

Tewin Parish

Council

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Dear Parishioners,

Christmas Tree On Lower Green

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that they are sponsoring a Christmas tree on Lower Green from 16th December until 2nd January.

The Friends of Tewin have kindly organised the installing, lighting and decorating of the tree and there will be carol singing around the Christmas tree on Wednesday 22nd December 2004 at 6pm. Father Christmas may also be visiting and mulled wine and mince pies will be on sale. They look forward to seeing everybody there for a festive evening.

Policing in Tewin

1.Speedometer on loan from the Police

Hopefully everybody has seen the speedometer throughout the village at various times of the day and you will be interested to know that approximately 22% of all cars travelling through the village during the two week survey were exceeding the speed limit. Interestingly and encouragingly a higher percentage of traffic was speeding in the first week than the second!

The Parish Council believe the results illustrate that there is a speeding problem in the village and will continue to use the speedometer as they feel it is a useful tool for slowing traffic.

2. Go-peds (motorized scooters)

Please be aware that go-peds are classed in law the same as mopeds and in order to ride them on the roads you have to be 16, have a provisional driving licence, wear a crash helmet and protective gear, have lights and be insured. Go-peds are not allowed to be ridden on pavements, footpaths or bridlepaths.

Our Community Police Officer, Andy Woodward is making every effort to inform local go-ped riders of these legal requirements.

3. Please note the following numbers:

For Non Emergency calls 01992 533013.

For General Enquiries, advice, information and to report an incident or crime that has happened use 0845 3300222.

In case of emergency the number 999 is still to be used.

Youth Activities

On the 1st November Sarah Parkhouse attended the Parish Council meeting to talk about the Hertfordshire Association for Young People (HAYP). HAYP supports/runs Youth Clubs and for a nominal fee they can provide insurance and training for workers and volunteers, technical advice for setting up clubs, police checks on all adults involved, invitations to attend and take part in all their events, competitions and conferences that HAYP's two national organisations run and HAYP fundraising events.

The Parish Council was advised that the next course of action would be to ascertain through questionnaires how many young people in the village would like to attend a Youth Club. The Parish Council is of the view that this is an important activity that should be provided in the village and would appreciate your feedback on this issue.

Please find attached the questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could pass this on to any young people in your family or that live nearby for them to fill in and return to the shop Tewin Stores or drop into any of the Councillors listed on the Notice Board.

We would be grateful for any volunteers (even once a month would be appreciated), experience is not necessary as full support, training and technical back up would be provided by the Hertfordshire Association for Young People (HAYP). If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the Clerk.

388 Bus Service

Cllr K Lawson met with Keith White, HCC Passenger Transport Unit, on 28th October. HCC and EHDC are still discussing how rural bus services, such as the 388, can be funded in future and HCC is considering how the timetable can be modified to encourage more passengers. Passenger numbers continue to be monitored and there are positive signs that more people are using the bus.

If you want to keep the 388 bus service – please use it!!

Dial – a – Ride

Hertfordshire County Council provides this door-to-door transport service for residents of Hertfordshire who have difficulty in using passenger transport due to permanent disability or illness regardless of age.

How do I Know if I qualify for Membership? In general if you are in receipt of a mobility allowance, have a permanent disability that restricts your mobility or in certain districts qualify on age, then you are eligible.

What Can I use it for? Shopping, visiting friends or relations, Doctors and Dentists (not hospitals, schools or social services/health service day centres)

When Can I Use It? Once you have been accepted as a member you can book your trips through the booking office up to seven days in advance between the hours of 9am and 5.30pm on Monday to Fridays and between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturdays. The service is available between 9am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

How Much Does It Cost? Dial-a-ride fares are comparable with passenger transport. The fares are quoted for a single journey and the Booking Office should tell you the cost of each journey. Companions are charged at the same rate as the member.

For more details please ring Dial – a – Ride Membership 01992-588744

For details of the next meetings, how to put items on the agenda or contact details of Councillors please refer to the notice board outside Tewin Stores.

Useful Numbers/Websites

Highways Fault Line: 01438-737321 for reporting potholes & any other damage to the roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk

Re: Flytipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Animal Welfare, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders

Herts County Council: www.hertsdirect.gov.uk