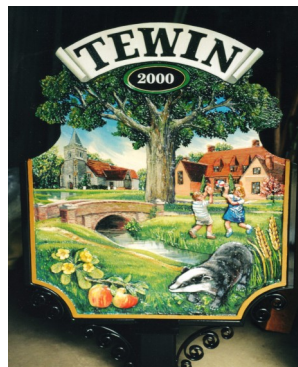




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Welcome to the August 2025 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our cover photo was taken by Deborah Hoare. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

Events this month are:

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood is leading her annual Poetry Pilgrimage on 2nd August (p16).

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

The Classic Car Show is on 17th (p2).

Tewin Stores are serving pasta or pizza on 23rd (p29).

Technology Advice Sessions are taking a break in August and return on 4th September (p30) and there is no Messy Church this month.

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

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

Due to staff illness and holidays there will be limited Post Office services in August. See page 15 for details.

Bin collection is changing this month. Please see page 4 for details of what goes in each bin and page 24 for details of collection dates.

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 Parish Council



NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE and RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The new bin collection will start on 4th August.

Your **black** bin will become your mixed recycling bin including 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*

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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.

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HIGHWAYS – ROAD WORKS

Orchard Road Closure – Various ditching and drainage works are scheduled for 29th July until 7th August and the road will be closed from 9.30am until 4pm.

Tewin Hill Fencing – These post and rail works are scheduled for 26th to 29th August and the road will be closed from 7.30am until 5pm.

LITTER 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.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 1st September 2025.

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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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.

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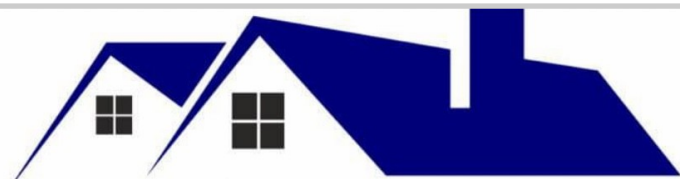
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Sponsored Bike 'N Hike

The annual sponsored Bike 'N Hike in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday 13th September with half of the money raised going towards the repair and maintenance of St Peter's Church. This is an opportunity to visit several of the local historic churches in the area while raising funds to help maintain our Grade 1 listed building. Anyone wishing to take part can find sponsorship forms at the back of the church, or for more information please contact David Rawlins at rawlins31@btinternet.com.



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Notes from an Apiary

We are now well past the mid-point of the year. At this stage in our calendar, we have a lot to think about. The Spring Honey has been cropped. Time to start making plans for a late summer harvest, executing Varroa control and feeding the bees. But most importantly ensuring we have strong colonies to go into the winter. Inspections focus on colony strength, health and potential development. We had a colony that was not thriving as it should.

We decided to unite this colony with a strong colony to save the bees and strengthen the apiary. The colonies need to be introduced to each other gently. If they are rapidly mixed, they will recognise each other as invaders and fight. We need to manage this territorial behaviour if we are to have a successful merger of the colonies. We use the “newspaper” method. The brood box of the weaker colony is placed above the strong colony. They are separated by a queen excluder and a sheet of newspaper. The newspaper has small holes pierced in it, allowing the scent of each colony to mingle but prevents the bees from mixing and fighting. The bees will quite quickly chew away the newspaper and mix but not until they have become familiar with the scent of each other. It is then straightforward to manage the new merged colony.

You will remember our notes on the Asian Hornet. The UK National Bee Unit and BBKA continue their efforts to monitor and eradicate, preventing establishment. The UK remains in an eradication phase, with all nests being tracked and killed. The good news is that genetic analysis of hornets caught in the UK suggests they originate from continental Europe. So far as we know, there is not an established UK population. Keep an eye out for these creatures and use the Asian Hornet App if you think you have seen one.

Strange fact. It seems that artificial grass and bees are bed fellows, at least in Port Talbot where the local council has banned both from council owned or leased land. The council are apparently following obligations outlined in the “Environment (Wales) Act 2016”.

Phil

Friends of Tewin



August is upon us now which means that the **Tewin Classic Car and Craft Show on 17th August** is only days away! We are hoping that the fantastic July weather will still be with us for the show.

Hundreds of cars will be on display again, along with a wide variety of craft stalls, and our usual loyal food outlets so there'll be something of interest for everyone. We are delighted to be sponsored this year by **Kevin, Wings of Welwyn**, who many of you will know from our village with his fantastic pink Cadillac.

I know by now that a lot of you have already offered to help us on the day with marshalling duties etc and also serving our famous home-made cakes, all of which are kindly donated by Tewin residents. It's not too late to join us if you would like to be part of our team and we would love to hear from you at **tewincarshow@hotmail.co.uk** We are, as always, extremely grateful for the help/time given by our volunteers so, a big thank you to you all and we look forward to you being with us for what we hope will be an enjoyable day.

Shirley
Chair, Friends of Tewin

Over 50s Club

The Over 50s Club will take a break this summer during the month of August and will re-open on Thursday the 4th of September. We look forward to seeing you all then.

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 15th September so put that date in the diary now. In the meantime enjoy the summer!!

Marie St Pier



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Tewin Cowper Primary School is seeking to appoint a reliable, friendly and hardworking person to help take care of our lovely school and grounds; someone who will look after all the small but important things that make everyone's day better. This is a part time role for 15 hours per week during term time and reduced hours in the school holidays.

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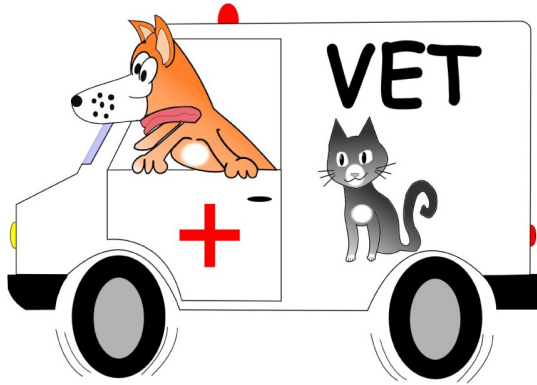
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August Facts

August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was moved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

August has also changed its number of days multiple times. In the ten-month Roman calendar, the months all had either 30 or 31 days, totalling 304 days in the year. Not only did Pompilius add January and February to the calendar, but he also reduced the number of days in August down to 29. It wasn’t until Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar that it was left with 31 days, and it’s stayed the same ever since!

Another year, another change! After so many changes you’d think the month would have had enough, but no – in 8 BC the month was named Augustus, in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus.

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

Many countries in Europe see August as a holiday period. So much so in fact, that you’ll find major European cities such as Paris almost completely empty of locals.

Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called Weod Monath. Its translation of “weed month” is quite literal – in this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere.

On August 1st, Lammas day is celebrated as the first day of harvest in the UK. Traditionally it was the day in which harvested wheat would be baked into bread and given to the church. The bread was used as the Communion bread for a special mass to celebrate the beginning of the harvest. This tradition ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church.



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Re-opens on Friday 15th August

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until the end of August.*

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office

Closed from Tuesday 12th August

Re-opens on Tuesday 9th September

DRIVE SAFE - recent report from the Tewin DriveSafe team

In early July 2025 Tewin DriveSafe, monitoring on a weekday at 7.30 – 8.30 am. saw around 75 cars driving South into Tewin from Upper Green Road registering speeds of :

1 car at 40 mph ; 13 vehicles at 31 -35 mph ; 60 at 30mph and below

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...thankyou - - SID Cameron

*(the Tewin **Speed Indicator Device**)*

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

Team Vicar's Letter

Glastonbury 2023. Lewis Capaldi, one of the UK's top selling pop stars, takes to the Pyramid stage. It is an enviable moment – arguably the festival and stage that every artist would dream of performing on.

A crowd of over 100,000 people who have been waiting in the baking sun for Lewis to perform, go wild. His performance is being broadcast live to several million viewers. He grabs the microphone with superstar confidence and starts to sing. The crowd are loving it. He knows how to work the stage. Lewis, a Scot, down to earth, hilarious in interviews and humble is universally liked. At only 26 years old his song-writing has been admired and praised by Elton John. Last year he was at the height of his game. This should be the ultimate moment of his life. But something turns, his voice weakens and in front of the vast crowd and TV cameras his distress becomes visible. He starts to sing but by this point he can barely get the words out. Instead of who the crowd expected to see - a self-confident, laugh a minute, ballad-belting, bonafide superstar - they realise they are witnessing a broken man, worn out with the pressures of touring and expectation, a man not in control of his voice or his body. Distressingly for all who are watching, Lewis tics and jerks uncontrollably – a result of his Tourettes syndrome that is worsened by his anxiety.

But then something incredible happens. 100,000 people who had come to hear him sing become his voice. The musicians keep playing and the melody of the words that he cannot get out of his mouth are sung to him with joy and confidence on a mass scale. Lewis, who at first keeps attempting and failing to re-enter the song as he is stopped by the aggressive tics that keep jerking his body, in the end just stands there and looks out in amazement at the crowd who sing his song for him, as he continues sweating, twitching, jerking, with tears in his eyes.

Following this performance Lewis disappears from the pop scene. Glastonbury 2025. The crowd go wild. 100,000 people scream with joy as Lewis Capaldi unexpectedly re-enters the stage. He sings. His voice is strong. Everyone knows how much this means.

Christians believe that when we are at the end of our rope - too worn out even to pray - then the church, the saints and angels will continue to carry us with their prayers, just as that crowd carried a despairing young man with their song; until the day when our strength is renewed and we can find our feet, our voice and our joy.

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
AUGUST 3rd	7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ECCLESIAS- TES 1: 2,12-14; 2 : 18-23	COLOS- SIANS 3: 1-11	LUKE 12: 13-21
10th	8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		GENESIS 15 : 1-6	HEBREWS 11: 1-3, 8-16	LUKE 12 : 32-40
17th	9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am		JEREMIAH 23 : 23-29	HEBREWS 11 : 29 - 12: 2	
24th	10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION JOINT SERVICE WITH DATCHWORTH ON BURNHAM GREEN	10am		ISAIAH 43 : 8-13	ACTS 5 : 12-16	LUKE 22 : 24-30
31st	11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION SUMMER EVENSONG AT TEWIN	9.30am 6.30pm		PROVERBS 25 : 6-7	HEBREWS 13 : 1-8, 15-16	LUKE 1 : 7-14

SUMMER EVENSONGS at 6.30pm

3rd St. Giles, Codicote

10th St. Mary's, Welwyn

17th St. Michael's, Woolmer Green

24th All Saints, Datchworth

31st St. Peter's, Tewin

ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
AUGUST 3rd ANGELA	ROZ HOLDEN	ROZ HOLDEN DI BRADLEY	SUZANNE CARDALE	QUEENIE SIMMONS	DI BRADLEY
10th ALED	NICK WHITING	CLARE RAWLINS SABINE STANLEY	JANET ROBINS	DEBORAH HOARE	ANGELA WILLIAMS
17th	TBA	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		CLARE RAWLINS	SABINE STANLEY
24th DATCH- WORTH	TBA	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	DATCHWORTH	ELAINE FOWLER	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
31st SPIKE	ALED OWEN TBA	ELAINE FOWLER & MARK SWANN SPIKE NICHOLSON & ANNE LAND	MARY GREGG CHURCH WARDEN	N/A	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

BAPTISM

29 June 2025 Sylvie Cora Amelie Arnold

6 July 2025 Rosie Rebecca Vinall

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

St Peter's News

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

Many folk pass through the churchyard each month; some of them venture into the church and we receive some delightful comments in our Visitors' Book. Very recently we had a packed church for a baptism for which people had come from far and wide, including the Isle of Man! Not as distant as New Zealand of course, and we get people from there too, but far enough for a child's baptism. After the service was over, a young couple entered, having walked up from Tewin Bury, and, like the Queen, I asked them if they had come far – Switzerland, they said. Spoke marvellous English of course. Both they, and the people from the Isle of Man, were amazed that our church is over 1,000 years old.

If you have popped into the church recently you might have seen a message on the noticeboard from Bishop Alan (now retired), thanking the village for its contribution to the cost of ministry in our parish and across the Diocese. £41,241 was the amount of Parish Share that we paid from Tewin in 2024. It costs £1,000 a week to keep St Peter's open and in use for the community. It is the oldest building in the village and of immense historic value to us. So thank you to all who help to maintain it in good order and continue to amaze visitors about its beauty and longevity.

The new wall outside the north side of the church has been built as part of a new drainage system to combat any damp in the north wall. We shall restore the grassed area round about. We have been trying to get things to grow by the West Door ever since the large bushes there died a few years ago. I think it needs to be a dry bed, possibly with a gravel covering. Nothing much is happy there at all.

On Saturday 2nd August Susannah will lead the Annual Poetry Pilgrimage from Datchworth church to St Peter's, Tewin through beautiful countryside, stopping en route for poetry readings and short reflections. This has always been a very enjoyable occasion whether in rain or shine and this year is part of the programme of events for the 850th Anniversary of the founding of All Saints, Datchworth.

On the 24th August we will have a joint service on Burnham Green with Datchworth as usual for August Bank Holiday at 10am. This year we have had slightly fewer weddings than usual, but more baptisms and funerals. However we already have five weddings booked for next year. Who said weddings were going out of fashion? Most of us love to dress up don't we and a wedding or a baptism is a great excuse to do so. What is interesting is the trend towards having colour at funerals as well, to celebrate the life of a much loved friend or relative.

Our bellringers have kindly paid for new coir matting in the clock tower and a new peal board commemorating the special peals rung for the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the coronation of King Charles. They are also having new tail ends made for the ends of the bell ropes. St Peter's will host the Eastern District Bellringing meeting on Saturday 9th August and visiting bellringers will ring there on Saturday 23rd. Our bells are very popular as we have six – many towers have fewer than that, so we can be the tower of choice for training new bell ringers. It is lovely to hear the bells ringing out over the fields on Wednesday evenings and at weekends.

During August the Welwyn Team is holding its annual Summer Evensongs at each of the churches in turn across the team. Ours is on Sunday 31st August. Other dates are listed on page 18.

The theme this year is Animals in the Bible. All services are at 6.30pm. Do try to get along to one of them. It is a lovely opportunity to see the other churches and to meet their congregations.

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

On Sunday 13th July, in (thankfully) glorious cloud, 24 of Tewin Tennis Club's finest gathered with the aim of being crowned Mixed Doubles Champions for 2025. Mark Lee, the MC and sorcerer of scoring, cajoled the 12 pairs over 4 hours of tennis using the Tie Break Tens format.

As it's name implies, this entailed each match being first to 10 points using a tie break format. The format proved very successful with a number of matches ending 10-9 and each match lasting less than 15 minutes.

The draw also threw up opportunities for bragging rights with a number of husbands and wives playing against each other.

The final was contested by the winners of the 2 groups with Hazel Lee and Nick Toombs securing victory over Jane Raine and Mike Purser. This was followed by a delightful lunch provided by Val and Maria and a visit to the pub to discuss the "if onlys".

Entries are now open for the Ladies' Doubles and Gentleman's Doubles to be held on Sunday 14th Sept in the morning and afternoon respectively. Please contact Hazel Lee if you would like to take part.

Before that we have the ABC League finals and party on Friday August 1st. The culmination of close to three months' of matches, our Club's favourite tournament reaches its climax with the mixed doubles final early on Friday evening (play starts at 7pm). It's a very close run thing as we go to press, so there should be plenty of edgy tennis to enjoy. Just like Wimbledon.

Following on we will have our popular party in and outside the pavilion, with music, chatter and pizzas from Ross. It's BYO, so come along for a great value, great fun night out. We'd be particularly pleased to see new players who haven't been along to a social event before. Members will by now have received an email, but there may still be a few places available last minute. Get in touch with any committee member.

Peter Burgess
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Changes to Bin Collection Day

Bin collection in Tewin is changing from this month. Bins will no longer be collected on a Thursday. Instead they will be collected on a **WEDNESDAY**.

Collection days will be:

6th August	Black mixed recycling bin and Food Waste
13th August	Blue cardboard and paper bin and Food Waste
20th August	Purple non-recyclable bin and Food Waste
27th August	Black mixed recycling bin and Food Waste
3rd Sept	Blue cardboard and paper bin and Food Waste

For those with a **Brown garden waste bin**, these will continue to be collected fortnightly on a **THURSDAY** (*not a Monday as some letters indicated*).

Collection days will be:

14th August
28th August
11th September

August Anniversaries

4th August 1693	champagne was invented by the Benedictine monk Dom Pierre Pérignon.
7th August 1926	the first British motor racing grand prix was run at Brooklands.
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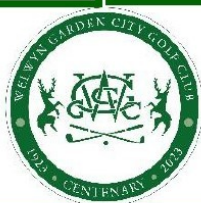
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Bellringers' Success!

There is a very active band of 13 bellringers at St Peter's, Tewin who ring on the six bells for our church services every Sunday as well as for weddings and national events. You may have heard the bells on the 8th May when we rang for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Bellringing is not just pulling on a rope; you learn to ring your bell precisely to sound in the right position within the other bells. Each time the six bells ring, it is called a 'change' and the changes occur in a fixed pattern called a 'method'. There are thousands of methods on different numbers of bells but there are several more well-known amongst these. Church bellringers across the country visit other towers, ringing competitions and events to enjoy the challenge of different bells and methods and to mix with other ringers socially.

Good ringing is where the strike notes of the bells are evenly spaced, so a striking competition is where each team's ringing piece is judged on the number of faults given where the bells are too close together or leave a gap. On 21st June four of our band were part of a team entered into a 10-bell striking competition at St Botolph's Boston (The Stump) in Lincolnshire. We were representing the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers against 6 other teams from the East of England. We had a great, interesting day! The church is an amazing edifice and looks extremely imposing when you know you have 198 steps to climb to the ringing chamber. Whilst waiting for the previous band to finish their ringing, we were able to survey the lovely views from the balcony on all four sides of the tower albeit being deafened at the time!

The bells are not the easiest to ring or hear whilst you are inside the ringing room. The ropes hang against the walls around a raised dome being the top of the intricate tower vault which can be seen from the floor below. We were relieved but satisfied when our set-piece was over. After our performance we were allowed to open a little door in the dome and look 137 feet down to the floor below. Some of us didn't look!

The competition results were announced in the chancel after the vicar's welcoming speech, and we were delighted to come 2nd! The team from Essex were worthy winners.

Further success has been in the Herts inter-district 8-bell striking competition. Six of the Tewin ringers and two from other bands represented the Eastern District against five other teams in the Coburn Trophy at St Mary, North Mymms on 28th June and we won! We pipped St Albans District to the trophy by having 1 less fault!

If you are interested in learning more about bellringing, you are always welcome to visit us at St Peter's on our practice night which is held every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

County Hall To Be Marketed For Sale With Funds To Be Reinvested In Vital Services

Hertfordshire County Council has confirmed plans to market the entire County Hall site in Hertford for alternative uses. The decision supports the new administration's efforts outlined in their first 100-day plan to make the council more effective and reduce costs through better use of its existing assets.

County Hall has been marketed for employment use since September 2023, following the council's decision to move most of its services from the Hertford site to its Stevenage Campus. To date there has been limited interest in securing the site for employment use, with most interested parties looking to rent small parts of the building. The council is now able to, as part of the planning process, market County Hall for alternative uses, including residential or commercial use.

The previous cabinet decision to market County Hall for employment use included an ambition to retain the front part of the building, including the Council Chamber, for political meetings. The new administration, in line with its plans to deliver a more effective council, has decided that the whole building will now be included in the marketing. This will save around £9.7m which was earmarked for splitting the front part of County Hall away from the rest of the building, reduce running costs, as well as increasing the total value of the potential sale of the site.

Work has now commenced to create new spaces to allow for democratic meetings to take place at the council's Stevenage campus, bringing councillors closer to the officers responsible for delivering council services.

“While there is a lot of fondness for County Hall and the history it represents, our plan for a fair deal for Hertfordshire hinges on our ability to make the county council more effective, in part by making better use of our existing resources. In addition to finalising the future of County Hall, we have commissioned a review into our wider property portfolio which we expect a report on later this year. By looking at how we can best use our assets, particularly those that are not fully utilised we can reduce the need for borrowing, allowing us to invest in our vital services and deliver on our vision for a better Hertfordshire.”

- Cllr Chris Lucas, Executive Member for Resources & Performance

The ‘old building’ at County Hall is Grade II* listed, and the front part contains many of the most significant heritage features. Potential bidders will be expected to demonstrate that their proposals will protect the building's heritage.

The county council will remain responsible custodians of County Hall while the bids are evaluated and any potential planning permissions are granted, during which time the site will continue to generate income for the council by being rented out for TV and film projects

Tewin Stores and Cafe

Did you know we have had a Post Office in Tewin since 1717? Not where it is today because in fact it has been in several buildings over the years; but we are so glad that we still have it today in the shop. It does most of what a big Post Office can do and is invaluable to people still needing cash and depositing money into banks. Again, like the Shop itself, it is important that the services on offer are used as much as possible as that will provide the best chance of keeping it.

Just at the moment the Post Office is only available two mornings a week, Wednesday and Friday, due to sickness, but we hope that the three days a week service will be restored soon (*see page 15 for altered August opening hours*). How lucky we are to still have it after all those years, but please continue to use it; and it saves all those queues elsewhere.

The shop will continue to promote their branded goods during August, at the Classic Car Show on 17th and at the Burnham Green Fete on 25th. If you would like to help us, please contact me, Linda Crawford (lindarichard@talktalk.net).

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Jane Austen in Hertfordshire

It is a truth universally acknowledged (well, maybe ...) that Jane Austen was clearly quite familiar with Hertfordshire and used several locations in the county as the inspiration for places and incidents mentioned in her most popular book, *Pride and Prejudice*, published in 1813. There is no real evidence that she actually ever visited Hertfordshire and the reason why she chose to use it as the setting for her novel remains a bit of a mystery, but there has been much speculation and interest in trying to identify places in the locality that may have inspired her as she sought to provide imaginary settings for her characters.

The main locations

Meryton, the 'small market town' near which the Bennet family lived and where the headquarters of the militia regiment were located, is generally assumed to be based on **Hertford**. The Assembly Rooms, where Mr Darcy first appears at a ball and rather rudely refuses to dance with Elizabeth Bennet, sound very much like the original beautiful ballroom on the first floor of the 18th-century Shire Hall in the centre of Hertford. The Bennets lived in the small village of Longbourn, which was situated about 1 mile from Meryton, suggesting, perhaps, that it was based on **Hertingfordbury**. 'Epcombs', a large Georgian house (still a private residence) that stands near the entrance to the village not far from the main road into Hertford, was reputedly used as the model for their home and some sources suggest that Jane Austen might even have actually visited this house at some point. There are frequent references to the Bennet girls walking into Meryton from their home. Although the distance was described as 'convenient', it must nevertheless have been quite a walk bearing in mind the fashionable, but not very practical, clothes and shoes of the time.

One of the Bennets' near neighbours and friends was Sir William Lucas, a local businessman and former mayor of Meryton. He had originally lived in the town, but had decided to move with his family to a house 'about a mile from Meryton' and 'within a short walk of Longbourn'. His house was called Lucas Lodge and it is possible that **Panshanger** is the inspiration for this. Another contender that has been suggested is **Goldings**, but as this is situated nearly 2 miles to the north of Hertford and is therefore quite a bit further away from Hertingfordbury it is probably less likely.

References to the county

There are several passing references to Hertfordshire in the novel. When Elizabeth Bennet is talking to Mr Wickham one evening at her aunt's house in Meryton she declares that Mr Darcy 'is not at all liked in Hertfordshire'. A little later the clergyman Mr Collins tells Elizabeth, as he is about to propose to her, that he came 'into Hertfordshire with the design of selecting a wife'. Caroline Bingley writes in a letter to Jane Bennet that she does 'not pretend to regret anything I shall leave in Hertfordshire, except your society, my dearest friend'.

There are also occasional references to specific places in Hertfordshire, namely Barnet (formerly in Hertfordshire) and Hatfield, where Colonel Forster enquires unsuccessfully at local inns concerning the whereabouts of Mr Wickham and the youngest Bennet daughter, Lydia, who have eloped together.



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