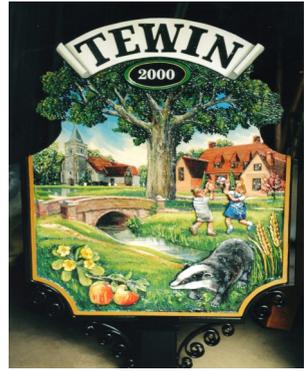




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Tewin Fox by Rafferty Carter-Lazenbury

Senior Citizens Lunch



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Welcome to the April 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I'm honoured to look after this fine publication while the Murphy's enjoy a well-deserved holiday abroad. Please forgive any errors or omissions you may discover.

Events this month are:

Screen on the Green is showing "Jean de Florette" April 15 (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 4th and 18th (p30).

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

I've really loved getting stuck in to church and village life. As we move up North, Tom and I will miss this wonderful village and we wish everyone tonnes of success, health and happiness. When Jackie asked me to cover, we thought it would be fun to use the last little bit of this space to shout about other local businesses; collecting your cards at the Plume.

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And our dog, Ronnie, wants to mention Grow Walkies Tewin, Digswell Groomers and Tewin Mobile Vets. Thanks to everyone who has made Tewin feel like home to us. And to all the Plume regulars, a big 'Aup' from Tom as well. —Amanda Fox, Temporary Editor

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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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Tewin Parish Council



St Peters Church

Cadent have now moved the high pressure gas pipeline marker post from the church driveway to the other side of the hedge as they were not in keeping with the character and surroundings of a 1000 yr old, Grade 1 listed church.

Allotments

Tewin Allotment Association has successfully replaced the eastern and southern perimeter fencing on the Tewin allotment site. This was last replaced in 1998. Well done to the Tewin Allotment Association for getting funding for this entire project and thank you to Friends of Tewin, THACS, Allotment plot holders and East Herts Councillor Bob Deering for their contributions.

Rose & Crown, Tewin

Greene King have builders on site and are actively recruiting to get the site back open.

Michael McMullen

The Parish Council paid tribute to Michael McMullen who died on the 17th February. He was our local District Councillor for many years until he retired last May. He was always a good friend in his support for the Parish Council and the residents of Tewin.

NEXT MEETING – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

Tewin Parish meeting on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7:45pm followed by the Tewin Parish Council meeting.

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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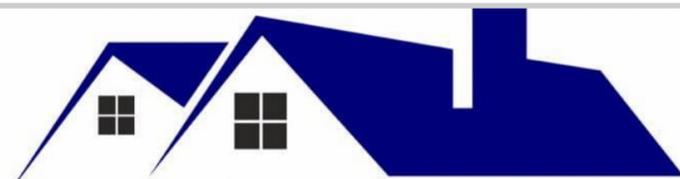
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to pick up after our dogs.**





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On The Farm

I woke up early, on Monday the 26th of February, to texts saying someone had tipped a lorry load of shredded waste, into my Walkies Gateway off Churchfield Road. This was tipped by a large lorry sometime between late on Sunday evening and early Monday morning.

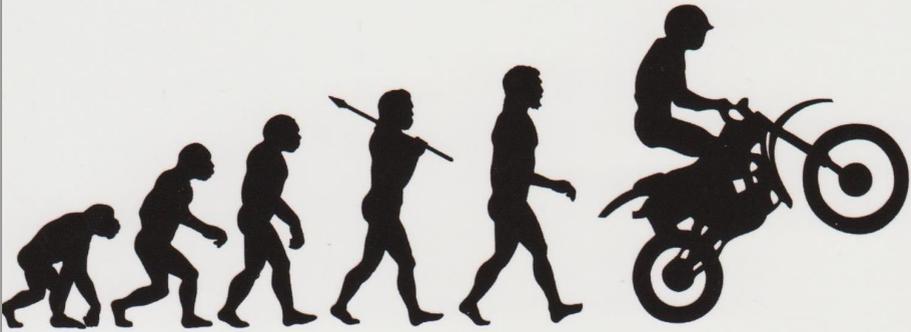


Just by chance did any of my village friends drive up the road and see that lorry?

Most of Monday was spent dealing with the problem. My first call was to our Parish Council Clerk, Caroline who was very helpful saying she will contact E H D C and report the fly tipping. My calls were to the Environment Agency Hotline and the N F U Flytipping Hot line. The police called several times and they gave me a Crime Ref Number. I also called David Lloyd, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, as I understand there is a fly tipping fund to help people who have waste tipped on their land. It was reported that 4 other loads were dumped in several areas of E H D C that weekend. My first quote for clearance was for several thousand pounds. This seems to be an ongoing problem in the countryside, I hope to clear this up soon.

Due to the very wet February, we have hardly done any work on the Land, so nothing to report on that front.

Ivor Williams



From Mike Clark in reference to Tewin Grand Prix

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Closure of THACS

The last THACS Annual General Meeting was held on 26th February. It went smoothly and all of the proposals were approved. After the break for refreshments, local historian Linda Gilley gave an interesting talk on the history of Tewin.

That AGM marked the formal closure of the society. For further information, please see the minutes of the AGM on the THACS page of the Tewin Village website.

THACS has contributed to Tewin life for twenty-two years, encouraging and facilitating interest and participation in all aspects of village horticulture, arts and crafts. Sadly, this has now come to an end. The farewell event was a tea party in Tewin Memorial Hall on Friday 8th March, attended by more than 60 guests. Gentle easy-listening music played in the background as the tea, sandwiches and cakes were served and enjoyed. The rolling slide show of pictures from THACS events prompted the sharing of happy memories, with lots of conversation and banter. It was a fitting end. That's all folks!

-Ray Keppler, ex THACS Chairman

Screen On The Green

On Monday 15th April we are showing the acclaimed classic French movie “Jean de Florette” (1986).

Based on the novel by Marcel Pagnol and directed by Claude Berri, it stars Gerard Depardieu, Daniel Auteuil and Yves Montand in his last great role. Set in the beautiful rural setting of Provence in the 1920’s it’s an easy watch, telling the story of a bitter feud between French farmers.

At the time it was made, President Mitterand promoted this type of film through increased funding for the ailing French film industry. Jean de Florette won many awards in the 1988 BAFTAs, including Best Film and Best Actor.

Some of you may remember seeing it back in 2016 but it was very popular so we thought it was worth showing again. The sequel “Manon des Sources” will be shown in the Autumn.

French with subtitles, it’s a must for foreign film lovers

Coming up:

20th May: Living (2022)

MONDAY 15 APRIL

Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale.

Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. — Marie St Pier

Notice of St Peters Church Electoral Roll Revision

The annual revision of St Peter’s Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 31st March and 14th April 2024.

Anyone wishing to become church members will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church. Applications must be received by 14th April 2024.

-David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)



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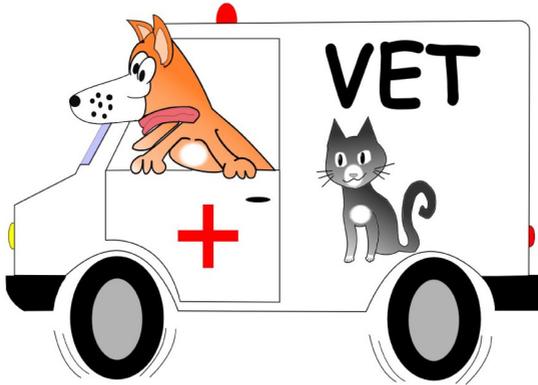
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3 rd	£9	Rita Robbins, Harwood Close

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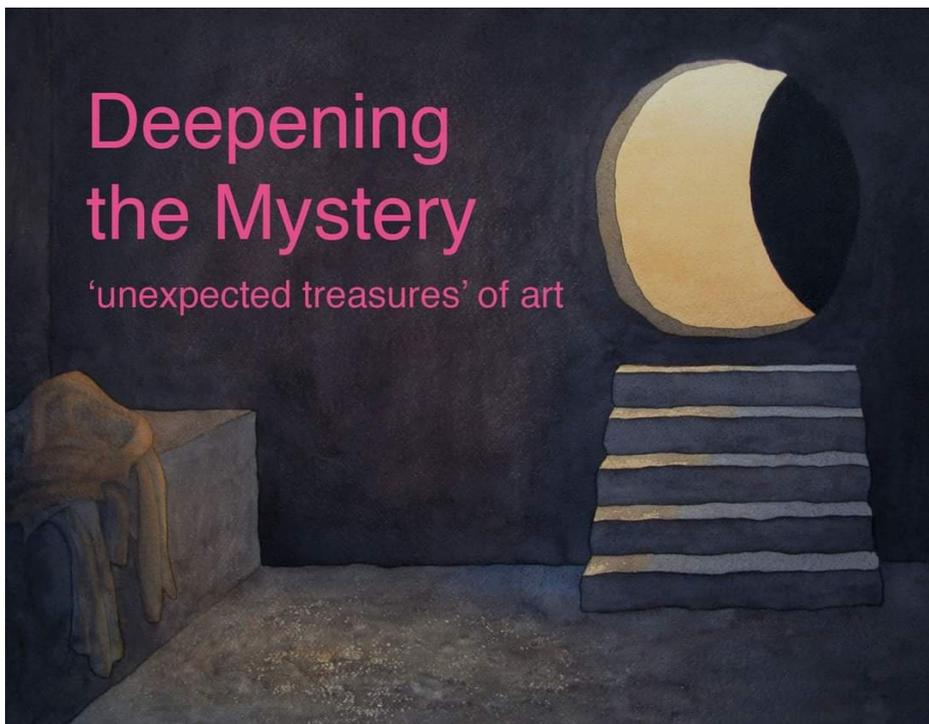
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Potholes – they are everywhere – and try as we might to avoid them, it's inevitable that at some point in our travels we'll find ourselves bumping into them. Literally.

We all wish our life's journey were smooth all the way. Perhaps an ambitious race up a straight and speed-free motorway of a career path or a gentle amble through the windy lanes of aging.

But again and again we find our plans hindered by these pesky little annoyances.

However many we manage to dodge, there are just some potholes we cannot avoid; the things in life that slow us down, make us feel uncomfortable, derail our plans, puncture our hopes.

The worst are often the ones we really didn't see coming. Often those glistening smooth shapes on the road after a night of rain, disguising the dark hidden deep of disintegrated tarmac beneath them, the shock of which shakes our very bones. Much like the scene in the vicar of Dibley, when Rev'd Geraldine Granger whilst out on a walk jumps playfully into a puddle only to disappear up to her neck in water.

Potholes – they are everywhere – and try as we might to avoid them, it's inevitable that in some point in our travels we'll find ourselves bumping into them. However, the next time you find yourself waylaid by one, you might remember the bible promises us that there is no depth of pit where God cannot rescue us.

May the flood of water not overflow me nor the deep swallow me up, nor the pit shut its mouth on me. Psalm 69:15

Bless the Lord, O my soul ... who redeems your life from the pit Psalm 103:2-3

He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm Psalm 40:2

I pray that today your journey, physical and metaphorical, will be utterly bump free. But if it's not, remember God did not promise us our lives will always be smooth going, but he did promise that we will never be alone.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
APRIL 7th	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RICHARD SYMS	EXODUS 14:10-End 15: 20-21	ACTS 4: 32-35	JOHN 20: 19- End
14th	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ZEPHA- NIAH 3: 14-End	ACTS 3: 12-19	LUKE 24: 36b-48
21st	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	COLIN HULL	EXODUS 16: 4-15	REVELA- TION 2: 12-17	
		MESSY CHURCH Followed by EVENSONG	3pm 6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	ACTS 4: 5-12	JOHN 10: 11-18	
28th	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION Followed by APCM	9.30am 10.45am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD JOHN BURNAPP	GENESIS 22: 1-18	ACTS 8: 26-End	JOHN 15: 1-8

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22nd March 2024 Rosemary Ann Nodder

The Church was flood lit on 13th March in memory of Richard Crawford with love from his family and friends.

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28th PAULINE	PAULINE BROWN	CLARE RAWLINS GRAHAM SPRING	ROZ HOLDEN	PAULINE SPRNG	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Annual Parochial Church Meeting—St Peter's Tewin

With an update on progress on the improvements to the church facilities.

10.45am Sunday 28th April 2024

All are welcome.

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

St Peter's News

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

It is good to see the back of February and a little less rain! As I write this, we are well into Lent, and I am coming up with different soup recipes for the Lent lunches. Susannah has been leading us through a course designed by the Ministry team to coincide with the exhibition of the Methodist church's collection of contemporary religious art. So far, we have seen paintings by Norman Adams and Ghislane Howard depicting Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem and the Washing of the Feet. These paintings have provoked much discussion. For example, about those who witnessed Jesus' riding through the crowds in Jerusalem and how quickly people can turn from being very in favour of someone to being against them only a short time later, and of the betrayal by Judas, his motives, and his guilt. As a group we plan to visit the whole exhibition which continues until 7th April at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City.

The 8th March is International Women's Day for which this year's theme is "**Invest in women: Accelerate Progress**". On 9th March a group of us attended a service of thanksgiving at St Albans Abbey for the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of women priests. We have been very fortunate here in Tewin to have had the offices of two women priests since 2005 – The Rev'd Coralie McCluskey and, from 2011 - The Rev'd Susannah Underwood. Women priests bring a different perspective and a different style to worship, and they have given us much to feel joyful about.

The following day, 10th March, was Mothering Sunday when traditionally domestic servants were permitted to go home to see their mothers or those who had their care and upbringing to visit their mother church where they were baptised. We celebrated the event in church with joyful singing and the presentation of posies to the women attendees for them or those close to them unable to attend church.

Our churchyard always looks lovely in the spring from the snowdrops in January, through the daffodils in February and March to the tulips in April. I hope you have had a chance to walk through the churchyard during this time when the blossom on the trees starts to come out too. Thank you to the THACS committee who have kindly donated £1000 from their residual funds for continued upkeep of the churchyard. Tree maintenance in the churchyard can cost us up to £900 in one year so this money is very wel-

come.

The PCC has accepted a quote for work to be done on the north wall of the church where we are experiencing damp. This has probably been caused by the high level of rainfall this winter. I am sorry the tap outside the vestry was not working for a few days. The stop cock failed and had to be replaced. All should be well now!

In early March Susannah and I, with Yasmin Shariff, our architect, welcomed Dr Jana Schuster, from Historic England, to discuss how they might help us with taking forward our plans for improvements to the church. This was a very useful meeting. Our architect is now working on the ideas discussed with Dr Schuster, and we are glad to say we shall have her advice to help us take the project forward. We have also received the feasibility study from Craigmyle on raising funds for this project and have a clearer picture of what we might have available to spend. **Do come to the Annual Parochial church Meeting on 28th April at 10.45am to hear the latest news.**

A reminder that the Annual Spring cleaning of the church will take place on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church where you will find further details. The church is organising Open Gardens this year on 29/30 June. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer your garden. This has been a very successful event in the past which we want to continue.

We are saddened by the loss of several of our congregation this winter. If you have lost loved ones, or are in poor health or spirits, please remember the Welwyn team of clergy are there to give support.

Please contact:

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood

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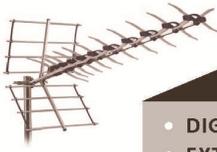
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Tewin Tennis Club

AGM

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the AGM in the pavilion on Friday March 1st. It was a enjoyable occasion, with ample wine and nibbles and time for a friendly chat and catch up before our Chairman David Room started proceedings with a round up of the year's events.

The new courts have been a resounding success, not just in the summer but also right through the winter. We've yet to resolve what to do about resurfacing the practice court, as the cost seems out of proportion to the use it gets. Thanks to Friends of Tewin for a donation to upgrade our leaf blower and we are now proud owners of an electric leaf sweeper too, which will be tucked away until the autumn. Our biggest inter-club competition is the Datchworth League, which starts this month. As recently as 2018 we were fielding four teams, but now we are down to two because we found that we had insufficient lady players available to field full teams every week. **If you'd like to play do have a chat with a committee member.** Tewin 1 finished top in Division 5A and are promoted. Congratulations to Alan and his team. Tewin 2 took Tewin 3's place in Division 7B and with their strengthened squad finished 6th, one position lower than the previous year. We had successful Tewin Club tournaments in 2023, which were reported at the time and these will run again this year. Coming sooner is our very popular ABC League on Friday evenings. If you haven't played before, please get in touch with a committee member or Rupert Stanley/Gerry Murphy who will line you up for a match or two. Coaching with Josh will resume soon, both for youngsters and adults, while one-to-one coaching is also available from Josh – well worth it in my opinion. See www.tewintennisclub.org for details.

Finally, some important news. Our Open Day, maybe better described as an informal curtain raiser to the season of social tennis, will be on April 21st. More details will be available via email nearer the time. Second, our esteemed Chairman David Room announced his intention to retire in 12 months time! David was enticed into this role on the supposition that it was to be no more than a three-year term 15 years ago. I am sure we all agree that he has been a dedicated chairman and done an amazing job. But now the search for a replacement begins.

Best wishes from the committee for a great summer of tennis.
Peter Burgess

Open Gardens

This year St Peter's Church will be organising Open Gardens for the village.

This event will take place over the weekend of 29/30 June.

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Tewin Arts & Crafts Summer Sale

Due to popular demand from our lovely December Arts and Crafts stall holders, we will be holding a summer Sale this year on the 15th June, as well as the ever popular Winter Sale on the 7th December. All our usual participants will be there plus some new Artists and Craftspeople.

CHARITY CAKE STALL

The cake stall is an integral part of the Sale and always brings in lots of people to have a cup of tea and a chat as well as feeding our hardworking stall holders. This year, the helpers who have run the stall for a few years are having a well deserved Summer break. So we are looking for someone, or a group of people, to take over the running on the 15th June.

We don't charge for the stall and you keep all the profits to donate to your favourite charity(s). There are always willing volunteers who will happily bake a cake or two and help to serve on the day.

If you are interested and would like more information please email hilary.tipping@talk21.com or phone 07967 724396.



Photo of our smiling Tewin History Group

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

Many of you may know that the name of one of the hospitals which The Friends support, Danesbury, is taken from the large white house on the hill in Welwyn above Carlton Rise. Before 1993 the hospital was housed in that building but it was becoming increasingly unsuitable, difficult and expensive to maintain so the NHS decided to sell the building. In an effort to prevent the patients, many of whom were long stay, from being sent to different institutions, the Friends of Danesbury organised an appeal which raised nearly £1 million towards the funding of a new purpose- built hospital in the grounds of the Queen Victoria Hospital in School Lane. Danesbury House itself was sold to a developer and redeveloped as flats. The history of Danesbury House is interesting. The building was finished in 1778 by the daughter-in-law of the 10th Baron St John and inherited by Frances St John, a spinster, in 1786. The St John family were owners of the very grand Grade I listed Thorpe Hall near Peterborough which had been built during the Commonwealth period by Oliver St John on land taken from a monastery sacked during the Civil War. He was an important and influential man who had been Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas under Oliver Cromwell. Danesbury House was then called St John Lodge. In her will dated 6 April 1793 Frances appointed Thomas Forsyth of Upper Wimpole Street, London, to be her executor. When she died, she was buried in the village of Longthorpe near Thorpe Hall. In an interesting twist, Mr Forsyth, although living in London, is buried with a grand tomb in the old churchyard at Ayot St Peter. This is a beautiful and peaceful spot carpeted with snowdrops and daffodils in the spring. The house had many interesting owners through the years. In 1824, a William Blake purchased the house and renamed it Danesbury. Members of the Blake family continued to live in the house until the beginning of the 20th Century and during this time the fernery was built. The house was then rented out and finally, after a fire, it was sold to the Dewar family in 1919. They continued to live in it until shortly before the Second World War. Danesbury House then started its association with the medical world when it was requisitioned and used as a TB hospital and convalescent home. The house continued to be used as a TB hospital until 1955, after which it became a home for long-stay patients under the name of ‘The Danesbury Home for the Young Chronic Sick’ – the precursor of the modern Danesbury Neurological Centre. Many older Welwyn residents will remember summer fetes being held in the grounds of Danesbury House. — Jennifer Fowler, **Friends of Danesbury and QVM**, info@danburyqvm.co.uk

Tewin Stores and Cafe

We do hope you had a good Easter and enjoyed the Easter hunts that were held in the village. Our own Easter chicks and bunnies proved to be very popular and Linda was hardly able to keep up with the demand. Now, with the hope for some better weather, we look towards the garden and some Spring planting; both the flower man and the fairy have been busy providing the Shop with garden plants and potted flowers.

Just now the rain continues to be very persistent, but our dog walkers and cyclists are made of strong stuff and pop in for take-a-way drinks and filled rolls to keep them going. Also, if the builders in the village are not inside the shop enjoying eating our fry ups they might also be having a take-a-way roll or baguette to sustain them for their hard work.

So if you are passing, do come in and see what is on offer in your local shop.

Our next improvement project in the Shop is to decorate the walls and ceilings. Hopefully this will not disturb the opening hours of the shop too much as much of the work will be done when it is closed or during the weekend; but please bear with us during that short period of time if we are not our usual self.

Saturday lunch on April 20th will be Lasagne, either meat or vegetable.

Below are the winners of our 100 Club draw in March. It would be lovely if we could make the first prize £50 but to do that we need more members.....could you help, and give yourself a chance of winning?

The 100 club winners in March were:-

1 st Prize	Jacqueline Mercer	£43.05
2 nd Prize	Steve Stott	£21.75
3 rd Prize	Michael Horsman	£13.05

Normal Opening Hours

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Sunday 9.00am – 12 Noon

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NEXT SESSIONS

4th April

18th April

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16th May

30th May

2pm to 3:30pm, Kimberley Room, Tewin Memorial Hall

Interested?

Please contact Kristina Lawson:

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Notes from an Apiary

A Sunday at the end of January and it feels like spring has sprung, but is it too early to celebrate? I suspect we have quite a bit of cold and wet weather ahead of us before we can be confident our bees have made it through the winter. As we look around, two important bee friendly plants are starting to show, bringing the promise of Spring. Snow drops in sheltered sunny spots in the garden and the Witch-hazel, now truly in flower. Both species are a joy to see and important as an early source of nutrition for bees.

One of the main threats to bees is the varroa mite, *varroa destructor*, considered to be one of the greatest threats to bees around the world. This small creature is a parasitic mite, now pretty much endemic in all colonies of bees. As a parasite, they don't directly kill bees but do significantly weaken the colony. Control of *varroa destructor* is essential to good husbandry. We employ an "Integrated Pest Control programme" (IPC). As part of the IPC we treat the colony with a solution of oxalic acid. Hives are opened between Christmas and New Year. Each "seam" of bees has a small amount of the solution dribbled into it. The bees are resilient, but it kills *varroa destructor*. It's all about keeping the parasite numbers down.

We applied oxalic acid treatment right at the end of 2023. Most hives were well, but one was completely without bees. Plenty of winter stores but no bees. We suspect the queen has become injured or failed and the workers simply absconded, hopefully finding their way into a neighbouring colony to pass the winter.

It's such a nice day, I think I'll take a walk down to the bee hives and see if any are poking their heads out, as I see a lot of Tewin folk are today.

Phil

Friends of Tewin



As I said in last month's magazine, February was a busy month for us and I know it seems a long way off now, but I hope you enjoyed the photos of the Seniors' lunch (pg 2) which, from the lovely thank you notes and compliments we have received, I think everyone enjoyed. We also held our Annual General Meeting on 27th February and I am pleased to say that we now have a full complement of officers on the Committee. Anne Hall remains as our President, Shirley Sinfield stood down as Secretary and is now Chairman, Hilary Tipping is our new Deputy Chairman, Tec Fawcett, who had been our Minutes Secretary takes over as Secretary, Elaine Wulcko continues as our Treasurer and Catriona Griggs, Rob Kenway and Damien Redlich all agreed to remain on the Committee.

Our next event is the Maypole dancing on Friday, 3rd May at 10 am on Lower Green. I believe that the Year 3 children at Tewin Cowper School are already practising their routines so I hope as many of you as possible can join us, and the children, for this lovely Village event. We are already planning this year's car show which is on 18th August but, before that, it's Scarecrow year again!! We plan to run this from Friday, 7th June with the Scarecrows on display around the Village from then, and, following the success of our Coronation Picnic last year, we have decided to change the format slightly and announce the winner of the competition at a Village Picnic on Lower Green on Sunday, 9th June where we will have races, crafts, games, face painting etc for the children (and adults!) and lots of lovely home made cakes. The Scarecrow theme this year will be 'Disney Characters' so please put your thinking caps on – a lot to choose from - and with Easter Holidays coming up, a good time to make an early start. Please keep an eye open for further details and posters shortly. If you would like any further information on any of our events please contact us via our e-mail address: friendsoftewin@gmail.com -Shirley, Friends of Tewin



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Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Burnham Green	12-12.30pm	Mobile Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	7.30-9pm	Tewin Ukelele Group (TUG)
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 4th & 18th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 20th	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch
Mon 15th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green "Jean de Florette"

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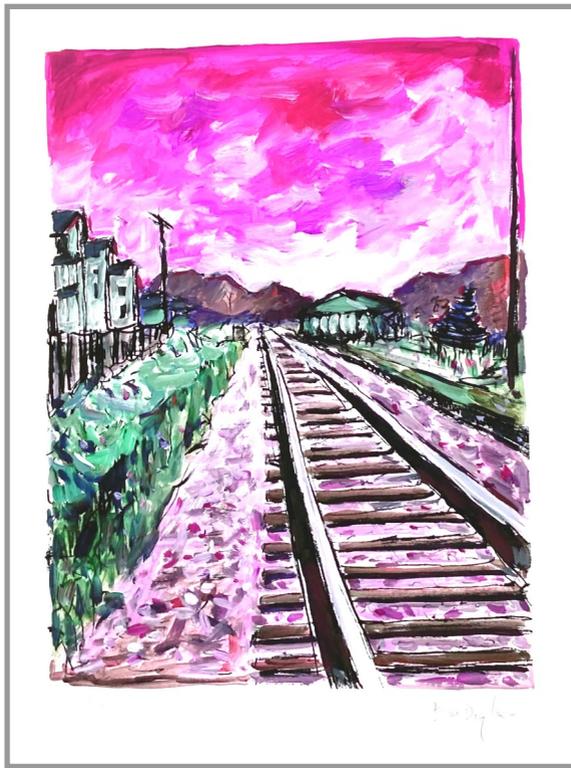
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