerry & Brenda Barber - 01438 489 425 Upper Green, Orchard Rd, Badgers Walk & Tewin Close:-Nigel & Stephanie North – 01438 712 289 Tewin Wood & Queen Hoo areas: David & Dierdre Hatt -01438 798 827 Burnham Green Road: Geoff & Sue Whitbourn - 01438 798 221 Archers Green, Warrengate & Tewin Water: Todd & Jean Canton – 01438 717 395

However, if you are able to make a personal delivery to the Storage Unit at the back of the Memorial Hall please telephone Todd Canton or Jim Hall (numbers above), who will meet you there by arrangement.

Thank you. Todd Canton <u>on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee</u>

Team Vicar's Letter

I was speaking recently with Maria Glenn. Some of you may know her. She created two beautiful stained glass windows for All Saints, Datchworth and has made many more in other churches and buildings much further afield. As I was pouring over her folder of photographs which show her very beautiful work, we got talking about the wonder of being able to create something that will way outlast our death - the likelihood being that many of her windows will be intact and admired in centuries to come, just as the other stained glass in our church buildings are now. Work, such as hers, tangible and visible, becomes a gift to the future, as much as it does to the present. I've often thought how much of what we do is fleeting. Words, daily chores, moments spent with people all come and go in a constant flow. I'll take a school assembly, only to go home and think of next week's. Or load the dishwasher, only to see dirty plates pile up once more. Or spend time with someone, but the clock will eventually dictate that our meeting will end. Little in life seems to have permanence. Each little moment disappears with amazing ease.

Yet even in some of our seemingly transitory moments, we too impact a future yet to be seen. For example if I trace my family tree and see the ridiculous amount of clergy that spring from it, it would be foolish not to assume that some of the faith and values they adopted, centuries back, have trickled down to help form my own sense of belief. If I think of small encounters with certain people in my lifetime I can sense that the sound of their words did not immediately disappear into the wind, but somehow implanted themselves deep within me. The words and example of parents, teachers, colleagues and friends can often impact our own actions, attitudes and futures. They can open us to compassion or prejudice, courage or self-loathing, love or hate.

We will not all be gifted like Maria to create something beautiful and physical that we know will be cherished by others in years to come. However, we will still leave a legacy long after we're gone. The values, attitudes and words we use now will each play their part in the shaping of the future. So perhaps we should use the fleeting, transitory moments that we have now with care – finding words which encourage and build, sharing the stories of faith and things that have been passed on to us so they are not lost, and working in ways that will give life to others, long after our life in this world is over.

That would be a beautiful thing to create.

	ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES						
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 nd READING	GOSPEL
FEB 5th	4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 58: 1-9a, 9b-12	1 CORIN- THIANS 2: 1-12, 13-End	MATTHEW 5: 13-20
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30pm	USHA HULL	AMOS 2: 4-End	EPHESIANS 4: 17-End	
12th	3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD USHA HULL	DEUTER- ONOMY 30: 15-End	1 CORIN- THIANS 3: 1-9	MATTHEW 5: 21-37
19th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MATTHEW 6: 25-End		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 1:1- 2: 3	ROMANS 8: 18-25	MATTHEW 6: 25-End
26th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	EXODUS 24: 12-End	2 PETER 1: 16-End	MATTHEW 17: 1-9

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

ROTAS						
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER	
FEB 5th DAVID	MAVIS HAGGAR	CLARE RAWLINS MAVIS HAGGAR	KEITH & ALISON BARNFIELD	GLORIA KERSEY	SHIRLEY BARKER	
	NICK WHITING	DI BRADLEY MALCOLM SLAUGHTER				
12th KEITH	ROSEMARY NODDER	LINDA AND IVOR WILLIAMS	MALCOLM AND JUNE SLAUGHTER	GLORIA KERSEY	PAULINE BROWN	
19th PAULINE	NICKY HADLEY	MARY GREGG MYRA WALKER	MAVIS HAGGAR	GLORIA KERSEY	CLARE RAWLINS	
	PAULINE SPRING	PETE JOHNSON GRAHAM SPRING				
26th DAVID	TED SHARP	ELAINE FOWLER RUTH SHARP	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	GLORIA KERSEY	SUE WHITBOURN	

The Church will be floodlit on February 11th 2017 to commemorate the life of Alison Rawlins who died 20 years ago this day. She will always be lovingly remembered by family and friends.

As ever, the Christmas celebrations from the St Peter's Christmas Market through to Epiphany were busy and joyful.

For the first time, on 18th December – a very dark, damp and chilly night - a community Nativity event was staged in conjunction with the school. Attended by well over 200 people, the process began fairly late in the year and was managed by Emma Owens who did a sterling job securing costumes, working on the script, liaising with St Peter's and managing the event on the evening. The players were all adults with the exception of our very well behaved baby Jesus – yes a real child who managed somehow to sleep through the whole proceedings! We were very happy to have Frankie the donkey with us again and also some sheep and lambs loaned to us by Harry for the evening.

We started at the Church with the Annunciation. It was atmospheric in the darkness of the late afternoon as we began our procession with lanterns up the driveway, across the lane to Muspatts Farm. Here Mary and Joseph knocked on various doors trying to find somewhere to lodge and the shepherds were visited by the angel Gabriel. The scene inside the barn was wonderful, the shepherds and Kings worshipping the newborn baby and children from Tewin School singing carols with the lambs bleating in unison. At the close we were able to enjoy mulled wine and other refreshments in the barn.

There are many people who contributed to this event, probably too many to mention here, but the lantern workshop was held on 10th December in the school hall thanks to the efforts of Myra Walker and Su Quinn. The lanterns were made of willow and white tissue paper fixed together with tape and painted with PVA glue, - a bit messy, but very effective once the LED lights were put inside. They were made in all shapes and sizes including stars, angels, and flowers.

Thanks also to Ivor Williams for allowing us to use the barn at Muspatts, Harry for the loan of sheep and Janine Harris for Frankie. Also a very brave Mum, Wilna McComb, for the loan of baby Leah. Nick Whiting had liaised with the police so that everyone was safe when we processed from the Church and they were indeed very helpful on the night.

I know that Emma has been able to purchase, from the proceeds, a farm and also four goats via Oxfam, so a really good result for this our first effort at this community event. We are hoping to do it again next year, but also to resurrect the Carol Service to its evening slot once again.

PB

'Little Lambs' for Pre-Schoolers and their Carers Story, song, play and craft



Thursdays February 9th and 23rd 2pm-3pm (a) St Peter's Church, Tewin And it's free. For more info contact The Rev'd Susannah Underwood 01438 817183 Team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk Or just come along!

Candlemas

Candlemas, 2nd February, is a Christian festival which commemorates the ritual purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus. On this day Christians remember the presentation of Jesus Christ to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World.

Ritual purification stems back to a Jewish tradition that women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. At the end of this time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services again.

The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed.



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Regulations For Bird Keepers Extended

Hertfordshire County Council's Trading Standards service is highlighting that the temporary rules regarding the keeping of poultry and other captive birds have been extended until 28 February 2017.

On Wednesday 6 December the government's Chief Veterinary Officer announced new regulations to help protect poultry from a strain of avian flu in Europe. These regulations have now been extended to the end of February and keepers of poultry and other captive birds are required to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. This doesn't just apply to commercial poultry farms. **Even if you just have a few chickens in your back garden the regulations apply.**

Poultry keepers are also advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds or any wild birds and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. Signs of disease include loss of appetite, swollen heads and respiratory problems.

Avian flu is an infectious viral illness that spreads among birds. Public Health England has issued advice that the threat to human health remains very low. Also, on the basis of current scientific evidence, avian flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers.

Hertfordshire Trading Standards is also reminding people that you must register poultry flocks of 50 or more birds which you own or are responsible for. They don't have to all be the same species. This applies even if your premises are only stocked for part of the year. Also, anyone with less than 50 birds is encouraged to voluntarily register so that you can receive updates quickly if there is an outbreak of disease.

For further information, including advice specifically for keepers of small backyard flocks, see

www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

Senior Snippets – New Year Check List

The New Year is now in full swing and hopefully your resolutions are too. Many of you may be trying to keep active, save more money or spend more time with loved ones, but one resolution we can all make is to stay healthy and safe at home. Your home is where you should feel most secure and now is the perfect time to carry out a few quick checks which are easy to do at the start of each New Year to ensure your homes (and you) are the safest they can be.

Here are some top tips for safeguarding you and your home:

1) Change the battery in all of your smoke alarms and set yourself a reminder to then check they are working properly once a week. The New Year is all about a new start, after all!

2) Many of you may have a safe at home. With cleaners, care staff, doctors and delivery men all potentially having the code, there are a few people who could get to know your code through the year. Therefore by changing the code every January, it will reduce the risk of unauthorised people getting their hands on your keys. I always say it's good practice to NOT use a birth year starting with 19 as the code, because it naturally reduces the number of combinations that someone would need to try before they might gain access.

3) It's always handy to have a list of any medication you take with your doctor's contact details on display where someone can easily find it in case of an emergency. Perhaps by the telephone or on a notice board? Then, in the event of an emergency, this list could travel with you and provide useful information to those looking after you. Alongside this, it's also useful to keep a list of emergency contacts, including any family or friends, who might need to be contacted.

4) Falls are the most common accident to occur within the home; so to lessen the risk of trips and slips, make sure to get any loose carpets or rugs fixed and keep floor space clutter free.

Of course, it's important to stress that this advice shouldn't make you afraid of being in your own home. Rather, I hope it simply acts as a gentle reminder to make easy checks which can significantly reduce the risk of anything serious happening.

Frankii Simms from Home Instead Senior Care in Welwyn Garden City.

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Tewin Stores

Thank you to all who attended the **Annual General Meeting for the shop on Monday 30th January at the Tewin Pavilion.** A copy of the Annual report from the Chairman will appear on the village website shortly www.tewinvillage.co.uk.

I hope many of you will also have enjoyed our special afternoon tea to Beat the Winter Blues. Special events like this help to keep the shop takings up at times when it is otherwise quiet, so please do your best to support them.

Our 100 Club prize winners in January were: 1st Di Bradley £42; 2nd Steph North £21; 3rd Jane Raine £12.60

There will be a special Saturday lunch in February when we shall be serving Sausage and Mash with onion gravy from 12 Noon – 2pm on 18th February 2017.

The shop celebrates its ninth birthday on Tuesday 21st February 2017. Come and enjoy a free muffin with your hot drink any time that day.

We are also holding our usual Pancake Day event on Shrove Tuesday, 28th February, when there will be sweet pancakes on offer from 10am to 3pm.

During the Spring we shall be making further changes and updating the interior of the shop premises, to make things easier for our customers and the volunteers. It will be business as usual, hopefully, with an extension of our fresh and chilled items.

If you would like to become a shareholder, at a cost of only £25, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary, Eleanor Lohr (01438 717709), or speak to Bev at the shop (01438 717929) Linda Adams

Normal Shop Opening Hours:

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Friends of Tewin



The Carols around the Christmas tree was a very special event and the raffle held on the night raised a total of £173 which has been donated to Shelter. The prizes were donated by Friends of Tewin and members of St Peter's Church kindly sold the tickets.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH. WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY.

I hope that those of you who are 60 or over have returned your invitation slips by now as this is a very popular event with a two course meal, quiz, wine and chocolates!

If you would like to come but haven't completed your slip please do so straight away. There are spare invitations available in Tewin Stores if you have mislaid your original one.

The event starts at 12.00 noon in the Memorial Hall and is a lovely way to catch up with old friends or to make new ones especially if you are new to the village. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 21st February and is open to anyone who lives in Tewin. We are making plans for this year's events and have arranged a coach trip for Thursday 15th June but we are open to suggestions for the place to visit!

Please come along on the night and meet our committee and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits with us.

Deborah Newton - Committee Member



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Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

February is a strange month. All the celebrations of Christmas and New Year are over with only Easter to look forward to – and that is still some weeks away. And there are all the inconveniences which our winter weather brings to systems ill prepared for the challenge.

At QVM Hospital and Danesbury Neurological Centre all this means little to the patients that find themselves needing the specialist care which only these establishments provide. The requirements of both patients and their carers have little concern for seasonal issues.

For us, the Friends, this means that we must use all our efforts to ensure that we continue to generate the funds needed to provide the support we are committed to provide. February can be a 'slow' time in our shop so we make extra effort to attract our customers, and to encourage donations of goods to be sold in the shop. If you can help we will always be very grateful.

Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital has been an integral part of the Welwyn community for well over 100 years. It has always been enthusiastically supported and sadly one of those who had long championed QVM died at the end of last year. Maisie Mogridge, 100 years old, had for many years served as Chair of the original League of Friends. With the coming of Danesbury she saw the potential benefits of joining force with the Friends of Danesbury and helped to create the charity we now know as The Friends of Danesbury and QVM Hospital. She gave us wise counsel and will be greatly missed.

Find us on Facebook at Danesbury Shop Welwyn

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Dad's Army Theatre Production

2nd, 3rd and 4th February

Rhodes, 1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3JG,

Come down to Rhodes to watch the Water Lane Theatre's production of Dad's Army on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th February, with a matinee performance on the 4th too. Adult tickets are £14, and concession £12. Tickets are available to purchase from Rhodes Box Office 01279 710 200. Refreshments will be available to purchase, as well as raffle tickets for some fantastic prizes, where the money raised from this will be donated to Isabel Hospice.

Isabel Hospice Clash of the Corporates 13th Feb – 12th May

Do you run a business, or work for one that would like to improve their team working, whilst raising money for a great local cause? How much can your business fundraise from £50? Isabel Hospice is looking for 20 teams to take part in this amazing challenge. Each team will be loaned £50 and within a 3 month period (13 February – 12 May 2017) you need to find interesting and innovative ways of increasing the £50 to make the most profit you can! After the 3 month challenge we will host an awards evening where you will be recognised for all your hard work. There will be two prizes, the first for the team that makes the most profit and a prize for the most innovative idea.

For more information, please contact Isabel Hospice Corporate Fundraiser, Liz Laing on 01707 382500.

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Dates For Your Diary This Month					
Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults		
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group		
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin		
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club		
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm 2.15-3pm	Trussells Butcher's Van Tony's Fish Van		
Thurs 2nd & 16th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge		
Thurs 9th & 23rd	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs		
Mon 6th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting		
Mon 13th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green -'The Theory of Everything'		
Wed 15th	Memorial Hall	12 Noon	Senior Citizens' Lunch		
Sat 18th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch 'Sausage and Mash'		
Tues 21st	Memorial Hall	8pm	Friends of Tewin AGM		
Tues 28th	Tewin Stores	10am-3pm	Pancake Day		

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