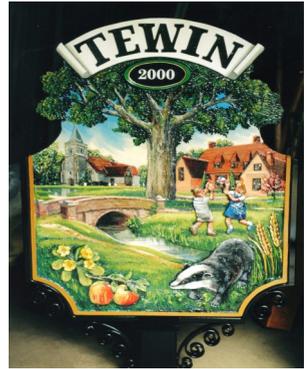




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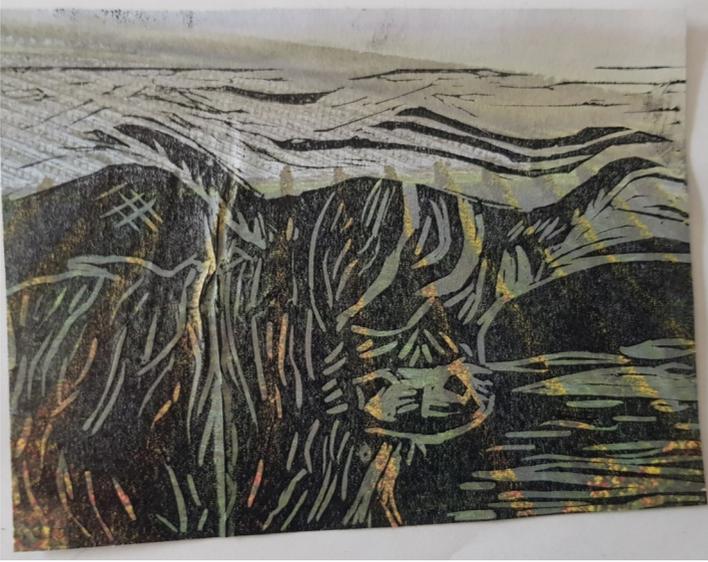
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**Some of the results of the
THACS Art Day**

Some Lino Prints from the THACS Workshop



Welcome to the March 2023 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I hope you enjoy our lovely photos on page 2. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine.

British Summertime begins at 2am on Sunday 26th March. Don't forget to put your clocks forward by 1 hour.

Events this month are:

Five week Lent Course from 3rd March (p17),
Spring Jumble Sale on 11th (p24) and
Minibus to Burston Garden Centre on 25th (p16).

Screen on the Green is showing 'Rififi' on 20th (p10).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

The sun is shining, the mud is drying. Time to get walking? See page 9 for some walk inspiration and don't forget our local Thursday group walks (p33).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm.

Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

A Mobile Fish Van is at Burnham Green on Wednesdays from 12.45-1.15pm. Call Kelvin on 07847 176847 for orders.

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

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HELP US LOOK AFTER LOWER GREEN

It has been a particularly wet year which has made grass areas vulnerable and the grass along the edge of Lower Green opposite Cannons Meadow has been badly worn down by vehicular traffic. We are hoping that the green will rejuvenate itself when the grass begins to grow, however in the meantime we would be very grateful if everyone could help us by being careful not to drive over the edge of the green.

ELECTIONS - VOTER ID REQUIRED FOR 2023

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the Local Elections on Thursday 4th May 2023.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

Passport, Driving Licence (incl provisional licence), Blue Badge, certain concessionary travel cards, Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme), Biometric immigration document, Defence identity card, certain national identity cards.

NB: If you have a form of accepted ID that is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

No ID: If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you are not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply for this at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.

Application forms will be available online to download and print, or you can request a paper application form to be sent to you by the Electoral Services team at East Herts Council on 01279 655261.

Deadline: The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for use at the elections in May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2023.

Questions: If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting is at 7.45pm on **Monday 6th March 2023 and then 3rd April 2023** 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.

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

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THACS Art Day 2nd February

The wonderful lino prints you see on the cover of this magazine are some of the results of our art day at Bramfield Village Hall. 16 participants cut lino and made prints with different coloured backgrounds and managed to collectively bring a tantalising smorgasbord of food for lunch. Many thanks to our tutor, Jude O'Sullivan, for a creative and fun-filled day.

Joanne Allen
Course Organiser

Have You Got a Wheelchair You Don't Want?

I was recently asked if I had a wheelchair as someone in the village needed to visit a London Hospital and the corridors, he knew, would be too long for him to walk. Luckily, I was able to point the gentleman in the right direction and a wheelchair was procured for the day.

Many people in our village may need the occasional use of a wheelchair, say, if you've an elderly or infirm parent or friend coming for the week or just for a few days. Having a wheelchair would give you, and them, access to shops, garden centres etc.

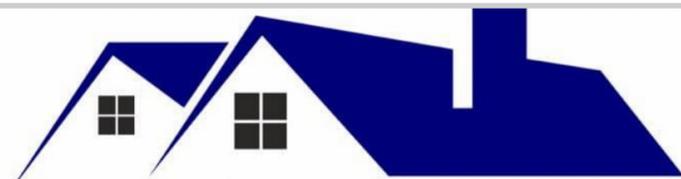
The thought crossed my mind – 'Why don't we have village wheelchair'? I discussed the matter with the Memorial Hall Management Committee who readily agreed that the chair could be kept in our shed under lock and key until required.

However, before we purchase a brand-new chair, it occurred to me that there may be one or two wheelchairs in the village doing nothing except taking up space at your house. If it is in good working order and you are happy to donate it, I'd be happy to hear from you.

Once we have a chair – or two? – they could be lent out as and when needed. I don't intend to sterilise them every time they are used but we will keep an eye on their maintenance. It will, of course, be up to the borrower to check that the wheelchair is suitable for their intended use. Should you be able to help please call me.

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Our Farming Life

The Ukraine War is a year old, and still dominating our daily life. The price of Gas and Electricity is up. The costs of all our crop inputs, including fertiliser, are up. Sulphur plays a very integral role in Nitrogen use. We used to buy a mix of Nitrogen & Sulphur. This season we can't.

I wrote an article about this a few years ago. Sulphur used to fall out of the sky due to the emissions from the industrial cities, coal fires at home, steam trains etc, but the Clean Air Act stopped it.

Luckily we have some exciting new products coming on the market. So this year our Sulphur comes from a mine, under the North Yorkshire Coast, at Boulby almost a mile under the sea. It's mined as a rock called Polyhalite and is crushed, screened and marketed as Polysulphate Certified Organic. It has the lowest carbon footprint of any fertiliser on the market, helping me to meet one of the many environmental obligations I have to make on my farm now. Polysulphate consists of 48 percent Sulphur, 14 percent Potash, 17 percent Calcium and 6 percent Magnesium, all good as it has slow release over 3-4 months on our growing crops.

My sprayer has had its yearly MOT test and is ready for work. We seem to have a early spring on the way? As of Monday the 30th of January, our fields had just dried out and Martyn started ploughing on the 1st of February in perfect conditions. We have the pea seed in store ready for when the soil temperatures are warm enough for sowing in about a month's time. But I feel winter is not passed yet.

Our plan is also to sow a few acres of Sunflowers, to add a bit of colour to our countryside and we hope to combine this new crop in October.



Martyn and myself went on the 7th of February to an Agricultural Show in Essex. The future in farming and agriculture is fast changing and we have to keep ahead of the game.

Ivor Williams

Time To Get Walking Again!

With spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hertfordshire (<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/herts/index.php>) has many walks to download and print for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hertfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve+ miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Walk Leader Training

Do you enjoy walking? Have you some spare time? Hertfordshire Health Walks (<https://tinyurl.com/Hertfordshire-Health-Walks>) runs free, volunteer-led walks lasting from 20-90 minutes. We are looking for new leaders. Full training and support is given with the next training session on 14th March at Robertson House, Stevenage.

For further information Email healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk, call 01992 555888 or go to the website above.

Screen On The Green

On the 20th March we are showing “*Rififi (1955)*”, the classic French crime-and-suspense yarn that provided the benchmark for many subsequent Film Noir heist movies. It was directed by Jules Dassin on a shoestring with mainly 'non-stars' in the leading roles.

It tells the story of ageing gangsters tempted out of retirement by potentially lucrative safe-cracking jobs to carry out a major jewel theft in Paris. The film is cleverly plotted and sharply scripted with stunning and evocative shots of Paris and the drama doesn't stop with the heist.

Upon its original release, film critic and future director, Francois Truffaut praised the film, saying that “Out of the worst crime novel I ever read, Jules Dassin has made the best crime film I've ever seen”. *Rififi* contains adult material and some violence typical of the period.

Future dates for the diary:

17 th April	<i>Laura (1944)</i>
15 th May	<i>Little Women (2019)</i>
19 th June	<i>Rocketman (2019)</i>

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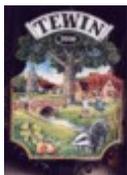
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If so, did you know you can advertise your club's activities in the Events Calendar on the Tewin Village Website Home Page?

Go to: www.tewinvillage.co.uk and you will see there are already quite a few entries in the calendar (left-hand side of the page) covering a wide range of events.

Many residents in the village and surrounding areas use the website to find out what's on, so why not add your group to the list by emailing: tewin.village@gmail.com.

Anne, Website Group

WGC Orchestra and Chorus Concert Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm. St Francis Church, AL8 6QJ

Welwyn Garden City Orchestra and Chorus will be performing items by Mozart, Haydn, Stanford and Finzi followed by Beethoven's Violin Concerto. Our soloist will be Sara Trickey.

Tickets (£15.00/Students £5.00/under 12s free) available online wgcms.org.uk (booking fee applies),
Phone:0333 6663366 (booking fee applies)
or on the door (credit cards accepted).

The Circus Is Coming To Town!

Tewin School PTA bring you Happy's Circus on Friday 9th June. The event is being held at Tewin School, Cannons Meadow, Tewin. Gates open at 4pm for a 6pm start.

Tickets, priced at £12 each or £44 for a family of 4, can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/tewin-pta/ or there are a small number available from Tewin Stores. Children 2 and under on laps are free.

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

January 2023

Here's confirmation of the draw results for January

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February/March NEWS 2023....



There will be a Special Saturday Shopping Trip to the Award Winning Burston Garden Centre, Chiswell Green near St Albans on 25th March leaving at 9.30am, £5 return. www.burston.co.uk.

Call Ann Kevis to Book Your Seat, details below ...

The Minibus is available for passengers from **Tewin Parish** and visits WGC and Morrisons leaving at **9.30am Saturdays from the Rose & Crown**.

You can be picked up and dropped off at any safe location on the route. Please ask for details. Suggestions for other trips are also welcome.



To book your place and to pay your fare call Ann Kevis on 01438 717473.

£1.50 single

£3.00 return

Under 18s £1 return

Team Vicar's Letter

Have you ever looked up at the stars in the sky and wondered about the significance of human life?

Have you ever walked through creation awed by its beauty and variety?

Have you ever felt your heart is heavy and weary and too tired to go on?

Have you ever had your soul lifted by the most perfect symphony that feels like it's from heaven?

Have you ever felt crushed by the betrayal of a friend or completely alone?

Have you ever felt God so near and trustworthy you need no words, for he knows it all already?

Have you ever felt God is so far, that he has abandoned you at the bottom of a pit?

If the answer to any of these is 'yes', then there is a psalm for you.

The psalms are the songs of the bible. They flow from the very human souls that wrote them – and they speak with beauty and honesty about all that it means to be human. There are psalms of joy and psalms of lament. There are psalms that thank God for his goodness and psalms that accuse him of cruelty and abandonment. There are psalms that speak of love and psalms that speak of hate. They encompass every human emotion and, in an honesty that would be good for us all to learn to use in our prayers, bring it all to God.

During Lent our churches are running a 5 week course where we will look at some of the psalms together – and in doing so find ancient words that express the life we see around us now.

You would be most welcome to join the groups that are running in our local churches. They are always friendly – and no prior knowledge of the bible is required. Please let me know if you'd like to come.

Thursday evenings, beginning 2nd March 7pm, Datchworth Church Hall starting with a soup and cheese supper.

Fridays at noon, beginning 3rd March, 25 Firs Walk Tewin, beginning with a soup lunch.

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart Psalm 37:4

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MARCH 5th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	GENESIS 12: 1-4a	ROMANS 4: 1-5, 13-17	JOHN 3: 1-17
12th	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	EXODUS 17: 1-7	ROMANS 5: 1-11	JOHN 4: 5-42
19th	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	1 SAMUEL 1: 20-End		LUKE 2: 33-35
	MOTHERING SUNDAY	NB NO SERVICE					
26th	5th SUNDAY OF LENT PASSION SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	ROMANS 8: 6-11	JOHN 11: 1-45

Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm
Services marked with a * will be streamed

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19th	LINDA GILLEY	MYRA WALKER	MYRA WALKER	LENT	MARY GREGG
26th PAULINE	KAREN SHAW	PETE JOHNSON MARK SWANN	GLORIA KERSEY	LENT	DOROTHY SWANN

WEDDING

13th February 2023

**Andrew Brian Mills and
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FUNERAL

3rd February 2023

Leonora Mary Minton

St Peter's News

The sun this month has been very welcome and has brought forward the spring bulbs. We do not yet know if it will last or whether the February we are accustomed to will return. It seems that this month is an odd one for the church as well with the little hangover from Christmas followed by the rather different mood of Lent.

At St Peter's we are doing a bit of long-awaited repairs. All the lighting system has been removed and replaced with LED lamps which appear to give better illumination with quite a few other advantages. For me, the great benefit is the long life of the lights which means we do not have to get out the big ladder and get up to the beams quite so often. By the time you read this the work will be done so come and see the result for yourself. We hope you will be impressed with the change.

Necessary repairs and upgrading are also needed for the clock. Work has now begun on a thorough overhaul of our antique tower clock. We think it was put in sometime in the late seventeenth century. This means we have to be careful to use appropriate experts and methods and that of course means more money. While the clock is being overhauled an auto winder is to be fitted so that it will no longer be necessary for someone to go up the tower every week to wind the clock and check the time. It seems to be the right moment to thank David and all the other helpers in the past for all their continued work keeping Tewin on time.

Our other big project being discussed at the moment is the building of an annex to serve as a meeting room. We held a meeting a few weeks ago to introduce this project to the village as a whole and to take on board comments and suggestions. On April 1st there will be two presentations at the Memorial Hall to build on the earlier meeting. One starts at eleven and the other at two. Do come.

Because of the Covid restrictions during the last few years we have not been able to carry out the annual spring clean. With all the accumulation of dust over that time it is even more important that we should not miss it this year. We plan to do the big clean on the 12/13 May. In the past we have moved all the furniture out of the way on the Friday and scrubbed and polished on the Saturday. I know it is some way off yet but please do come and help. It is usually a cheery

event which everyone seems to enjoy. No doubt Pete will leave a sheet of paper at the back of the church to collect the names of likely volunteers. Once again this seems a good moment to thank our team of regular cleaners who take it in turns to do the weekly Hoover and polish (I could also take this moment to ask if you might be able to join their ranks).

Nick Whiting

St Peter's Open Day

Tewin Memorial Hall

Saturday 1st April

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We have some initial ideas for our new meeting room and would love to hear your views

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Tewin Tennis Club

Spring is around the corner and there's plenty to get excited about. We've seen some let up in play on the courts over the winter, obviously. But as I write this, in mid-February, I have just got back from the Saturday morning RATS social tennis and ten players turned up for the 11am session. We have evolved a rota system for doubles play if more than eight arrive, so no one is off court for more than ten minutes for the whole session.

The weather was pleasant, well, not cold, and the playing surface nicely dry, though previously we have been hit by cold frosty weather that stopped play earlier in the day. This has meant that morning play has often been replaced by morning coffee in the Plume and tennis shuffled back to after lunch.

As you will have read last month, at our AGM it was agreed that we would resurface the courts with Tiger Turf rather than the hard surface we have now. Essex Tennis Courts is our preferred contractor, chosen on the basis of their price, their willingness to engage during the contracting process and the positive testimonials from a range of tennis clubs.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council, which owns the tennis courts, for getting the contracts signed because, as anyone who has been involved in any sort of construction post Covid knows, the price of raw material seems to increase week-on-week. While at the time of writing we haven't tied down the exact start date, we have targeted getting the work completed in time for the Datchworth League matches which start on April 17th.

You may be relieved to hear that, despite the choice of brightly coloured Tiger Turf surfaces on offer (though no spots as suggested by Mark last month) we are going all traditional, with a two-tone green which will look very smart and in keeping with the location adjacent to Upper Green. The courts will be out of action for around a week while the work takes place, and members will be kept informed of progress by email.

Finally, if the soles of your tennis shoes are looking rather polished and worn, now's the time to think about replacements to get the best out of the new courts.

Happy tennis, Peter Burgess

TEWIN JUMBLE SALE – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

2pm till 4.30 on 11th MARCH

We are delighted to have already received some donations, but we need a lot more please! It's your generous contributions which make the Jumble Sales such a huge success.

If you have Jumble to donate and you can bring it to the Memorial Hall, please telephone Todd Canton on **07867 803301** or Jim Hall on **01438 718505** who will arrange to meet you there.

If for some reason, you are unable to take the items yourself, contact one of our team of collectors, listed below, to arrange for a collection on either Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th or Friday 10th March.

The Memorial Hall will also be open to receive your Jumble in the afternoon/evening before the Sale and on the morning of the Sale as follows:

Friday 10th March, from 2pm-4pm and 7.30pm-9pm, or
Saturday 11th March - before 12 noon.

We no longer accept large items of furniture such as bulky televisions, 3-piece suites, wardrobes, kitchen appliances etc. Please remember, if your items will not fit into an average Estate Car, they are too large for the Jumble Sale.

IF YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND:-	PLEASE PHONE:-
The Hazels, School Lane & Churchfield area	<i>Jim & Anne Hall 01438 718505</i>
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Archers Green	<i>Nick Whiting 01438 717230</i>
Burnham Green Road	<i>Geoff & Sue Whitbourn 01438 798221</i>

Can you help us for an hour on Friday afternoon/evening or on Saturday? We rely entirely on volunteers to sort through the jumble, set up the gazebos and work on the stalls during the sale. If you are available, come along and join the gang!

We look forward to seeing you at the Jumble Sale and hope you pick up a bargain or two!

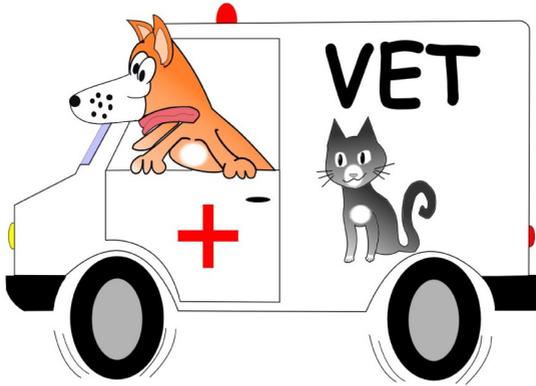
We will be serving hot food and drinks from the barbeque at the rear of the Memorial Hall.

All profit from the Jumble Sale goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

We thank you for your continued support.

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BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Good day to you all, hopefully you have survived the worst of what our weather has had to throw at us over the last few months. The bowls green has held up remarkably well through this period and is recovering from the Fusarium fungus which invaded the green in early winter.

Some of you might have noticed a tractor on the green one day at the beginning of the year; although this is a heavy piece of machinery it does not damage the green due to the oversized tyres spreading its weight. The reason for the tractor was that the green required deep spiking. This is where metal spikes are driven in to the ground to a depth of 30 cm to break up compacted soil below the 10cm level. This compacted layer is the result of years of maintaining as level a playing surface as possible by heavy rolling and of course the continuous to-ing and fro-ing of the player whilst bowling. This has resulted in areas of the green not draining properly, with the result that the water does not penetrate deep enough through the soil sub structure, preventing the grass from taking up much needed moisture, which is required to enable it to withstand the hot dry spells of weather we have been experiencing and resulting in large areas of dry brown grass, which not only look unsightly, but affect the running of the bowls.

It is hoped that with the normal spiking program, along with the deep spiking in January, this problem has been overcome.

The normal closed season activities have been continuing at the Bowls Club, Sunday Lunches, Quiz Nights, Carpet Bowls *Monday Night*, Art Class *Wednesday Morning*, Bridge Club *every other Thursday Afternoon*, and Table Tennis *Friday Nights*. The **Bar is Open** *Friday Nights and Sunday Lunch times*. You are welcome to pop in when any of these activities are taking place and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

There will be a Quiz Night in March, look out for the posters outside the Club House and in the Village Shop.

Another date for your diaries, May 27th to 29th, we will be holding our open weekend in conjunction with Bowls England, come along and try your hand at Green Bowls, bring your friends.

For further information about the club, contact the Club Secretary, Rob Kenway 07552 780236 or Village Contact, Todd Canton 07867 803301

Tewin Website Annual News Bulletin
www.tewinvillage.co.uk
Report for year ending December 2022

The website group has met 4 times to monitor, review and update the content of the site. There were 451,669 hits on the website during 2022. The average number of visitors to the site each month is 3,409, however in August the number peaked at 6,859. This may have been generated by interest in the Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show.

As the year went on, it was pleasing to see a growing number of events and activities showing in the Calendar on the Home Page. This was proof that Tewin's busy social life was returning to normal following the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are reliant on groups and organisations giving us details of their up-coming plans so that we can promote them on the website on their behalf. If you are organising an event, please tell us by emailing: tewin.village@gmail.com.

In an attempt to make the website easier to navigate, we have re-named the headings on the main pages. We also re-organised some of the sub-headings and added new text which we hope has made the site more user friendly.

Over the Christmas period, the home page showed an Advent Calendar - a different drawing or photograph each day from St Peter's Church's picture competition.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings. Anne Hall takes notes and is the Tewin Webmaster and Felicia Green is our Technical Advisor.

In September we were pleased to welcome Robert Guilbert to the group. Robert's role is to update Tewin Stores pages.

The homepage also links to the "Tewin Chat" Facebook group, which was set up at the start of the first Covid-19 lockdown to give Tewin residents another way of talking to each other and sharing information. This Facebook group is complementary to, but completely separate from the village website.

I want to thank all of the website group for their contribution and friendship this year: our meetings are always lively and fun!

In particular, I thank **Felicia Green** for her invaluable technical help and updating the Home Page and giving help to any of us that needs it.

Malcolm Allen for convening our meetings, updating THACS pages and the Directory pages, **Jean Fawcett** for updating the Pavilion's Hire Calendar and the Directory pages, **Linda Gilley** for updating the St Peter's Church pages, **John Ling** for updating the Memorial Hall, Screen on the Green and the Over 50's pages, **Doreen Lloyd & Caroline MacFarlane** for Tewin Parish Council, **Jackie Murphy** for the Tewin Magazine and **Terry Brand** for updating the Banner and main photograph on the Home Page. I have updated the Business pages and the Friends of Tewin pages.

If you live in Tewin and want your business included on the Business page of the website, please email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

New ideas and expertise are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Tewin Village Website Group, please talk to any of us or email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

Friends of Tewin own the domain name and pays the registration costs every two years.

Happy surfing - Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster

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Interested? Please contact Kristina Lawson:

01438 717256

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Next Sessions

9th Mar 2pm - 3:30 pm

23rd Mar 2pm - 3:30 pm

Fortnightly - Thursdays

Kimberley Room

Tewin Memorial Hall



Friends of Danesbury and QVM

No Winter lasts forever; no Spring skips its turn. 20th March marks the first official day of Spring, and no doubt we will all welcome it with open arms as the days are longer, brighter and warmer!

If I can start with some amazing financial figures. The Danesbury charity shop in Welwyn achieved its highest annual sales figures since 2011!!! How brilliant is that? We cannot thank the Managers, Volunteers and all our customers enough for their continued support which has resulted in such a huge achievement. Your loyal custom and donations have made this possible. Our shop is our primary fund raiser, and this has allowed us to provide continued support to the Danesbury Hospital, Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Holywell and the Herts and Essex Hospital.

We would like to thank Videcom Security for donating several CCTV cameras to The Friends. With these cameras we have been able to update the security system in the shop. Videcom's generosity is much appreciated. Thanks also to our Manager, Georgia, and her husband for enabling this donation.

At Danesbury and QVM the gardens are starting to come to life after a harsh winter. Hopefully it won't be long before the patients will be able to go out and do some gardening. At QVM we have purchased several new bird feeders which have been erected near to the windows of the wards, and we have supplied mixed bird food. The patients are enjoying watching the many birds that come to feed there on a daily basis. We are also hoping to provide the QVM Hospital with TV's for the wards and a new gym now that the refurbishment is completed. A survey is to take place soon to assess the viability of this.

At Danesbury they have been running regular group tutorial and therapy sessions for patients living with Parkinson's in our community. The tutorials are ongoing and have been well received by everyone concerned. Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for volunteers to meet and greet the patients. The clinical staff are most grateful.

At Danesbury we have also agreed to help fund the refurbishment of the rehabilitation gym which is in constant use and makes so much difference to patients' rehab.

With Easter fast approaching our shop will be kitted out with all sorts of Easter goodies. Please do pop in to have a look as we always look forward to seeing our clientele.

Wishing you a wonderful March,
Friends of Danesbury & QVM

Friends of Tewin



SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH

On 15th February, after a gap of three years, the much-awaited Senior Citizens' Lunch returned to Tewin Memorial Hall. The Hall once again resounded to the joy of laughter and happiness as friends and neighbours came together again after the trials of the recent pandemic.

93 people enjoyed a tasty two course lunch of either chicken pie or salmon followed by plum cake crumble or chocolate mousse.

The lunch was followed by a light-hearted quiz to test the brain cells and the afternoon ended with tea/coffee and chocolates.

We delivered 10 meals to the homes of people who were unable to attend.

We have had some very kind comments from people telling us they had a great afternoon and we are delighted the lunch was a success, it makes all the hard work worthwhile. It was a joyful afternoon for us and our guests!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in whatever capacity, and to those who helped to cook and serve the lunch to give Tewin's senior citizens a great afternoon. We couldn't have managed without you.

Our thanks also go to Hertfordshire County Council and Tewin Parish Council for their very kind donations.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -21st February

Our AGM was held on 21st February. There was a change to some long-standing existing committee members who decided not to go forward for re- election. Huge thanks go to them for their years of sterling work for Friends of Tewin.

Welcomed as new members onto the committee were, Elaine Wulcko, Catriona Griggs and Rob Kenway. We hope they have a happy and rewarding time with us.

2023 Events

Apart from Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show, the dates of our events have yet to be decided. The date of the show is Sunday, 20th August 2023, so please make a note in your diaries.



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Tues	Tewin School	7-10 pm	Table Tennis
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Burnham Green	12.45-1.15pm	Mobile Fish Van
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 2nd, 16th & 30th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Mon 6th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 9th & 23rd	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice Session
Sat 11th	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Spring Jumble Sale
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green 'Rifiki'
Sat 25th	Outside Rose & Crown	9.30am	Minibus to Burston Garden Centre

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