

July 2011

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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A Letter from The Rector

July, perhaps the busiest month for weddings, in a team - with five picturesque churches which is busy with weddings full stop. Last month, Jane Carr and I went on a two day course run by a national initiative called 'The Weddings Project' [you might like to 'Google' it yourself as it contains lots of clear, interesting information for planning a wedding]. There was lots of information and sound advice for those involved in organising a wedding, but what struck me was the rather scary bit about *'internet chat rooms'*. Now, parish churches have many things in common, but also often are quite individual and find their own ways of working with the resources and context in which they find themselves. However, as was pointed out, for many young people today, before coming along to church to book a wedding, many of them will have looked for guite a lot of information - the scary one was the bridal internet chat-room. A chat room is basically an internet site where people who want to discuss a particular topic and log-on for advice, information and gossip. Apparently, there are guite a few of these sites for wouldbe brides – and those individual, sometimes idiosyncratic ways in which parish churches work, are all talked about before they even get to us: "I don't like that Vicar, he's got hairy ears". (I've made these up, but I assume this is the sort of thing people say); "That organist was so kind and friendly, and was very happy to play the 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' instead of the 'Bridal March"; "They don't allow photographers/confetti/smiling/at that church"; "It was so cold and dark in that church" etc.

Now of course, some of the criticisms, or indeed the praise [of which there is a lot according to the Weddings Project - people generally find getting married in church a good experience] will be unfair, subjective, or unrealistic in terms of what a small village church might provide [it always amused me when I was at the Abbey, the Cathedral choir was often asked to sing at weddings and funerals on 'EastEnders' - because in such a socially authentic drama, all East End churches have cathedral standard choirs]. However, we cannot ignore that this is the world we live in - people will, for better or worse [sorry, terrible pun] gather lots of information before they come to us, and so we need to make sure that our welcome is really as warm as we wish it to be.

To all couples being married this summer in our team churches - may God grant you every blessing.



Churchwardens' Notes

The School held their "Celebrating the Family" service at St Peter's on 17th June. In addition to the children, this was well attended by parents who enjoyed a performance by the 'Caterpillars'. And of course the usual enthusiastic singing - this time without the organ!

By the time you read this, we will have said farewell to Stephen and Angela Fielding. We hope that you managed to get to the 6.30pm service at St Mary's on 26th June and the farewell which followed. Our thanks and best wishes go with them – but we hope to be there for Stephen's 'licensing' on 1st September at Braughing.

As predicted last month, the King James Bible is now in use once again in St Peter's in this 400th anniversary year of its publication. We used it for our readings at our June evensong. Then for the evening Communion on 19th June, we used the Book of Common Prayer, the first time that this service has been used at St Peter's for many years.

The blue curtain which hangs in the archway to the tower has been repaired and cleaned; and was rehung on 7th June. Many thanks to Audrey Walters for the repair work and great thanks to Linda Murray for a most generous donation towards the cost of cleaning.

We are grateful for the additional watering cans which have appeared in the churchyard. Many thanks to the donors. More of a mystery is where the old ones have gone – surely a watering can is a little large to take away by mistake! If you use the cans, please replace them near the tap – and let's hope no more 'take a walk'!

A reminder that the first Summer Evensong is at 6.30pm on 31st July at St Mary's, followed by St Peter's on 7th August, with a glass of wine to follow.

We welcomed Alexandra Claire Hughes into the Church at her baptism on 19th June.

As summer holiday time approaches, we wish you all an enjoyable holiday season!

Pete and Mike



Tewin Bellringer is National Competition Winner!!

Congratulations to William Grimwade who was a member of the winning Hertford County Association of Change-RingersTeam for **'Best Ringing of the Day'**!

There is a magazine titled '*Ringing World*', which is read by bell ringers world-

wide, which celebrated its centenary this year and to commemorate the occasion several events were held across London, finishing with a service in Westminster Abbey.

One such event was for teams of 8 (all of whom were aged under 19 years old) at St Saviour's in Pimlico, competing against 11 other teams from as far afield as Devon and Derby! William joined other members of The Hertford County Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers Team including two others from the Eastern District - William Lay from Datchworth and Miriam Franklin from Ware.

Very well done to all who competed and for the prestigious award!

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Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on **Saturday 30th July**.

The speaker will be Peter Lee, Chairman of the Breakfast Group.

Peter will speak on the subject

Tickets at £6 each in advance, from Graham Spring

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Wednesday, 18 May 2011

This year we are holding a Summer Holiday Club at St Mary's Church in Welwyn and you would be most welcome to join us in our adventure, '*Mission Rescue*'.

We will meet every morning from 10.00-12 midday, Monday 1st August - Friday 5th August 2011 and on Sunday, 7th August, for a closing Family Service.

There'll be lots of fun, games, craft, activities, songs etc., so do think about coming along.

We ask you to pay £5 per family towards our expenses.

As we're limiting this event to **40 places** it's vital to book your place by returning the form overleaf.

The Club is open to all primary school age children.

And, do remember to bring your friends along as well!

See you there!

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Child's Name
Address
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Telephone Mobile
E-mail School
Attends
Parent(s)/ guardian name(s)
Parent/Guardian Signature:
If you wish to pay in advance. Put a tick here and enclose £5 – Cheques to 'Welwyn St Mary's
PCC'.
 I give my permission for my child and my details to be entered on the church database (this will help us to administer this club) YES / NO
• I give permission for my child's photograph to be taken during the club by a club leader (this will only be used for church purposes such as the magazine, and will not be distributed) YES / NO

• If we are oversubscribed we shall operate a first come first served system, but assume that there is room, unless you hear otherwise.

Chairman's Report Tewin Memorial Hall AGM 2011—David Laming

Firstly, let me register my gratitude to the wonderful people on our Tewin Memorial Hall Management Team (TMHMT) and their loyal supporters, who have been instrumental in another year of successful fund raising. Special mention has to be made of the Tewin History Society who, following the resounding success of their fantastic book, has directed all profits from its sale to Hall funds. Despite recent history showing the year on year success of our fund raising activities, we cannot rely on such income into the future. All we need for an adverse effect is a wet day at, say, the Village Fete, a drop in interest or support for the Hall, or the loss of a crucial member of the organizational teams whose experience and drive are the key to success.

Unfortunately, although this income makes a truly significant impact on our ability to maintain the Hall, it cannot alone support the cost of major repair and refurbishment projects. Filling this gap in funding is a real challenge, demanding much time and effort compiling complex Grant Applications and producing Project Plans. We must make the Hall attractive to a wide range of potential hirers to increase the flow of rental monies. We have installed a Wi Fi system and there is an on-going project to provide a projector and screen for conferencing, training, and village groups societies (thanks to our funders:- Council for Voluntary Service).

There were 2 major refurbishment projects in the last year. One was Secondary Glazing and the second a refurbishment of our toilets. For the toilets we secured £1,000 from Councillor Bryan Hammond's Locality Budget. However, the generosity of Ian Clemence from our village, who gave his time, materials and resources, reduced the impact on our precious reserves. All of this was perfectly planned and managed by Paul Hagger. Over £2,000 was also spent on maintenance work required to keep the Hall and Parish Room flooring in good condition. Now I must turn to ongoing projects, the selection of which has been the subject of lengthy deliberation. Their completion is scheduled for the next financial year (2011-2012) but we feel we should communicate some of the detail and scheduling so that those of you who donate so generously your time and money can see what the proceeds are spent on. To make the Hall catering facilities more attractive to our users and hirers for weddings etc we successfully submitted a bid to refurbish the **Kitchen and Bar areas** via the East Herts District Council's Community Capital Grant Scheme, receiving the maximum for that grant of £8,000 (which has to be match funded). We hope to commence this work in early August 2011. With

regard to **Heating**, our present ailing system urgently needs replacing. We have carefully considered a whole range of greener technologies and grants but due to financial limitations we have had to revert to the option of a conventional upgrade. This will still make our heating system far more efficient and versatile and will raise comfort levels for all users of the Hall, especially our Tewin Tots. We will replace the Hall's inefficient large piping and old boiler with a new system that will allow zoned control of the Hall's heating. This project will commence in early August 2011.

Finally, whilst all this was being planned a bombshell was dropped in the form of a leaking **Scout Hut roof**. We have selected a roofing material with the highest available level of insulation to complement the recent installation of double glazing and insulated flooring. Debbie Casales of the Under 5s Group successfully submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £10,000 towards the cost of this work.

Our Treasurer, Peter Burleigh, is concerned that even with the grants our reserves will be severely reduced. Consequently, we applied for additional funding through the BIFFA Landfill Grant Scheme and yet another even more complex grant application was submitted on our behalf by Lynn Farr, with Peter's contribution to the financial element. At this point we were heartened by letters of support from the Tewin Tots, Under 5's and Brownies, plus generous offers of financial support from THACS, Friends of Tewin, Tewin History Society and the Parish Council to meet match funding requirements. Earlier in the year the whole subject of refurbishment could have become an even more difficult issue if an English Heritage investigation had led to the Hall being registered as a listed building.

Finally, following many years of loyal service as our Treasurer, Peter has now asked to step down and has even offered to support his successor. Despite several notices in the Parish News, announcements at meetings and personal approaches I have been unable to find a willing and suitable replacement. I feel that this failure is a poor response to his loyalty and commitment. We should not take advantage of his good nature by failing to resolve this issue soon, **but I fear we are fast reaching the point where we will have to consider formally employing a Bookkeeper or Accountant if nobody comes forward**. This would clearly create far-reaching constraints on what we have previously managed to achieve with our fund raising monies. <u>I ask all of you to carefully consider how we should approach this dilemma and if there is any way you might be able to assist us</u>. Our Hall was given as a Memorial to those men from Tewin who gave their lives for us in World War I, and we have a moral duty as a community to maintain it for all to enjoy.

David Laming, Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Team

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL - SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Results for the May 2011 draw

- 1st £61 Jean Canton, Lower Green
- 2nd £36 Stephanie North, Upper Green
- 3rd £12 Patrick Holden, Lower Green
- £12 Joan Reynolds, Cannons Meadow

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

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Welwyn Floral Group — Programme for 2011 6th July Julie Woods, 'Let's Pop Corn' We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre, Welwyn at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Thursday 7th July 2011 – Visit to Kenwood House and Estate

In last month's edition of the Parish News, we wrote about the forthcoming visit to Kenwood House and Estate. The closing date for bookings was 18th June but there are still places available on the coach so if you have not already booked on this, you can still do so. This 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.

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

	Adults without English Heritage membership	Adults with English Heritage membership	* Concessions
THACS members	£19.50	£17.50	£17.50
Non- members	£20.50	£18.50	£18.50

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

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.30am, and will leave the estate for the return journey at 4.00pm. Please telephone Pat Fulford (01438 798717) to make your reservation and then 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. You can get the booking form from the THACS page on the Tewin website **www.tewinvillage.co.uk** or from Pat Fulford.

Wednesday 10th August 2011 – Visit to RHS Hyde Hall, Essex

THACS has arranged a visit to RHS Garden Hyde Hall, near Chelmsford, Essex. This outing will be very popular so don't be disappointed, and reserve your coach seat as soon as possible. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day out at this renowned outstanding beautiful garden.

There are no guided tours but on arrival we will have an informal ten minute introduction talk. On the day of our visit there is an activity taking place called 'Children's Flower Power' which will be an additional exhibition to view.

Food and drink are available in the restaurant and café or you could bring a picnic. The new Gift Shop carries an extensive range of outstanding garden equipment, plus books, gifts, cards and other interesting items. vIn the Plant Centre there are many traditional favourites, together with a seasonal selection to help add colour and interest to our gardens, plus sound horticultural advice. ($A \pm 5$ refundable deposit payable on the day is required). There is also a small mobility vehicle that operates a shuttle service between the Visitor Centre and main garden.

The total cost for the outing is £11 for members and £12 for non-members. The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.00am, and will leave Hyde Hall for the return journey at 4.00pm. Please fill in the booking form and send it, with your cheque (payable to THACS) to:- Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts. AL6 ONP by Saturday 23rd July. You can get the booking form from the THACS page on the Tewin website www.tewinvillage.co.uk or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

Saturday, 3rd September 2011 - THACS Autumn Show

The Autumn Show has classes for adults covering flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. There are also classes for children (in age groups) covering horticulture, arts & crafts, culinary and photography. So come along, have a go and support your village show!

Don't forget, the more categories you enter, the more likely you are to win a prize. Show schedules, rules and entry forms can be down-loaded from the THACS page on the village website **www.tewinvillage.co.uk** or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores or from Anna Clark, THACS Show Secretary, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin AL6 OLX, telephone 01438 798324. All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 28th August.



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson email: <u>admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk</u> Tel: 01438 717378

Our June News



The new half term began well for Ladybird and Caterpillar classes with an exciting trip to the seaside, a visit to the Sea-Life centre and an afternoon on the beach! Whilst it rained on the outward journey, the sun came out later and made the day both warm and memorable. Later in the month Grasshopper Class enjoyed a trip to Wimpole

Hall in Hertfordshire where they found themselves able to identify the herbs and vegetables in the magnificent kitchen garden - as well as enjoying the wide open spaces, the farm and the fabulous adventure playground.

All classes have been enjoying our school pool and a big 'Thank-you' to those on the Swimming Committee who ensure we continue to do so. Remember that the pool is available for the wider village community use throughout the summer and we invite you to purchase your membership through Tewin Family Swimming Club, forms



and details available in school. Swimming has formed the lion's share of P.E. instruction this term, though cricket lessons continued and athletics training for the annual Small School's Regional Competition also took place for Key Stage 2 pupils.

On Sunday June 12th parents of the school organised and hosted a talent show in the Memorial Hall at which many of our pupils were able to showcase their talents. It was a highly enjoyable occasion and gave a lot of pleasure to children and parents alike. More talent has been honed in our rehearsals for end of year performances. Key Stage Two are preparing for Bugsy Malone and Key Stage One are working towards an instructive environmentally friendly tale of a penguin who saves the world! We expect to perform for both pre-school and senior groups in the village. If you are not directly linked with the school but would be interested in watching these West-end Wonders, please contact the school.

On Friday June 17th Caterpillar Class led the whole school in worship at St. Peter's Church, reminding us of the love and security provided by our families. A rendition of the 'Prodigal Son' was performed and the school's singing resonated beautifully. Sadly it was the last occasion over which Rev. Stephen officiated. His final assembly was taken over by staff and children who wanted to express a fond farewell and to remind him of all that he has taught us and all we will remember. We hope to have impressed upon him *Au revoir* our heartfelt gratitude and wish him well for his exciting future.

The Staff Team



The coach for the Whitstable/Canterbury trip on Tuesday, 5th July, will leave the Rose & Crown at 8.30am. We plan to go to Whitstable for coffee (and oysters?) leaving at approx 12.15pm to get to Canterbury for lunch. We leave Canterbury at 4pm or 4.30pm. The weather will decide the final times during the day for us.

<u>Scarecrow Weekend: 16-17th July</u>. All the Scarecrow Entry Forms have now been delivered through your door. Please send them back as soon as possible so that we can plan the route, which will be printed in the programme. Entry is free but the programme will cost £2 and will tell you where all the Scarecrows are sited. There will also be space on the programme for you to vote for your favourite. The Village Shop and Cafe is staying open on both days, so please have fun and enter the Scarecrow Competition that weekend.

We are now making final plans for the Classic Car and Craft Day being held on Upper Green on Sunday, 21st August 2011. As the event gets bigger we need more help in marshalling cars and pedestrians, so if you can spare an hour or two on the day please let me know. The more help we get the less work there will be for everyone to do!

Thank you, Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Friends of Tewin

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Our website www.danesburyqvm.co.uk first appeared in 2004. It has been well used and provided an easily accessible source of information about the work of the Friends. In addition it gives some detail of the services provided by both The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and Danesbury Neurological Centre.

Much has changed over the past years, both in the activities of the Friends and the care provided at the two sites which are now part of the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust. In recognition of this change we have revamped the Friends' website to provide up-to-date information on all our activities. In future we will include news of current activities and events of interest to our many supporters. In addition there are details of the current care services provided by QVM and Danesbury.

We are always keen to hear from our supporters so do please take a moment to visit our website and let us know if you have questions. As you will know, we are always in need of volunteers. On which subject.....

......Our shop in Welwyn is in dire need of an able bodied volunteer (you don't have to be a man!), who can help carry filled cartons of clothes and books to and from our storage areas and get items from top shelves. If you think you might be able to help, please call into the shop, send us an email or give the Friends' office a call. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Friends of Danes	bury and Queen	Victoria Memorial	Hospital	01438 840514
E mail:	danesburygvm@	btconnect.com	www.d	anesburygvm.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

Sat 17th July: 'Tandem Skydive' at Chatteris, Cambridgeshire 7am

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 more information and registration please ring 01707 382542 or email: lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk

Tewin Parish Council



ROSE & CROWN PUB

Greene King advise that the Pub is now open.

E CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION

East Herts Council has advised that as from 1st July 2011 hard copy plans will not be distributed to Parish Councils. The planning applications will be available to view on line and a letter will be emailed to Parish Councils detailing when the application is available to view and the deadline for a response. The Parish Council agreed not to set up a Planning Committee but to look at the applications on line and print off plans, if necessary, prior to the meeting.

COMMON RAGWORT (Senecio Jacobaea)

This is a common weed found throughout the UK and it is very toxic to horses and other livestock and can have potentially fatal consequences if ingested either in its green or dried state. Under the Weeds Act 1959 the Secretary of State may serve an enforcement notice on the occupier of land on which injurious weeds are growing, requiring the occupier to take action to prevent the spread of injurious weeds. The Weeds Act specifies five injurious weeds: Common Ragwort, Spear Thistle, Creeping of Field Thistle, Broad Leaved Dock and Curled Dock.

If you find you have it in your garden please put rubber gloves on and remove the plant and either place it in the black bin or burn it to prevent livestock eating it. Fragments of root will remain in the ground so new growth will have to be monitored and removed year after year. More information is available at www.defra.gov.uk

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is the Parish Council meeting on Monday, 4th July 2011 at 7.45pm in the Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk). The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, in the Memorial Hall and at the 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

East Herts District Councillor

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

Herts County Councillor

Cllr Bryan Hammond

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Operation Arable – 01992-533000 – For reporting motorcycles

Police Community Team – 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes, flooding etc

East Herts District Council - 01279-655261 or 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 or www.hertsdirect.org

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