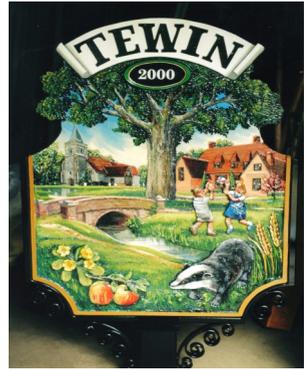




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Welcome to the March 2026 edition of the Tewin Magazine.

The photo of the lovely snowdrops on the front cover was taken by Janet Gordon.

I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

Events this month:

The ever popular Spring Jumble Sale is on 14th (p24).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Ballad of Wallis Island' on the 16th (p10) and Tewin School PTA are organising an Easter Trail on 21st (p3). The Bowls Club AGM is on 22nd (p15) and the Tennis Club AGM is on 27th (p23).

The Technology Advice Sessions are on the 5th and 19th (p30).

Messy Church is on 8th, not its usual 3rd Sunday as that is Mothering Sunday. (p18).

Further afield:

WGC Orchestra are performing on 28th (p31)

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

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

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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HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS

UPPER GREEN PONDING – Herts Highways have advised that following a survey last year on the gully outside

27/29 Upper Green Road they found asbestos in the verge. Due

to this, drainage repairs are on hold until the summer as this work has to be undertaken by a specialist contractor.

PLANNING

3/25/1889/FUL - Seven Pines, Margery Lane, Tewin - Demolition of bungalow and construction of two dwellings. Tewin Parish Council Object : In the Planning Statement, the Appearance and Materials section contains the paragraph: ‘The design draws directly from the original approval and the broader character of Welwyn Garden City. It reflects the traditional Arts and Crafts movement, enhanced by Georgian influence and proportion, both of which are key elements of the town’s architectural heritage’.

It would be more appropriate if it was considering the broader character of a rural lane in the village of Tewin.

With regard to policy DES4, the changes to the roof profiles and flank elevations show insignificant visual improvement over the previous refused application 3/25/1225/FUL.

The Transport Technical Note claims that an adequate visibility splay for plot 2 can be achieved assuming a passing vehicle speed of 10 mph. Margery Lane does not have a speed limit of 10 mph. Margery Lane is used by vehicles from rural commercial activities in the Dawley Wood area.

3/25/2032/OUT – Development Site at Upper Green Road Tewin - Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for 4No. Self-Build dwellings with creation of two new vehicular access points.

Tewin Parish Council supports the objections from local residents especially concerning the potential impact of the proposed development on local wildlife and the surrounding natural environment.

TEWINBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL LICENCE APPLICATION - 25/1695/

PL

Following a hearing on 19th December 2025 at East Herts Council this premises licence application was refused.

Information is available to view on the Tewin Village website. The applicant’s representatives have submitted an appeal with the courts.

The Licencing Committee will be notified when the date of the first hearing is set but due to pressures on the courts this can be months after the appeal was made.

PARISH TREE WORKS

Tree works identified this year in the Bramfield Road and Queen Hoo Lane area have been completed.

WINTER GRITTING

With winter here you can check when roads are being gritted by googling "HCC gritting".

SEEN A POTHOLE ?

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Monday 2nd March 2026

followed by Monday 13th April 2026.

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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Notes From An Apiary

A Sunday in mid-February and it's wet again. Did I just see some sleet falling? The early flowers are showing around the village with Snowdrops a plenty, Crocuses and Daffodils starting to show slivers of bright yellow. While these early flowers provide food for the bees, they won't venture out until it's warm and sunny, so no spring bounty for them just now.

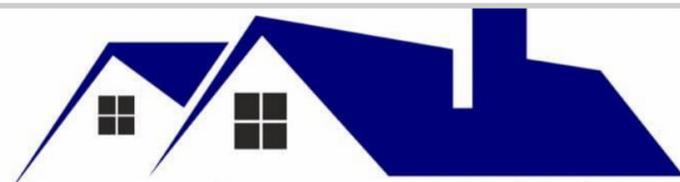
We don't open the hives to inspect during these months as opening the hives will chill the bees. We do monitor to see if colonies have food resources. This is done by "hefting" the hive. Gently lifting one side and assessing the weight. Not an exact science but you get a feel for it. We check for any damage and clear away any dead bees at the entrance to the hive. Every little helps the bees.

For the first year in a while we did not apply an oxalic acid treatment in the winter. We monitored the colonies last year and detected very little Varroa mite. We will need to monitor closely this year to ensure levels remain low. It's a balance between intervention and allowing the bees to develop resistance behaviours. There is quite a bit of discussion around Varroa resistant bees just now. Let's see how it goes.

Jobs are limited to cleaning and weather proofing spare hives, checking used frames and replacing old foundation, - the wax that the bees use to create living space for brood and storage space for reserves, pollen and honey.

Have you noticed that beekeeping suits are always a light or pastel colour? Never black. Well, black absorbs heat from the sun and the beekeeper would boil inside a black suit, and darker colours, such as black or brown, make you resemble a bear or other predator in the eyes of the bees. This does not apply to the colour red, as bees cannot see the longer-wavelength, red, part of the light spectrum. So why aren't bee suits red so the bees can't see the beekeeper? Interesting!

Phil



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Tewin Website Annual News Bulletin
For year ending December 2025
www.tewinvillage.co.uk

The statistics for 2025 show that the site continues to be well used and is as busy as ever, despite the increasing use of social media.

The website group met 4 times during 2025 to monitor and update the website.

Much of our time was spent looking at the information contained under the Environment Tab. We also amended the layout of the Business Page which is now easier to read and more user friendly.

The homepage has a link to the “Tewin Chat” Facebook group. This was set up in 2019 at the start of the first Covid-19 lockdown and now has over 1,600 members. It provides Tewin residents with an alternative way to find out about events that are happening in the village and it is also a means of sharing information on local businesses. This Facebook group is complementary to, but completely separate from, the village website.

We were saddened to hear about the death of John Ling. John was a member of our group for many years with responsibility for updating the Memorial Hall and Screen on the Green pages. John always took an active part in our meetings and leaves us with fond memories of those times.

Our meetings are always lively and we welcome new ideas and expertise. If you are interested in joining the website group, please talk to any of the people listed below or send an email to: tewin.village@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings. Felix Green is our Technical Advisor and Anne Hall takes notes of our meetings and is the Tewin Webmaster.

Grateful thanks go to all the members of the Website Group for their contribution, help and friendship:

Felix Green for her technical help, updating the Home Page and freely giving her time to help any of us that needs it. **Malcolm Allen** for convening

our meetings and updating the Guide to Tewin pages. Malcolm also spent time working on the THACS pages to complete the online closure of the Society. **Jean Fawcett** for monitoring the Tewin Pavilion pages and updating the Hire Calendar. **Linda Gilley** for updating St Peter's Church pages and the Screen on the Green pages.

Doreen Lloyd & Caroline McFarlane for Tewin Parish Council. **Jackie Murphy** for the Tewin Magazine. **Michael Bennett** for updating Tewin Stores page. **Terry Brand** for updating the Banner and main photograph on the Home Page.

I have updated the Footpath Walks pages, the Business pages and Friends of Tewin pages.

Tewinvillage.co.uk is viewed by a wide variety of people living locally and further afield and as such is an excellent advertising medium for our village businesses. If you live and trade in Tewin and want your business included on the Business page, please email: tewin.village@gmail.com.

Friends of Tewin own the domain name and pay the registration fees every two years.

Happy surfing - Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster

Over 50s Club

Ann Kevis will be retiring from her position as Leader of the Club as she feels ongoing mobility issues are making it difficult for her to continue as she would like.

Ann started the Club in January 2011 and has organised it now for 15 years. It is with some regret that she has made this decision.

For the Club to continue, a new Leader will have to be found. If you would like to consider replacing Ann please do not hesitate to contact her on 01438 717473 to discuss what the role entails.

Unless a successor can be found the last session of the Club will sadly be Thursday 17th December 2026.

Pat Badger

Screen On The Green

This month's film, showing on Monday 16th March, is *The Ballad of Wallis Island (2025)*.

It's a heart-warming off-the-wall British comedy/drama directed by James Griffiths and starring Tim Key, Tom Basden and Carey Mulligan. It tells the story of Charles, a lonely eccentric millionaire living on a remote island who hires his favourite band to come and play just for him. A poignant, charming low-budget film with sometimes laugh-out-loud humour, it makes for an easy watch on a winter's evening. It was filmed in Wales and features some interesting folk/rock music specifically written for the film.

The film premièred at the Sundance Film Festival in 2025 and has featured in various film festivals since then.

So come along for an evening out at your local village film club – look forward to seeing you there.

Coming Up:

20th April *The Graduate (1967)*

MONDAY 16 MARCH

Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale.

Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, price £5.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Marie St Pier

DriveSafe Report

The log for the Drivesafe session outside Godfries Close in Tewin on the morning of Thursday 12th Feb 2026 showed a higher-than-usual volume of traffic. Over 100 cars entered the village southbound.

Driving speeds were as normal, around 26mph average, with less than 10% going over 30 mph and 1 car logged at 36 mph.



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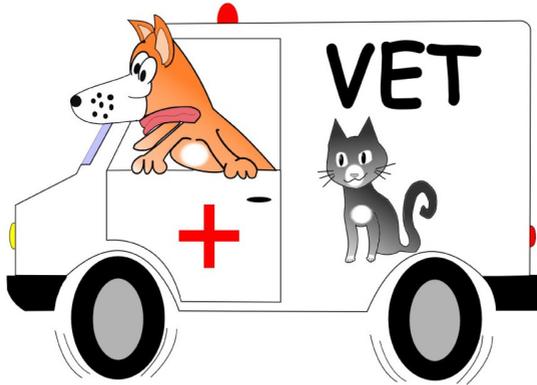
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Well, as February disappears and we enter into March, I think we have all got our fingers crossed that the rain will stop and that our gardens will be full of lovely spring flowers again.

We managed to keep ourselves busy during the month arranging the Seniors' Lunch on 17th February, where we hope that those of you who were able to join us enjoyed the event, and our AGM on 24th February.

We were also busy too 'number crunching', having received back various requests from the village groups in response to our offer of a donation from the profits of the very successful 2025 Tewin Classic Car and Craft Show. We are really pleased to have been able to offer out approx £8,700 to 13 different groups/organisations within the village which will assist them with the specific projects they are undertaking or equipment they need to purchase to improve their facilities.

Our next event will be the **Maypole Dancing** with the children from Tewin Cowper School, which is held on Lower Green and, this year, we are hoping it can take place on May Day itself, **1st May**, weather permitting, otherwise we are looking at 8th May but fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us.

This will be followed by our big event, the **Tewin Classic Car and Craft show** which is on **Sunday 16th August** on Upper Green - a fantastic day out for families from the neighbourhood and beyond. We are hoping our loyal band of volunteers will be available again this year but, as always, we are happy to welcome new volunteers on the day and cake makers too! If you are interested in helping us we would be delighted to hear from you at our usual e-mail address : friendsoftewin@gmail.com

Shirley, Chair, Friends of Tewin



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Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision

The annual revision of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 29th March and 12th April 2026. Anyone wishing to become a church member will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church. Applications must be received by 14th April 2024.

David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club



The new outdoor bowls season is approaching and we are all dusting off our bowls!

Our AGM is on the 22nd March and we are looking to open the green around the middle of April depending on the weather. Despite all the rain recently the green seems to be

holding up well.

We have another Kevin's Crazy Quiz Night coming up in March – please keep your eyes peeled for the posters advertising the date.

If you are interested in booking the club facilities (we can cater for up to 100 people comfortably with a bar and good size dance floor) or are interested in taking up bowls then just give me a call.

Ian 07850 759651.

Holy Week and Easter

St Peter's Tewin

Palm Sunday

29th March 9:30am

Eucharist with blessing of palms and dramatic reading of the Passion

Good Friday 3rd April

12noon 'The Nail'

An hour of contemplation and worship as we reflect on the cross

Holy Saturday

4th April 3pm - 4:30pm

Children's Easter
Crafts and Egg hunt

Easter Day 5th April 9:30am

All age Eucharist

Easter Monday 6th April

Pilgrimage to St Alban's Cathedral

Meet 8:30am St Mary's Welwyn for breakfast, followed by a walk to St Albans Cathedral. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome.

Team Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

What a wet and grey winter we have endured! Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, there will be signs of spring in the air; days which are lengthening and the long-awaited warmth of the sun on our faces. This tension between the gloom we've left behind and the brightness ahead is at the very heart of Easter. We celebrate the movement from the darkness of the cross, to the light of Easter morning.

In church tradition, we mark this shift with the Easter Fire. It's a wonderful, slightly unpredictable moment. Early on Easter morning (6am) a group of nutters, the faithful, along with the vicar (who is usually still in her pyjamas), meet at All Saints Church gate and then trundle to the top of the hill to watch the sun rise, whilst hearing the story of the Son rise. Then we light, in a brazier, the Easter fire. There is something deeply hopeful about watching a pile of wood transform into a roaring blaze, and it is one of my favourite moments of Easter. One year, as we lit the fire, the skylarks from the field flew up above us and started singing. A true gift. After which we then return to the church hall for a good breakfast.

I realise getting up before dawn, or the invitation to see the vicar's pyjamas, may not entice you to enjoy this particular Easter spectacle - but I hope that you will know the light of Christ is bigger than any shadow you face. The story of Easter reminds us that there is no darkness that cannot be overcome by God's light. If you would like to know more about this story that transforms darkness to light, then you would be very welcome at any of our services, or if life feels particularly dark at the moment and you'd like someone to talk to, or pray for you, then please do get in touch.

With every blessing,

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MARCH 1st	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 12: 1-4a	ROMANS 4: 1-5, 13-17	JOHN 3: 1-17
8th	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION MESSY CHURCH	9.30am 3.00pm	NICKY JACKSON SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 17: 1-7	ROMANS 5: 1-11	JOHN 4: 5-42
15th	4th SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 2 : 1-10	JOHN 19 : 25b-27	
22nd	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	ROMANS 8: 6-11	JOHN 11: 1-45
29th	PALM SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	PHILIPPI- ANS 2: 5-11	DRA- MATIC READING OF THE PASSION FROM ST MAT- THEW	MATTHEW 21: 1-11

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

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
MARCH 1st ALED	SPIKE NICHOLSON	CLARE RAWLINS DI BRADLEY	ROZ HOLDEN	LENT	SABINE STANLEY
SPIIKE 8th	SABINE STANLEY	SABINE STANLEY MARK SWANN	JANET ROBINS	LENT	MARY GREGG
15th	PAULINE SPRING	ROZ HOLDEN	GLORIA KERSEY		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
22nd	DAVID KEMPSON	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	DI BRADLEY	LENT	DOROTHY SWANN
29th DAVID	PAULINE BROWN	SPIKE NICHOLSON MARK SWANN	ANNA GILLIS	LENT	JULIA KEMPSON

WEDDING

30th January 2026 Kevin David Cuddon & Stacey Eleanor Robinson

St Peter's News

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

Life can be full of many uncertainties but this month, we have been certain of one thing at least – rain! I think we are all heartily sick of it. I sat in the kitchen and watched it one afternoon and mused that last summer I did not have the energy or the desire to waste water using the hose pipe on my many pots. And here they were being overwatered!! Last summer I lost some plants. This is sad as I want to open my garden this May in aid of the church for the **Open Gardens** event on **30/31 May** and will have to replace and replant pots and hanging baskets and whatnot. Anyway, please put the dates in your diaries for a jolly afternoon seeing gardens and eating cake.

January finished in an unusual way at the church. Kevin and Stacey were booked to get married on Friday 30 January but when the verger, Nicki Lewis from Welwyn, arrived to get things ready, she found the church was cold and there was no power for the lights, sound system, or the organ. She assumed it was a power cut. The organist couldn't play the electric organ so he went home. The candles were lit. The hymns were relayed through the vicar's phone. It remained pretty cold. One of the guests' taxis couldn't find Tewin and the bride, looking gorgeous in a strapless dress, was traditionally late, but at least the bells were rung, the flowers looked pretty and a wedding, which had been arranged, took place. They, and we, will never forget it. The loss of power turned out to be a break in the main cable outside in Churchfield Road. Oh and the sun came out for the photos! A minor miracle!

February has not been quiet. After having had the church decorated with Christmas Flowers until 2nd February, Candlemas, suddenly the nativity, Christmas tree and all the pedestals were tidied away. Thank you to Gloria, Clare and David for doing this. We have needed to look carefully at our **rotas for Sidesmen, Flower arrangers, Readers and Cleaners**. But it has been good to find a few new folk who have stepped up to do some of these duties. We now have **four Servers** to assist the vicar with giving the bread and wine during communion services. But for various reasons, this never seems to be enough, what with them being away, being ill, or dealing with family crises. If you would like to help with any duties or responsibilities at the church, there is a list at the church of what these are. Do please take a look and see if you think you could offer your time or skills and let the vicar know. N.B. Full training will be given for new Servers.

We shall be having our usual **Annual Spring Clean on Friday 8 May from 5 – 8pm and on Saturday 9 May from 9am – 1pm**. On Friday we take the movable objects down or out of the church so we can get down to scrubbing the stone floors and tiles and polishing the pews and other wood on Saturday morning. If you can give an hour of your time to this, you will be most welcome. If you think you might be good at polishing, please bring your own beeswax polish and cloths. We have scrubbing brushes and Vim (yes, Vim) for the stone floors. And there will be hot water for window cleaning and so on. It's a fun experience and all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday heralded the beginning of **Lent on 18th February** with the laying on of ashes service in the morning. The previous day we were hoping for a **Pancake Race** on Burnham Green but writing this while the rain continues to fall I am not sure this will have happened! More news on that next month. **The Lent course** started on Friday 27th February and will continue throughout March at Datchworth Church Hall. Soup lunch at 12 noon followed by a short period of study. Please let Susannah know if you intend to come for numbers requiring soup.

A **working party in the churchyard** will take place during March. We are planning to have the gutters and downpipes repainted this spring and are going out for quotes for this work. And we are reapplying for planning permission for our shed, trying to take account of the various objections made by the Conservation Officer to our previous application.

Otherwise all goes on as usual in the run up to **Passiontide and Easter**. Please note that **Messy Church will be on 8th March, not 15th, which is Mothering Sunday** when we will distribute nosegays to all our women members of the congregation, giving thanks for our mothers, guardians and grandmothers.

If you or your loved ones need support at this time, please remember the Welwyn team are there for you.

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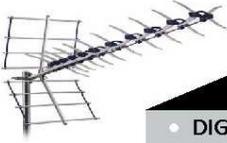
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Tewin Tennis Club

Our big event this month is the Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting. As usual it takes place on a Friday evening in the Tewin Pavilion alongside the tennis courts. The date is 27 March, 7.00pm for 7.30.

Please do make the time to come along. While we have approaching 200 members, the hard work by the committee and a few others accounts for less than 10% of that. The AGM is your one chance each year to come along to voice your support and thank those who help make this such a lovely club.

It's chairman Mike Purser's first year in the hot seat, so you'll hear his report on what has been a very active year for the Club. Mike's brought some fresh ideas to the calendar and we'd love to get your feedback, whether it's coaching, the now not-so-new courts' surfaces, events, competitions and anything else that takes your fancy.

One area that has been vexing the committee is allowing membership from outside of the Tewin Parish. As I have mentioned in the past, the courts are owned by the Parish Council and the club manages them for people of the parish. However, we have always accepted membership from a small proportion of non-parishioners - they may have moved away or they may work in the village, for example. We will talk about this at the AGM.

There will be wine and nibbles too, making it a great chance to catch up with old friends and for newer members to meet the team behind the running of your club.

By the time you get to the pavilion for the AGM, you will (hopefully) be able to inspect our new notice boards. What we have been living with for too long, outside the entrance to the courts and also on the pavilion by the door, are a couple of rather shabby displays where we provide on-the-spot details of the club and its necessary T&Cs. Through the generosity of a grant from the Friends of Tewin, we are at this moment arranging delivery of a new pair of boards more in keeping with the status of our club.

See you all on the 27th!

Peter Burgess

**JUMBLE SALE – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL
SATURDAY 14th MARCH from 2pm till 4.30pm.**

Admission £1 per adult – cash on the door please

All profit from the sales goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

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To drop off your jumble at the Memorial Hall please ring:

Mike Purser on 07918 021313 or Anne Hall on 01438 718505.

Alternatively, one of our team can collect it on the following dates:

WEDNESDAY 11th, THURSDAY 12th and FRIDAY 13th MARCH.

Please ring your local collector if you want an earlier collection.

In addition, the Hall will be open to receive your donations on:

Friday 13th March from 2pm till 4pm & 7.30pm till 9pm

or before 12noon on the morning of the sale.

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Friends of Danesbury and QVM

I am very happy to be able to tell you that, since my last article, the Friends of Danesbury and the QVM Hospitals have been most fortunate to have benefited from an exceptionally generous donation of £7,000 from the New Horizon CrossFit gym, Hatfield. Joe McKeown, the head coach, explained that the wife of one of the gym members had had a stroke and had recently been admitted to Danesbury for further physiotherapy and rehabilitation. A few of the gym members then decided to support the Welwyn hospitals and people who were going through a similar trauma by doing an ultra-marathon on all the pieces of exercise kit at their gym to raise money for our charity. As I am sure you can imagine this challenge was very tough and took most of a day and we are so grateful and full of admiration for the perseverance and dedication of those gym members who took part.

The event was supported by the Lady Mayoress of Welwyn & Hatfield Council, Cllr Lynn Chesterman OBE, and her husband as well as Tony Stowe, the chairman of Trustees of the Friends, accompanied by other Trustees of the charity.

All donations received by the Friends of Danesbury and the QVM Hospitals are used to support the patients at both hospitals.

I am sure you will be interested to know that one of the things that our charity has recently been able to provide for patients in both hospitals is holistic massage therapy for patients. This has been a well-received and much valued addition to the services normally offered in the hospitals. Patients with a wide range of clinical needs find it enjoyable - the sessions are calming and reassuring and the therapy appears to offer a sense of relaxation, reduced anxiety and improved mood, particularly for individuals coping with prolonged treatment or reduced independence and we are very pleased to have been able to agree to fund its provision for a further period.

Another quite different item which was requested by the Community Neurological Outpatients and Community Stroke Team, and which the Friends have been able to provide, is an adjustable electric Oswestry Standing Frame to help patients who are unable to stand. The Friends are always pleased to be able to help the staff in both hospitals and their patients by providing items which are beyond the budgets allocated by the NHS.

Jennifer Fowler

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

By the time you read this, we will, hopefully, have some better weather on the way and Spring just around the corner. The shop has been very quiet over January and part of February, and we hope this is only due to the appalling weather that we have been experiencing.

We are always looking to refresh and make improvements to the shop and café, and to these ends, we have had a look at our offerings and taken on some new lines, together with a better looking layout. We do hope that you like it. Please visit the shop and see for yourselves. The shop will only be here if you support us. Just coming and spending £5 will make a huge difference.

We are very grateful to the Stockwell family business of Caffeine Limited, for providing us with a coffee machine for use in the shop. Their support enables us to serve the most amazing barista-quality coffee. To celebrate this, we are offering, a half price pastry with coffee on Monday mornings. Please watch our Facebook page for any other offers coming up.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the February lunch due to unforeseen circumstances. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and notices in the shop with regard to March.

The ice cream freezer, despite being just 9 months old, has been out of action. Thank goodness it's not the summer. Wall's will be replacing this for us, and we are hoping to be able to offer ice creams again shortly. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The 100 club winners for February are:

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2 nd Prize	Helen Smith	£22.75
3 rd Prize	Linda Gilley	£13.65

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Thank You

I'd like to say a very big thank you of appreciation to Todd Canton. After many years of willingly distributing over 50 Tewin Magazines every month in all weathers, as well as organizing leaflet delivery for village organizations, Todd has handed over the baton for his area to Brenda Barber and Hazel Paul.

Thank you Todd. We wish you well.

Thanks also to Brenda and Hazel for stepping in and to all our distributors for volunteering their time to ensure the safe delivery of the Magazine.

Sue Whitbourn



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Wed	Memorial Hall	7.30-9pm	Tewin Ukulele Group (TUG)
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 5th & 19th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 5th & 19th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 14th	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Spring Jumble Sale
Mon 16th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'The Ballad of Wallis Island'
Sat 21st	Lower Green	3pm	Tewin School PTA Easter Trail
Fri 27th	Pavilion	7 for 7.30pm	Tennis Club AGM

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