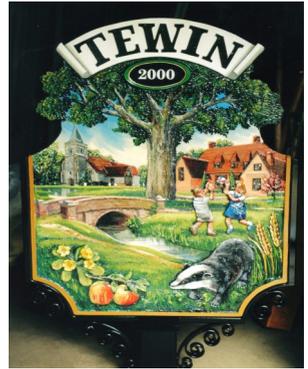




Tewin Magazine

September 2024



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Harvest in full swing

Classic Cars



Over 50s Canal Trip



Farewell to Pete



Summer Supper at Tewin Stores

Welcome to the September 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our cover photo this month was taken by Deirdre Hatt .I hope you enjoy the photos opposite of some of the events which took place in August. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

Events this month are:

Harvest Festival at St Peter's on 29th (p17).
Tewin Stores is the venue for lunch on 21st (p29).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Great Escaper' on 23rd (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 5th and 19th (p30).

Further afield there is a Heritage Open Event at Panshanger Park on 7th and 8th with tours and talks (p6) and Welwyn Garden Music Society is having an open rehearsal on 23rd (p13).

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

The reason why the bells were ringing out so beautifully on Tuesday, 13th August is explained on page 16.

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 12-12.30pm. 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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TEWIN BURY FARM

Tewin Bury Farm were granted a license for outdoor music and sale of drink in the “Meadow Field” which is on the right as you go down Churchfield Road to the B1000. On Sunday 25th August they held a Farm Festival for one day only running from 10am until 3pm.

UPPER GREEN CAR PARK

The Parish Council has agreed to works to repair the potholes in the Upper Green car park. The potholes at the entrance will also be filled in due course.

LITTER BINS

We are sorry that the litter bins are sometimes overflowing. They are usually emptied every Monday by East Herts, but sometimes we get missed out especially around Bank Holidays. It really doesn't help when they are filled up with pizza boxes etc after picnics as this rapidly fills up the bins.

Please be sensible as to what you put in the litter bins otherwise they overflow and cause a health hazard:

- Do not stuff large bags of rubbish in them as it leaves no room for genuine litter including dog poo bags
- Do not put waste food in the bins - foxes will dig it out and spread litter all over the ground
- Do not put household rubbish in litter bins.
- If you are having a picnic, please take your rubbish home with you.

NB: If your rubbish is going to fill the bin, then you should be taking it away with you.

HEDGES

Now that we are heading towards September and the birds have finished nesting, Tewin Parish Council would be grateful **if all residents who have hedges on their land bordering a footpath or pavement would cut them back if they are overhanging or partially blocking the path.**

COMMON RAGWORT

This is a common weed found throughout the British Isles however it is very toxic to horses and other livestock and can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state.

Under the Weeds Act 1959 the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent the spread of injurious weeds. **If you find you have it in your garden please put rubber gloves on and remove the plant and place it in the black bin to prevent livestock eating it.**

Fragments of root will remain in the ground so new growth will have to be monitored and removed year after year.

Search for more information on the identification and control of ragwort at www.defra.gov.uk

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 2nd September 2024.

All meetings start at 7.45pm and are held 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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Police Community Team: 101 - For non-emergency purposes – This will create a general log and will be picked up by the officers on duty at the time. If personal messages are sent they may not be picked up for some time if the officer isn't on duty as they may be on rest days, annual leave or even off sick. Our East Herts Rural Team contacts are: PC Rob Wenham or PCSO Sally Brooks.

Herts Highways Fault Line: 0300 1234047 or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk - for fault reporting.

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk for reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Environmental Services, Pest Control, Tree Preservation Orders, Planning, Waste Services, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Heritage Event at Panshanger Park Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September

Saturday 7th September 2024

10.30 - 12.00 - Guided Walk - Heritage Walk to Orangery, Oak and House site – David Neal

11.00 - 12.00 - Tractor Tour - Parkland Restoration – Michael Charlton

12.15 - 12.45 - Talk - Panshanger in the 20th Century – Geoff Cordingley

13.00 - 13.30 - Talk - Panshanger Voices, the oral history of the park – Geoff Cordingley

13.45 - 15.15 - Guided Walk - Heritage Walk to Orangery, Oak and House site – David Neal

14.15 - 15.15 - Tractor Tour - Parkland Restoration – Michael Charlton

Sunday 8th September 2024

10.30 - 12.00 - Guided Walk- Heritage Walk to Orangery, Oak and House site – David Neal

11.00 - 12.00 - Tractor Tour - Parkland Restoration – Michael Charlton

12.15 - 12.45 - Talk - Beautifying Cole Green – Kate Harwood

13.00 - 13.30 - Talk - Panshanger: a brief history - Kate Harwood

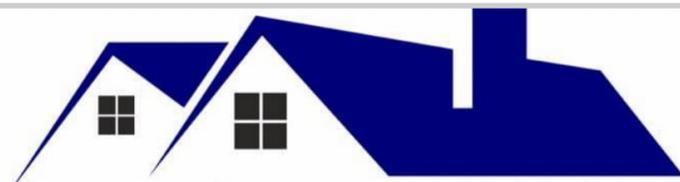
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To book on to a walk, tour or talk please visit:

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/heritage-open-days-weekend-panshanger-park-2024

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On The Farm

After the last heavy storm, in the evening of July 15th, the following morning, I went out to see how the crops stood up to the heavy rain, fearing a lot of flattened oats and wheat. To my surprise all were still standing. Now let's get some decent weather & sunshine to ripen the crops. Most of my farmer friends started their harvest around the 20th of July, with winter barley and oilseed rape (OSR). I do not grow these crops, I grow naked oats, peas & winter wheat. Normally we harvest oats first then peas then winter wheat. This year the pace of ripening crops was unbelievable. July 29th was a lovely sunny day. We decided to look at the oats and found the oat head ripe, but the stem was still green- no good for harvesting, the stem has to be dry. Then we looked at the wheat on Lower Prairie Field - moisture 15 % -perfect it's ready to harvest. The pace of ripening this summer is unbelievable. We worked till dark, and harvested 65 acres of lovely wheat.

This summer I bought a Trailer Weigher, which means we know how many tons are in each trailer load. We have found it very interesting to know what each field yields. From Monday the 29th of July there were 5 very hot days. This hot weather ripened the oats. Naked oats are a funny crop to harvest, it's a slow job. At the end of the day we harvested the 42 acres. These Oats do not yield like wheat. We are paid a premium to grow them as they are very much in demand.

It was a joy to combine one of our new fields, called Airfield. The first results of the wheat quality show Hagberg (the weight of the grain) good, yields good, but our protein sample is not what we hoped for. It's early days yet, let's get the wheat in the barn dry, then have more tests done. We had light rain on Saturday 3rd of August, went to look at the peas and found them rattling in their pods. Another good day's Combining. At least they stood tall and were easy to combine. At the end of the day we had a pile of about 80 tons in our new barn. Our main grain store is for the rest of the wheat.

This summer I have been Yard man, mainly about the yard, helping to back the grain trailers into the store, tipping, taking samples of each load and pushing the grain up as high as possible in the store.

We finished Harvest on the 12th of August, the earliest for many a year, with a lovely crop.

Ivor Williams.

Over 50s Outing

Thanks to a donation from Friends of Tewin 33 members from the Thursday Over 50's club went on a canal trip from Hemel Hempstead. We had a wonderful day out helped by the volunteers who ran the boat trip and enjoyed fish and chips on the way back after helping with several of the locks that we went through. See photo on page 2.

Anyone wishing to join this happy band of people please contact Ann Kevis 01438 717473



Introducing Our New MP

We now have a Labour MP, Chris Hinchliff, representing our North East Herts Constituency for the first time. Some of you may have already met Chris who visited every parish during the election campaign.

Chris has a keen awareness of the problems faced by rural areas and the problems people face in their everyday lives. He worked for the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) for over 4 years where he was Campaign Manager for the last two. He has been a Councillor for North Herts District Council for the last two years representing Royston Palace ward.

Chris is keen to engage with all constituents across North East Herts to find out what your concerns are for our area. He will be holding surgeries across the Constituency over the coming months. He is in the process of setting up his office team and once the full details of his surgeries are available, we will ensure they are well publicised across the Constituency.

I can not finish without thanking Sir Oliver Heald for his dedicated service to our constituency for over 32 years. He announced his intention not to stand in the Spring.

Jo Linney, Chair East Rural Labour Branch - jolinney@mac.com

Screen On The Green

Well, where did the summer go? Now it's September which means the start of a new season of Screen on the Green, with a varied selection of films old and new.

We kick off on **Monday 23rd September** (a week later than originally planned) with *The Great Escaper (2023)*. It tells the true story of 90-year-old British WW II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who “broke out” of his nursing home to attend the 70th D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014. Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson, the film marks the last screen performances of both actors and also the last film produced by Pathé UK.

A moving story beautifully presented with stellar performances from both actors.

Here's the program for the rest of this year so put these dates in your calendar now.

21 st October	<i>The Big Sleep (1946)</i>
18 th November	<i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (2019)</i>
9 th December	<i>Amélie (2001)</i> - French

MONDAY 23 September

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

September

September used to only have 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day!

The Romans often associated different months with different gods. September is associated with Vulcan, the Roman god of fire.



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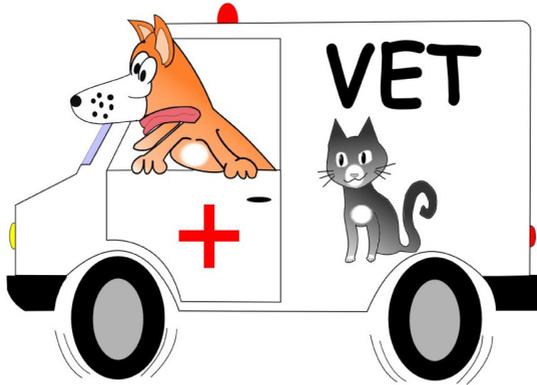
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Samaritan's Purse

It is shoebox time again!

Hopefully interest may continue to support 'Operation Christmas Child'. Each year there seems to be more need, the only gift a child may receive, full of surprises and joy. So many are in war torn areas, orphaned, living in camps or on the streets.

Leaflets and flat pack boxes will be available in Tewin Stores, St Peter's Church or from Sue Whitbourn

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

Bridge Cottage Surgery now comes under the Hertford & Rurals Primary Care Network, together with GP Surgeries in Hertford, Ware and Watton-at-Stone. The Patient Groups in the PCN will be holding a health event ***Let's Breathe - Exploring lung and heart health*** at the new Hertford Theatre, BEAM, on Saturday 12th October, from 10.30 - 12.30. More information will follow...

WGC Chorus Open Rehearsal

Monday 23rd September 2024

7.30pm for 7.45 start

Templewood School, Pentley Park, WGC, AL8 7SD

Everyone is welcome to sing with us!

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

Here are the winners for July's Supporters Club Draw.

1st	£47	Bridget Keppler, U/Green Road
2nd	£28	Adrian Hill, Tewin Hill
3rd	£9	Roger Toms, Godfries Close
3rd	£9	Patrick Holden, Lower Green

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- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

Verger's Farewell

Thank you so much to all my friends from near and far who came to Choral Evensong at St Peter's on August 11th and stayed for the party afterwards. Your good wishes, cards and generous donations are much appreciated. Also to those who organised the magnificent spread of refreshments topped off by the fabulous cake. It was all quite overwhelming and I shall miss you all so, so much.

Pete Johnson

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride

The annual sponsored bike ride in support of the B&HHCT is taking place in September. David Rawlins will be taking part with half of the money raised going towards the upkeep of historic churches in the area and with the other half being used for the maintenance of St Peter's Church in Tewin. If you would like to help preserve Tewin's Grade 1 listed church, please visit his Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-rawlins-1722705806249>
to donate or sign up on the form at the back of the church.

Tewin Bellringers Ring for Pete

Did you hear the church bells ringing out on Tuesday, 13 August 2024? Tewin bellringers: Carol J Kendall, June Mackay, Richard Sales, Ian K Bushell, Graham R D Lay (C) and Brian G Meads rang a 5040 **Surprise Minor (7m)** (720 each of Northumberland, Sandiacre, Alnwick, Newcastle, Munden, Chester and Carlisle) in honour of Pete Johnson who was previously a member of the Tewin band and a long time Verger at St Peter's Church who is leaving Tewin.

What a lovely tribute.

Team Vicar's Letter

Watching other people work, especially my husband, is an activity of great joy. I write this at my study desk from which I can see him through the window - back bent, arms flexed, pushing our monster of a lawn mower up and down, up and down. I wave cheerily as he passes. With the sweat running into his eyes, he doesn't wave back.

But before you feel too sorry for this hard done male of the species, he too finds joy in the efforts of others. In the run up to harvest this year, Bob, along with some other villagers who will remain nameless, got quite animated at the thought of watching the combine. So much so that Datchworth farmers, Pearman, were pestered about when the cutting would begin. On the afternoon the combine harvester appeared in the field at the back of the Rectory garden, Whatsapp messages started pinging and these friends downed their own tools ready for the spectacle of watching others at work. The comfiest chairs were brought to the end of the garden and a rather special bottle of English fizz was opened. Three men raising a glass to the farmers as they worked for hours in the 30 degree heat. Passing the spectators Dave Pearman hopped out of his tractor and called over the hedge - 'you can go off people, you know'.

It's easy to forget the hard work that goes into the food we enjoy, but harvest festival is a time when we celebrate all who produce our food, as well as giving thanks to God for the good things the earth provides.

We have two Harvest celebrations at St Peter's this year: Messy Church will celebrate on Sunday 15th September 3pm, and then there will be an all age Harvest Parish Communion on Sunday 29th September 9:30am. Gifts of dried and tinned produce will be given to the Foodshed in Stevenage and a cash collection will go to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
SEPT 1st	14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	DEUTER- ONOMY 4: 1-2, 6-9	JAMES 1: 17- End	MARK 7: 1-8, 14- 15, 21-23
8th	15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	WILL ELLIS	ISAIAH 35: 4-7a	JAMES 2: 1-17	MARK 7: 24—End
15th	16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	MORNING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY MESSY CHURCH	9.30am 3pm	JO SAMPSON SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 18: 13-26	MATTHEW 7 : 1-14	
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	ISAIAH 50: 4-9a	JAMES 3: 1-12	MARK 8: 27-End
22nd	17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION WTH BAPTISM	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JEREMIAH 11: 18-20	JAMES 3: 13—4: 3, 7—8a	MARK 9: 30-37
29th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOEL 2: 21-27	MATTHEW 6: 25-33	

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

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
SEPT 1st ANGELA	NICKY HADLEY	DI BRADLEY TBA	QUEENIE SIMMONS	ELAINE FOWLER	PAULINE SPRNG
8th DAVID	KAREN SHAW	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	GERRY AND JACKIE MURPHY	QUEENIE SIMMONS	CLARE RAWLINS
15th	LINDA GILLEY	ROZ HOLDEN	BARBARA CLARKE	MARION COMPTON	ANGELA WILLAMS
ALED	MICK SIMMONS	MARK SWANN			
22nd ANGELA	ELAINE FOWLER	CLARE RAWLINS GRAHAM SPRING	LINDA GILLEY	SUE WHITBOURN	ANGELA WILLIAMS
29th DAVID	IVOR WILLIAMS	SPIKE NICHOLSON ELAINE FOWLER	GLORIA KERSEY	PAULINE SPRING	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

WEDDING

**9th August 2024 Christopher James Dowler
Kristie Yvonne Rayment**

St Peter's News

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

Our good friend and Verger, Pete Johnson, has now moved house to be nearer her son in Lancashire. This is a good move for her but a massive loss for us as she has always been there to step up when anyone was away. The churchyard has looked immaculate under her safe hands and many folk who were not regular churchgoers enjoyed a chat with her amongst the graves. And this was only some of what she has done for the church.

It has meant we have needed to look at all the roles she has taken on and to ensure they were covered by others from now on. By and large, we have managed to share these tasks amongst the regular church congregation, but we could do with some more help please. For a start, Pete has spent hours in the churchyard every week, keeping the graves and the rest of the churchyard tidy. From now on, we shall have some **regular working parties** there every few months, but if you have a grave for which you are responsible, would you kindly ensure you keep it weeded if possible, please. Arrangements for professional tree care, hedges and grass cutting will continue as before. And a special thank you to Becky Timson who has been clipping the edges of the stones in the Memorial Garden and – Yes please – do continue to do this when you feel able!! .

If you would like to help in the churchyard, please let David Rawlins know (rawlins31@btinternet.com or 01438 717552).

In church, Pete has always stepped up to help with **Cleaning** if someone has had to drop out. This is not an onerous task – someone vacuums the floors, dusts round the church and cleans the loo once a week. Maybe an hour's work once every few months. Could you do this for the church please?

We could do with new people as Sidesmen to help meet and greet people on Sunday mornings or serve Coffee after church. Are you a talented flower arranger? Would you like to do the flowers in church from time to time?

If you would like to join any of the rotas above, you would be most welcome, please contact me.

During August, we have continued to visit other churches in the

Welwyn Team for our Summer Evensongs at Codicote, Ayot St Peter, Datchworth and Welwyn. Our own took place on 11th August when we welcomed Colin Hull to talk about gardens in the Bible, in particular the Gardens of Eden and Gethsemane. Overall, it was a marvellous event, attended by people from far and wide. We had over 80 in the congregation and most joined us for drinks and nibbles afterwards to say thank you and farewell to Pete. The vicar talked about her many achievements, presented her with a bouquet, a calendar for next year with pictures of St Peter's churchyard, a mug to remind her of what she is missing, and a cheque to help with her removal expenses from donations from her grateful fans.

Susannah led our Annual Poetry Pilgrimage from All Saints, Datchworth to St Peter's, Tewin on 17th August, with Colin Hull giving ornithological information on the way. And our final service of the month was a joint service with All Saints, Datchworth in the marquee on Burnham Green on the Bank Holiday weekend.

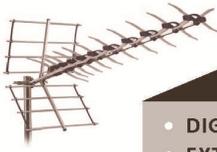
In September David Rawlins will be taking part in the Bike N Hike Sponsored Cycle Ride. This is in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. If you would like to help him raise funds for this which goes towards maintaining church buildings in the area, please fill in the sponsorship form at the back of the church or sign up at <http://www.justgiving.com/page/David-rawlins-1722705806249>.

We shall celebrate Harvest Festival on the last weekend of the month at our service of Holy Communion on 29th September. Please bring any dried or tinned goods donations to the church which will be given to the Food Shed at Stevenage.

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

This year's ABC finals party was another great success, helped no little by the good weather arriving at last. It was a really lovely evening, with some great tennis being played while others watched courtside with a drink before Ross's pizza van started churning them out in a never ending lava flow of crispy dough, cheese and tomato. We knew we'd never eat it all, but the stalwarts managed to take the leftovers home for breakfast the next day.

Team D (Hazel and Keith) were victorious over Team A (Maria and Henrik) in a really hard fought and entertaining match. Third place went to Team B (Deirdre and Damien) in another nail biter against Team C (Jane and David). As you can work out, the finals were mixed doubles, a format that we have recently slid into the ABC League to give a few additional matches.

After the matches concluded, there was more pizza, spectacular cakes and music. Thanks to all donors to the Young Lives vs Cancer August charity appeal.

Our final tournament of the season is the doubles on Sunday September 1. There's no teaming up, simply put your name in the hat via Hazel Lee (hmlee1@gmail.com) and you'll be partnered up for a fun morning (Ladies) or afternoon (Gents) with lots of short matches, which, through some kind of magic, ends up with a final between the best of the best.

Other news is that the practice court has been refurbished by Cain Markings, so now the wall and court surfaces have been repaired and repainted and once more we have a nice area to hone your skills.

Autumn is around the corner and we will be ready with a newly purchased new super leaf blower. We ask members to take on a rota once every few months, so don't be surprised to get an email from Mike Purser with your name on it! Please do your best to help.

Peter Burgess

Notes from an Apiary

June is gone and into July. You may have noticed a lack of notes from the Apiary in June, it was the June Gap. The beekeeping year does experience the phenomena of a June gap. It is the transition from spring flowers to the summer flowers and can be made significant by poor weather. Forage for the bees dries up. They will start to consume honey they have collected through the spring and our honey crop declines. We were getting warnings from the British Beekeepers Association to watch out and feed syrup if necessary. As I said in May, I don't like to put in sugar syrup feed so left them with enough honey to see them through the gap. It reduces the honey crop but ensures it is all from plant nectar. I think that is best.

We did take some honey crop in early June, and it has now all been sold by the Tewin Stores. Many thanks to the team at the stores and our loyal customers. We will try and crop again in late July, early August, all being well. To crop honey, we clear the "super" boxes of bees over a couple of days, then remove the boxes from the hives. Individual "frames" are "de-capped" placed in an extractor, essentially a centrifuge, and the honey spun out of the cells. An arm tiring business as the extractor we use is manual. The raw honey is filtered and allowed to settle then packed into new jars. We always use new jars for our honey, so we know they are perfectly clean and hygienic.

Please keep an eye out for the Asian Hornet and the "Asian Hornet Watch" app. Three Asian Hornets have been captured and DNA testing shows they came from a nest identified in 2023. This does not mean they are "established" but they can get through a UK winter. So far this year some 15 sightings have been confirmed across the UK. Finally, I read that bees don't do well in space with Queens not producing sufficient viable eggs. The hypothesis is that they don't like high G forces during rocket launch. So how will we pollinate crops in space? That's the big question of the month.

Phil

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We accept donations such as: Clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, books, jigsaws, children's clothes and toys, unwanted gifts, electrical goods, and most other general household items. Please note, for the safety of our volunteers and customers, we cannot accept broken items.

We cannot accept any of the following items: children's car seats, crash helmets, gas or electrical appliances such as fridges and freezers. We also can't accept large items of furniture, such as bulky televisions, 3-piece suites and wardrobes.

If your items will not fit into an average sized Estate Car, they are too large for the Jumble Sale. You should contact East Herts Council or a local charity who may be able to help.

We have a team of residents who have kindly offered to collect items in the week leading up to the sale and their details will be in the October edition and also on the yellow flyer which will be delivered to your house in the next week or two. There will be spare copies of the flyer in Tewin Stores.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Jumble Sale and hope you pick up a bargain or two! Thank you in advance for your contributions.

All profit from the sale goes towards the upkeep of
Tewin Memorial Hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Can you help at the Jumble Sale?

Have you got an hour to spare on the Friday afternoon/evening before the Sale 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. It's good fun so if you are available, just come along to help.

Any enquiries: Ring Mike Purser on 07918 021313 or
email: mjpurser@hotmail.com

News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

As I write to you at the beginning of August summer has finally arrived - we have had both relentless pouring rain and now a couple of beautiful very hot days – too hot for some I expect.

In my last article I mentioned the stalls run by the Friends of Danesbury during the Welwyn Festival Week. I can now tell you that both Saturdays were very successful - our stall in the Street Market on the first Saturday raised £559 and that on Singlers Marsh at the end of the Festival raised £780. This is a tremendous achievement so thank you to everyone who donated toys and other gifts for us to sell, to those who came and bought and to the volunteers who put in such hard work working on the stalls on both days. The staff and patients at the two hospitals are so grateful.

Something that I wanted to tell you about this month are twiddle muffs. Some patients suffering from acquired neurological conditions or dementia become agitated – this can affect patients in either the Danesbury hospital or the QVM. It has been found that people with dementia and other neurological difficulties often have restless hands and it helps to have something to keep their hands occupied. Twiddle muffs are knitted with different colours and textures and with interesting additions including ribbons and buttons to provide a wonderful source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation. They also keep hands warm and snug at the same time. Volunteers, staff and visitors have put their knitting skills to good use to help create more twiddle muffs for our patients.

I have written before about the critically important contribution our volunteers make to our fund raising efforts. Nearly all our funds come from our charity shop in the High Street in Welwyn – this is managed and staffed by our commercial manager and her assistant and by Brian and Heather who must be two of the longest serving and best known shop staff in Welwyn. However, there is also a great deal of unseen work done by volunteers behind the scenes – accepting donations, sorting them into different categories of saleable items and pricing them before they are displayed in the shop to be purchased. Some also help in the shop by selling behind the counter. Many of our valuable volunteers have been with us a long time and now we would very much like to see some new faces as volunteers. If you have a few hours a week to give your time to a most worthwhile cause we would love to hear from you – please contact our office at info@danburyqvm.co.uk. You will learn some new skills and make new friends – as I have done myself.

Jennifer Fowler

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

The Summer Supper I mentioned last month was a great success and enjoyed by all. It also made a welcome £212 for Shop funds. Some of us were able to enjoy eating in the courtyard it was such a lovely evening.

The upgrade of the toilet is nearly finished, and we look forward to having a new vegetable stand outside the shop soon.

The upkeep of the shop keeps us busy as it is such an old building so if you have any skills that would help us and keep the cost down, we would appreciate it.

A date for the future: we plan in October to have a “Beer Week” where we will introduce you to some different beers which we hope you will enjoy. The shop will stay open later so those coming from work will not miss out. More news next month.

September 21st will be the Saturday lunch costing £6.00 when it will be lasagne or spaghetti bolognaise.

We continue to try new products in the shop and we hope you like them.

Unfortunately, we have now lost our greengrocer who has been with us for years. A new company has taken over and although the quality of the goods is still good the price has unfortunately gone up.

I won the 100 Club draw first prize this month, so I am glad I joined it.

Both the shop and I have benefited on this occasion as each month's draw money is split between the three winners and the shop.

So why not join the 100 Club now and you might be a winner soon.

The 100 Club winners for August were:

1st Prize: Linda Crawford £42.50

2nd Prize: Patrick Holden £21.25

3rd Prize David Thomson £12.75

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If you have any questions relating to the early years skills bootcamps, or would like to find out how to apply, please email earlyyears@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Friends of Tewin



Glancing out from my sitting room, I am looking out on another wet, August day. However, this isn't dampening our spirits nor hindering the preparations for the Classic Car & Craft Show. Planning the Car Show takes a lot of time and energy and we hope the sun shines on show day and the occasion was enjoyed by all of you.

There are over 400 interesting classic cars pre-booked to come, together with some very shiny "supercars" and there will be lots of creative work on sale from the Craft Stalls. Delicious food will be served from our local suppliers as well as thirst-quenching soft drinks, beer and wine. Lots of people are donating home-made cakes for us to sell, which we know is one of the things our car show is famous for! These will be on sale in the Pavilion and the Tea Tent.

There are a host of people to thank who have volunteered to be part of our team to make sure the day is another Tewin Village success. The Marshals helping in the car parks and on Upper Green itself, the volunteers in the Information Tent, the Teas Tent and the Pavilion. It really is a huge village effort!

A big thank you goes to the Loughrey family for allowing us to use their field for the public car park. They are wonderful supporters of the Car Show.

In the October edition, we will tell you how the show went (fingers crossed folks!) and let you know how much money was raised. In the Autumn, we will start contacting Tewin groups and invite them to apply for a donation.

Friends of Tewin Committee



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Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
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Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
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5th & 19th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
7th & 8th	Panshanger Park	10.30am-3.15pm	Heritage Open Day
Sat 21st	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch 'Lasagne or Spaghetti Bolognaise'
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