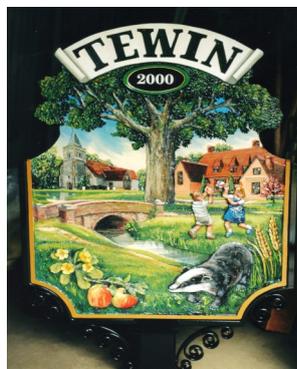




Tewin Magazine

March 2022



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Spring Crocuses

Editorial Note

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front page photograph of crocuses was taken by Matt Duffy and those on the back page by George Westwell. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine.

Remember that clocks go forward by one hour at 1am on Sunday 27th as British Summer Time (Daylight Saving Time) begins.

Lent falls in March this year and details of the Lent Study Course can be found on page 22.

There is a possibility that Tewin Stores will be closed on Tuesday 1st. Please see page 25 for details where you will also find details of the latest opening hours.

Monday evenings are busy this month:

The Parish Council meet on 7th (p5), THACS are holding their AGM on 14th (p6), Screen On The Green are showing "*Apollo 11 (2019)*" on 21st (p9) and Tewin Stores are holding their AGM on 28th (p25).

Lunch of ham, egg and potato wedges is being served at Tewin Stores on Saturday 19th (p25).

Conceived in response to significant threats to the vulnerable environment between Welwyn Garden City, Digswell and Tewin Village, the Lower Mimram Valley Initiative (LMVI) has produced two documents, '*The case for a Local Landscape Designation*' and '*A brief history of the landscape of the Mimram valley between Digswell and Panshanger*' which completes Stage 1 of the Initiative, See page 4 for details.

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.

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 Craft and Egg Hunt
Saturday April 9th 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Outdoor Easter crafts and egg hunt in St. Peter's Churchyard.

Children and their families welcome.

Free. No need to book.

Dress for the weather!

Mobility Aids

Sometimes we may have a need, temporary or otherwise, for a little extra help with getting around. If this applies to you then Mavis Hagggar is happy to lend/give a walking frame or a three-wheeled walker.

Mavis can be contacted on 798 611 or at familyhagggar@gmail.com.

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Tewin Parish Council



LOWER MIMRAM VALLEY INITIATIVE

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt both the reports submitted by David Rixson : A Brief Landscape History of the Mimram Valley and The Case for a Local Landscape Designation.

These represent the first stage of the Lower Mimram Valley Initiative (LMVI) conceived in response to significant threats to the vulnerable environment between Welwyn Garden City, Digswell and Tewin Village.

Copies will be sent to relevant contacts, and placed on the Tewin Village Website. Hard copies will be available to view at Tewin Stores.

Stage Two of LMVI will include: participation in the statutory plan making process; preparation of a landscape recovery plan; the set up of a 'Friends of Marden Fields' website and constitution of a community enterprise to implement plans for the benefit of local people.

The Parish Council is very grateful to David Rixson and his team for all their time and effort in producing two very professional and useful documents.

RECYCLING

You can recycle household batteries, fluorescent tubes, light bulbs and small electrical appliances at B&Q stores. (www.diy.com/services/weee). At Welwyn Garden City B&Q, the recycle point is inside by the tills

TEWIN COMMUNITY BUS IS BACK

The bus runs on Saturdays only from the Rose & Crown. It will leave Tewin at 9.30am to take you to Welwyn Garden City (via Welwyn North if requested) and will stop at LIDL, Morrisons and Sainsbury's and then return from Welwyn Garden City at 11.45am.

It will cost each passenger: £2.50 single or £5 return.

For more information and to book your seat please contact: Ann Kevis on 01438 717473

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 7th March 2022** at 7.45pm in 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.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th March

The 2022 THACS AGM will be a virtual meeting using Zoom on Monday 14th March at 7:30pm. This is an important meeting for THACS and all members are urged to attend.

Invitations to join the meeting have been emailed to all of the THACS members on our email distribution list. The AGM Notices are available on the THACS pages of the Tewin Village website, along with all of the associated reports, accounts and minutes of the previous AGM.

If you are a THACS member and would like to take part, then please register beforehand by email to Tina Lord, THACS Secretary, at thacs.sec@gmail.com. Once you have booked your place, you will receive an email giving you the joining instructions for the meeting.

Spring Show on Saturday 9th April

The THACS Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th April. There will be show classes covering flower arranging, flowers, arts & crafts, photography and culinary, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter. Please come along, have a go and support your village show.

The Show Schedule can be down-loaded from the THACS page on the village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacsnew) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores after 26th February. Once you have the Show Schedule, you'll be able to see all of the options and then select which ones to enter before submitting your completed entry form by Sunday 3rd April.

Even if you're not entering anything yourself, you will be welcome to see the show - free of charge – when the doors open to the public at 2:00pm. You will be able to see all of the exhibits in the main hall, corridor and Parish Room and to indulge in tea and cake before the presentation of prizes at 3.30pm. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of the exhibits yourself, in aid of Tewin Stores.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ray Keppler
THACS Chairman
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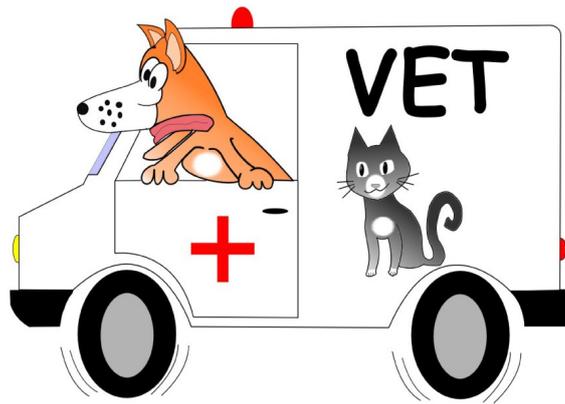
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Screen On The Green

On the 21st March we are showing “*Apollo 11 (2019)*” a documentary film released to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, the first space flight from which men walked on the moon.

Edited, produced and directed by Todd Douglas Miller, the film consists entirely of archival footage including 70mm film previously unreleased to the public, and does not feature narration, interviews or modern recreations. Never-before-seen footage and audio recordings take you straight into the heart of NASA's most celebrated mission as astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins embark on their historic trip to the moon. The events cover the eleventh hour preparations for the launch to shortly after the safe touchdown of the capsule with its three astronauts back on Earth, an unbelievably impressive achievement in 1969.

Apollo 11 is a beautiful film with stunning visuals and a stirring soundtrack by Matt Morton which was created using only instruments and equipment that were available in 1969.

The evening will be run in a similar way as before (government restrictions permitting) but, for the safety of everyone, we would prefer that you are fully vaccinated. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell.

**MONDAY 21 MARCH Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start.
Complimentary tea or coffee. 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

Memorable Date in March

7th March 1926 Radio-Telephone link established between London and New York

On the Farm

At the end of January I have to put my sprayer through its M.O.T, so I can use the machine on my crops for the coming season. The Examiner has a check list of 50 items to run through, just like a car or van M.O.T. He runs the machine at a higher pressure than normal to see if there are any leaks from joints. If any leaks are found they must be repaired before the sprayer has passed. I am proud of my sprayer and it's kept in Tip Top Order. All nozzles are tested for flow rates, and I run the sprayer at 3 Bar. The rate at which I spray depends on what I am spraying. For example, if I am spraying a residual herbicide for grass weed control I would normally spray at 145 Litres of water per Ha. Another herbicide might require 200 Litres of water per Ha. It's quiet easy to change flow rates.

This week, with spring approaching, we had a walk over all fields with our Agronomist, to see how they have come through the winter. We discussed the autumn residual herbicides, and the late emergence of wheat and how it had worked (very well). We walked the oats in order to make a decision with regard to the necessity of using a herbicide and talked about fertiliser usages for the Spring, mainly for protein enhancement, as we aim for our wheat to be near 13 percent protein. This is the top grade of wheat for bread making, and commands a higher price. We meet our Agronomist every 10 days and he is a very important person in our farm life. He keeps me up to date with crop prices, which change almost daily. Events like a Russian invasion of the Ukraine could cause wheat prices to rocket upwards. We also discussed how to control the costs of our inputs which have almost doubled due to the price of gas and the cost of diesel. All our inputs have gone up. We will have to cut our fertiliser rate by 10 percent or more, as we do not know how the weather might affect our harvest, and we do not know what our crop prices will be next Sept, Oct, and November. It's all quite a worrying time, especially with the Government's Agricultural Policy all over the place, which I am having a job to understand.
Ivor Williams.

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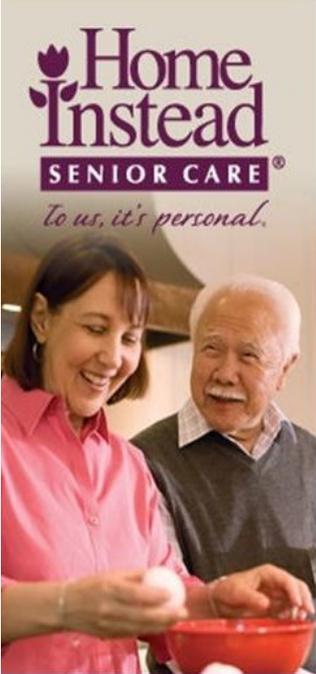


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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

January 2022

Here's confirmation of the draw results for January

1st	£52	Rachel Farr, Upper Green
2nd	£31	Zena Barton, Nether Compton
3rd	£11	Hazel Lee, Upper Green Road
3rd	£11	Joanne Allen, Bishops Road

In celebration of the Centenary of the Memorial Hall a separate draw was made in January'

winners for the **Memorial Hall Centenary Draw** are:

1st	£52	Nicholas Woodward, Upper Green
2nd	£31	David Laming, Cowpers Crescent
3rd	£11	Angela Johnson, Grampian Place
3rd	£11	Ann Lee, Orchard Road

Want to see your name here?

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Application forms and more information available from:

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

Memorable Dates in March

19th March 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge is opened

10th March 1974 Japanese soldier found hiding on Lubang Island, Philippines

Ovarian Cancer and Prostate Cancer Awareness

Ovarian Cancer Awareness

Around 7,500 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year in the UK. Knowledge of the symptoms is low but if diagnosed at the earliest stage, 9 in 10 women will survive for at least 5 years. But two thirds of women are diagnosed late, when the cancer is much harder to treat.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms regularly, and they are not normal for you, it is important that you see your GP:

- Persistent bloating – not bloating that comes and goes
- Feeling full quickly and/or loss of appetite
- Pelvic or abdominal pain (that's your tummy and below)
- Urinary symptoms (needing to wee more urgently or more often than usual)

It is unlikely that your symptoms are caused by a serious problem, but it is very important to get checked out.

Prostate Cancer Awareness

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and it is thought that here in the UK around 50,000 are diagnosed with this disease each year. The 10 year survival rate is almost 80%.

Symptoms of prostate cancer do not usually appear until the prostate is large enough to affect the tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the penis (urethra).

When this happens, you may notice things like:

- an increased need to pee
- straining while you pee
- a feeling that your bladder has not fully emptied

These symptoms should not be ignored, and it is important you see you GP, but they do not mean you have prostate cancer. It's more likely they're caused by something else, such as prostate enlargement.

Team Vicar's Letter

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent: 40 days (plus six Sundays) of preparation before we encounter the cross and Resurrection at Easter. It is a day where we find the courage to acknowledge two things 1) we are not perfect, 2) we will all die. This is strangely liberating. In a world in which we are encouraged to never admit weakness and taught to fear death, it is a relief to the soul to be honest about who we are and what we are moving towards.

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return says the priest as an ash and oil cross is placed upon the people's foreheads. It is this cross that allows us to face sin and death unafraid. God takes even the very dust of the world and transforms it into life. With his grace not even the worst part of our beings is outside of his forgiveness and grace. With his grace not even death will separate us from his love.

You would be most welcome to receive this sign of grace and forgiveness at any of our Ash Wednesday services on 2nd March. 10:30am at St Peter's, Tewin. 9:30am and 8pm at St. Mary's, Welwyn.

The passion flower in the Australian bush
needs fire to cleanse and bring about new birth.
So too this oil and ash upon your brow
takes you to death, you creature of the earth,
reminding you of your sure mortal end
so in death's embers you will not remain,
but Son-kissed by the greeting of a friend,
you will arise - a phoenix from the flame.

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.
These words are life although they sound like death.
The potter takes the clay and shapes its form,
and you are recreated by God's breath.
So shrive and die again into this soil,
and grace will germinate through ash and oil.
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ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
MARCH 2nd	ASH WEDNESDAY		10.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 58: 1-12	2 CORIN- THIANS 5: 20b—6: 10	MAT- THEW 6: 1-6, 16-21
6th	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	LIZ LAVELLE	DEUTER- ONOMY 26: 1-11	ROMANS 10: 8b-13	LUKE 4: 1-13
13th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 15: 1-12, 17-18	PHILLIPPI- ANS 3: 17- 4: 1	LUKE 13: 31— End
20th	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	LUKE 13: 1-9		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 55: 1-9	1 CORIN- THIANS 10: 1-13	LUKE 13: 1-9
27th	4th SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CATHERINE JUPP	EXODUS 2: 1-10	2 CORIN- THIANS 1:3-7	LUKE 2: 33-35

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm
* Service will be streamed from St Peter's.**

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27th January 2022 Margaret Gwendoline Huggins

ROTAS					
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13th DAVID	ELAINE FOWLER	CLARE RAWLINS DI BRADLEY	MARY GREGG	LENT	VICKY DE NAEYER
20th DAVID	NICK WHITING	MYRA WALKER	DI BRADLEY	LENT	MARY GREGG
	DAVID KEMPSON	MAVIS HAGGAR			
27th PAULINE	MARY GREGG	MARK SWANN	JACKIE & GERRY MURPHY	LENT	DOROTHY SWANN

**The church was floodlit on Friday 11th February in remembrance of Alison Rawlins who passed away 25 years ago.
From David, Hannah, Mark and Hywel**

The church was floodlit on 17th February to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Elisabeth and Alistair Buchanan.

St Peter's News

A church at the heart of the village, with space for all

February always feels like a dull month, neither winter nor spring; but with the changing seasons, we can already see the fields full of green shoots and the churchyard with snowdrops and aconites. Soon the trees will have new leaves and blossom and spring will be upon us. There is the most enormous pile of leaves in the churchyard as Pete and other helpers have given a hand to gather up the autumn fall. Candlemas is well behind us and during February we have been looking forward to Lent after Ash Wednesday on 2 March. (**NB The Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's will take place at 10.30am**). We have also begun Evensong again, as requested by members of the congregation. It will alternate during the year on the third Sunday in the month with Holy Communion, and our choir will sing. This service gives much joy to those who attend.

Throughout the last few months, we have remained careful in church, masked for much of the service, still only taking bread at communion, and carefully sitting at a distance from our neighbours. And then there is a funeral service with many coming to celebrate the life of someone who has lived in the village for many years and is much loved, and we fill the church and accept that it is right to be together and to mourn in this way, albeit masked.

During March we are also beginning again to serve coffee after our morning services. We have missed being able to socialise and chitchat with friends. I know that many folk have missed singing hymns in church but we have been doing that for some months now, with or without masks. We keep ourselves safe for others. A service is still streamed every Sunday from one of the churches in the Welwyn team. As we are trying to get back to more normal routines here, the vicar has asked people to step up to help with a variety of tasks inside and

outside the church. Any support you can give to St Peter's will be much appreciated.

The church is also much appreciated by visitors during the week as a place of contemplation and peace. We know this because many people leave us a message in the Visitors' Book. Often this is the only way some people feel they can be "in church". During the pandemic our lives have changed: we have taken many things for granted before this. Some of us have had time to reflect on the people and things we have lost. For others the world has become a smaller place where they go on fewer outings and see fewer people. The church is there for everyone, whether they wish to attend our regular services or come in to think at other times.

During Lent we shall be holding a weekly study course with a choice of times and venues across the Welwyn Team. Here in Tewin it will start with a soup lunch at 12.30pm on Fridays for six weeks from 4 March. Please let Susannah know if you would like to attend. (The first session will be at the Rectory in Datchworth, thereafter at 30 Godfries Close)

We continue to hold in our prayers all those affected by the pandemic, all those who have died or have been recently bereaved. Our clergy are still in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

Susannah can be contacted by email or phone,

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Tewin Tennis Club

After a three-year gap, we are pleased to be able to schedule our annual AGM once again. The date is Friday April 1st, at Tewin Pavilion, 7.30 for a glass of wine or a soft drink, with the proceedings starting around 8pm.

All members are most welcome and, indeed, encouraged to come along. It's a great opportunity, especially for new members – and there have been quite a few of you over 2020 and 2021 – to meet other tennis players as well as to hear more about the club and its plans for 2022.

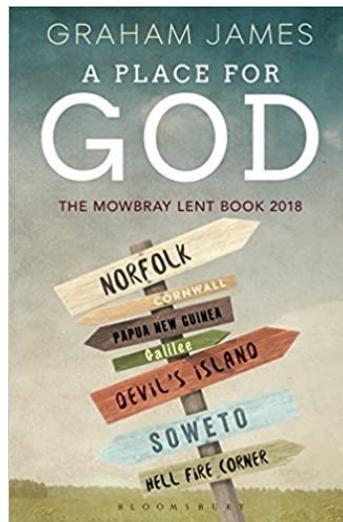
The club is run by committee and we are always keen to hear from those who would like to join us. It's not an onerous task, with six to eight meetings a year in the evening, either in the pavilion or in the Plume of Feathers. Speak to any of us during the evening if you'd like to chat about this informally.

The leagues start again soon, the first being the Herts Mens' Senior Over 65s. This commences in March and is being organised by Keith Duerden. Keith also oversees the Datchworth summer league, beginning in April. Our very own famous Tewin Tennis Club ABC league, which keeps the courts and clubhouse buzzing on Friday nights, runs from May through to July. Please do ask any of the committee if you'd like to join in, or email me on tewintennis@gmail.com

Finally, members will this month receive their invitation to renew their subscription for another year. We think we have ironed out the glitches that a few of you suffered last year, so please do pay online as soon as you can. There's a discount for early payment!

Peter Burgess
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Come on a journey with us this Lent..



... as we read and reflect together on the Christian significance of 40 places – some familiar, some waiting to be discovered. You are invited to join us for friendly discussions based upon Bishop Graham James' book. Books can be picked up from your local church and cost £5. Groups will be running across the churches of the Welwyn Team. Please contact the leaders to let them know you will be attending.

Groups start 3rd March onwards– there are six weeks in the course.

Thursday 7pm Datchworth Church Hall

Led by Liz Lavelle, 07803 601162, and beginning with soup and cheese supper

Friday 12:30pm Tewin 30 Godfries Close

Led by Susannah Underwood, 01438 817183, and beginning with soup lunch (please note the first session will meet in Datchworth Rectory).

Please check the Welwyn.org.uk website for details of all the groups.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

The month of March may get off to an unusual and exciting start for Tewin Stores. We have been approached by a TV production company who are producing a pilot programme for a potential BBC series. If the project goes ahead the filming will take place on Tuesday 1st March and the shop will be closed for the day. We will provide more information when known, updates will be provided via Tewin chat, our website and in the shop. Because of the filming we will move our very popular Pancake Day event to Monday 28th February.

We will be holding our AGM on Monday March 28th at the cricket Pavilion on the Upper Green. We will be serving wine from 7pm with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. We welcome all our shareholders and any Tewin resident who would like to know how your village store has coped during the Covid enforced restrictions and its plans for the future. Please visit the Tewin Stores website tewinstores.co.uk to view the meeting agenda and Annual Report & Accounts.

The monthly lunch at the shop will be on Saturday March 19th when we will serve ham, egg and potato wedges, at the new price of £5.50. Puddings at £3.00 and of course tea and coffees will be available.

We will be extending shop opening hours to 4pm each weekday from 28th February.

Information regarding the shop can be found at tewinstores.co.uk

The 100 Club Draw results for February are as follows :

- 1st Prize: Gloria Kersey - £42.50
- 2nd Prize: Mary Gregg - £21.25
- 3rd Prize: Andrew Whawell - £12.75

Linda Crawford

Opening Hours:

Monday- Friday	8.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday	8.30am - 12.00 noon
Sunday	9.00am - 12.00 noon

SPRING BOOK SALE
Saturday 2nd April: 10am-4pm

Spring is in the air, so we look forward to summer which is an ideal time to pick up a book from Tewin Memorial Hall Book Sale on 2nd April, you will be able to browse around hundred of books in all categories. We will have hard back as well as paperback books, plus jigsaws and CDs and numerous children's books.

Entrance is free and you can enjoy refreshments while you browse. Meanwhile if you feel you could help on Friday afternoon or any time Saturday please contact Linda Crawford on 717538 or lindarichard@talktalk.net

Any donations please bring along early on the Saturday....9.15am.
The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

WGC Orchestra and Chorus Concert
Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm

The concert is taking place at St Francis Church, WGC, AL8 6QJ.
The program will be:

Lark Ascending ,with Abigail James on Violin,
The Wasps Overture,
both by Vaughan Williams.

The Birds by Respighi

Scenes from The Creation by Haydn, with Baritone Crispin Lewis

Leader will be Philippa Hanson with James Ross conducting.

Tickets at £15, Students £5 and under 12s free, are available from www.wgcms.org.uk or by telephone at 0333 666 3366 (£1.80 service charge) or on the door.

Friends of Tewin



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 2nd to 5th June

We are starting to make plans for the Jubilee celebrations in June to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's remarkable 70 years on the throne. National celebrations will take place over the 4 days between June 2nd and June 5th and Tewin will be no exception.

As part of our celebrations, we are organising a Jubilee themed Scarecrow Competition over the 4 days.

On Sunday 5th June we're planning an "Open" Street Party on Upper Green with lots of games and activities. We'll be inviting people to bring picnics to share with their family and friends as they would at a traditional street party. A Flyer giving more details about the day will be delivered through your door during March.

We held our AGM on 8th February, all the Officers, together with most of the Committee were re-elected for another year.

Sadly, because Covid 19 is still around, we thought it prudent to postpone the Seniors' Lunch but we are hoping it can take place in the Autumn. We know the lunch is enjoyed by so many of you and it's also our favourite event too. Hopefully the lunch can return to its regular February slot in 2023.

The Committee has been able to meet in person to distribute the funds we raised at the 2021 Classic Car Show. We are in the process of donating approximately £7,000 to the various clubs and worthy causes in Tewin who have asked for financial assistance with their purchases and projects.

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Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Spring is finally in the air with the 20th of March marking the first day of spring, with it comes an explosion of colour across the landscape as everything bounces back into life. Hopefully this will mean we can enjoy more outdoor activities as the weather starts warming.

The lead up to Valentine's Day saw another beautiful window display in our charity shop in Welwyn.

We have had so many lovely donations over the past couple of months that our storage facilities are fast filling up, thank you to those who have so generously donated.

Unfortunately, we had some unexpected and very sad losses at the beginning of the year. Henry McIntosh, one of the founders of the Friends of Danesbury and QVM, and key person in the opening of the 2 charity shops that supported the Trust, sadly passed away. A number of representatives from the friends attended his funeral at St Mary's church in Welwyn on the 24th January. Sadly, we also lost Margaret Huggins, who was secretary to the Friends for over 25 years, until retiring in 2019. She was a staunch supporter of the charity, working tirelessly in helping to raise funds for the patients and staff at both Danesbury & QVM hospitals. It was with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to her on the 27th January at St Peter's Church in Tewin. Our thoughts and best wishes are with the family and friends who have lost these truly inspiring individuals. Their memory will live on in our hearts and minds.

Please visit our website (www.danesburyqvm.co.uk) if you are not familiar with our work or would like to know more about what we do. We are always looking for individuals to come and support the charity, be it in the shop or as a trustee. If you are interested or would like more information, then please do feel free to contact us at Danesburyqvm@btconnect.com. The hospital is also in need of volunteers to help with the patients, if you would like to get involved then could you please contact rachael.ellis2@nhs.net / 07825 930640.

All our best wishes

The Friends of Danesbury & QVM

Welwyn Natural History Society

The Natural History Society is back in business after a couple of rather fraught years! Not that we have been sitting at home but it was so good to meet people again at our AGM on 26th January and to see and hear about what had been happening in our community with regard to the wild things (!)

We have a good programme set for the next couple of months with Kate Bretherton talking about Trees and Birds on March 23rd – she has just had a very successful exhibition in St Albans. Kate is one of those wonderful people who followed her interests to success having been trained as a statistician. I'm sure she will tell us about the tours she runs to show people the great variety of trees in St. Albans.

In April, Lauren Naishe has a fascinating description of the restoration of the River Beane. Evidently it was first dammed over a thousand years ago. Our talk in May is a bit different: Sandy Walkington will tell us about Herts County Council and their environmental activities – Sandy is the County Councillor for St Albans but lives in Welwyn.

Normally our meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Civic Centre. It only costs £15 a year to be a member, and for young people there is no charge.. £4 for individual meetings. All the information is on our website and Facebook pages: Welwyn Natural History Society, where details of the work parties at Mardley Heath, Tewinbury and Danesbury can also be found.

<i>March 23</i> Trees and Birds Kate Bretherton	<i>April 27</i> River Beane Restoration Lauren Naishe	<i>May 25</i> HCC and Environment Activities Sandy Walkington	<i>June 22</i> Reptiles and Amphibians of Herts Dave Willis
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