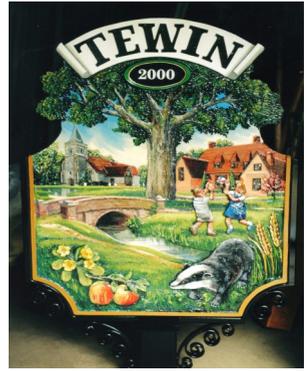




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April 2026



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Happy Easter

The Seniors' Lunch



The Spring Jumble Sale



Welcome to the April 2026 edition of the Tewin Magazine and a Happy Easter to you all.

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

Events this month:

Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt on Sat 4th (p8).

Tewin PTA are hosting a Bingo Evening on 17th (p27).

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council Meeting is on 13th (p5), and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 26th (p21).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Graduate' on the 20th (p10) and The Technology Advice Sessions are on the 2nd, 16th & 30th (p30).

A four week course 'Getting to know the Bible' starts on 22nd at St Mary's Church, Welwyn (p17).

Details of the Easter Services and events can be found on page 16.

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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THEFTS IN TEWIN

There has been a regional and national spate of burglaries targeting large properties with gardens backing onto an open space.

These have occurred in Welwyn Hatfield, Hertsmere, St Albans, Dacorum, Three Rivers, North Herts and East Herts. All properties have been detached or semi-detached. Officers have arrested 11 suspects as they work to tackle a burglary spate in the county.

As a result of the recent number of thefts from motor vehicles in and around Tewin and Burnham Green, officers from the local neighbourhood policing have been conducting extra patrols in and around the area.

COPPER CABLE THEFT

Recent problems with the phone system were caused by the theft of copper cable between Tewin and the telephone exchange. This also damaged the fibre optic cable resulting in loss of internet services. The fibre optic cable was repaired within a couple of days, restoring internet and digital house phone services. Efforts to contact Openreach about restoration of the service to house phones still using copper all the way to the exchange just resulted in advice to talk to individual service providers. Successive promised dates from them just came and went without result.

PASSING PLACE ON CHURCHFIELD ROAD

After repeatedly reporting the craters in the passing place on Churchfield Road, the Parish Council wrote to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton. He advised that he was successful in having £1 million included in this year's budget for filling off-road-edge potholes with Type 1 MOT where tarmac filling of the carriageway is not possible. We are waiting for this to be completed.

SEEN A POTHOLE ?

Please help us keep on top of them by reporting them to the Hertfordshire Highways :

- Online and email <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/contact-highways.aspx>
- Ring 0300 123 4047 from 8am until 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am until 4pm on Saturday.

HELP US LOOK AFTER THE VILLAGE GREEN AND VERGES

It has been a particularly wet year which has made grass areas vulnerable and the grass along the edges of Lower Green has been worn down by vehicular traffic.

Whilst the green will rejuvenate itself when the grass begins to grow we would be very grateful if in the meantime everyone could help us by being careful not to drive over the edge of the green or grass verges.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 13th April 2026 starting at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall and will start with the Annual Parish Meeting and be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

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

It seems like only yesterday that I wrote that it's wet again. Did I just see some sleet falling? This week, we are well and truly into spring. The early flowers. Snowdrops. Crocuses and Daffodils are dying back and the Rape in the fields beyond Back Lane is showing strongly. Rape is an early feast for bees, and they will "work" it hard.

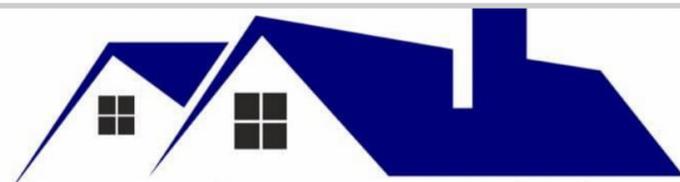
Up until now we have not opened the hives for fear of chilling the colonies. We have been monitoring. All our colonies have good stores but two have been showing little sign of activity. This was worrying as a third is developing strongly. Early March inspections of the hives with little activity showed that the colonies had not made it through the winter. They had a good supply of stores remaining, but the bees had perished. This was possibly a result of smaller colonies going into winter, a long-wet spell, followed by cold and then wet. Our strong colony seems to be developing well and will make a good basis for rejuvenating the apiary.

In preparation for the Rape flowers, we have added supers to the colony and will keep a close eye on them to ensure we remove and harvest as soon as the honey is ready to extract. While Rape is an early boost to the bees it hardens quickly after it is ripe and is almost impossible to extract after a couple of weeks. This hardening is a result of the base sugar mix in Rape nectar.

We will be monitoring closely for Varroa destructor mite this spring, important as we did not apply a winter oxalic acid treatment. We also have the Asian hornet to watch out for and if that is not enough, I have just seen an alert for yet another threat to honeybees, *Tropilaelaps mercedesae*. This species of mite is normally hosted by a couple of Asian giant honeybee species but somewhere down the line has crossed species to *Apis mellifera*, our western honeybee. It is an invasive pest that is spreading its reach from Asia to Eastern Europe. It is much smaller than Varroa destructor but has a similar parasitic activity. It is also reported that several mites can "latch onto" a honeybee during swarming and by doing so infect a new colony.

Fun fact, bees beat their wings 200 times per second and have an air speed of 20 miles per hour, with a good tail wind you'll need to keep an eye out for bees breaking the speed limit through the village.

Phil



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As I said in last month's magazine, February was a busy month for us and I know it seems a long way off now but, as both the Lunch and our AGM happened after cut off date for the magazine entry for March, I hope you will enjoy seeing a few photos as a reminder of the Seniors' lunch which, from the lovely thank you notes and compliments we have received, I think everyone enjoyed. A big thank you to The Lobster Pot for doing the catering this year, giving our 'committee chefs' a chance to be in the hall serving and mingling with our guests instead of being behind the scenes in the kitchen! A thank you too, to John for being our 'Master of Ceremonies' and Christine for organising the quiz again.

We also held our Annual General Meeting on 24th February and I am pleased to say that we still have a full complement of officers on the Committee.

Roe Hill remains as our President, Shirley Sinfield agreed to remain as Chairman for the year or until a replacement can be found.

Hilary Tipping continues as our Deputy Chairman, Tec Fawcett, Secretary and Elaine Wulcko, Treasurer. Rob Kenway, Catriona Griggs and Damien Redlich all agreed to remain on the Committee.

As I have said before, we are always happy to welcome new members to the Committee so please either drop us an e-mail or stop and chat if you see us around the village. I'm sure most people in the village will know one or other of us!!

Our next event is the Maypole dancing on Friday, 1st May at 10 am on Lower Green. I believe that the Year 3 children at Tewin Cowper School are already practising their routines so I hope as many of you as possible can join us, and the children, for this lovely Village event.

We are already planning this year's car show which is on 16th August so, more details to follow but please make a note in your diary.

Shirley
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Screen On The Green

On Monday 20th April we are showing *The Graduate* (1967), a romantic, comedy-drama starring Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft and Katharine Ross. Directed by Mike Nichols it was one of the most successful and memorable films of the 1960s.

Hoffman became a star with his portrayal of Benjamin, a recent college graduate who returns home to his family in California feeling confused and unclear about his future life and career. He attracts the attention of the wife of one of his father's business partners - the famous *Mrs Robinson* - with the inevitable seduction. It's a snapshot of the rapid cultural change that occurred in mid-60s suburbia and an iconic film for baby-boomers.

And it's a treat for Simon and Garfunkel fans - the soundtrack features several of their best-known songs, notably 'Mrs Robinson', 'The Sounds of Silence' and 'Strawberry Fair'. *The Graduate* received seven Oscar nominations with a win for Best Director.

So come along for a fun night out at your local film club.

Future Dates 18th May, 15th June, details to follow.

MONDAY 20 APRIL

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

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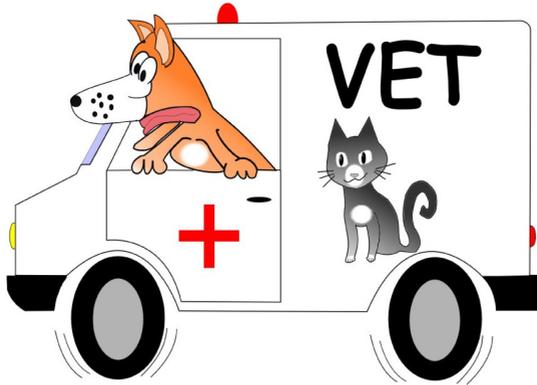
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Have your say on transport for young people to get to school or college

A public consultation has opened inviting young people, families, professionals and key partners to share their views on proposed changes to our Post-16 home-to-school/college transport policy.

The consultation runs from 18 February to 12 April 2026.

We are seeking views on introducing Personal Travel Budgets (PTBs) as the default offer for most Post-16 learners from September 2026, to ensure sustainable, fair and flexible travel support for young people aged 16-18, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Why change is needed

Home to school transport costs for children and young people with SEND have almost doubled in five years, placing considerable strain on our budget and impacting our ability to invest in wider SEND improvements.

While there is a statutory duty to provide transport for pupils aged 5–16, there is no legal entitlement to Post-16 transport. Despite this, we have continued to provide support through discretionary contracted transport arrangements for many young people aged 16-18.

Over recent years, the number of young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) requiring transport has grown significantly and continues to rise.

Benefits of introducing personal travel budgets

The proposed use of PTBs as the primary travel support offer brings significant advantages for young people, families, and the wider SEND system:

- **Greater flexibility for families**
- **Promotes independence for young people**
- **More cost effective and sustainable**
- **Supports choice and personalisation**
- **Already proven to work**

What is being proposed

Under the new proposal, PTBs would become the standard offer for eligible 16-18 learners who cannot travel independently. Contracted transport would remain available for exceptional cases through a streamlined discretionary assessment and appeals process. Existing service users would keep their current arrangements until they turn 19 or move home or education provider.

Next steps

Feedback gathered through the consultation will be presented to the Education, SEND & Inclusion Panel in May 2026, before a final decision is taken by Cabinet.

Take part in the consultation - www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/PTBconsultation



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Notice of St Peters 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 12th April 2026.

David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)

St Peter's Church Spring Clean **8th and 9th May 2026**

Tewin is fortunate in having the magnificent Grade I listed St Peter's Church at the heart of the community. Whether or not you are a church-goer, it is a heritage asset for the village to be proud of. The building, which in parts dates back to around 1086 or earlier, needs constant attention to keep it in good order and to that end the annual Spring Clean will take place on Friday 8th May 5.30 to 7.30pm and Saturday 9th May from 9.30am to 12pm.

If you can spare an hour or two on either day, please get in touch by signing the sheet by the font at the back of the church or by emailing rawlins31@btinternet.com. Thank you in anticipation.

David Rawlins

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

Easter is the season where we remember that even the longest winter is followed by the brightness of spring, and the darkest of nights by the beauty of dawn. It is a season of hope, that no matter what you fear at the moment, on the world stage, or in your personal life, there is a God who loves you to death (pun intended) and through Jesus' death and resurrection has shown there is nothing that can stop His work of life and love.

I suspect, for a lot of us, the stories of Jesus are something we learned in childhood but now feel a little vague, or indeed something that we never really understood outside of the simplicity of a Sunday School lesson or child's bible. However, the story of the Christian faith has comforted and inspired millions over the centuries and still does today. If you would like to find out more why don't you come along to our four week course which we will be running on Wednesday evenings beginning on 22nd April, called 'Getting to know the gospels', which will be led by Catherine Jupp and held at St Mary's Church Welwyn.

The course will look at the four books that sit at the heart of the New Testament. Over the four sessions, we will dive into three main areas:

- **The Authorship:** We'll explore who **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** actually were. Were they eyewitnesses, historians, or something else?
- **The Content:** We'll map out what is actually in the pages—from the famous parables and miracles to the more challenging teachings. It's a great way to get a "bird's-eye view" of the narrative flow.
- **The Message:** Most importantly, we'll discuss what these accounts tell us about **Jesus**. By looking at his life, death, and resurrection through four different lenses, we get a much richer picture of his character and his relevance to our lives today.

It will be a chance to ask questions and share perspectives in a friendly atmosphere. Why not come along?

Whether you join us for the course, or any of our Easter events and services, I do hope to see you soon, and wish you every blessing this Eastertide.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
APRIL 3rd	GOOD FRIDAY		12 Noon	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 52:13-End, 53	HEBREWS 10: 16-25	JOHN 18: 1-End of 19
5th	EASTER SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ACTS 10: 34-43	COLOS- SIANS 3: 1-4	JOHN 20: 1-18
12th	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ACTS 2: 14, 22-32	1 PETER 1: 3-9	JOHN 20: 19-End
19th	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	JO SAMPSON	ACTS 2: 14, 36-41	1 PETER 1: 17-23	LUKE 24: 13-35
26th	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD JO SAMPSON	ACTS 2: 42-End	1 PETER 2: 19-End	JOHN 10: 1-10

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

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
APRIL 3rd		VOLUNTEER NEEDED			
5th	HERBERT LAMING	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	MARY GREGG	EASTER FLOWERS	LINDA CRAWFORD
12th	PAULINE BROWN	ANNE LAND DI BRADLEY	QUEENIE SIMMONS	EASTER FLOWERS	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
19th	GERRY MURPHY	ROZ HOLDEN	GERRY & JACKIE MURPHY	DEBORAH HOARE	DI BRADLEY
26th	ROZ HOLDEN	CLARE RAWLINS ANNA GRIFFITHS	BARBARA CLARKE	PAULINE SPRING	BELLRINGERS

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9th March 2026 Roy Harper

St Peter's News

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

Daffodils! What would spring be like without them! How lovely it is to see all the crocuses and daffodils out round the village. As ever, the snowdrops provided a spectacular display around the churchyard but now there are many daffs flowering across the graves and it looks so beautiful. Thank you to our churchyard working party who have been busy tidying up around the churchyard during March. Even the sun has occasionally shone for us. The vicar and I sat in my garden in hot sun to discuss the role of Churchwarden, and how we might manage to split it around members of the congregation, now that I am resigning from this at the end of April after seven years. Yes – no more words from me in the magazine. And you might well be saying – Thank goodness for that!

Still, for this month then, what have we been up to in the church in March? Unusually, we held Messy Church on the second (8th), instead of the third Sunday in the month as we did not want it to clash with **Mothering Sunday on the 15th March**. In February, Messy Church took place on a perfectly dreadful day of heavy rain; Susannah contacted parents and said that as it was such a miserable day, let the church entertain your offspring! And twenty children came to hear about Lent! This month the children listened to the story of Holy Week, dressed a donkey and talked about their favourite suppers. **Messy Church on Holy Saturday 4th April will be our Easter Crafts afternoon**, when our young people will make cards, colour a mock stained glass window and plant the Easter garden, not to mention search for eggs around the churchyard, and listen to the Easter story.

Susannah led our service on Mothering Sunday when we distributed posies to our mothers, guardians and grandmothers and others within and outside the church. It is always a lovely service of celebration. March is the month when we celebrate Women's World Day of prayer, which seemed more poignant than ever this year with so many places where conflict has subjected families, especially women and children, to distress and danger.

Our Lent course has continued throughout the month at Datchworth church hall on the subject of “Why we are Christians” and how can we show this to others. Thank you to the congregation at All Saints who have made us so welcome and provided a soup lunch before our studies and discussions.

The end of March, the beginning of Passiontide, was marked with the distribution of passion crosses and our dramatic reading of the story of the Passion according to the Gospel of St Matthew. Many years ago I saw Pier Paolo Pasolini’s film of this and the memory has never left me. Christ walking barefoot amongst the people, a man so humble and yet who gave so much. The film received much criticism at the time as being irreverent but I found it profoundly moving.

Easter week will continue with dramatic readings from The Archbishop of York’s book, “The Nail”, on **Good Friday** and a service of **Holy Communion for all on Easter Sunday 5th April** when once again the church will be filled with flowers to celebrate the risen Christ and all will be welcome.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met during March in the run up to the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will take place on Sunday 26th April at 10.45am** after the morning service.

We shall review the work of the church, the state of its finances, the fabric of the building and churchyard, together with its election of officers and other issues. The church is the oldest building in the village, and is only maintained by the donations from the congregation, parish and visitors. We get no public money for looking after this heritage building which has been lovingly cared for by previous generations of Tewin people. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the church this year whether as a regular, or a one-off gift in his or her lifetime, or as a legacy.

And finally, here we are at the end of a long winter, if you or your loved ones need support at this time, please remember the Welwyn team are there for you.

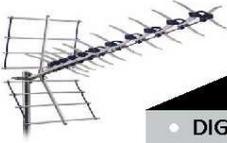
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Tewin Tennis Club

So, it's April and the tennis season will really kick off in earnest this early Easter weekend. If by some chance you get your parish news before the end of March, the AGM happens on the last Friday of the month so please drop everything and come along. 7 for 7.30pm at the Pavilion.

We've endured quite a winter season with the rain interfering with more casual matches than in recent memory, with some seriously cold temperatures and wind to make even mid-March uncomfortable until the sun managed to break through the clouds.

April brings the start of two ever popular competitions. The Datchworth League, in which we put forward two teams, is aimed at village clubs and is a really good fun event. The tennis is serious, but the Tewin teams are playing in the lower divisions so there's always a chance of a win. The format is simple, three thirteen-game matches with a mix of men and ladies.

Please, *please* do get in touch with any committee member if you'd like to join in. The matches are on Monday evenings, 6pm or 6.30pm, from April 20th. You'll only be asked to play two or three matches as we rotate the players to give everyone a chance.

Then there's our very own ABC League, ably run by Gerry Murphy and Rupert Stanley. These start in May, every member is encouraged to join in and they are great fun. More about this next month.

Intrigued by padel and pickleball? I know very little about either, so along with a few other members, I am going on an exploratory visit to a padel court in Broxbourne for a taster session. At least then someone in the club will be better informed. Incidentally, although it's clear that we could theoretically adapt our tennis courts to play pickleball, padel requires a walled enclosed court, a bit like squash. More on our experience soon.

Finally, please don't forget that your annual subscriptions are due soon, and if you pay before 30th of April you'll get the reduced rate.

Peter Burgess

JUMBLE SALE REPORT – 14th MARCH

Weren't we lucky with the weather! Our Jumble helpers manning the stalls were delighted, especially those working outside because although it was windy, the day was warm and sunny. Around 12 Noon some customers were already queuing, a telltale sign that we were in for a busy afternoon.

Sure enough, as soon as the clock struck 2pm the stalls were surrounded by good-natured customers hunting for bargains. Later, lots of them took a break from shopping to sit down in our 'outdoor' cafe at the back of the Hall and enjoy a drink and a bite to eat. The refreshments this year were supplied and served by our lovely community shop, Tewin Community Stores.

The initial takings for the sale amounted to £3,967 and this may change slightly once the accounts are finalised. The money raised is all thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated their unwanted items for us to sell. All the profit will go towards the upkeep of Tewin Memorial Hall and helps to keep the hire costs down for village groups that meet there.

If you helped on Friday or Saturday to get the Hall ready for the sale, we thank you. Putting together a successful event is a big team effort and you all have our grateful thanks.

Our thanks also go to Rob Kenway and his team for delivering the jumble sale leaflets and to all the collectors who picked up donations from around the village during the weeks leading up to the Sale.

Tewin jumble sales are a big part of village life and long may they continue.

The next Jumble Sale is on 10th October but we are happy to accept donations at any time of the year.

Please contact Deirdre by telephoning: 07759 506750 or email: deidrehatt@hotmail.co.uk.

Jumble Sale Group

Spring Book Sale - 9th MAY 10am till 4pm.

Please note Tewin Spring Book Sale will be held on **May 9th at the Memorial Hall**. Free entry with many books of all categories (including children's) plus jigsaws and CDs etc.

We will not be sending out leaflets to remind you so please make a note of the date. Please bring any books for donation on Friday 8th to the Hall between 4 and 5pm or Saturday morning from 9.30 am. Look forward to seeing you all .



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You may remember that last month I was very pleased to tell you that one of the things that our charity, the Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, had recently been able to provide for patients in both hospitals was holistic massage therapy for patients. Now, due to the generosity of all our donors and the customers who support our charity shop in Welwyn, we have also been able to provide wellbeing sessions to the nurses and other staff in both hospitals. As you can imagine looking after seriously ill and disabled patients with life limiting conditions can be overwhelming and wellbeing sessions have been found to be motivating and to relieve stress.

We have also recently been very grateful to the widow of a patient who had suffered from Parkinson's Disease for more than 17 years and who had been greatly helped by exercise classes at Danesbury Hospital. The patient had been a jazz pianist and his widow had very kindly organised a jazz concert last summer and raised over£1,400. When approached, the Danesbury Community Parkinson's Nurse and the Community Neurology therapists asked if they might purchase Blaze Pods. These are a new type of light reacting equipment that they would like to use with their Parkinson's Disease patients but which could also be used in the treatment of many other inpatients and outpatients. The pods can be used to promote hand function, leg action, balance and general mobility in individual patient sessions or in group settings.

Our shop in Welwyn High Street has been doing very well over the last few months and if you have never visited you will be surprised at the quality and range of the goods we sell. Most of our profits come from our excellent quality pre-loved women's clothes but we also have men's clothing, including suits, at very reasonable prices, books as new and china, glass and cutlery all in excellent condition. Our shop windows are always well worth looking at and this month the window will be specially dressed with a gorgeous Easter theme.

I send you all my very best wishes for Easter and the school holidays.

Jennifer Fowler

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

What a busy time the shop has had. We celebrated a belated Pancake Day with lots of pancakes, both sweet and savoury, and we must thank Mary Rouse for cooking at least 50. Having been successful with our Valentine bouquets we then offered two Mother's Day bouquets for customers, as well as Spring flowers from the flower man. All was bought for the special day.

We now look towards Easter. The cream eggs are in stock as well as the knitted chicks with a cream egg inside.

But check the shop for more offers.

Unfortunately, Tewin has recently been affected by many burglaries and some vandalism; so the local police held an open meeting here at the shop which was well attended. We may encourage them to hold more of them to help with any local issues you may have.

The ice cream cabinet is now full again ready for the better weather. As I close this article, members of the shop committee have just returned from the jumble sale where they sold sausage rolls, pasties, crisps and chocolate, plus hot and cold drinks for the folk attending the jumble sale. Certainly, the hot food and drinks were welcome because it was so cold!

Sorry, there has been no Saturday lunch in March but really hope to return in April.

The 100 Club Winners for March are :-

1st Prize	Todd Canton	£45.50
2nd Prize	Diana Bradley	£22.75
3rd Prize	Pete Johnson	£13 .65

Shop Easter opening hours

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Easter Saturday 8.30 till 12noon

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Tewin Over 50s Tewin Parish Council, Friends of Tewin



Plant Stall
Lower Green
May 16

We propose to run the plant stall again this year on Saturday the 16 May. As before we hope to kick off at about 10am and finish at 3pm. If you would like to help on the day please get in touch with Nick Whiting on 01438 717230 or 07940 377024 or whitingn@icloud.com.

Donations of plants, seedlings or cuttings are welcomed. There are always a few plants in one's garden that multiply well and would be of value to other gardeners.

Any money raised goes to help maintain the churchyard.

**Hertfordshire Association for Local History
Spring Meeting and AGM 2026**

The next Spring Meeting and Annual General Meeting of HALH will take place on Saturday 16 May 2026 at the Tewin Memorial Hall, 11A Lower Green, Tewin, Welwyn AL6 0JX. Admission is free for HALH members, £2 for visitors.

The morning session will commence at 11.00 and will include short talks from members of local history societies in the county on items of current interest and research.

The afternoon session will commence with the AGM, followed by the **Lionel Munby Lecture**. This year our speaker will be **Professor Mark Bailey, Professor of Later Medieval History at the University of East Anglia**. He has researched extensively many aspects of late medieval social and economic history, focussing particularly on evidence from manorial records. His latest book, *Serfdom in Medieval England*, using the well documented St Albans abbey estates of Codicote, Norton and Winslow, analyses the effects of the Black Death on serfdom, its decline and how manorial lords managed their estates thereafter.

This should be a very interesting day. Tewin residents are welcome to attend. £2.00 entry for non-members.

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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 2nd, 16th & 30th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 2nd, 16th & 30th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 4th	St Peter's Church	3-4.30pm	Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt
Mon 13th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Fri 17th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.30pm	Tewin School PTA Bingo Evening
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'The Graduate'
Sun 26th	St Peter's Church	10.45am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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