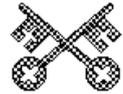




# Parish News



June 2011

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## **A Letter from Mick Simmons**

The arrival of June heralds warmer weather, longer days and gardens in full bloom - or so we hope! We might even get a drop of much needed rain to help stimulate the growth of our flowers, vegetables and fruit. I'm sure this is something that our farmers are earnestly wishing for. There's a prayer for rain in the Book of Common Prayer that stops short of praying for a downpour which is probably what we need, but instead modestly asks, in true Anglican fashion, for: "...such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord." There's also a thanksgiving prayer for use after its rained and, to provide balance, we find a prayer for fair weather with its accompanying thanksgiving. All bases are covered!

22<sup>nd</sup> June is the day on which the Church honours St Alban after whom the town, the diocese and the Cathedral are named. The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in Britain. It stands over the place where Alban, the first martyr, was buried after giving his life for his faith over 1700 years ago - more than 200 years before St Augustine arrived in Canterbury. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> there is a pilgrimage to the Cathedral which attracts people from all over the diocese and probably farther afield. The Alban Pilgrimage re-enacts the martyrdom of Alban through a dramatized procession with carnival puppets and there will be plenty of activities for all the family.

On a more local note, this month Stephen Fielding is leading a series of Bible studies based on the book of Jonah. This will be held at his home, The Rectory, in Datchworth, and will take place over a three week period on Wednesdays (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>). These are not to be missed! Sadly, this will be our last opportunity to join with Stephen in a course of study before he relocates to Braughing as team vicar. He has been a great asset to the life of St Peter's and he and Angela will be very much missed.

Yours in Christ  
Mick Simmons



## Churchwardens' Notes

Last month we opened with an appeal for help with our annual spring clean. This month it is to say a big 'Thank you' to all those who came along on the Friday evening or Saturday (or both!) and once again gave St Peter's that 'scrubbed and polished' appearance.

This year we celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible. Readings at our monthly evensong service used to be taken from this version and we have decided to use it once again for future evensongs. In addition, we will occasionally use the Book of Common Prayer for the evening Communion service on the third Sunday of the month. We hope to begin with the service on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Incidentally, we now have a choir at our monthly evensong – do come along, particularly if you have not been recently.

Whilst on the subject of evensong, the Team Summer Evensongs, which have now become a regular feature, will once again be taking place this year, starting at St Mary's on 31<sup>st</sup> July. St Peter's turn comes on 7<sup>th</sup> August – we hope you will come and then stay to have a glass of wine after the service and a chance to chat to people from across the Team.

Before these summer events, we will be saying 'farewell' to Stephen. His last service with us at St Peter's will be at 9.30am on 26<sup>th</sup> June. In the evening, there will be a farewell event at St Mary's, following the 6.30pm evensong. Stephen has given great service to St Peter's, not least in his involvement with the school. Do take the opportunity to say farewell to Stephen and Angela over refreshments in New Church House.

Congratulations to Rosemary as she passes the 10 year mark as our organist – it really does not seem that long since she joined us but we are ever grateful that she did! Rosemary has quite a long journey to get to St Peter's but, despite that, covers most of the occasional services (such as weddings) as well as covering all our scheduled services. Long may it continue!

Now for some 'house-keeping'. The blue curtain between the nave and the tower has been removed for repair and cleaning. As you may have noticed, the tape holding the hooks had come un-stitched at one end. Cleaning costs are estimated at well over £100.

And just to remind you of three dates for your diaries .....

Firstly, the licensing of Stephen at Braughing on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Secondly, the licensing of Susannah Underwood as Team Vicar in the Welwyn Team. This will be held at St Mary's on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> September and we hope that many of you from Tewin will attend to give her a really warm welcome.

Finally, the coach trip to Norwich Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> September when we look forward to meeting Alan Winton who has agreed to show us around.



Unfortunately this date, 10<sup>th</sup> September, clashes with the Beds & Herts sponsored '*Bike 'n Hike*' day. If you will not be going on the Norwich trip, please put the date in your diary to help for an hour or so to welcome any '*Bike 'n Hike*' visitors, including serving them a tea, coffee, or juice and a piece of delicious homemade cake to help them on their way to the next Church. Your help will be much appreciated!

Pete and Mike

## Church Mission Society



For many years, St Peter's has supported the Church Mission Society (CMS) with an annual donation. Back in the 1980's, we had a link with Monica Hopkins who would visit us on her infrequent returns from India. In November 2010, St Peter's was delighted to welcome David and Rine (pronounced Rene) Ingleby, who gave us a talk about their work for the CMS and their proposed posting to India.

As a result of David and Rine's visit, the PCC agreed to establish a 'Partner Link' with them during their time in India. This link is now in place and we have received our first email from them following their arrival in Delhi towards the end of April 2011.

David had told us of their plans and their proposed training at the Redcliffe Mission Training College in Gloucester. He would be using his skills as a Programme Planning Support Officer with 'Habitat for Humanity', India, and would be planning, designing and implementing housing programmes for slum dwellers. The needs are considerable as a large proportion of the Delhi population live in slums/'informal housing'.

Rine would have various tasks and would be working as an Associate Director for member care and training. Her work includes care of mission workers, organising placements for Christian professionals, as well as working with university students and people from the lower rungs of Indian society.

David and Rine both grew up in India as 'missionary children' and now return with their two children, Seme (4 years) and Joanna (2 years). As a temporary measure, they are initially staying with Rine's parents who still live near where David and Rine are planning to work. Their email indicates that they are settling in well although the climate is very different! We look forward to more news and will keep you posted.

Elizabeth Wilson (*St Peter's 'Link' with David and Rine*)



## **Treasurer's Notes**

### **Stewardship and Regular Giving**

I would like to thank all those who, in response to Stephen Fielding's sermon and subsequent letter, have already reviewed their standing orders in favour of St Peter's. I hope that others are in the process of doing likewise and I look forward to receiving their forms shortly.

Thank you also to those who use the envelope scheme and are responding by adjusting what they put in their weekly envelopes.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Here is advance notice that the next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on Saturday **30<sup>th</sup> July**. The speaker on that occasion will be Peter Lee, Chairman of the Breakfast Group. More details of his subject will appear in next month's Parish News.



Recognising the increase in the cost of the food provided at the breakfast (no increase for 8 years), and in order to maintain a reasonable surplus which is shared between St Mary's and a charity of the speaker's choice, the charge has been increased from £5 to £6 with effect from July 2011. I'm sure all those who have attended the breakfasts over the years will agree that £6 still represents extremely good value for what is always an enjoyable, interesting and entertaining occasion.

Graham Spring



## **Friends of Welwyn Care Homes**

This is a newly formed group whose members are from local churches. Our purpose is to work with care homes to help meet the spiritual (in its widest sense) needs of their residents. Church members in care homes are visited by pastoral visitors from their congregations. Many care home residents are not church members and some will have non-Christian beliefs or no religious beliefs at all. All, however, have spiritual needs. Loneliness, for instance, is a spiritual need, and many care home residents have no nearby relatives and few, if any, visitors.

One way in which this need can be to some extent met is by increasing social contact. Or, to put it another way, to get a visit from a friendly person. Currently, in one care home, we are having tea parties where two or three visitors have a relaxed chatty time over tea and biscuits with three or four residents. There are other ways of giving friendly help - during activity sessions or accompanying residents on outings. A couple of hours a month could make a real difference.

If you are at all interested in helping the frail elders in our neighbourhood care homes we would be delighted to meet you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady's Hall, Woodhall, from 7.30 - 9pm.

To express interest or for further information contact either:  
Anne Horsman on 01438840566 or email [anne.horsman@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.horsman@btinternet.com)  
Usha Hull on 01438 813974 or email [ushahull@btinternet.com](mailto:ushahull@btinternet.com)



**Garden Opening at  
106 Orchard Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 0LZ  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 – 5.30pm**



My garden will be open for the NGS Yellow Gardens Book again this year, for the last time. The garden is wheel-chair friendly and dogs are welcome, but must be on a lead. Teas and cakes will be available.

The 'Light Years' Dance group from Hertford will be entertaining visitors.

All proceeds from refreshments and plants will be in aid of the *Alan Adams Tribute Fund* and the South Herts Branch of the *Motor Neurone Disease Association*.

Admission £3.50, Children free.

Offers of cakes or help on the open day will be gratefully received. Many thanks for your support.

Linda Adams 01438 798147; 07803 248423; [alannio@btinternet.com](mailto:alannio@btinternet.com)

The garden is also open by appointment up until the end of September.



**Operation Christmas Child 2011**

Since *Faith Shoes* in WGC closed Ronald and I are having difficulty obtaining shoe boxes. The new people haven't been particularly helpful and they use different shaped boxes. We have had a few boxes from Clarks, but both shops prefer to destroy their surplus boxes daily easing their storage problem. If you buy shoes this summer, and have the opportunity of obtaining some extra boxes, please do so - we badly need them.

Jackie Beadle.



*Friends of Tewin*

Every year Tewin Cowper School put on a wonderful display of dancing around the Maypole and this year they and the weather didn't let us down again. Everyone who came enjoyed seeing the children put on an excellent display, and all of us watching enjoyed joining in at the end!



For those on the Whitstable/Canterbury trip in July, remaining money is due in June please.



Scarecrows are hopefully going to be around in Tewin during the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July. So start to put on your thinking caps for an unusual figure and we will announce more details next month.

You might like to know the gazebo in Tewin Shop Garden was bought from Friends of Tewin funds.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



## VILLAGE FETE - Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2-5pm Lower Green & the Village Hall



Once again we hope you will come along and join us at this year's Fete where you will be able to enjoy many attractions, such as a Children's Funfair, Soccer and other games, Face Painting, a variety of stalls including Crafts, as well as Tombola, a Barbecue, Bar Tent, Pimms Bar, a Jazz band and much more. In addition, we have some great Auction and Raffle prizes. Tickets will be available on the day of the Fete - if, however, you are unable to be there, you can buy them now at Tewin Stores.



As well as your support at the Fete, we will also need assistance setting up on Lower Green in the morning and clearing away afterwards, as well as with the manning of stalls, so if you are able to help in any way perhaps you would let us know in advance so we can allocate jobs - please phone **Lynn Farr on 798307**, or **Todd Canton on 717395**.

As always, we would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls:

### NEW/NEARLY NEW STALL

Unwanted presents, impulse purchases - anything from toiletries to kitchen utensils, to gardening paraphernalia etc. (but not jumble). All items gratefully received by **Alison Burleigh**, who is happy to collect at a mutually convenient time. Please contact her on **01438 715260**. Alternatively donations can be left at **23 Harwood Close - BY MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> June, PLEASE.**

### TOMBOLA



Wine – Spirits – Gifts – Chocolates - any other items (again, not jumble). Also we would like Toys and Gifts for the Children's Tombola.

Please contact **Mary Gregg on 01438 717544** or deliver to: **20A Hertford Road** any time prior to the Fete, **BUT NO LATER THAN THURSDAY EVENING, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, PLEASE.**



### CAKES etc

Home Made Cakes - large or small - Preserves etc. Please contact **Jean Canton** on **01438 717395**, or deliver to her at **21 Lower Green on FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> or SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE (before 12 noon please).** You can also deliver direct to the Memorial Hall **ON THE SATURDAY MORNING.**

Thank you for your help with these donations, the proceeds from the sale of which will go towards the refurbishment and maintenance of the Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing you at the Fete. In the meantime if you'd like to know more, there is a direct website link on:

<http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/village-hall/the-fete/>



### **Additional parking:**



Please note that we have kindly been given permission to park at the **Bowls Club** and **Muspatts Farm** (School Lane), during the period of the Fete.

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



## Hertford Association for Local History - 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium

Organised by Hertfordshire Gardens Trust

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011; Abbot's Hill School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RP: 10am—4pm**

New research showing how our parks and gardens have been influenced by, and reflect, the social and economic history of their time will be presented by speakers from HGT, including Professor Tom Williamson, Kate Harwood & Anne Rowe. Topics include *'The London Connection'*, *'16th & 17th Century Gardens'*, *'Avenues in the Landscape'*, *'Gardens & Industry'* and *'Arts & Crafts Gardens'*.

Tickets at £12 for HALH and HGT members, £15 for non-members. A simple hot lunch for those who have **pre-booked** with a vegetarian option available, or bring a packed lunch.

Please complete the form below and send, by 31/10/2011, with your cheque [payable to HGT] and an SAE to HGT, c/o 78 Broadstone Road, Harpenden AL5 1RE. Tel 01582 762432 or 01920 821774 or email to hertstalks@gmail.com

NB: Tickets, programme & directions will be posted in October. Please email or send a 2<sup>nd</sup> SAE for a receipt.



### APPLICATION FORM

Name ..... Tel No / email .....

Address ..... Badge name[s] .....

tickets @ £12

tickets @ £15

lunch tickets @ £5

lunch + pudding tickets @ £6

vegetarian option

Special dietary requirements/allergy to.....

Please book a display table for ..... Society

### TEWIN PAVILION COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Tewin Pavilion has now been up and running for 6 months, with the cricket and tennis seasons well under way and the new facility is being well used. It is proving popular for young children's parties with its close proximity to the playground and plenty of open space. It is possible to eat on the patios when the weather is warm and sunny.

The Pilates Club continues and we have recently welcomed a Lindy Hop group to the venue.

The building is very suitable for small meetings, office "away days" and indeed offers the opportunity to start up new village activities. If you have any ideas please talk to Doreen Lloyd on 0143871 5020.

If you haven't yet had the chance to look around the refurbished building we shall be holding an open morning in July (further details in next month's Parish News) and hope to see many readers at that time.

Steve Stott, Chairman, Tewin Pavilion Community Interest Company

### Welwyn Floral Group — Programme for 2011

**1<sup>st</sup> June** John Chennell, 'National Level' *'Seasonal Splendour'*

**6<sup>th</sup> July** Julie Woods, *'Let's Pop Corn'*

**7<sup>th</sup> September** Daphne Grant, *'Serendipity'*, Competition— Autumn Days



We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre, Welwyn at 7.30pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.



## The Tewin Society Award



The article in last month's Parish News may have started you thinking about who you would like to see receive the Tewin Society Award and why. Now it's time to turn your thoughts into action by making your nomination.

We are looking for people who have enhanced Tewin in its built environment, in its natural environment and/or in its history.

Nominations must be of an individual, not multiple people or organisations and must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin but need not be confined to any one of these categories. You may cite several different contributions that have been made by the nominee, even if the contributions are not part of a single project. It does not matter when the work was done or where the nominee lives, but they must still be alive.

Nomination forms available from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, and can be collected from Tewin Stores or Tebutts. You can download it from the **THACS** page on the Tewin Village website .....  
[www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). Nominations can be made any time before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

### TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Results for the April 2011 draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£61	Diane Hagger, Godfries Close	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£36	Jack Bird, Canons Meadow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Kevin Thompson, Desborough Drive	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Caroline Davies, Harmer Green Lane

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or [lisa.bove@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.bove@btinternet.com)  
or any member of the Hall Committee



### TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SPRING BOOK SALE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Book Sale on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The takings of £340.54 are a welcome addition to Hall Funds, and the Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to thank the Friends of Tewin and everyone else who provided invaluable help in setting up and running the sale.

Our Book Sales are a popular event in the village, so please make a note of the next one: **Saturday, 29th October 2011.**

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee.



Group Leader: Sarah Storey  
Tel: 01438 716132  
Email: [tewinunderfives@hotmail.com](mailto:tewinunderfives@hotmail.com)

### Our Village Pre-School

The Summer Term sees Under Fives full on a number of days during the week and with afternoon sessions underway. We hope this will continue to grow. Our Autumn term looks like being our busiest for a number of years, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our superb staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the customers of Tewin Village Store for donating their Tesco and Sainsburys' School Vouchers to the Preschool. Their generosity will help us secure much needed equipment, thank you.

Our next fundraising event is 'Kids on the Catwalk' on Saturday 18th June, 3pm at Tewin Cowper Primary School. If you have children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces, the afternoon will give you the opportunity to see some fabulous children's clothes, modelled by children from Under Fives and Tewin Cowper, and you can buy the clothes after the event. Also included in the ticket price is afternoon tea with scones.

Tickets are £5 per person or £8 for two people. All monies raised will be in aid of the Preschool.

Tickets are available from Under Fives or Deb Ansell on: [debs\\_martin@btinternet.com](mailto:debs_martin@btinternet.com)



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson  
email: [admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk)  
Tel: 01438 717378

## Our May News



After all the excitement of the Royal Wedding we were able to return to school, still enjoying the wonderful sunshine. This was fortuitous when, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, school and community joined together on Lower Green to celebrate with Maypole dancing. Pupils were dressed smartly and colourfully, executing their performance faultlessly. We thank Mrs. Wright for her hours of instruction and the pupils who gave hours of endeavour.

Dragonfly class, having returned safely from their PGL residential trip in Liddington, Wiltshire, were able to present a lively report to other pupils in a whole school assembly. It all sounded most adventurous with lots of outdoor challenges and activities which good weather must have made all the more fun.

By way of contrast the new term was soon a case of heads down for the annual SATs. This involved almost all pupils and an eerie quiet pervaded! At the end of the intense week, everyone was rewarded with cake, making it all worthwhile!



A year ago we were celebrating the second birthday of our Walking Bus and sadly it hasn't quite reached its third. It is sorely missed and if anyone feels they are able to help re-establish it, it will be greatly appreciated. We should so like to give our pupils the benefit of exercise and a chance to appreciate their lovely village surroundings.

Thanks go to Mrs. Davies and her army of parent volunteers, along with horticulturist Mr Morgans, for their gardening skills and jolly hard work. The grounds are looking lovely though a nightly shower would be welcome. The pond area has matured in its first year and is looking especially colourful.



On May 23<sup>rd</sup> pupils came to school scrubbed and well-groomed, wearing their uniforms with pride for the whole school photo - quite a feat to all be facing forward and smiling simultaneously!



Finally we were thrilled by a good turnout for the monthly Tea Dance in May. It is especially rewarding to have an audience for our star performers as well as watch the experts amongst you. Please give your continued support.

Please remember you are all most welcome to join us in school every Wednesday at 10.25, when Rev. Stephen conducts our assemblies.

We shall be praying for the continued good weather as we approach an especially busy term, with swimming and dramatic productions - but not forgetting a more troubled world beyond idyllic Tewin.

The Staff Team



## THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

### Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - THACS plant stall at the Village Fete

Do you have any spare plants? Yes? Please donate them to **THACS** so we can sell them on the plant stall during the Village Fete, in aid of Tewin Memorial Hall. Unwanted seedlings, rooted cuttings and divided perennials are welcome. Please label and deliver to the stall on Lower Green in the morning from 11.00am. Alternatively, leave them with either Kate Stott at 20 Harwood Close (01438 717680) or Sue Whitbourn at 107 Burnham Green Road (01438 798221).

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 - Visit to Kenwood House and Estate

Situated on Hampstead Heath, **THACS** has arranged this visit, which will be an outstanding outing, and should definitely not be missed! Kenwood has something for everyone, ranging from history, art, gardening, farming, wildlife and nature.



The House contains paintings by many great artists, including Rembrandt, Vermeer, Turner, Reynolds and Gainsborough, plus magnificent portraits of Elizabethan and Stuart ladies and noblemen by William Larkin, Van Dyck and Lely. The surrounding parkland, set high on a hill, influenced by the great English landscape gardener Humphry Repton, gives astounding views of London. The landscaped park has beautiful sloping lawns and lakes, with inner and outer circuit routes. The Estate has a magnificent walled garden, farm, dairy, stables, kitchen garden, lakes, woods and meadows. Plus semi-natural ancient woodlands providing homes for over 750 species of beetles and other insects!

We have personalised House and Estate tours. The first, at 11.30am, the second after lunch at 2.30pm. Delicious home made food served throughout the day at the Brew House Café. A visit to the garden and house shop should be included. Mobility service available on request and disabled access available to the first floor of the House.

Admission to the House and Estate is free of charge, so our price is the combined cost of both tours and coach hire (including the London environmental emission charge).

	Adults <b>without</b> English Heritage membership	Adults <b>with</b> English Heritage membership	<b>Concessions</b>
THACS members	<b>19.50</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>17.50</b>
Non-members	<b>20.50</b>	<b>18.50</b>	<b>18.50</b>

\* Concessions for people over 60 years old (irrespective of English Heritage membership).

Pre-ordered guide books at £3.99 are purchased individually, and it would be appreciated if you indicated on the booking form if you would like to purchase a guide book on the day.

The coach will leave Tewin (bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.30am, and leave the estate at 4.00pm.

Please fill in the booking form and send it with your payment (cheques payable to **THACS**) to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 ONP by **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**. Booking forms from the **THACS** page on the Tewin website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

## FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Last month we mentioned plans to develop and expand our volunteer activities. The nature of the services provided by Danesbury in particular is changing, and in turn so has the need of help required from volunteers. Recognising this, the team has been joined by Jill Burman as Volunteer Co-ordinator. Jill has already started the task of reviewing our volunteer strategy. The intention is that we continue to offer the very best service to our patients while properly valuing those who are willing to give their time to help us.

As part of this review Jill has contacted all our current volunteers, and those who have expressed an interest in helping us. With our records now up-to-date, we also learnt a little more about how and when people would like to help as volunteers.

As the next step, we plan to hold a **Volunteer Appreciation Day** on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July** between **11am to 1pm** at **Danesbury Neurological Centre**. Anyone interested will be very welcome to come and learn more about the opportunities available.

For more information email: [jill.burman@hchs.nhs.uk](mailto:jill.burman@hchs.nhs.uk) or call Danesbury on 01438 841841

Please watch out for our Summer Raffle. Tickets available from our shops in Knebworth and Welwyn, also at Danesbury and QVM Hospital. The draw will take place at the Volunteers Summer BBQ on 10<sup>th</sup> June. We have three fabulous prizes. Firstly, dinner for two with an overnight stay at Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, kindly donated by Linda and Ivor Williams. Secondly, a Flight Experience and Associate membership of the North London Flying Club at Panshanger Aerodrome. Last, but by no means least, a traditional patchwork quilt handmade and donated by Pat Lewis, one of our Trustees.

E mail: [danburyqvm@btconnect.com](mailto:danburyqvm@btconnect.com)

[www.danesburyqvm.co.uk](http://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk)



### ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries, please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



#### 'Care 4 a Cuppa?'

Individuals or groups are invited to hold tea parties in aid of Isabel Hospice throughout the summer from June - September. For more details contact Katie Robertson on 01707 382500

#### Sun 5<sup>th</sup> : Teas in Gardens 14.00—17.30

Thank you to Danny Desmond of Bride Hall, Ayot St Lawrence, Welwyn AL6 9DB for opening his garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Featuring stunning, formal gardens, as well as herbaceous and mixed borders, a herb garden, sunken garden, vegetable garden, courtyard and orchard all set in 285 acres of wildflower meadows, ridge and furrow fields and two wildlife ponds attracting an array of birds, butterflies and wildlife. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

#### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June: 'Walk for Life' 14.00 onwards

An annual event raising money for Isabel Hospice, Keech Children's Hospice and The Willow Foundation. Teams of 6 or more camp overnight at Oaklands College, St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans AL4 0JA taking turns to walk around the track. There will be entertainment throughout the evening, including fancy dress, best banner/flag, best dressed tent and more. For more info call 01727 737767

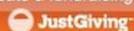
#### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June: Karting Endurance Event at Rye House 12:30 - 18.00

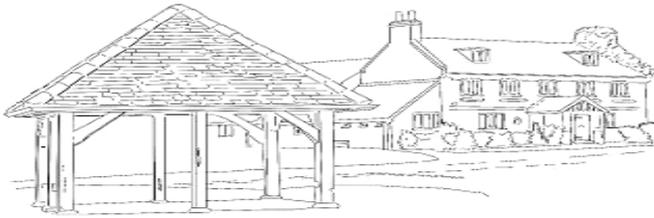
Sign up in teams of 4 to compete in a 4 hour race at Rye House, Kart Raceway. Entry fee of £500 per team includes bacon rolls on registration, practice run at 1.30pm. The race is 2pm-6pm, followed by a buffet meal, auction and raffle. For an application form, ring 01707 382500 or email: [lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk)

#### Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July: 'Tandem Skydive' at Chatteris, Cambridgeshire 8pm

Fancy doing something different? You will exit the aircraft securely strapped to the front of your Instructor who will control the free fall element of your skydive, open the parachute for you at around 5000 feet, and steer your parachute safely back for a soft controlled landing. The jump will cost a minimum of £375, of which Isabel Hospice will receive £230. Join our band of merry jumpers and help raise valuable funds in an *Extreme* way. If you wish to take part in this exciting event, you must be aged 18 or over (or 16+ with parental consent). Each jump will be undertaken with an instructor and training given prior to the jump. For further information and to register for the Sky Dive please ring 01707 382542 or email: [lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk)

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## Tewin Parish Council

### PARISH COUNCIL

At the election on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, seven previous Councillors were elected unopposed. An eighth, Pat Fulford, was also elected unopposed to fill the North Ward vacancy. At the Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May, all Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and a Register of Interests to be completed within 28 days. Kristina Lawson and Keith St Pier were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively with the unanimous support of the Council.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To be distributed to every household in the parish within the next month and available on [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

### TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

The Parish Council agreed to provide third party funding for Tewin Memorial Hall Grant application to Biffa for funds towards the urgent, essential repairs to the Scout hut roof, kitchen roof and heating.

### FLYTIPPING

There have been incidents recently of fly tipping between the village and the B1000 at Hollybushes. If anyone sees this happening and can get a vehicle registration number, please report it to the clerk.

### DOG FOULING

If a dog fouls on designated land it is an offence if the person in charge of the dog fails to pick up the mess. The whole of the East Herts Council's Area is designated for the purpose of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. So all public accessible land to is "poop scoop" area.

Land includes pedestrian areas, footways, verges, play areas and highways with a speed limit less than 40mph. Dogs are banned from children's fenced play areas. The Parish Council also emphasizes that designated land being "land that the public has access to" also includes village greens, common land and Public Rights of Way (e.g. footpaths and bridleways).

The Parish Council endorses the following advice published on the East Herts Council website:

*Be a responsible dog owner and carry disposable bags to clean up after your dog, keep your dog under control at all times, keep your dog out of dog restricted areas, and do not allow the dog out alone.*

*Use a 'poop scoop' or a suitable bag and dispose of the deposits in your dustbin at home, in a Council litter or "doggie" bin. In the interests of hygiene, always tie the neck of used bags.*

*Dog fouling is a nuisance and a danger, particularly to young children, leading to serious illnesses eg Toxocariasis.*

*Failure to clean up after your dog will lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50, or prosecution, which may lead to a fine of £1,000 plus costs. It is not an acceptable defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions or that you did not carry means to dispose of the fouling at the time.*

*Report irresponsible dog owners the Animal Warden on 01279 655261, by email or use the online form Dog Fouling Notification Form. Please provide as much information as possible about the dog, dog owner, times and locations of*

*where the owner regularly walks the dog.*

### PARISH COUNCIL DOG FOULING POLICY

Tewin Parish Council endorses the views of East Herts Council as stated. It is Parish Council policy not to install "doggie" bins, as they are not in keeping with the rural environment, and litter bins can be used instead. The Parish Council will consider requests for additional litterbins from significant groups of local residents.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall. Other meeting dates are: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### 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 3 working days before the meeting.

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, NEWSLETTERS AND MEETINGS DATES ARE PUBLISHED on [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting).** Minutes are displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall & bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

**Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256**

**Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969**

E-mail - [caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net](mailto:caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net)

### East Herts District Councillors:

North Ward:

Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward:

Cllr Linda Haysey Tel: 01992-582151

### Herts County Councillor:

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

### Other Useful Numbers/Websites

**Operation Arable – 01992-533000** Reporting motorcycles

**Police Community Team – 01707-354192**

For non-emergencies:

**Police Control Room – 0845-3300222**

**Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321**

Reporting potholes and any other damage to roads

**East Herts District Council:** 01279-655261 or

[www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk) - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

**Herts County Council: 01992-555555**

[www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

### Tewin Parish Council

**Playground** - please report any damage, accidents or any other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.