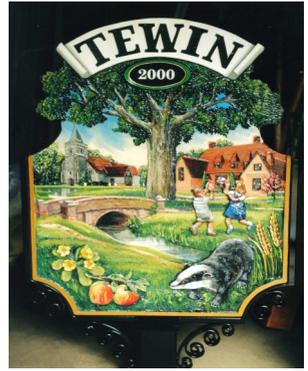




# Tewin Magazine



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**Cherry Blossom**

## Tewin in Spring



Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover picture was taken by Deborah Hoare and our page 2 pictures by Linda Crawford. How lucky we are to live amongst such beauty.

I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com).

Many thanks to Amanda Fox who did such a magnificent job of editing last month's Magazine. It was lovely to be able to go on holiday knowing the Magazine was in safe hands.

**Events this month are:**

Maypole Dancing on 3rd (p31) and Bowls Club Open Days on 27th and 29th (p13).

Tewin Stores is the venue for lunch on 18th (p29), Screen on the Green is showing "Living" on 20th (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 16th and 30th (p30).

Further afield there is a lunchtime recital at St Mary's, Welwyn on 18th (p27) and a walk in aid of the Isabel Hospice on the 19th (p16), starting from the Digswell Playing Fields.

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

St Peter's Church is fortunate in having a dedicated band of volunteers who clean the Church on a weekly basis. Once a year a more thorough clean is undertaken. In the spirit of 'many hands make light work', are you free on the evening of Friday 10th and/or the morning of Saturday 11th to help? Please see page 9 for details.

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Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto: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

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



In this report, I shall give a brief overview of which parts of Tewin are cared for by the Parish Council (TPC).

The Parish Council actually owns very little land. It owns Village Green 70 which runs alongside Bramfield Road, north of its junction with Queen Hoo

Lane. It also owns 100 Year Wood at the top end of Upper Green. Both are covered in trees.

The Parish Council rents Upper Green, Maypond Green and Lower Green from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) on a long term lease at peppercorn rent. TPC is responsible for the greens as if it were the owner but still needs to get permission from HCC for any major works. TPC owns most of the fixtures on the greens.

TPC rents land from a private owner in order to provide an allotment facility.

There are a number of small pieces of registered Common Land within the parish, such as the grass triangle at the roadside end of the church drive. Common Land is privately owned but registered “commoners” can have rights such as gathering firewood, grazing animals, etc. Within Tewin, none of the Common Land has known owners or commoners. It falls to the Parish Council to look after these areas.

Roadside verges are a very mixed bag. They can be privately owned by the roadside property, common land, the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways, owned by Herts County Council (HCC) Estates, owned by Sovereign Housing Association, etc.

Most footpaths, bridleways etc are on privately owned land, but HCC effectively owns the topsoil so that it can maintain the surface if necessary.

TPC organises the grass cutting in the parish, but HCC, East Herts Council (EHC) and Sovereign pay for the areas that they are responsible for. TPC keeps the grass and hedges trimmed on footpaths.

Occasionally, the Parish Council takes care of land that it is not responsible for. The small area of land immediately south of the Rose & Crown does not have an owner. It is in a central public area with a footpath running through it, so TPC looks after the trees, and this year, has tidied up the undergrowth.

Every Spring, the Parish Council does a Risk Assessment to see what maintenance is required. Most of the outcomes are the responsibility of TPC, but some is pursued with other agencies. A major component of the Risk Assessment is now checking the trees that the Parish Council is responsible for. In the last

three years we have spent over £11,000 on tree works.

The Parish Precept for 2024-25 is £38,000. The household charge is circa £44 pa Band D (£88 pa Band H).

My thanks go to the other members of the Parish Council, and to the Parish Clerk for their help and support.

Our two District Councillors, Michael McMullen and Linda Haysey, both retired at last May's elections, and it was sad to hear that Michael died earlier this year. He was a good friend to Tewin, and often seen at village events with his wife Angela. Following recent reviews of the East Hertfordshire Council wards, we now welcome Bob Deering as our District Councillor for the whole Parish.

Thanks go to our County Councillor Ken Crofton and to volunteers who help the Parish Council throughout the year. All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers and all Council business is decided by a majority vote. Parish Council documentation is on the Tewin Village website.

### **NEXT MEETING – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7:45pm

### **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://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.

#### **Queries :**

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June on Lower Green  
at 12 Noon

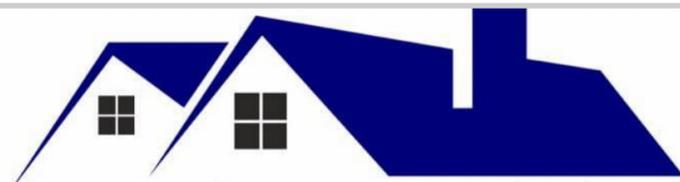
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## On The Farm

The industrial waste was cleared away from the gateway off Churchfield Road on the 19th of March with help from various people. I have decided to put up a pole and install 2 CCTV cameras which will log into our security system.

We have passed the Spring Equinox when we have more light than darkness and crops seem to wake up. How have our winter crops survived the winter deluge of endless rain and wet soils? Mostly ok. We have several ponds in fields due to the excessive rainfall, some areas of fields where there is nothing due to the rotting of the seed and several areas of headlands of fields where there is nothing. But it could be worse, our soils have a gravel subsoil which is free draining.

All crops have had their nutrients leaked away with the heavy rainfall over the winter months. Martyn has been spreading TSP (Triple Super Phosphate) and Nitrogen to boost crop growth, and at odd times when conditions are ok, he has been cultivating the 50 acres of pea land, which was ploughed when quite wet, and now he has used the Uni-press, twice, to get some tilth and be ready for sowing. We will wait till early April, when the soil temperatures reach about 11 degrees. Peas don't like being sown too early in the cold and wet, they like warm soils and get growing right away. By the way we sowed the peas on the 13th of April and I sprayed the soil with a herbicide on Sunday the 14th to control the weeds. Hopefully they will be off to a good start.

This month's weather has been very unsettled. It's been difficult for us to have calm days (no wind or rain) to spread fertilisers or go spraying.

Ivor Williams

## On This Day 3rd May

**1494** Columbus discovered Jamaica.

**1621** The Lord Chancellor, Sir Francis Bacon, was charged with accepting bribes to grant monopoly patents.



## Tewin Table Tennis Club

The Tewin Table Tennis club in terms of its size and catchment area is a minnow compared to many of the larger and long standing clubs but continues to play and achieve above its weight.

The League Table Tennis season concluded at the end of March and I am pleased to report both our teams finished the season with some very good results.

Our first team in Division 1 of the St. Albans, Welwyn and Hatfield League ended the season in a commendable 5<sup>th</sup> place. Andy Reeves finished the season with a 73% win average.

Our second team in Division 2 of the League came a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> with Andres Howson, still only 17 years of age, achieving a remarkable 83% win average. It seems likely we shall have limited availability of Andres next season as he is likely to be off to University.

The Tewin TT Club is open on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in Tewin Cowper School and welcomes new players over 10 years old. Why not come along and give it a try. All equipment is provided by the club but soft shoes or trainers must be worn.  
John Sheridan.

### Annual Spring Clean

Spring has sprung and it's time to give our church a thorough cleaning. Please put your name on the form at the back of the Church or contact **Pete Johnson on 01707 332579 (evenings)** to let her know what help you can give and when.....

#### Friday 10th May 6.30pm onwards

Able bodied volunteers needed to clean beams and windows, move furniture, kneelers, etc.

#### Saturday 11th May from 8.30am

Volunteers needed to help scrub floors and polish woodwork  
**Scrubbing 8:45am; Polishing 10.30am; Restoring order 12.30pm**

## Screen On The Green

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be showing “*Living*” (2022) starring the talented and versatile Bill Nighy at the top of his game.

Set in 1953 it tells the story of Rodney Williams who lives a very mundane life as a civil servant working in the public works department of the London County Council. He receives some disturbing news which makes him take stock of his dull existence, make up for lost time and “let go and live a bit”.

*Living* captures the 1950s period perfectly and if you are a steam train/railways buff you will love the evocative railway scenes.

Directed by Oliver Hermanus with a screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro, it was loosely adapted from Kurosawa's film *Ikiru*, which in turn was inspired by a novella by Leo Tolstoy. It premièred at the 2022 Sundance Festival and received many awards and accolades.

Coming Up::

17<sup>th</sup> June *Manon des Sources* (1986)

### **MONDAY 20 MAY**

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

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Marie St Pier

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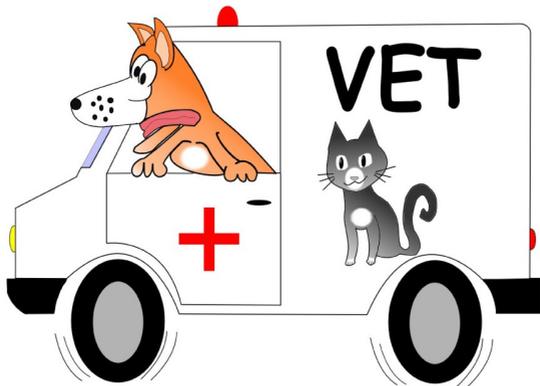
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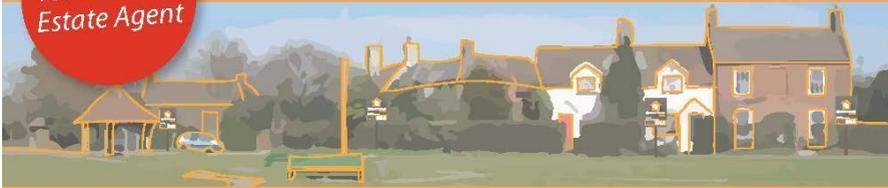
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but there are plenty of friendly matches in May and you would be  
very welcome to come and watch.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00 Shire Park v North Mimms  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00 Shire Park v Three Horseshoes  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 13.00 SADBA v London Scottish (Hosting)  
special match  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 14.30 Shire Park v Ware  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 14.30 Shire Park v Flitwick

These are just a taster of our matches in May, for more information  
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## Team Vicar's Letter

It is not just the Underwoods who think the Rectory is their home. Every year we have a couple of starling families who tuck themselves under the eaves and whose bossy babies keep their parents busy, flying constantly from lawn to roof carrying bugs for their breakfast. We also have a rather persistent blue tit, who taps daily at the window. I'm guessing he is arguing with his own reflection, but it does seem as if he really wants to come in. Less welcome are the jackdaws who have nested in our recently cleaned chimney. As I lie in bed I can hear them stuffing more sticks between the bricks. Their 'jack, jack' call amplified through the flue.

It is curious the great variety of birds that have been used to allude to a characteristic of God. In the bible we are given images such as the majesty of the eagle, the gentleness of the dove, the brooding, nurturing nature of the hen. You might also find in churches pictures of female pelicans, who were thought to peck out their own feathers in order to feed their young with their own blood. These sacrificial mothers were therefore seen as a symbol of Christ. Then there are peacocks, whose flesh was thought to never rot, so also given as a symbol of everlasting life. And in folklore the mythical phoenix, that bird which rises from the ashes, is seen to be an image of resurrection and rebirth.

Perhaps their constant call, elusive presence and the freedom given by their wings make birds an obvious image for God. Certainly they make us look up.

If you were going to choose a bird to represent God, I wonder what one that would be?

Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
MAY 5th	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 55: 1-11	ACTS 10: 44-End	JOHN 15: 9-17
12th	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	EZEKIEL 36: 24-28	ACTS 1: 15-17, 21-End	JOHN 17: 6-19
19th	WHIT SUNDAY  PENTE- COST	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	JO SAMPSON	EZEKIEL 36: 22-28	ACTS 2: 22-38	
		MESSY CHURCH Followed by HOLY COMMUNION	3pm  6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD  SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	ACTS 2: 1-21	JOHN 15: 26-27, 16: 4b- 15
26th	TRINITY SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION  WITH BAPTISM	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 6: 1-8	ROMANS 8: 12-17	JOHN 3: 1-17

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

**WEDDING**

**5 April 2024**

**Christopher David Charles Gubb & Hollie Anne Eleri Daniel**

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26th DAVID	NICKY HADLEY	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	JANET ROBINS	MAVIS HAGGAR	PAULINE SPRING

**St Peter's Church will be floodlit on Wednesday, 1st May, in memory of  
ALAN LAWSON,**

**Joy, Kristina and family.**

## St Peter's News

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

It was marvellous to see the flowers in church on Easter Sunday! Thank you to our wonderful flower arrangers. It was such a sharp contrast, as it should be, to the starkness of the church on Good Friday, with the bare altar and the cross standing there.

Holy week began rather shakily on Palm Sunday. Twenty minutes before the start of the service we found we had no palm crosses to distribute, and the organist was stuck on the M25. We also needed to find new readers for the Narrative of the Passion due to people being ill. But somehow, albeit a few minutes late, and despite the blustery drizzle, Susannah began the service around the war memorial, as usual, and led the congregation in procession back inside for some rousing joyful singing and to witness The Passion according to Luke. As moving as ever.

On Good Friday this year we welcomed The Eden Consort, a quartet of local musicians who sang and read monologues from the different points of view of those caught up in the story of the Crucifixion. It was a well-attended occasion when we were also pleased to welcome members of the other congregations in the Welwyn team.

Easter Saturday turned out to be a lovely afternoon when a large group of children came with their friends and family to enjoy Messy Church. They planted the Easter Garden, made Easter egg messages to hang in the church and a long banner to go behind the altar. They also ran round the churchyard to find Easter Eggs and left coloured pebbles around the gardens. It was so lovely to have a good day for it, and not to have to dodge the showers for once.

And then it was Easter Day – a joyful occasion, with the church decorated magnificently and even a Simnel cake to enjoy with our coffee at the end of the service.

The Lent course this year finally finished just after Easter with the sixth study of pictures from the Methodist collection of 20<sup>th</sup> century religious art which was on display at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City for

over a month. Those who came to the sessions and who also went to see the exhibition were pleasantly surprised by the paintings and the associated programme of readings and music designed by our Welwyn clergy was much appreciated.

The new pattern of services for the third Sunday in the month has now been in place since July 2023. We have been holding Morning prayer using the Book of Common Prayer at 9.30am followed by Messy Church in the afternoon, for young people and their families. The evening service alternates each month between Holy Communion and Evensong when we gather a small choir to lead our worship. Overall, this seems to be working well and the PCC has decided to keep services like this from now on. All our services are listed on the village website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)), in this magazine, and on the church door. We are so lucky to hold weekly acts of worship here in the village – so many churches have closed in the past decade and others only have services once or twice a month.

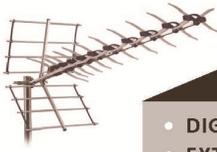
We will report on the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the next edition as it takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to those people who have signed up to help with the church's **Annual Spring Cleaning weekend – 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May**. The list is still there at the back of the church with further details of how you can help.

Thank you also to those who are happy to be involved with **Open Gardens on 29/30 June**. If we haven't already been back in touch with you, we will be shortly. For those still thinking about volunteering their garden, don't forget it is a marvellous way to really tidy up your garden for the summer and get rid of all those messy corners where stuff lurks.

If you have lost loved ones recently, or are in poor health or spirits, please remember the Welwyn team of clergy are there to give support. Please contact:

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## Tewin Tennis Club

With the competition season under way, a more mundane topic that has been taxing the committee is what to do about our practice court on Upper Green. You may not have even noticed it, tucked at the back of Court 1 behind the pavilion.

Basically a brick wall with a miniature-sized court behind it, you can hit balls to your heart's content and they will always come back. There's a white line at tennis net height so you can target your shots and goodness, it's hard work. At least it is for me, for I rarely have managed to string together more than a handful of shots before it all goes catastrophically wrong and I have to start again.

With the new Tiger Turf on the main courts, the practice court suddenly looks tired underfoot, and elsewhere. The Tarmac hasn't been replaced for ages and the wall needs some love and affection. Yes, work could have been carried out when we refurbished the main courts, but as ever, it has always been a question of money.

And it is far from clear that it gets very much use. We'd welcome players' thoughts on this. Who *does* use the practice wall/court, and would they welcome an upgrade?

Current players have received notification about renewing their membership, and there may be a day or two left to take advantage of the discount before the fees increase on 30 April. Also, village residents who book courts ad hoc might well like to consider full membership of Tewin Tennis Club, which has what we think are the best value rates in the whole of Hertfordshire.

You'll then get the chance to take part in the popular ABC League on Friday evenings, starting this month. Members – playing that night or not – meet up at the courts for a social evening, usually followed by a drink in the Plume. Please come down and introduce yourself. Tell them Peter sent you.

Peter Burgess

## JUMBLE SALE REPORT – 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH

What a great day we had, weren't we lucky with the weather! After a very wet and rainy week, the weather on Saturday morning was positively Spring-like! There was a long, good natured queue of bargain hunters who waited patiently for 2pm to come and to be allowed into the sale.

On the day before the sale and on the Saturday morning, we sorted through the mountain of donations and as always, this was done with great enthusiasm.

Many regular Jumblers came on the Friday before the sale to help sort through all the items we had received. We also had quite a few new recruits, which is great. By the time 2pm Saturday afternoon came, we were ready.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to make the sale such a success. It's a big team effort and everyone involved played their part. Whether you served on a stall, kept us all going with tea and biscuits or served refreshments to the customers it was a great team effort!

Our thanks go to Todd and his team for delivering the leaflets for us and to the collectors who picked up donations around the village during the weeks leading up to the Sale.

The takings on the day amounted to £4,112.00 and all the profit goes towards the upkeep of our beautiful Memorial Hall. We are thrilled that the Jumble Sale continues to be as popular and profitable as ever. Date for your diary: Autumn Jumble Sale is on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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## **Young Star Violinist And Pianist To Perform At St Mary's Welwyn On 18 May**

The May concert in the '*Second Saturday Recitals*' series at St Mary's is a little later in the month than usual. It will showcase two exceptionally talented youngsters - Yinong Xiao on violin and Bridget Yee on piano. The concert is on 18 May at 12 noon and will last for one hour. Entry is free to all and there will be a retiring collection for church funds.

Their programme will open with Yinong playing Bach's 'Partita for Solo Violin in E major'. Then Bridget will play one of the most challenging pieces from the solo piano repertoire – Liszt's 'Transcendental Study No 11' known as 'Harmonies du Soir'. The two young artists will then join together for one of the great violin sonatas – Schumann's Violin Sonata No 2, Op 121.

### **Yinong Xiao**

Yinong hails from China and studied at the music specialist Purcell School near London before winning a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. His teacher is Professor Hu Kun, the famous Chinese violinist who was Yehudi Menuhin's only private student. Yinong is a prizewinner in many important competitions and has already appeared at the Wigmore Hall and Cadogan Hall as a soloist. He gave an acclaimed recital for solo violin at St James', Piccadilly last year and this can be viewed on YouTube.

### **Bridget Yee**

In 2020 Malaysian pianist Bridget Yee was one of five top pianists across the United Kingdom in the BBC Young Musician Competition Finals. She also won the Windsor International Piano Competition and the Beecham International Piano Competition. Bridget is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music on a full scholarship under Christopher Elton. She has been awarded a Polonsky Foundation Fellowship for this year's Aspen Music Festival in America.

## Friends of Danesbury and QVM

You may remember that in the February Magazine I spoke about the very significant donation the trustees of the Friends of Danesbury and the QVM hospitals had been able to make by agreeing to fund a four year lease purchase by the NHS of a new Renault Trafic minibus for use by the patients. I am very happy to be able to report that this has now been delivered and both the patients and staff of the two Welwyn hospitals are delighted. You will see from the smiling faces of the three members of staff how pleased they are.



When this donation was under consideration the lead physiotherapist at Danesbury explained that a vehicle dedicated to patient transport was so beneficial to both the staff and the patients themselves in providing flexibility and enabling therapy teams to organise community visits effectively. As I explained before, agreeing to the cost of the lease at £10,000 per year for four years was only possible because our shop in Welwyn High Street is so successful and this is entirely down to all you who support us – so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The spring has been so glorious this year, even if rather cold and rainy – the primroses and daffodils have seemed especially beautiful and everything looks so new and fresh. We can now look forward to warmer months and being able to enjoy outside events including the Welwyn Festival from 22nd to 30th June when the charity will have stalls both in the High Street and on Singlers Marsh. We look forward to seeing you then and before in our charity shop. In the meantime we hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Easter.

*Jennifer Fowler*

*Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital*

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Despite a little disruption the painting of the shop has been done. With the help of customers and volunteers the stock was constantly being taken off the shelves, fittings moved and then replaced later in the day or the following day. We must also thank the painter who worked after the shop closed in order to help reduce disruption to customers. I hope you like the clean look of the shop.

Behind the scenes, a new carpet is to be laid behind the counter to help the volunteers' feet when standing for so long working the till.

Our next project is to upgrade the toilet. None of these projects can be done without funding and this includes maintaining sales of items in the shop; so please continue to support your local shop by popping in and buying something; you may be surprised at the range of items stocked and displayed.

We do have a new product for you to try: Organic "Liquid Herbs". These are sold in 40ml bottles with a 2 year shelf life; this beats the dry ones anyway.

We are looking for new products all the time and hope to introduce more as the year goes on.

May's Saturday lunch will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be Egg, Ham and Potato Wedges.

The 100 club winners in April were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize; Patrick Holden £43.05

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Lynne Hall £21.75

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Dagmar Brook £13.05

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## NEXT SESSIONS

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18th April

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16th May

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## Notes from an Apiary

We are now into April and the beekeeping year is hotting up in more ways than one. We have removed the mouse guards and woodpecker protection. The winter wet has dragged on but last weekend it was warm enough to contemplate opening and inspecting our hives.

Good news, they have made it through to Spring. Three viable colonies, developing nicely and all with plenty of brood. When we inspect our bees, we look for several things. **Varroa mites**, a small pernicious parasitic mite. We did not find any, good news. **Any signs of disease**. Check to see that the bees are not making plans to swarm. **The overall temper of the bees**, no one likes aggressive bees. The outcome of the inspection allows us to lay down a plan of work to help develop a healthy, calm, productive colony of bees. The holy grail of beekeeping. All beekeepers should be dedicated to good husbandry and the search for bee improvement.

I had the opportunity to meet with local beekeepers at a training event last month and to talk about hive and apiary positioning. A discussion followed with a DEFRA Bee Inspector who confirmed we need to stay vigilant for disease, temper and a new threat, the Asian Hornet. While this area is looking good it is not the same in all areas.

Such a lot to think about! Such a challenging and rewarding job. I hope you enjoy reading this and if you want to know more, visit the CSHBKA website. Or pass a message on to me, Phil Raine

## Friends of Tewin



With Easter over, the primroses, tulips and all the spring flowers making a bright display, the trees showing their lovely fresh green leaves, the sun finally peeping through, it does finally seem like Spring.

So, how better to celebrate than join us, and the Year 3 children from Tewin Cowper school as they show off their dancing skills around the **Maypole**. We will all be gathering on Lower Green at **10am on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** so please come along to support them as they perform their intricate steps – it is a lovely, time-honoured village event.

We are already planning our next event which is the return of the **Scarecrow Weekend** starting on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June**. By now your flyer should have dropped into your letter box giving all the details and how to enter so please get your entries in early to:

**friendsoftewin scarecrows@gmail.com** – it couldn't be easier.

We have widened our theme to cover all Cartoon Characters now so even more to choose from. The event will end with a **Village Picnic** on Lower Green on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** when the winner of the most popular scarecrow will be presented with their prize. We will be tempting you all with home made cakes but we will be in competition with Frank and his popular Ice Cream Van! There will be lots going on, games, races, face painting, music, and lots of other activities all of which are free - we even hope to run a tug-of-war, so, get thinking of who it would be good to have in your team and get them signed up!

Posters will be appearing around the village nearer the time, together with details of how to vote. Scarecrow location maps will also be on display at various locations, so, all you need to do is come along with your picnic, tables, comfy chairs (there will be limited seating and tables available) and join in a family fun weekend.

One last request though, please keep your fingers crossed for fine weather otherwise we will move to Tewin Memorial Hall!

More details regarding the Tewin Classic Car and Craft Show on 18<sup>th</sup> August will be given in next month's magazine.

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 9th & 23rd	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 16th & 30th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Fri 3rd	Lower Green	10am	Maypole Dancing
Fri 10th, Sat 11th	St Peter's	See page 9	Spring Clean
Sat 18th	St Mary's, Welwyn	12 Noon	Lunchtime Recital
Sat 18th	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch
Sun 19th	Digswell	10am	Walk for Isabel Hospice
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Living'
Sat 25th, Mon 27th	Bowls Club	11am-4pm	Bowls Club Open Days

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