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Scarecrows Came to Tewin

Welcome to our August 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The front cover photo shows the winner of our recent Scarecrow Competition. With more Scarecrows than ever the Village was a wonderful sight. Well done to all who took part.

With the easing of lockdown restrictions Tewin Stores Post Office will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays (p25), The Plume of Feathers, Rose and Crown and Tewin Bury Farm are open with The Rose and Crown continuing to operate a takeaway service from its full menu (subject to stock availability) alongside dining at the pub.

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

St Peter's Church is holding services again but continuing live streaming on YouTube for those who are not quite ready to return (p18).

The Parish Council are meeting on Mon 7th September (p5) and Tewin Stores are organising a BBQ on Lower Green on the 19th (p25).

The Government has announced the launching of a new Green Homes Scheme from September. Unfortunately, scammers were already at work the day after the announcement. For details of the Scheme and how to avoid bogus callers see page 22.

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

Activities For Your Family As The Summer Holidays Start

The summer holidays are starting, bringing an end to a school year that has been difficult for both children and their parents due to the disruptions wrought by the coronavirus pandemic.

Hertfordshire County Council have pulled together a list of activities from across our services which will hopefully give you some ideas on how you can keep your family entertained and continue to stay safe. Be sure to check back as we will continue to add activities as the holidays continue.

Libraries

Our libraries have been a source of comfort throughout the lockdown so far and will continue to provide online activities for families during the summer holidays. Head over to the libraries pages at

https://bit.ly/30w5mZ0 to see what your local library might be offering during the summer holidays.

Adult and Family Learning

The Hertfordshire Adult Family Learning Service have just published their summer workshop schedule, including a few that are designed around families specifically. Check out their free workshops at

https://bit.ly/2WBcHp2

Heritage & Archives

The brilliant minds over in our archives service have been using lockdown as an opportunity to get the creative juices flowing with activities such as:

- Colouring in our archival collections
- · Make your own imaginary map of Hertfordshire
- Design a coat of arms
- · Recipes for historic cakes

And lots more too! Visit the creative lockdown section of the Herts Memories website at https://bit.ly/2CUb6nd to see what other activities are on offer.

YC Hertfordshire – support for young people

If a young person in your life has been struggling with the lockdown, with exam results or the end of school then YC Hertfordshire are available to provide support and advice. Their youth work projects are due to kick off again in September, and outdoor youth work is continuing throughout the summer. See https://bit.ly/3jkO3Tp for details

Tewin Parish Council

<u>Tewin Parish Council Accounts for the Financial</u> Year Ending 31st March 2020



At the Parish Council meeting on 13th July 2020 the Parish Council unanimously resolved to accept the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2020 and they were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

<u>Tewin Parish Council Annual Return for the Financial Year Ending 31st</u> <u>March 2020</u>

At the Parish Council meeting on 13th July 2020 the Parish Council unanimously resolved to accept and approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return 2019/2020 and Section 2 Accounting Statements for 2019/2020. The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

McCash & Hay carried out the internal audit for 2019/20 and confirmed that all the records were in good order and they did not need to qualify the report in any way.

The Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20 on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 3 has been completed and signed.

Inspection Period

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the unaudited accounting records of the Parish Council for FYE 31.3.2020 are available for inspection from 14th July 2020 until 24th August 2020 by appointment only with the Clerk.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) and Tree Works

If your tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) please make a tree works application, BEFORE any works are undertaken. The form is available from the East Herts Council website.

You will need to ensure you:

- State the reasons for the proposed work
- Provide a sketch plan showing the location of all trees in question
- State a clear indication of the tree(s) species in question
- · Give a full and clear description of the works to be carried out

Before making a tree works application, please ensure you:

 Provide a written report from an arboriculturalist (A full list of accredited consultants can be found at The Arboricultural Association) if your proposed work is as a result of the condition of the tree

- Provide a report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturalist if you are alleging the tree is causing subsidence damage
- Provide any further information you feel may be important to disclose

<u>Common Ragwort</u> (Senecio Jacobaea)

This is a common weed found throughout the British Isles. However it is very toxic to horses and other livestock and can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state.

Under the Weeds Act 1959 the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent the spread of injurious weeds. The Weeds Act specifies **five** injurious weeds: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Creeping Field Thistle, Broad Leaved Dock and Curled Dock.

By promoting good practice and good neighbourliness it is hoped that this weed can be controlled.

If you find you have it in your garden please put rubber gloves on and remove the plant and place it in the <u>black bin</u> to prevent livestock eating it. Fragments of root will remain in the ground so new growth will have to be monitored and removed year after year.

Search for more information on the identification and control of ragwort at www.defra.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday** 7th September 2020 in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Agenda: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 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 and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Queries : Chairman, Keith St Pier Tel: 01438-717551

A Message from Tewin Cowper CE School

As it has been for everyone, it has been a very different kind of year for us but, whilst we have missed so many of our families, we are thankful that children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 were able to return along with children of keyworkers. Adhering to new requirements for social distancing, extensive daily cleaning and keeping children in small groups has been challenging but we are amazed at all that has been achieved in making it as happy and productive a time as possible. We said an emotional 'goodbye' to our Year 6 children, celebrating their time here and sending them on their way with our best wishes.

We also said 'goodbye' to Mrs Barrie who has taught here for 25 years! We are grateful for all she has brought to Tewin Cowper and for making a difference to the lives of so many children. We also said 'goodbye' to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Cubuk who have both been with us for the past year; we hope they will all continue to have good links with us. Mrs Cirillo, our Reception teacher, had a beautiful baby boy early on in July; we send our good wishes to the family and look forward to meeting little Oscar soon. Fortunately, the swimming pool committee is able to open the pool through the summer break, albeit with a limited amount of people in the pool at one time and other measures to ensure health and safety matters are addressed.

We look forward to the new academic year which we hope will bring with it a return to normality and all of our children back full time. We wish you a wonderful Summer.

The Staff Team

THACS Writers Online

THACS Writers' tribute to Tewin social events will appear on the Tewin website at the start of August.

Every Sunday the THACS Writers Online page carries a weekly piece of observation or inspiration relevant to these interesting times.

In early August you can see an ode to all the events and activities and talents that so many of you organise and even more of us enjoy in Tewin each day / week / month / year.

(Those were the days my friend - we thought they'd never end)





BOWLS CLUB NEWS



We are pleased to advise that the Club is gradually opening up following the recent National lockdown. The Bowls Green has been bowled on for the first time this year and is

open for roll-ups by members. This progress is largely due to the dedicated work on the green by members, Rob Kenway and David Williams. Use of the green is confined to telephone calls to the Green Keeper. Distancing is encouraged at all times and of course spectators are not encouraged.

In addition, since the 17th July the bar has been opened on Friday nights and Sunday lunch time for members. All this was carried out under strict hygiene rules. Many precautions are in place and we will be managing numbers with great caution.

As with many activities this has been a difficult time for the club and we're hopeful that we'll be getting back to playing matches in the not too distant future. However, we will not be rushing into it and will be guided by Bowls England and the Government. It has been a long road to get this far and we do not want to spoil things whilst the Covid problem still exists.

Meanwhile, we are sure you will understand the difficulties faced by clubs such as ours and we ask you all to stay safe. We will advise when the bowls matches are able to resume but, in the meantime, if you would like more information about the Club, just contact one of the following - Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

On This Day 1st August

1774 Joseph Priestley, a Presbyterian Minister and chemist, identified a gas later named Oxygen

1831 A new London Bridge, since replaced, opened to traffic

1834 The British Empire began, gradually, to abolish slavery

On the Farm

What extremes of weather we have had. Our grain crops did not like those days of 32/33 degrees of heat. They have been bleached white. The peas did not like those temperature either. But now the weather has cooled down and we've had some rain. Just a pity it was not a month or more earlier.

Our hay crop has been cut and baled, a light crop, poor in volume.

The last of our wheat has left the grain barn. We now have to give the barn a thoroughly good clean and hoover out the ducts. We have a wooden drying floor so the ducts have to be clear to let the air flow to dry or cool our crops. We will let off some smoke bombs to fumigate the building before this season's crop arrives.

We have 2 large fans which work on the Relative Humidity. The lower the Relative Humidity, the more moisture the air can absorb and the quicker the crop can dry. If the oats, peas or wheat need to be dried and I need to take out 1/2/3 percent of moisture, we turn on the gas burner to lower the Relative Humidity.

Mainly through June and July the crops are maturing and are left to themselves to grow until Harvest, with Martyn and Ivor keeping a watchful eye on them.

As a member of the Red Tractor Combinable Crops, each and every year I have a Farm Audit done by an assessor. This is very intensive as I have to keep records of everything I do on the farm with my growing crops through all stages of growth up to Harvest. As a result of a successful audit I get issued with a Yellow Sticker which goes on my Grain Passport, a copy of which goes on every lorry of grain which leaves the farm. Without the Yellow Sticker, no flour mill, grain storage complex, feed mill or anyone else would be able to take my grain and it would not be able to enter the food chain.

Strangely, chickpeas do not seem to suffer from the drought. They are maturing but will not be fit to combine until September. There are only three farmers in the country (one in Kent, Someone in Tewin and one in Lincolnshire) growing them as a trial to find out if they will be suitable to grow in our changing climate.

Ivor Williams





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Post Office Times

Post Office Update: Until further notice and subject to change at short notice if circumstances dictate.

Burnham Green Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 12.30pm until 15.00pm

Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

June 2020 Below are the results for the June Supporters Club draw:

1 st	£56	Linda Gilley, Godfries Close
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2nd £34 Geoff Willis, Upper Green Road

3rd £11 Diane Hagger, Godfries Close

3rd £11 Jacqueline Beadle, Queen Hoo Lane

Want to see your name here?

Please join the Club and help us reach 300 members and monthly prizes totalling £150 every month.

Application forms and more information available from:

- Lisa Bove on <u>personal@lisabove.com</u>
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

John Barton

John Allan Barton sadly passed away peacefully at Yeovil Hospital on 18th June 2020 with his family around him.

He lived a very full, happy, hard working life of 80 years spending his last 15 years of retirement in Dorset.

Born and bred at Warrengate Farm, Tewin, he ran the farm and Marden Dairy producing the locally famous "Barton's Health Tonic."

He was a loving, kind and wonderful husband to Zena, father to Maria & Sally, grandfather to George & Edward and great grandfather to Hugo.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike and we will continue his legacy of kindness and generosity as a distinct reminder of the true gentleman that he was and that we were so blessed to have had in our lives.

On This Day 15th August

- 1843 The Tivoli Pleasure Gardens opened in Copenhagen
- 1914 The Panama Canal opened
- 1945 VJ Day was celebrated marking Japan's unconditional surrender to the allies the previous day
- 1947 India became independent from Britain
- 1965 The Beatles played to 60,000 spectators at Shea Stadium, NY City
- 1969 The Woodstock Music Festival began in Bethel, New York
- 1971 Show jumper, Harvey Smith, made a two-fingered salute to judges after winning the British Show Jumping Derby. He was subsequently stripped of his title and winnings

Team Vicar's Letter

I've never been terribly good with anniversaries. If you are a godchild of mine you'll never expect a birthday card to arrive on your birthday, and my husband and I have consistently remembered our wedding anniversary the day after the event. But one day I do remember each year is the 7th of September, it being the date I was licensed Team Vicar in the Welwyn team (some nine years ago this year) and given responsibility for the two (charming) parishes of Datchworth and Tewin.

Every year I've met this anniversary with a walk between the two parishes. Starting with a time of prayer at All Saints, I remember the congregations, the schools, my neighbours and all those whose path I cross in this enormously privileged role that I hold. Then I set out, with dog, and amble through the lanes and fields thinking of you all and asking for God's blessing on these two communities. I end up at St. Peter's Church, and again have a quiet time of prayer before setting off for home. On occasion I have done this walk in company, but, being conscious of social distancing, this year is a time when it seems right to be doing it alone.

Another marker of ministry amongst us will be the departure of our curate, The Rev'd Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, as he leaves with his partner Daniel, and Old English sheep dog to be Rector of Ampthill with Millbrook and Steppingly. A provisional date for his last Sunday with us is September 13^{th} – and we hope (regulations allowing) that we will be able to have a bit of a send off that Sunday evening. Do pray for Dominic and Daniel as they prepare to move. We will miss them both enormously.

St. Peter's church is now open for our usual pattern of Sunday morning worship. With social distancing and other measures, we are able to meet together again whilst keeping one another safe.

For those who are unable to come along to a church service we continue to live stream worship on YouTube every Sunday morning at 9:30am. You can find details of how to access these service on www.Welwyn.org.uk

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
AUG 2nd	8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE MICK SIMMONS	ISAIAH 55: 1-5	ROMANS 9:1-5	MATTHEW 14:13-21
		NO EVENSONG					
9th	9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DOMINIC HOLROYD- THOMAS	1 KINGS 19: 9-18	ROMANS 10:5-15	MATTHEW 14:22-33
16th	10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-8		
		NO EVENING SERVICE					
23rd	11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 51: 1-6	ROMANS 12:1-8	MATTHEW 16: 13-20
30th	12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JEREMIAH 15: 15-21	ROMANS 12:9-End	MATTHEW 16:21-End

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

ROTAS						
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER	
AUG 2nd	TBC	CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE	PAULINE SPRING	TBC	
PAULINE						
9th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	CLARE RAWLINS	TBC	
16th	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	GLORIA KERSEY	TBC	
DAVID						
23rd DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	TBC	
30th DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	CLARE RAWLINS	TBC	

FUNERALS

Saturday 20th June 2020 Wednesday 24th June 2020

Elizabeth Wilson David Roberts

St Peter's News

Can it be a month since I last wrote for the magazine? It is good to relate that things have progressed at St Peter's during June and early July. In the churchyard the lime tree has been trimmed and we are left with a huge pile of shredding. Pete, our verger, had only to say the word to Linda Williams, and Ivor very kindly cut the hedges. Thank you to them. Thanks also to the Armstrong family who have repaired the tree seat they so kindly donated some years ago and on which we often see visitors enjoying a short rest. And oh Joy! Taylors have repaired and returned the bells – so lovely to hear them briefly peal a few weeks ago.

More importantly, the church has been open again, firstly for private prayer only, and now for carefully arranged services. Roughly half our normal congregation, led by the Rev'd Edward Cardale, with Andrei Pytaleu at the organ, spread ourselves around the pews for our first service together for fourteen weeks. Services are still being streamed every week from one of the churches in the Welwyn team. St Peter's, Tewin streamed the service on the second Sunday in July, with Susannah leading us in prayer. Bless all those who have coloured in panels during the lockdown for the "stained glass" windows assembled by Vicky De Naeyer depicting Faith, Hope and Love. In church things are not as normal – only the vicar receives wine, we wave for the Peace, there are no hymns, in case we spit(!) and no coffee afterwards, though much chat, socially distanced of course. But it is lovely to come together once again as a church community. And as a village community, Susannah brought a small group together at an ecumenical blessing for The Rose and Crown, when Sean and Martine were preparing to open the pub on 4th July. I say "ecumenical" as she was joined by a Catholic Bishop and two local Catholic priests to pray for our community and people everywhere, in this most strange of times. It was a moving and joyful experience.

This has been a time of quiet reflection of what we in Tewin enjoy as a community, coming together from Lower Green to the Burnham Green Road to applaud those villagers who have died during lock-down, celebrating Vicki Griggs' 30th birthday, and clapping the NHS and key workers in the UK. It's a wonderful place to live.

Our clergy continue to be in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families. You can find links to St Peter's Church on line, through Facebook or YouTube or through the Welwyn team www.welwyn.org.uk. Alternatively, please contact, by email or phone, *The Rev'd Susannah Underwood team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk* 01438 817183 Our prayers are ever with all those who have been infected with this virus or who have lost loved ones during the past weeks. Stay safe, stay well. LG.

Learning from Lockdown

I remember a phrase which adults used to use mainly in relation to adolescents. It was "growing pains". The implication is that growing and pain are inextricably linked. Growing pains do not stop after adolescence. This does not imply that pain is always good because of the growth it may encourage. We can remain in constant pain and be diminished by it. Pain can live long in our memories whilst growth can be unrecognised.

The lock down has been and is painful for all of us and we wait for it eventually to come to a safe end. I wonder however if there are ways in which I may have grown as a consequence of lock down?

"I want it now and nothing is going to get in my way"!

"I can't put up with this any more, I'm off"!

"I am self sufficient and I don't need help from you"!

"Don't bother me, the problem is yours not mine"!

"They never contact me, so what the hell"!

There may be more of these which I have not thought of yet. The question is - am I growing out of them?

Ted Sharp







Tewin Tennis Club

There's rarely a time when I go past the tennis courts on Upper Green when they are not in use, so well done to all the members who are getting down for some play. All the evidence points to our new online court booking system

encouraging increased use, although lockdown fever certainly makes people want to get out when they can, too.

Ross Alexander tells us of ever increasing demand for his coaching lessons at the club. We are very lucky to have such a committed and enthusiastic coach at Tewin. Although the traditional group sessions for younger players and adults are still not allowed, plenty of members are taking private lessons from Ross. Full contact details are available on the tennis club website.

A reminder that courts should only be booked by each member for an hour at a time - ie two consecutive one hour slots cannot be booked by the same person. Unfortunately the booking system is not sophisticated enough to prevent this at present, so we are weeding out double bookings by hand as we go along. Please don't be offended if we have to bump you.

For the time being the Pavilion remains out of bounds for all tennis club users. This will change in future, possibly by initially allowing access to the toilets. However, the club is bound to adhere to latest LTA stipulations, so this matter is out of our direct hands.

Peter Burgess

Green Homes Grant Scheme Scam

The government announced on Tuesday 7th July that the new Green Homes Grant scheme, awarding grants for energy-saving home improvements, including insulation and double glazing, would be available from September. By the following day, Wednesday, scammers had started making phone calls to residents in Bishop's Stortford, pretending to be a part of this scheme.

Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards advises that if you receive a call referring to a grant for loft insulation or cavity wall insulation it is a scam.

Just say 'no thank you' and terminate the call.

The genuine scheme will launch in September, with online applications being required for recommended energy efficiency measures, giving details of accredited local suppliers. Once one of these suppliers has provided a quote and the work is approved, the voucher is issued. There is no cold calling involved. It is up to the homeowner to make the approach, so instantly you know it's a scam if you are contacted out of the blue.

Please warn family and friends who may be vulnerable to these types of scams.

If you have fallen for a scam please report it to Action Fraud or call them on 0300 123 2040.

For advice or to ask for help for a scams victim from Trading Standards please call the Citizens Advice Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

On This Day 19th August

1960 The USSR launched the Sputnik 5 spacecraft into orbit around earth carrying two dogs named Belka (Squirrel) and Strelka (Little Arrow)





Tewin Stores and Cafe

After a Summer when so many events have had to be cancelled we are very pleased that we have been able to arrange a BBQ picnic on Lower Green for 19th September from 12.00 until 2pm. To assist with planning please help us by registering your attendance at the shop.

More good news, the Post Office is now open Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am in addition to the regular Wednesday opening. We had hoped to open the courtyard for drinks but due to restrictions on indoor catering we have had to abandon the idea. Tea and coffee is still available to take away so if you are planning a socially distanced meet up with your friends on Lower Green why not pop into the shop and pick up a hot drink and treat yourself to either a Chelsea bun or tart Portuguese. If you plan ahead you can order pre-cooked croissants, pain au chocolat, scones, pasties and sausage rolls. Small and large baguettes are also available to order.

Our manager Bev, is taking a well-earned break this month and we are very pleased to welcome back a number of volunteers who will be helping to keep the Shop open while Bev is away.

At the time of writing we have just heard that shoppers will be required to wear face coverings in shops from 24th July. Subject to obtaining supplies we hope to be able to stock both disposable and re-useable face masks. Please visit the tewinvillage website for updates. The introduction of face coverings reminds us all of the need to stay safe; therefore please abide by the social distancing rules when visiting the Shop.

The July 100 club winners: 1st Prize Gloria Kersey - $\pounds 40.50$ 2^{nd} Prize Anne Hall - $\pounds 20.25$ 3^{rd} Prize Bridget Keppler - $\pounds 12.15$ If you would like to join the monthly 100 club please ask for an application form in the shop. **Shop opening hours are: Monday – Friday:** 8.00 – 12 noon, **Saturdays:** 8.30 – 12 noon, **Sundays:** 9.00 – 12 noon Linda Crawford

The Village Shop

Throughout the virus Bev didn't stop Putting her heart in to running the shop. We all appreciate what she's done I know it wasn't always fun. She made sure that we were fed -Even sourcing flour for making bread. Packing boxes with fruit and veg, Keeping us healthy was her pledge. Wonderful Ruby smiling and bright made our shopping a sheer delight.

Now that we are all allowed out Let's not forget what the shop is about: Community, caring, laughter and friends The list of benefits never ends. Hopefully soon the virus will stop But please continue supporting the shop!

Thank you Bev and all your helpers. Also to Anna who has kept the Post Office going. It is very much appreciated.

Anon

On This Day 22nd August

- 1485 Henry Tudor beat King Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field
- 1642 When King Charles I raised his Standard at Nottingham, the English Civil War was deemed to have begun
- 1770 Captain James Cook claimed Eastern Australia for Britain

Friends of Tewin



SCARECROWS COMPETITION – 26th June – 29th June

Tewin families displayed wonderful Scarecrows on the weekend of 26th to 29th June, based on the theme of our marvellous Key Workers, Doctors, Nurses, Postal Workers, Bus Drivers and indeed our very own Tewin Stores!

A record number of households took up the challenge and Tewin was proud to display 47 scarecrows in front gardens throughout the Village extending right up into Tewin Wood.

Sadly, after all the lovely sunshine we had recently, the weather turned against us and proved showery and very windy which knocked the stuffing out of some of our scarecrows but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those who were out walking the route. The standard was excellent with a wide range of ideas. The winning 'crow, voted for by the public, was based on Joe Wicks and his amazing PE routines for kids. Every household who displayed a scarecrow has now received a small prize and a certificate, with the winning family receiving a John Lewis Voucher for £25.

CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT SHOW – 23rd August - Cancelled

As we announced in the July edition, due to the Coronavirus, we reluctantly decided to cancel this year's car show. We have e-mailed over 600 of our regular supporters to advise them of the situation and have received some very supportive responses in return. It is always good to receive feedback on the show and this spurs us on to keep going and we will be back, raring to go on 22nd August 2021! Shirley Sinfield – Secretary Friends of Tewin





Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

During the lockdown we have been continuing to support the staff at Danesbury and QVM by delivering cakes and fruit once a week. In addition, we received a request from the Holywell Neurological Rehabilitation Unit in North Watford. Each of their patients was 'confined to quarters' in their room and so they asked if we could provide DAB radios to allow patients to listen to the radio. Pictured below is Sue Fox, the Ward Manager, receiving the 16 radios.



Now that shops are able to open once again, we have been drawing up plans for re-opening our shop in Welwyn village. As you can imagine, there are many factors that have to be taken into account to meet the Government's strict guidelines and, with this in mind, we have drawn up a detailed action plan and a risk assessment, which is available on our website. We plan to re-open the shop, possibly on a few days per week, at first, on Tuesday 18th August.

Unfortunately, some of our older volunteers have decided not to continue working in the shop and so we are looking for a number of additional volunteers. If you are interested, do read more about us on our website (https://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk/) where you will also find our contact details. Do bear in mind that some of the work in our shop can be quite strenuous (lifting boxes of donated goods, etc.).

We all look forward to being able to have a presence on Welwyn High Street once again and to be able to raise more funds to assist the hospitals that we serve.

Active Travel Project

Active Travel is defined as journeys undertaken by physically active means such as walking or cycling.

We are all aware of the issues associated with over-reliance on the car. These include poor air quality and inactivity in our day to day lives both having negative impacts on our physical and mental health.

The Active Travel Project is concentrating resources on improving routes that will help achieve a change in transport choice, for short journeys, away from car-use to these more sustainable and healthier options.

Unprecedented levels of walking and cycling in the last few months, has reinforced the important role that active travel will play as lockdown restrictions are eased and into the future.

Schemes have been developed and delivered across the county. Most recently a bridleway between Great Ashby and Stevenage has been improved to allow year-round use. The route connects people to schools, employment and retail in both communities.

Other routes have been widened, re-surfaced and re-connected to help make leaving the car at home a more attractive choice.

The project has been developing a range of schemes over the past 10 months, many of which are now ready to be delivered over the coming months and beyond.

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