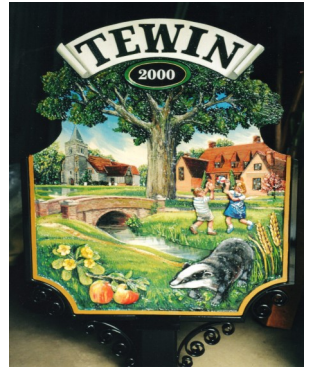




# Tewin Magazine

July 2025

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**The June Plant Stall**

# Poetry Pilgrimage

Saturday 2nd August 2025  
led by the Rev'd Susannah Underwood



Come walk with friends old and new on a pilgrimage day. Amble from All Saints Datchworth to St Peter's Tewin through beautiful countryside, stopping en route for poetry and short reflections about the twists and turns of our spiritual journeys.

Begins: All Saints Church Datchworth 10am. Ends: St Peter's Tewin approximately 2:30pm / 3pm. 4.5 miles. Cost £10. Lunch will be provided. Lifts to return to our cars will be organised nearer the time.

To register please add your details to the signup sheet in church or email [susannahunderwood1@gmail.com](mailto:susannahunderwood1@gmail.com)

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Tewin Magazine.

Our cover photo, by Gerry Murphy, was taken at the June Plant Stall. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com).

**Events this month are:**

Tewin Stores are serving quiche and salad on 26th (p29).  
Technology Advice Sessions are on 10th and 24th (p30).  
Messy Church this month is on the 20th (p18).  
The churchyard Working Party is on the 12th (p21).

Screen on the Green is taking a break in July and August and returns in September.

**Further afield**

St Mary's Church, Welwyn are hosting their lunchtime recital on 12th (p16).

**Advance Warning:**

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood is leading her annual Poetry Pilgrimage on 2nd August (p3).

Local resident, Aimi P, is showcasing Julie Andrews' hits in Hitchin on 8th August. A coach from Tewin has been organised (p6).

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

**Trussells Butcher's Van** is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

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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



### NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE and RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

New bins are in the process of being delivered.  
The new bin collection will start on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Your **black** bin will become your mixed recycling bin incl loose plastic bags and wrapping – *Collection Every 3 Weeks*

Your **blue** lidded bin will be for cardboard and paper - *Collection Every 3 Weeks*

Your NEW **purple** lidded bin will be your non recyclable waste – *Collection Every 3 Weeks*

Your NEW 23 litre **brown** outside waste caddy for food and 5 litre inside/ kitchen waste caddy for food – *Weekly Collection*

Your existing **brown** bin for garden waste, if you have one, will stay the same – *Collection every 2 weeks*

**1 week cycle** – A **NEW** weekly **food waste** collection.

**2 week cycle** – A chargeable **garden waste** collection fortnightly...brown bin

**3 week cycle** – Your **non-recyclable waste, mixed recycling and cardboard and paper bins** will move to a new alternating three-week collection cycle.

Stickers will be provided for your bins along with an information leaflet and a food waste leaflet.

### CLEARANCE WORK ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE ROSE & CROWN

The Parish Council has agreed to Kirkham Contracting grinding out 5 tree stumps and flail mowing the area in order to discourage the ivy and encourage grass.

### LITTER BINS

We are sorry for the state of the litter bins in early June. They should be emptied weekly by East Herts Council, and despite daily requests to get them emptied, they were left overflowing.

### GATE REPAIRS

The Rights of Way Unit have passed the following works on to their volunteer party for repair as none are dangerous and a priority.

- Gate to FP 18 at rear of church and set in the brick wall.
- Gate to FP 41 on the green adjacent to the Rose & Crown pub.
- Fencing by gateway to FP 13 at junction with Churchfield Road by Old Rectory.
- Gate to FP 36 at Grass Warren.
- Gate on FP14 at its junction with FP18 at the back of the churchyard.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025** and then Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

All meetings start at 7.45pm and are held at Tewin Memorial Hall.

### **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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<https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>.

## **Julie Andrews Tribute Show**

Join us on a nostalgic journey through Julie Andrews' most treasured roles – with a charming performance from our leading lady, Aimi P, accompanied by her live musicians.

In this heart warming show you'll hear classics like 'Do-Re-Mi', 'Wouldn't it be Lovely', 'Feed the Birds', 'The Lonely Goatherd' and so many other *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* tunes that defined a generation.

HITCHIN TOWN HALL

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST

7-10pm

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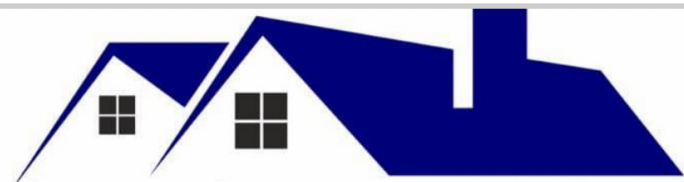
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## **Plant Stall**

The recent plant stall on Tewin Lower Green was a great success. Many plants were gifted by local residents and of course then bought by others to populate their flower beds and garden borders. Over £100 was raised towards the upkeep of our fine St Peter's churchyard. A big thank you to all who donated plants, money and their time to help on the day.

Nick Whiting



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## Notes from an Apiary

We have been watching the weather and development of our colonies closely. Spring has come and gone with a very warm and dry March and April. The spring flowers have been exceptional, and nectar has been flowing well.

Time to collect the Spring harvest. We arrange the supers, the boxes containing the honeycomb, above a “clearing board”. The idea is that bees can go down to the brood box, through “bee escapes” but not back up into the honeycomb. We use Porter bee escapes, contraptions that work a little like a lobster pot. The advantage is that when we take away the super box it has no, or very few bees in it, making handling much easier. I understand that commercial operations use leaf blowers to remove the bees from the box, but that sounds a little rough on the bees for me.

Our harvest was pleasing, and overall local beekeepers are reporting very good Spring harvests. This is quite a difference from last year when everyone reported low harvests in spring. Some are reporting huge harvests, particularly when the bee hives have been close to Oil Seed Rape, OSR. The bees go crazy for this and bring in huge amounts of nectar. Sounds great but rape nectar is very high in glucose content that creates crystallisation of the honey and a VERY hard product. So hard that it must be extracted quickly and so hard that the bees won't be able to use it later in the season.

Overall we are seeing less OSR in our fields. The UK has moved from the world's fifth largest exporter of OSR to a net importer. A major contributor to this decline is the ban on neonicotinoid seed treatments and subsequent financial risk to farmers. We now import OSR from countries still using this treatment, crazy old world!

Fun fact. Bees have five eyes, they communicate through a "waggle dance", and only female bees can sting. They are also crucial pollinators, and their buzz is the sound of their wings beating rapidly.

Phil



## Friends of Tewin



July is a quiet month for us with no events happening but we are still working hard behind the scenes on the Car Show which will be upon us before we realise. We are obviously hoping for a lovely warm sunny day to bring everyone out to enjoy the spectacle of Upper Green. We are very pleased to announce that this year **Wings of Welwyn** is our sponsor and we are delighted to have Kevin on board with us.

We have had a very positive response already from our Classic owners and we expect to be at full capacity again. Our spaces are almost full, too, for craft stalls with a few new outlets attending this year. Again, our local food /bar outlets will be with us and, of course, Frank, our very popular ice cream man.

As we have said before, the event wouldn't happen without our loyal band of volunteers who support us each year – if you would like to join the ranks of our volunteers we would be delighted to have you with us, just drop us an e-mail to [tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk), it's as easy as that! We are also always looking for volunteers to make us a cake - chocolate, lemon drizzle or whatever is your speciality. We are well known for our car show cakes and the demand was so great last year that it ran us dry! Again, just drop us an e-mail and we can go from there.

Last year was one of our best years ever and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have already donated just under £2,400 to 6 local organisations with 6 more in the pipeline.

So don't forget the date - 17<sup>th</sup> August - and we look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Shirley  
Chair, Friends of Tewin

## Screen On The Green

Screen on the Green is taking a break in July and August but in the meantime we'll be busy selecting films for the new season.

As Chairman I'd like to thank the great team of helpers who give their time and energy to make Film Nights such fun and to all the loyal supporters who come along on the night.

We'll be back on the 16<sup>th</sup> September so put that date in the diary now. In the meantime enjoy the summer!!

Marie St Pier

### July: Buck Moon

The full moon has inspired folklore and mythology for millennia, and has long been linked to strange and unusual behaviour.

Its appearance often makes headlines, with myth-lovers and astronomers alike keeping an eye on the waxing and waning of the moon. But did you know that each full moon has its own name?

#### **Buck Moon**

Another name devised by Native Americans, the 'buck' here refers to the male deer whose antlers start to regrow in July. The summer also brings storms, so in some places it's known as the Thunder Moon. By contrast, Anglo-Saxons knew it as the Hay Moon, because that's when they harvested the crop.

#### **When is the Buck Moon?**

The full Buck Moon will appear on 10 July 2025.



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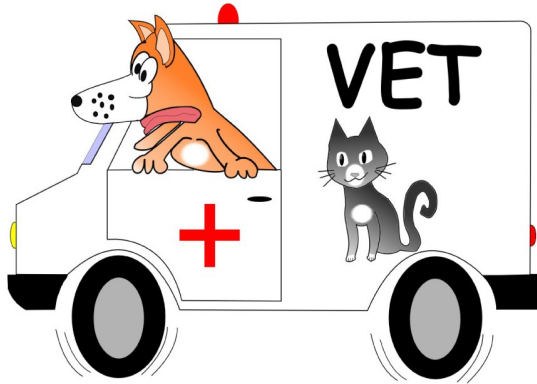
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## IN MEMORIAM



The Searle Family are sad to announce the passing of  
Geoffrey Searle on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

A memorial service to celebrate his life is to be held at

### **St Peter's Church**

Tewin AL6 0FN

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Commencing at Midday**

All those attending the service are cordially invited to  
gather at the church from 11:30 am

The service will be followed by a Reception at

### **The Bowls Club**

School Lane, Tewin AL6 0HT

#### **Flowers:**

Menna would be delighted to receive any flowers at 19 Godfries Close, Tewin AL6 0LQ

#### **Suggested dress code:**

Please dress in whatever way you feel most comfortable; although it is recommended that people dress as if they were going for a drink at their local pub. Or dress to impress – the choice is yours. No suits or ties are required but are equally welcomed if that is your personal preference.

If it is a sunny day, gentlemen guests are particularly encouraged to honour  
Geoff's memory by wearing smart shorts with a shirt

Contact details for the family are  
Lyndsey Frawley (07733 217 847) and John Searle (07885 665 148)



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Tues 12.30pm until 16.00pm

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### **Tewin Stores Post Office Open:**

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

### **Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:**

Tues 9.30am until 12.00 pm

## Summer Reading Challenge 2025 5 July - 6 September 2025

Here at Hertfordshire Libraries, we're proud to present this year's Magical, nature-themed challenge 'Story Garden'.

How children can take part:

1. From 5 July, sign up for FREE in branch at your library.
2. Read any six library books. All reading counts including listening to e-audiobooks, and parents or carers reading to younger ones.
3. After every two books, come back and tell us something about the books to collect stickers.
4. Once they have read all six books and completed the challenge, children will receive a personalised certificate and a medal, whilst stocks last.

They will also be entered into our prize draw to win a ticket to a creative, interactive workshop with Sean Taylor, an award-winning author.

Further details at

<https://tinyurl.com/Reading-Challenge-2025>.

## **Exciting Cello and Piano Duo to Perform in St Mary's on 12 July at 12 noon**

Our final lunchtime recital in St Mary's before the summer break will feature **Joely Koos** on cello and **Firoze Madon** on piano in sonatas by Mendelssohn and Debussy.

Joely Koos – a Welwyn Garden City resident – is unquestionably from a family of cellists: her Hungarian father was principal cellist of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, her husband, Tim, is principal cellist of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and her daughter, Doraly, is studying cello at the Royal Academy of Music!

Joely herself is a versatile and compelling performer, with a varied professional career as soloist, chamber musician, orchestral player and teacher. In her younger days she was a top prizewinner in the EMI Jacqueline du Pré competition, and has been broadcast on the BBC as soloist with orchestras including the London Sinfonietta, BBC Concert Orchestra and City of London Sinfonia. She is principal cellist with the English Symphony Orchestra, professor of cello at Trinity Laban Conservatoire and teaches at Eton College.

Joely has invited the 'rising star' young pianist Firoze Madon to partner her in this recital. Firoze studied at the prestigious Purcell School for young musicians, during which time he was a finalist in the BBC Young Musician Competition 2022 with his performance broadcast on BBC Four and Radio 3. Firoze has already made concert appearances at notable venues including the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, the Southbank Centre, Saffron Hall and the Philharmonie de Paris. He currently studies at the Royal College of Music in London, under the tutelage of Professors Dmitri Alexeev and Vitaly Pisarenko.

**The concert is FREE to attend, with a retiring collection for artists' fees and church funds.**

*By Stephen Foster, Director of the Second Saturday Recitals*



## Team Vicar's Letter

I go to a lot of weddings. You won't be surprised. It is a massive privilege of my role in these parishes, with our beautiful historic buildings, that I get to officiate at these love-affirming, life-filled ceremonies and enjoy the joy and nervous excitement which every bride and groom bring to the occasion. I love every part of them.

Last month though, at St Peter's, I had the absolute happiness of watching our eldest daughter, Rebecca, get married to the rather lovely Tom. The day was joyous, but being in church in a role not as a vicar, brought a different dimension to my understanding about weddings:

What To Wear.

Usually, for a wedding, I know what I need to put on - cassock, and surplice with white stole. Easy and stress free. This time however, as mother of the bride, I felt at sea. What were the expectations? What was the etiquette? Was there a colour scheme? Would there be a dress that I really liked, at a price that I could actually afford?

Luckily I was given plenty of notice for this, and so last year I ordered a dress, and thought '*this* is the one!'. For a whole two weeks I was sure of that. Then I thought, 'but what if there's a better one, out there, somewhere?'. 'What if, my fickle fashion passion decides in 12 months' time that this is so 2024 – and not at all what a mother of the bride in 2025 should be wearing?'. And so over the last twelve months I have been testing these theories. All in all, after that first purchase, I have tried on over 40 other dresses – Just In Case. And after all of that? Well, I wore the first dress I'd bought. It was perfect after all.

And of course it wouldn't have mattered if it wasn't, because everyone was looking at the very beautiful bride and gorgeous groom all day (who by the way chose their outfits very swiftly, without any of this fuss, and couldn't have looked more perfect).

St Paul gives us the best fashion advice: 'Clothe yourselves with love' he says. We have a choice as to what we put on in the morning. Beautiful dresses are fine for fun occasions, but actually, our very favourite clothes are those ones we wear every day, like our comfiest jumper or well-worn slippers. Let love be like that in your life. Don't save it for Sunday best or special occasions. Put it on every day, so the fit is familiar and snug. 'Above all things' St Paul tells us 'clothe yourselves with love'.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
JULY 6th	3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 66 : 10-14	GALA- TIANS 6 : 7-16	LUKE 10 : 1-11, 16-20
13th	4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RYAN GILFEATHER	DEUTER- ONOMY 30 : 9-14	COLOS- SIANS 1 : 1-14	LUKE 10 : 25-37
20th	5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	MESSY CHURCH	3pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
		EVENSONG	6.30pm	WILL ELLIS	GENESIS 18 : 1-10	COLOS- SIANS 1 : 15—28	LUKE 10 : 38—End
27th	6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM	9.30am	RYAN GILFEATHER	GENESIS 18 : 20-32	COLOS- SIANS 2 : 6-15	LUKE 11 : 1-13

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

**SUMMER EVENSONGS BEGIN ON 27th JULY IN THE WELWYN TEAM**

**SEE THE PEW SHEET OR WEBSITE FOR WHERE IT WILL BE EACH WEEK UNTIL  
END AUGUST.**

## ROTAS

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### WEDDING

**7th June    Rebecca Lucy Underwood and Thomas Belton**

### FUNERAL

**19th June    Paul McLaughlin**

## St Peter's News

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

There was I looking at the grass outside the north side of the church covered with daisies, just thinking, 'I hope Stuart Kirkham comes to cut the grass soon', when lo!, a few days later, he had indeed done so. Many thanks to him for tidying up many of the grassed areas to make the churchyard look presentable in time for the vicar's daughter's wedding on the first weekend in June. It also looked a picture when a young man came and took photos for the Lotus car company by the war memorial. Fancy choosing St Peter's, but he said it was a lovely peaceful setting! Which it is of course. We normally have a dog bowl near the outside tap by the vestry door for passing dog owners to give their dogs a drink, but this has mysteriously disappeared. If you have removed the bowl, please bring it back. We have many dogs passing through the churchyard and in hot weather they welcome a little drink. This month I have had the Annual Archdeacon's inspection carried out by Father Darren Collins. The focus for these inspections changes every year. Last year I had to show that we were looking after the church silver, with up to date records of weights and sizes of items, photos of each and how we keep them safely locked away. This year the emphasis is on safeguarding in the church and care of the buildings and churchyard. I had to demonstrate that all those who should have had training in safeguarding matters had done so and that all relevant documents were on display in the church and on our website. Safeguarding has been an enormous issue in the Church of England this year, as you will know. There is a document about the issues written by our Team Ministry earlier in the year, still available to pick up at the back of the church.

Towards the end of 2024 we had the trees around the churchyard inspected, looking for where we had dead or dying trees, or hanging branches that were dangerous. Chris Eales, our tree specialist, gave us an estimate for the work but then the winter weather prevented him from coming until this month. So this month you may have noticed piles of wood around the churchyard from his labours. The churchyard often costs us over £1,000 a year to keep safe for visitors and this bill came to £1,150, of which £1,000 came from the share out of funds

from THACS. So thank you to all former members in the village who have contributed to that. We are also very grateful to Hilary and David Armstrong who, with Andrew Swift, have very kindly repaired the circular seat in the churchyard, placed there many years ago to celebrate the life of Hilary and David's daughter. This seat is often where people come to sit and drink their flasks of coffee or watch their children playing nearby. It is a peaceful spot. Please note that the next working party in the churchyard will be on Saturday 12 July from 9 until 11am. Please let Gerry or David know if you are able to help [gerry.murphyjag@btinternet.com](mailto:gerry.murphyjag@btinternet.com) or [rawlins31@btinternet.com](mailto:rawlins31@btinternet.com). Are you a keen flower arranger or would you like to learn how to do this? If so, we would love to encourage you to arrange church flowers. No formal training is required and there will be lots of help available from more experienced arrangers. Contact Elaine Fowler if you can help please at [elaineandkeith@sky.com](mailto:elaineandkeith@sky.com). I would also like to make a plea to all for donations towards the costs for church flowers, especially for the festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

The work on the damp in the north wall should be in progress when you get to read this. Every effort will be made to keep visitors to the church safe while this is in progress but please take care when walking nearby. We made certain that work did not start until after the school had been to celebrate Pentecost on the 12 June, and a large funeral, in memory of Paul Mc Laughlin, formerly a much-appreciated teacher at Tewin Cowper School took place on 19 June.

The Annual Summer Evensongs across the Welwyn Team begin on the last Sunday in July and continue every Sunday at a different church in the team until the end of August. At the time of writing I do not know the order in which these will take place so please see the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk).

Finally if you need support, have lost loved ones recently, or are in poor health or spirits, please remember the Welwyn team of clergy are always there for you.

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## Tewin Tennis Club

Wimbledon starts as the Tewin Magazine publishes and as usual there will be some club members who have been lucky in the ballot to get tickets for the trip to SW19. Membership of the Tewin Tennis Club automatically gets you into the LTA ballot, so that's another good reason to join the best value club in the county.

As I write this we are half way through the pre-Wimbledon tournament at Queen's Club, closely following the fantastic French Open. The finals of both women's and men's matches were utterly thrilling, good to see after, particularly in the men's game, so many big names have recently retired. Let's hope Wimbledon can live up to expectations. It usually does.

Onto our own tournaments, we kick off with the Mixed Doubles on the morning of Sunday July 13. Things start at 9.30, with partners drawn randomly, making the result really difficult to predict. Members will have received an email asking for their participation, so this is another call for players to step up. And do come along to watch; there may be cakes!

In the Datchworth League, Tewin 2 are doing well, currently second in their division. Tewin 1 is finding stiff opposition in Division 6A, and is currently in the relegation zone. We hope a determined team effort will do the trick.

Wednesday evening social tennis is now in full swing, capably organised by Maria. And there's group coaching on Thursdays at 6pm. It's just £8 for an hour with coach Josh, and we could do with a few more players to boost the numbers.

A last plug for the tennis summer camp for 8 years upwards. The dates are July 28, 29 and 30, with a cost of £20 for each three hour session, running from 09.30 to 12.30, no experience of tennis is necessary. Contact Josh directly on [joshcozenstennis@gmail.com](mailto:joshcozenstennis@gmail.com) or 07305 732882.

Finally, thanks to the volunteers who give an hour a month to keep the courts looking great. Anyone else willing to help please contact Mike Purser to join the rota.

Peter Burgess  
[pburgess000@gmail.com](mailto:pburgess000@gmail.com)



## **Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club**

The bowls season is well away and the green is now in use most evenings and weekends.

We had our 'Open Weekend' on 24-26<sup>th</sup> May and despite the disappointing weather had 11 people showing interest and 2 have already signed up giving us 6 new members so far this year. It is still not too late and if you think you would like a go contact our Membership Secretary Chris on 07956 641897.

Everyone is enjoying the friendlies and we are making progress in the leagues with our Yellow triples team currently top of their division and the Green team and East Herts team both well placed in their divisions.

We continue to thank our sponsors/supporters – watch this space for further developments!

If anyone else would like to help please contact me on 07850 759651. Thanks and happy bowling.

Ian

### **SAVE THE DATE AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE – 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

If you are having a Summer clear out of items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Jumble Sale. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Tewin Memorial Hall and it is thanks to all of you that the sales are such a success.

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## ROAD SAFETY IN TEWIN

I think it was Bertie Wooster who alluded to bending over to pick daisies on a quiet and peaceful railway bank, only to receive the down express from Edinburgh in the small of the back! I for one am becoming increasingly concerned about the standard of driving in Tewin.

Having recently had the privilege of opening the church in the mornings, I have been astounded at the poor driving through Churchfield Road. Not only are people speeding (often doing 40mph), but they are totally oblivious to the pedestrians (including me!), dogs, cyclists, horses, pheasants and other road users they are likely to encounter. I would remind both white van drivers and those in 4x4's alike that the law insists one should drive according to the conditions; in Churchfield Road (as elsewhere in the village) with bends, width constrictions, high banks and other "line of sight" complications, this should be under 20mph. It's no use saying "but I was only doing 30mph, my Lord" when you've just run down PGW's favourite character and he's lying dead in a ditch!

Going down Churchfield Road to the river, there is a one way bridge. I was driving down to the bridge the other day and a woman steamed through doing about 40mph, again totally oblivious to my presence and to the fact that we were both under an obligation to give way and take it slowly. Newcomers to the village may not be aware that a director of ICI was killed in just that circumstance. It only takes a little mutual respect to avoid disaster.

You may be amused to learn that, as residents of Churchfield Road, we have a magnificent collection of car paraphernalia; number plates, mud guards, hub caps, front wings etc which have all been donated by certain individuals (who shall remain nameless) who take our bends far too fast and come to grief in the hedges, banks and kerbs which are cunningly designed to trap the hapless motorist. I could list at least ten incidents over the years, some of which could've been quite serious.

Upper Green/Orchard Road, Hertford Road, Lower Green, School Lane and others are all as vulnerable to poor driving as is Churchfield Road. I was driving through Codicote the other day and noticed they have a 20mph speed limit through the village. This limit applies now to many London boroughs. Would a 20mph limit throughout the village give the relevant signal to those that should never have been given a licence to drive in the first place?  
John Holding

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Well, it's in the shop, it's big, it's colourful - and it's full of goodies. What am I talking about? The new ice cream cabinet, of course. We have been waiting much longer than expected for it to be delivered but it couldn't have come at a better time with all the lovely weather we are having.

So please pop along and buy one (or more than one) of the many lollies and ice creams on display there.

This month's special quiches are Roasted Red Pepper and Feta Cheese.

By the time you read this we will have attended the Knebworth Fun and Music Day and promoted the shop there to a wider audience.

The next major event after that will be the Tewin Classic Car Show on 17th August; and almost immediately after that, the Burnham Green Bank Holiday Fete at the end of August.

Once again, we are looking for volunteers to help with the stall on those days. Please let me know if you could help for an hour or two.

Our Saturday lunch in July will be homemade quiche with salad. Look forward to seeing you 26th July from 12.15 till 1.30pm.

Following Bev's plea to use the shop more we, the volunteers and committee, are here for you all and are committed to making the shop stay a part of Tewin for many years to come.

The 100 Club winners for June were:

1st Prize	Catherine Stott	£47.50
2nd Prize	Paul Hagger	£23.75
3rd Prize	Mavis Hagger	£14.25

We still haven't made the first monthly prize up to £50 yet. So, have you an application form waiting to be sent in?

Linda Crawford

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## **News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals**

This is my last article of the summer and when I write again it will be September. Where has the year gone?

The Friends of Danesbury and the Queen Victoria hospital have been continuing to provide those little extras which make a stay in hospital, often away from friends and family, more bearable. Recently holistic therapy at Danesbury & the QVM has proved to be a huge success with the patients. This was trialled for an initial period for 12 weeks and is very likely to be continued as it has proved so popular. The patients, together with their relatives and friends and volunteers of the charity, have also enjoyed a Summer afternoon tea party in the Danesbury day room.

The Friends charity has also been able to refurbish the benches in the grounds of the QVM so that those able to enjoy the outdoors have somewhere comfortable and attractive to sit. The grounds of both the hospitals have also benefitted from a gorgeous display of summer bedding which we have purchased and planted – we are most grateful for a donation from the family of a patient towards the cost of this. It is something both the patients and the staff and visitors really enjoy.

I do hope you all had a happy time at the recent Welwyn Festival Week. We were delighted with the support our stalls received, both on the first Saturday and then at the end of the week at our large stall on Singlers Marsh. The Festival is a lovely opportunity for people in the village to get together, have fun and support local charities and on behalf of all our patients I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came, enjoyed themselves and supported our cause. Without our customers, in our charity shop and at events like the Welwyn Festival, we would not be able to do all we do to support the patients at the two hospitals.

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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 10th & 24th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 10th & 24th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 12th	St Peter's	9-11am	Churchyard Working Party
Sun 20th	St Peter's	3-4.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 26th	Tewin Stores	12.15pm-1.30pm	Lunch 'Quiche & Salad'
Mon 28th - Wed 30th	Tennis Courts	9.30am-12.30pm	Tennis Summer Camp

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