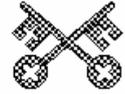




# Parish News



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*The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry*

*Parish of St Peter, Tewin*

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It's a rural focus this month, not that I ever forget, especially when I walk down the drive to St Peter's Church. To the left there are the sounds of sheep, pigs, chickens and geese and to the right a crop growing or ready for harvesting.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July the speaker at the morning service was Glyn Evans a Farm Crisis Network (FCN) regional director. FCN is a Christian voluntary organisation with volunteers drawn from farming communities and rural churches. The volunteers are ready to "walk with" farming people and families who are in difficulty. At St Peter's we are supporting FCN for one month by prayer and financial giving.

This month on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am we will be celebrating Lammastide as we give thanks for the first fruits of the Harvest. The Lammastide festival has an ancient English origin when traditionally a newly baked loaf was presented before God at the mass. We will be using a hand baked loaf in the service. Do please come and share in this ancient rural festival and the loaf.

Finally, an advance warning, there is a Harvest Festival weekend of celebration on September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's. Details, posters and other information will be available shortly. For those of you who have memories of celebrating a church Harvest Festival and especially Evensong, there will be a Harvest Evensong on the Sunday at 6.30pm to round off the weekend.

At a time when we seem to be bombarded by financial disaster and unemployment, conflict in so many parts of the world and a media that portrays life as full of danger perhaps we need to get back to our roots and rediscover all that is good and stable and does not demand that we live life at a manic pace. Come and share in this at St Peter's and be certain of a warm welcome.

Best wishes and God's blessing **Coralie**

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

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# Churchwardens' Notes



## Men Only!

The next Team Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, 26th September 2009, at New Church House, Welwyn, when the speaker will be Tony Miller, who runs the Whitechapel Mission. He will speak about his life and what brings him to be doing what he is doing now. Tickets will be available later from Graham Spring but if you are interested, put the date in your diary NOW.

## Summer Evensongs -

The theme this year will be The Psalms and services begin at 6.30pm with a time to have a glass of wine or fruit juice after the service.

Sunday 26th July Welwyn - Coralie McCluskey  
Sunday 2nd August Datchworth - Colin Hull  
Sunday 9th August Woolmer Green - Catherine Jupp  
Sunday 16th August Tewin - Alan Winton  
Sunday 23rd August Welwyn - Usha Hull  
Sunday 30th August Datchworth - Stephen Fielding  
Sunday 6th September Woolmer Green - Diane Whittaker  
Sunday 13th September Ayot St Peter - Mick Simmons

## **DAPHNE KETTERIDGE**

**St.Peter's will be floodlit on**  
**Monday 3rd August in memory of**  
**Daphne Ketteridge**  
**Requested by Roy, Jayne and**  
**Bubbles**

Would the person who has removed the spare key to the organ please return it immediately .

July started with a visit from Woolmer Green's Mothers' Union on Tuesday 7th July. Our thanks go to Mary Gregg for her talk on the history of St.Peter's and to Di Bradley for providing splendid refreshments. We were presented with beautiful yellow roses and had a nice letter of thanks from them. They really seemed to have enjoyed themselves - we certainly did.

Summer Evensongs started at St. Mary's, Welwyn on 26th July. The venues for August are as follows:- 2nd August Datchworth, 9th August Woolmer Green, 16th August Tewin, 23rd August Welwyn, 30th August Datchworth. On 6th September it will be at Woolmer Green and the last one on 13th September at Ayot St.Peter's. All services will be at 6.30pm

On 16th August when Evensong is at Tewin the service will be taken by Alan Winton. This will be our last chance to meet Alan at St.Peter's before he leaves the Team for a well earned holiday prior to his Consecration as Bishop of Thetford on September 29th. The Consecration will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral at 11am. Anyone wishing to attend the service is asked to make their own way there. However a coach is being organised for those unable to use public transport. Please contact Philippa at the Team office if you need to use the coach.

A leaving gift from the whole Team is being organised for Alan. Please hand your contributions to Graham Spring or the churchwardens. A farewell is also being planned, at St. Mary's Welwyn, between 6 and 8pm on 29th September. More details later.

There will not be a service at St.Peter's on 30th August. Instead there will be a joint Tewin/Datchworth Open Air service of Holy Communion at 9.30am at Burnham Green, in a marquee, followed by Evensong at Datchworth at 6.30pm.

Now for a few reminders for your diary. Our Harvest Festival Weekend, 19/20th September is only 2 months away and plans are being finalised. Offers of help on both days would be very welcome. Please contact Pauline Brown. All Saints, Datchworth Festival is on 22/23 August, Camerata concert at St.Peter's 10th October and a Quiz Night open to the whole Team on 21st November at 7.30pm at Woolmer Green.

We welcome Mike Read into the family of the Church following his Baptism and Confirmation at St. Mary's on 12th July and Annabelle Elizabeth Gaskin who was Baptised at St.Peter's on 28th June.

Pete & Mike



### **SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVICE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

#### **“STAYING SAFE” and “THINK B4 U ACT”**

In the last few weeks of the school year, Hertfordshire Constabulary is reminding young people to stay out of trouble during the long summer holiday.

Youth officers and Schools' PCSOs make regular visits to their schools across the county and, in recent weeks, have been armed with new advice leaflets. 'Staying Safe' advises children about how to protect themselves and their property and 'Think B4 U Act' aims to ensure they understand the consequences of their actions around others and what would be considered to be anti-social behaviour that could result in police intervention. Both leaflets and more advice are available online at [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

“We know that the vast majority of school-age children in Hertfordshire are law-abiding, sociable and friendly but we also recognise that, when in groups, they can appear intimidating to other people,” said Inspector Richard Beechey, the Constabulary lead on Youth Issues. “They can get raucous and excited, leading them to behaviour that they might not normally get up to in different circumstances.

“Our message to young people is to think about your behaviour and how it may affect others before it goes too far and you end up in trouble with police. At the same time we want to reassure residents and businesses that very few young people commit crime and become involved in anti-social behaviour and we are doing a great deal of work to keep it that way.”

There are dedicated PCSOs aligned to secondary schools, working closely with local councils to reduce anti-social behaviour and liaising with Youth Offending Teams who steer young people in trouble away from a life of crime – and many more tactics to deal with youth issues as part of the Constabulary's Youth Strategy.

**For more information:** Please contact Annabel Maghie in Hertfordshire Constabulary, Corporate Communication on 01707 35 4584.

**Non Emergency Number:** 0845 33 00 222

**Website:** [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

## **Tewin Parish Council**

### **MAJOR CHANGES TO REFUSE COLLECTION**

East Herts Council will be sending out a detailed leaflet to the Parish in September and the new collection will commence in November. Refuse and recyclable materials will be collected in alternate weeks.

Bigger bins will be available to families with young children upon request to East Herts Council and extra collections will be made over the Christmas period.

### **HIGHWAYS**

School Lane has flooded several times recently and the pictures received from residents were forwarded to Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond and Hertfordshire Highways. Highways quickly arranged for the gulleys to be cleared from Upper Green Road through to Churchfield Road and we were advised to monitor the situation.

Highways have advised the Parish Council that they will be taking this up with the Design Team to assess what further action may be needed to deal with the problem and will advise us as soon as they have any further information .

### **TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**

The trees around the Scout Hut at the Memorial Hall will be trimmed in due course.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** ~ The next meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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](http://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](mailto:caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net)

## *Thacs* - Tewin horticultural arts & crafts society

### **Forthcoming events ~ Saturday 5th September 2009 - Eighth THACS Autumn Show**

Remember that show schedules and entry forms are available from 1<sup>st</sup> August in our local stores or from Anna Clark, THACS Show Secretary, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin AL6 0LX, telephone 01438 798324.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - Quiz evening and meal**

By popular demand, THACS are holding a quiz night again, run by our local, distinguished quiz master, Andrew Whawell. It will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October and (like all of our events) it is open to members and non-members. The doors open at 7.00pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. A supper of fish or chicken or veggie burger and chips will be available and will be served during the interval at about 8.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. The price for this event is **£6 per person**, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Teams of eight will be formed on the night, but please let us know if you have already organised your team. Those of you who came last time will remember how much fun we had, so to secure a place, please complete the booking form as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishop's Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

Booking forms are available from the newsletter or the THACS page on the Tewin web site ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

### **Recent events ~ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 -THACS plant stall at the village fete**

THACS plant stall at Tewin Village Fete was a great success, with many flowering plants, shrubs and vegetables and even some large walnut trees. People flocked to buy these plants and the helpers were kept very busy throughout the afternoon. Many thanks to all who so generously donated their plants and their time in helping us, but especially to Sue Whitbourn, who was in charge of everything on the day. We raised more money than last year, despite the dull weather and were glad to be able to contribute £443 towards our village hall. Well done to everyone.

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 - Painting and Photography at Marden Hill**

A painting and photography day was organised at Marden Hill by kind permission of Tove and Colin Huntley, who also opened their facilities for us. A group of enthusiastic artists were able to wander around the attractive grounds of Marden Hill House and choose a place to try their skills, by sketching, painting or taking photos for future reference. The weather was warm and sunny and the atmosphere peaceful and relaxing. Apart from the artistic efforts, it was just good to sit and have our picnic lunch and chat with one another and enjoy a lovely day out. Many thanks again to the Huntley's and residents of Marden Hill.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - Visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum, London**

This event was cancelled due to lack of support.

## **Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital**

We are pleased that our shops continue to provide us with funds in support of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and Danesbury and we are grateful for the donation of any surplus items.

Our Knebworth staff were delighted to receive a black bag containing some excellent clothes, jewellery and handbags which raised a large sum of money. Unfortunately we do not know who the generous donor was so we would like to express our thanks to all who continue to support their local hospitals.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

01438 840514

**TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB** ~ Results for the June 09 draw 1<sup>st</sup> £64 Rosa Powell, School Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> £38 Peggy Harris, Harwood Close, 3<sup>rd</sup> £13 Paula Collins, Lower Green, 3<sup>rd</sup> £13 Doreen Lloyd, Grass Warren. Membership forms from Peter Burleigh ( 23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260 ) or any member of the Hall committee



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

**19th - 20th Sept**

**Come to visit this old church, renovated by the Sheriff of Hertford in 1086 on a site established by the sons of Tew - the Saxon God of war!**

**A comprehensive programme of events is planned over the two days**

**Saturday 19th September**

**Harvest & Flower Display      Church & Churchyard Tours**  
*Refreshments*      **Evening Concert**

**"Music for a September Evening"**

**A programme of well known, well loved music by Rossini, Mozart, Verdi, etc**

**Sung by a vocal quartet from the Royal Academy of Music**

**To be held in the Church at 7:00pm**

**Interval wine & cheese will be served in the marquee**

**Tickets are priced at £10 each with a family ticket for £25 (2 adults & up to 2 children)**

**and are available from:**

<b>Ted Sharp</b>	<b>edward.sharp@dsl.pipex.com</b>	<b>01438 798594</b>
<b>Pat Ashman</b>	<b>patash48@yahoo.co.uk</b>	<b>01438 712491</b>
<b>Roger Malec</b>	<b>themalecs@yahoo.co.uk</b>	<b>01438 798303</b>

**Sunday 20th September**

*Harvest Service at 11:00am*      **Harvest lunch/BBQ**      *Garden games*

**Teddy bear parachuting**      **Raffle**      **Mini farm**      **Treasure Hunt**

**Tewin History Display**      **Maypole dancing**      **Tractor trailer rides**

**Music in the Church**      *Handbell ringing*      **Stalls: All sorts for all ages**

**Detailed Programme free with the next issue of the Parish News**

# TEWIN STORES

## LATEST NEWS ~ NEW COMMUNITY ROOM INTERNET CAFÉ AND REFURBISHED TEA GARDEN

Our new Community Room with internet access and refurbished Tea Garden is now open.

**Opening hours:** Weekdays from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm

Saturdays and Sundays from 10.00 until 12.00 noon.

Local artists and groups are invited to use the community room for art and craft displays.

Please register your interest in the shop.

We still need volunteers to help serve tea and coffee at weekends. (use of the till is not required!)

Please contact the shop if you can help.

### **Datchworth Climate Change Group ~ Invites you to an open forum**

#### **Food security in the 21st century - Why Britain needs a plan**

**By Patrick Holden Director, Soil Association UK**

**Monday 21st September @ 7.00pm Tewin Memorial Hall**

**Lower Green Tewin Herts AL6 0JX**

**Tickets £3.00 (limited availability reserve in advance or buy at the door)**

**For more information or to reserve tickets contact Barbara Massam tel 01920 830527  
or email [events@datchworthccg.org.uk](mailto:events@datchworthccg.org.uk)**

### **THANK YOU TEWIN FOR ANOTHER BUMPER FETE!**

The Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Village Fete and all those who helped to ensure its success. Despite the weather, which was not as good as 2008, the takings were in excess of £6,800 and we hope the net profit will exceed £5,600 – both beating all previous records. This has enabled the Committee to place an immediate order for six more windows to be installed during August when you will see the scaffolding erected for work on the dormer windows.

The Dance Dynamix group and the Accent on Youth jazz band entertained visitors as they strolled around the numerous attractions, with the THACS plant stall and the Church Tombola proving very popular, as was Ruth Woodruff's Candy Floss stall which attracted a queue of people, both young and old. So many people were involved in the success of the Fete and the Memorial Hall Committee wish to thank them all for their help and hard work. It isn't possible to mention everyone who came along to set up and take down the tables and gazebos, or who manned the stalls and helped clear up afterwards, but if you are among those people, please know that you have our gratitude and thanks. We also wish to thank all those who so kindly donated gifts for the 'New/Nearly New' and the 'Tombola', and to everyone who baked cakes – these contributions are vital to the success of the Fete and we are very grateful to you all.

Our thanks must also go to Lynn Farr and her committee for organising the event. When it was over one visitor was heard to remark "*What a happy day!*"! That's what it's all about. Next year's Village Fete will be held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, so please put a note in your diaries. *The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee*

### **To all Tombola and Cake Stall Donors....**

Once again we should like to thank everyone who kindly made donations to the Tombola and Cake stalls. Many items arrived 'anonymously' so we weren't able to thank the donors personally, but please be assured we were very grateful to you and to everyone who contributed. Thanks to you all both stalls were a success.

Mary Gregg on behalf of the Tombola stall team & Jean Canton on behalf of the Cake stall team



## *Friends of Tewin*

In my newspaper it reported on "Tuesday July 7th Britain's heaviest down-pour since 1865" and certainly Tewin had a lot of rain but it didn't spoil the enjoyment of the folk who came on the "Southend" trip because we hardly had any rain and what little we did have was during the lunch time when most of us were enjoying the local fish and chips. 33 of us had a lovely day out and although we didn't fill the coach we are not deterred and will arrange something again next year.

Our Classic Car Show on Sunday 23rd of August is our next event, and we already have lots of classic cars attending but Upper Green being a big area there is always room for more. This year we will have a selection of stalls including crafts, food and charity stalls, all of whom will have lots to sell. We have a Bouncy Castle for the children and a display from local Morris Men and Major-ettes. We hope you might bring a picnic and spend the day with us. If not the pavilion will sell tea/coffee and cakes all day, Roastaholics are coming along and will be selling bacon/beef and sausage burgers and there will also be a "classic" ice cream van. Like any event in Tewin we rely on local support to help put up gazebos and transport tables, etc., before and after the event. If you have time to spare at either end of the day, please contact me or any of the committee,

Thank you, Linda Crawford Chairman Friends of Tewin

BURNHAM GREEN FESTIVAL  
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31ST 2009  
SPITFIRE DISPLAY ~ SPORTS ~ BBQ ~  
FAIR ~ REFRESHMENTS ~  
STALLS & MANY OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Village Fete ~

### NEW/NEARLY NEW STALL

I would like to personally thank all those who contributed to the New/Nearly New Stall this year. Despite the recession we still had more than 200 items to sell, the majority of which were brand new. We managed to raise over £200 and thank all those who donated, bought and helped in so many ways. THANK YOU

Alison Burleigh

Open Garden at 106 Orchard Road.

Once again I am very pleased to report that my garden opening for the National Gardens Scheme on 28 June turned out to be a great success. This was partly thanks to the weather but mainly due to the fantastic support from everyone who helped on the day, others in the run up to the event, those who contributed cakes and everyone who simply came to sit and drink tea in the garden. Many thanks to everyone for helping to raise the magnificent sum of £1513.90 which I have split between the NGS nursing and gardening charities and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Special thanks to Maureen Yates for weeding in exceptionally hot weather, Ivor Williams for the use of his field for parking, and Team Fruit Cage - they know who they are - for helping to reconstruct the fruit cage in time for the garden opening.

Linda Adams

ps please let me know if you brought your cake on a plate as I still have some to return to their owners."