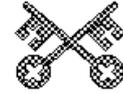




Parish News



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A Message from the Rectory

The snow at the beginning of February was a joy to behold from the warmth of my office. For those who had to work outside, negotiate the icy paths to the Post Office and village store or were trapped in their homes, it was another matter. Yet for some it was truly a gift as children and parents bundled up in coats, scarves and gloves headed off to the nearest slope with a sledge, metal tray or large poly bag to make the most of an unexpected day off work or school.

At the same time I was reading, 'A Good Childhood. Searching for values in a competitive age.' The report commissioned by The Children's Society, carried out over three years, is a review of current research and contains contributions from 30,000 children, adults and professionals.

Sadly, the report's author said: "Our evidence showed clearly how stressful life has become for many children in all social classes. We identified a common thread in these problems, which is the excessive individualism of our culture. This needs to be reversed and children to learn that being of use to others is ultimately more satisfying than an endless struggle for status."

The aggressive pursuit of personal success by adults is now the greatest threat to our children. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, commenting on the Good Childhood Inquiry said, "Our children deserve the best we can give them, and I hope this Report will stir us to action in the wide variety of areas it touches upon. The Report shows something of the energy, the good sense and the vision of so many young people. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that the well-being of children and young people in this country is far from being the priority it should be, and this Report spells out in carefully researched detail some of the ways in which we are failing them. It is a clarion call for us as a society to do better."

2009, the 30th anniversary of the Year of the Child, is a wonderful opportunity for us as individuals, families, organisations, school and church to take up the challenges of the report.

Coralie

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Churchwardens' Notes

Prayer List

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened. Matthew 7: 7,8.

Sunday 1st	Our neighbours in Firs Walk
Monday 2nd	The Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 3rd	Our neighbours in East Riding
Wednesday 4th	Our Church Bell ringers
Thursday 5th	Our neighbours in Godfries Cl.
Friday 6th	The congregation of St Peter's, Ayot St Peter
Saturday 7th	Our Intercessors and Readers
Sunday 8th	Our clergy, Alan, Coralie, Diane & Stephen
Monday 9th	Our Rainbows & Brownie Groups
Tuesday 10th	The PCC Meeting
Wednesday 11th	The Tewin Parent and Toddler Group
Thursday 12th	Our neighbours in Mill House
Friday 13th	Our neighbours in Badgers Walk
Saturday 4th	Our neighbours in Bishop's Road
Sunday 15th	Our Family Service
Monday 16th	Our neighbours in Cowper's Way
Tuesday 17th	Our cleaners and coffee makers
Wednesday 18th	The congregation of St Michael's, Woolmer Green
Thursday 19th	Our neighbours in Tewin Water
Friday 20th	The Tewin Under Fives Group
Saturday 21st	Members of other local churches Retired Clergy who assist our Team
Sunday 22nd	All those who sing in our Choir
Monday 23rd	Our Lent Group
Tuesday 24th	Our village clubs and organizations
Wednesday 25th	
Thursday 26th	The Searching Issues Group
Friday 27th	Our neighbours in Poplars Green
Saturday 28th	Our local doctors, nurses
Sunday 29th	Our Young St Peter's Group
Monday 30th	Our neighbours in Marden Hill
Tuesday 31st	The staff, pupils and governors of Tewin Cowper School

The PCC meeting scheduled for 30th January was postponed, but we did have a meeting of the Standing Committee on 27th January. The date for the Annual General Meeting was set for 15th March, following the 6.30pm evening service. We hope to see you there!

Despite the less than inviting weather for outdoor work, we have been busy in the churchyard. On 11th February, we spent the full day bringing excessive growth under control. This was particularly focussed on the area of the red brick wall on the eastern boundary. Most of the gravestones can once again be seen, much ivy and over-hanging branches having been removed. A big bonus is the number of snow-drops now on view. There is still more to do and we have much appreciated Terry's help on many occasions! More volunteers always welcome! There has been an amount of fallen timber on the other side of the red brick wall. Hazel has kindly allowed us access across the horse field and we have been able to tidy the fallen timber and to remove yet more ivy which was growing on the wall.

Another job involving clearance came on 7th February when we had an 'ice field' around the War Memorial. Our thanks to Roger for his help in making a pathway through this to the West Door.

The new lighting in the nave and chancel has met with general approval and we have now had the up-lighters in the nave 'serviced'. The electrical circuit has been tested, the breaker changed, and the light fittings adapted with brackets to keep them up at an angle such that the ceiling is floodlit.

We wish a long and happy life together to Massimo Federici and Emily Hope Kearns, married on 10th January at St Stephen's church, St Albans followed by a celebratory Eucharist here at St Peter's.

A warm welcome goes to Grace Rose Kirby, who was baptised at our 9.30am Holy Communion service on 8th February.

Mike & Pete

St Peters Electoral Roll

The annual update for the church Electoral Roll is now due. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll should obtain a form from the back of the church and return it to the box located in the same place by the 8th March 2009.

David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)

Tewin Parish Council



MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME **(as required by Freedom of Information Act)**

Every public authority that is subject to the obligations in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 2000 Act) is required to adopt and maintain a publication scheme.

A publication scheme is a commitment to routinely and proactively provide information to the public and produce and publish a method by which the specific information will be available so that it can easily be identified and accessed by the public. The scheme is operational from 1st January 2009.

The Parish Council has unanimously agreed to adopt the model publication scheme and agreed to publish the Model Publication Scheme and the Guide to Information on the website

DOG FOULING

The Parish Council has received several complaints about dog-fouling in the Parish and would like to remind dog owners of their obligation to clean up after their pets.

The whole of the East Herts Council's Area is designated for the purpose of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This means all land that the public have access to is "poop scoop" area. If a dog fouls on designated land it is an offence if the person in charge of the dog fails to pick up the mess.

Land includes pedestrian areas, footways, verges, play areas and highways within a speed limit less than 40 mph. Dogs are banned from childrens fenced play areas. *The Parish Council would also emphasize that designated land being "land that the public has access to" also includes village greens, common land and Public Rights of Way (e.g. footpaths and bridleways).*

The Parish Council endorses the following advice published on the East Herts Council website. Be a responsible dog owner and carry disposable bags to ensure you can clean up after your dog, keep your dog under control at all times, keep your dog out of dog restricted areas, and do not allow the dog out alone. Use a poop scoop or a suitable bag and dispose of deposits at home in the dustbin or in any Council litter or "doggie" bins. In the interests of hygiene, always please tie the neck of used bags.

Dog fouling is a nuisance and can also be a danger, particularly to young children, as it can lead to serious illnesses such as toxocariasis. Failure to clean up after a dog in your charge will lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice for £50, or prosecution, which may lead to a fine of £1,000 plus costs. It is not an acceptable defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions or that you did not carry means to dispose of the fouling at the time.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on 2nd March 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room. Other meeting dates are: Monday 6th April 2009 & Monday 11th May 2009

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 AND NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (They 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

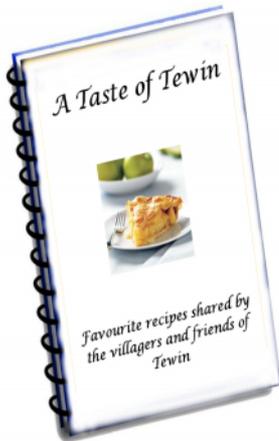
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Herts County Councillor Cllr Bryan Hammond
Tel: 01438-798298.

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Operation Arable – 01992-533000 – For reporting motorcycles. **Police Community Team – 01992-533671** – 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 Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.



Recipes for our village cookery book are coming in thick and fast.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our culinary collection!

Entry sheets are available at Tewin Village Stores or Tebbutts.

**St. Peter's, TEWIN
Harvest Festival Weekend**

19th-20th September 2009

Tewin website news Feb 09 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

This is my annual report about the Tewin website for the year 2008/9.

The Website group has met five times during the year in January, April, June, August and October to review the website. Throughout the year however we have been at pains to respond to our readers' needs, whether it be in the form of a critique from the Parish Plan volunteers, or from a new business starting in the village requesting inclusion on the Business page, or for additions to the Calendar page, from local organisations.

The website continues to be financed by village organisations – Friends of Tewin, Tewin Society, THACS, the Church and the Memorial Hall. Any business in the village may have an entry free of charge on the Business page.

The Parish Plan critique mainly concerned the Directory pages, which we update from time to time. This is now more easily accessed from the list on the Home page and parts can be printed if required using the "Print" button on each page. The website version is of necessity always going to be more up to date than any printed version of the village Directory, which has in the past been produced by the Tewin Society.

Overall there have been over 7000 hits on the site since January 2008. We continue to be read by people from outside the village, as well as the locals. Only recently I had a request for a book order form for the Tewin History book from a former resident, who now lives in Bedfordshire, and who was amazed to see that updates to some of the pages had taken place only seven days earlier. As you know there are websites of all types that have not been updated since they were designed years ago.

As far as the group is concerned, sadly, of course, we have lost Les Borg this year. Our dear friend Peter Walters has also been able to do less and less than either he or we would have wanted, due to ill health. But when he has been feeling alright he has continued to update the Calendar and Events History pages. He has also added the Parish Plan and related information this year. Many thanks to him for all his efforts.

I must also thank others in the group who work so hard to keep the pages current:

Derek Adams, regularly changes the Home page, adding his own beautiful views of the village at different times of the year. Derek has also reworked the Conservation pages this year and helped others on the group when necessary. A special thank you also for taking over the minutes from me. Alf Fulford, who is producing very artistic pages for THACS with many lovely photos of events. Doreen Lloyd who works with Derek on the Friends of Tewin pages and represents the Parish Council as well. Lynn Farr, updates the Hall pages which are now more user friendly, thanks to Peter and Felix, and are helping to bring in more new business for the Memorial Hall.

Felix Green, our technical expert, has worked so hard this year to make the site more user friendly for those both updating the site and those who access it. She has also looked closely at the statistics for who looks at the site. Very amusingly, the greatest number of hits to the site concern the opening times for our local pubs.

We have been pleased to welcome to the group Helen Pinkney, now the Editor of the Parish News, and Caroline McFarlane, who has always been linked to the website for the Parish Council information, but who now plans to do a page for young people in the village. And finally we hope soon to have another new page for the Under Fives.

Happy surfing

Linda Adams Tewin Webmaster alannio@btinternet.com or feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk or 01438 798147

Spring Jumble Sale

March 7th at 2 – 5pm in the Memorial Hall

Beat the credit crunch by coming along to the Spring Jumble Sale where you're assured of finding good quality items at unbelievably low prices! The Memorial Hall Committee know the Tewin villagers always donate a variety of excellent goods and are again counting on their generosity for the forthcoming sale. All donations are welcome although, as you know, we can't accept beds, three-piece suites and second-hand underwear, but we'd be delighted to have everything else, including unwanted gifts and electrical goods. We will collect on the evenings of Thursday 5th and Friday 6th, as well as throughout the day on Friday. However, **electrical items will be required on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of that week** so they can be PAT tested in advance. In addition, heavy goods, i.e. large furniture items etc, can only be collected on the **Friday evening**. Please phone either of the following to arrange a collection.

Todd Canton: 717395 David Laming: 798213

Of course, if you are able to deliver direct to the Hall on **Friday the 6th - between 7.30 and 9pm - or on the Saturday morning - before 12 noon please so we have time to sort** - it would be much appreciated.

As always, we're asking for help with manning the stalls, as well as sorting on the Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please call Jean or myself on 01438 717395 if you're able to help in any capacity. Even just an hour to assist with sorting would be welcome and, of course, manning the stalls on Saturday afternoon is vital. We are always delighted to welcome new helpers, but should also be grateful if all our regulars would let us know in advance if they are able to assist on this occasion so we have some idea of numbers.

Many thanks. Todd Canton on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the January 2009 draw

1st £64 Diana Saban, Bishops Road

2nd Dilys Applegate, Orchard Road

3rd £13 Ian Barton-Jones, Harwood Close

3rd £13 Carol Pullen, Upper Green Road

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

I had not realised this but apparently I left the black folder I use for the Church choir in the church after the Carol Concert in December. I only now know this because Mike Kersey told me he had seen it in the vestry and that as it had now disappeared he thought I must have claimed it. He knew it was mine because there were a couple of Christmas cards inside it addressed to me . I have checked here at home and of course it is not here and he was right. I have not needed it since and so have not missed it.

Well - it belonged to my husband and it was the only thing he saved from his 27 year career in the Civil Service and it has "Northern Ireland Office" on the outside. If someone has taken it home meaning to give it back to me could I say that "Yes I would like to reclaim it, please". Many thanks.

Linda Adams 01438 798147"

Tewin History Book – Reminder!

Please note that you have only until the 1st April to purchase 'The History of Twin by the People of Tewin' at a reduced price. This colourful new book on the history of the village is due for publication later in the year, but by placing an order before the 1st April, you can take advantage of the introductory price of £20.00. Thereafter the cost will be £25.00. In addition, by placing an early order, you can be listed in the book as a Subscriber or Sponsor if you wish. Details of this offer and further information is given on the Order Form, which is available from Tewin Stores. If you are unable to visit the shop, please phone any of the numbers below.

Elizabeth Wilson – 717596; Linda Adams – 798147; Jean Canton – 717395

on behalf of The History Book Committee



Geoff & Menna Searle would like to thank all those who sent get well wishes, cards, flowers, plants and nice things to each whilst they were ill. Tewin is a great place to live when you are surrounded by such kindness. Thank you all very much.

Belinda Allen Those of you who remember her will be delighted to know that Belinda Lieman (nee Allen) had a daughter on 20-11-08. Poppy Freya will be christened on St David's day (01-03-09) at her home in Wales.

Iris Munn RIP. Iris Munn died peacefully at the grand old age of 97, on Saturday 17th of January at her retirement home near Petersfield, Hants. Her husband Harry, who predeceased her, also died in Petersfield at the age of 92.

Iris and Harry were Tewin residents for over 35 years residing at Piggott's on Upper Green. Both participated in local activities, Iris being a member of the WI and Harry being a founder of the post war Tewin Cricket Club. Both were keen Francophiles.

They retired from Tewin some years ago to live in South Harting, W Sussex, and later moved to Petersfield. Iris and Harry will be remembered by their many friends in Tewin and particularly Tewin Cricket Club.

FRIENDS OF TEWIN

Our annual Senior Citizens lunch was deemed by many a great success. It was good to see so many good friends and I know you all enjoy catching up with them, especially after the recent weather we have had. 77 sat down to eat and 2 were taken out to homes. It was nice to meet Karen Broad our local Community Police Officer who is available for help should you need her. Many thanks go to the people who made donations, and you for attending our fund raising events.

Which brings me nicely to ask you to put two dates on your calendar. We have persuaded Tewin School to celebrate May Day with a traditional dance around the Maypole. The Pole was donated by Tewin Society many years ago and used to be an annual event in the village and we are hoping after this year it may continue. It is to be held in the morning of Friday May 1st 2009 on the Lower Green. More details later.

The other date is August 23rd when we will repeat the Classic Car Display with other displays on the Upper Green. We do have more events to bring to you but dates etc., have yet to be finalised.

Many thanks

Linda Crawford Chairman Friends of Tewin

St Peters will be floodlight on
Friday 6th March in memory
of Claude Owen

Tewin Society Parish News March 2009

AGM & talk on Owls - Monday 9th March 2009

Sorry about the incorrect date last month! The AGM will start at 7.30 pm., and finish at 8pm.

8pm Peter Wilkinson will then give a talk on Owls. At around 9pm, we will break for wine and nibbles. This is free for members and for non members there will be a charge of £3 to include refreshments.

Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members- in particular someone for Membership and the Newsletter- should be made to Merralyn Sandison, Secretary on 01438 717738 or Rosemary Nodder on 01438 798705.

Thacs :Tewin horticultural arts & crafts society

Monday 19th January 2009 - Annual General Meeting and talk on the new book about Tewin to be published in 2009: *The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin*.

The eighth THACS AGM took place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 19th January 2009 and was attended by more than 56 people. Gay Cates presented the Chairman's report for 2008 and Pat Fulford presented the Treasurer's report.

Gay Cates, Chairman, retired from office after completing her three-year term. Ray Keppler was elected as the new Chairman and Anna Clark as new Vice-Chairman. Pat Fulford and Doreen Lloyd were re-elected as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. The remaining members of the committee, Terry Brand, Gay Cates, Alfred Fulford, Menna Searle and Kate Stott were all re-elected. Two new additions to the committee were elected:- Kay Adams and Ann Moon.

The AGM was followed by a refreshment break, during which Michael Clark showed some films depicting village farm life in 1959 and 1989. After the break, there was an informative and entertaining talk about the production of the book '*The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin*', given by Elizabeth Wilson, Linda Adams and Michael Clark.

Saturday 28th March 2009 - THACS Spring Show at Tewin Memorial Hall

We hope that Spring will suddenly burst forth, and that by the end of March there will be a riot of colour in your gardens! The THACS Spring Show will take place on Saturday 28th March at Tewin Memorial hall. The schedule, rules and entry forms have already been delivered to THACS members and extra copies are available in Tewin Stores. Alternatively, you can obtain them from the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk or contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 and pick one up from Tewin Orchard. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to Anna Clark, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX by Sunday 22nd March.

There are many classes to enter, from flower arranging to making an Easter card, cooking and photography, and lots of different categories for children, so please don't feel that if your daffodils are not up to the mark, there is nothing for you. Exhibitors should bring their exhibits to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day, and we would love to see everyone from 2.15pm to admire the show and enjoy the refreshments and a chat. The presentation will be at 3.30pm with an auction of donated entries shortly afterwards.

Thursday 30th April 2009 - Visit to RHS gardens, Wisley

THACS is arranging an outing to Wisley, which is the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. We are going on a day when there will be a daffodil show to add to the delight of this world-renowned garden.

Set in 240 acres of beautiful grounds, visitors can experience different styles of planting and garden design in a variety of lovely settings. At this time of year there will be tulips, muscari and fruit blossoms and on Battleston Hill, magnolias and rhododendrons. The top of the magnificent Rock Garden gives an amazing view down onto the new Glasshouse and lake. This glasshouse is a showcase for a world-class plant collection, including rare and endangered species. The huge cathedral-like structure has three climatic zones, recreating tropical, moist and dry temperate habitats.

There is a Plant Centre with a wide variety of hardy plants for sale, the Wisley Shop for inspirational gifts and a choice of five different refreshment options. There are many facilities for disabled, including wheelchairs and an electric mobility vehicle for those who cannot walk too far.

As THACS are affiliated members of the RHS, there will be no entry charge for us. The price for the coach is £8 for members and £10 for non-members. An optional guided tour of the gardens is available for our group at an additional cost of £1. **The coach will leave Tewin (opposite the Rose and Crown) at 9.00am promptly and leave Wisley at 3.30pm.**

If you wish to come, then please complete the booking form and send it with your payment to Pat Fulford by **31st March 2009**. Please make cheques payable to THACS. 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, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP (01438 798717)**.