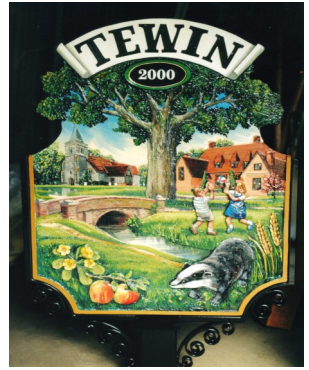




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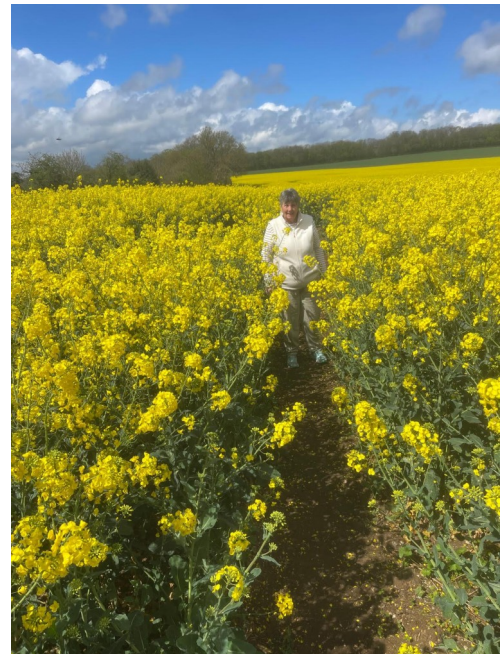
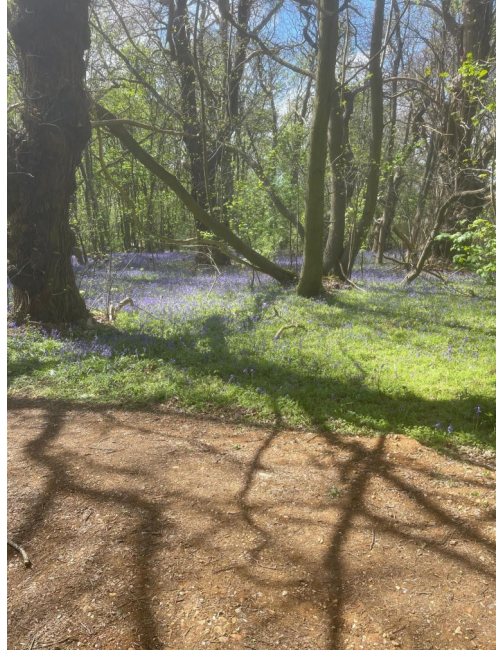
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Ivor in his Field

Spring Colour



Welcome to the May 2026 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our lovely spring photos this month were taken by David and Deirdre Hatt.

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

Events this month:

The children of Tewin School will be dancing around the Maypole on 1st (p9), the Spring Book Sale is on 9th (p24) and the plant stall will be on Lower Green on 16th (p31). Village Open Gardens will be on 30th (p21). The weekend of 8th/9th is the time for the Annual Spring Clean of our beautiful St Peter's Church. Many hands make light work so see page 15 for timings. Hertfordshire Association for Local History is holding its Spring Meeting in Tewin on 16th (p31).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Royal Tannenbaums' on the 18th (p10), the Technology Advice Sessions are on the 14th and 28th (p30), Messy Church is on 17th (p18) and lunch at Tewin Stores is Cottage Pie and vegetables on 16th (p29).

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

Until 26th June, Hertford Museum are hosting an exhibition about Tewin. Visit and hear what long-time and new residents have to say (p26).

From the middle of last month a **Mobile Fish Van** will call at Tewin Stores every **Tuesday from 9-10am**. Call Derrick on 07976 210997 or Sue on 07976 211119 for information.

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A **Mobile Fish Van** is at Burnham Green on Wednesdays from **12-12.30pm**. Call Kelvin on 07847 176847 for orders.

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the **15th** of the month, but the earlier the better.—Jackie Murphy, Editor

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Tewin Parish Council



Tewin Parish Council - Annual Chairman's Report April 2026

In this year's report, I could be providing updates on progress with the new District Plan, the transition to unitary authorities and the latest changes to planning rules; but that is all too depressing.

Instead I will encourage everybody not just to live in Tewin, but to get extra enjoyment from being part of Tewin.

A good place to start is the excellent Tewin website and the Tewin Magazine. Between them they provide details of all the events, activities, clubs, venues etc going on in Tewin, which would welcome your support.

It is better still if you can participate in the running of events. If your life is already very busy, then there are a number of events which just need help for the day, with no other commitment. If you can spare more time, then there are always opportunities to become more involved. New volunteers have been recruited but at times it feels as though a dwindling band of volunteers is keeping everything going. Helping is fun, and the other volunteers are friendly.

Tewin Stores deserves a special mention. It is a village activity which runs virtually every day of the year. It provides a base for the Post Office to operate in the village. It always needs both customers and volunteers.

Every spring, Councillors tour the parish looking for work that needs to be done to maintain the fabric of the parish. Individual parishioners can help throughout the year by reporting potholes, full litter bins, sewage leaks, problems on foot-paths etc. Also please pick up litter. Litter attracts more litter. Special thanks go to two residents who have taken a very proactive role in picking up litter this year, one as a solo effort and the other as an organiser of a group of like minded residents.

Other residents run the Tewin Drivesafe operation where they monitor the speed of traffic in the village. Remember that 30 mph is a limit. We may not have any 20 mph zones, but you can drive slower than 30 mph if you think that conditions warrant it.

Do get out and enjoy the countryside around Tewin. Tewin Stores sells footpath maps. We are lucky to have the River Mimram running through the Parish. Another group of residents is working to bolster the protection given to the Mimram Valley, and this work is being extended to cover the whole length of the Mimram as it passes through other parishes. Much of the land between the village and the Mimram was sold off as individual plots. With zero chance of being developed, this land is being reclaimed by the natural environment.

Finally, thanks go to those residents that step in when they see that others are in need of help and support.

So there is a lot to enjoy, despite the pressures of the modern world.

The 2026-27 Parish Precept is £48,500. The household charge is circa £57 pa Band D (£114 pa Band H). The increase is partly to build up the Parish Council reserves which currently stand at about 59% of their maximum permitted level. This is particularly important in relation to our responsibilities regarding trees. Ash trees are already under threat, and now we seem to be losing oak trees. We already spend a significant sum each year on tree work, and we could suddenly find ourselves with a very large bill.

My thanks go to the other members of the Parish Council, and the Parish Clerk for their help and support.

Thanks also go to our County Councillor Ken Crofton, our District Councillor Bob Dearing, and to volunteers who help the Parish Council throughout the year. All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers and all Council business is decided by a majority vote. Parish Council documentation is on the Tewin Village website.

Keith St Pier, Chairman, Tewin Parish Council

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11th May 2026 starting at 7.45pm 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.*

Notes From An Apiary

We went into Meteorological Spring on the 1st March and Astronomical Spring on the 20th March, and have just had some glorious days. Time to sit outside, get the garden in order and hope things are hotting up in the apiary. There is Rape in the fields beyond Back Lane, such a vibrant colour. Rape is an early feast for bees, and they will “work” it hard so we should be seeing a good nectar flow.

Round up of early season action in the Apiary.

On 8th March, first full inspection showed that the colony had eggs, larva and brood (ELB) on 6 frames with the bees showing signs of aggression. We added a super in preparation for the flow of nectar from the Rape.

14th March a quick check on progress. Super added was still empty and the bees showed a fair deal of aggression.

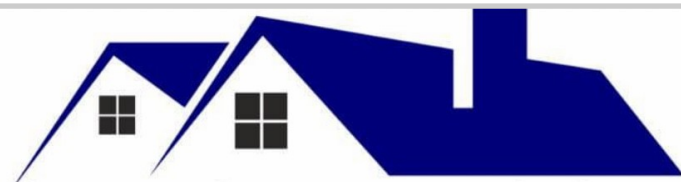
26 March full inspection and the aggression seems to have passed. Queen present and ELB on 9 frames, nicely developing colony. Noticed appearance of drone bees and drone cells. Are they preparing for the mating season?

6th April full inspection. The bees were calm without signs of aggression on inspection. The colony is producing Queen Cells, “charged” with larvae and royal jelly. This is preparation for swarming and needs managing by creating an artificial swarm. The queen is moved to a new “brood box”. This was set in the colony’s original place in the apiary while the brood body, with all the original brood was moved aside. All the flying bees will return to the queen. A colony with only a queen and flying bees simulates a swarm and in theory we won’t lose the bees in a natural swarm. They will now focus on building brood as the queen lays in new comb. The original brood and house bees should look after the queen cells, rear new queens and establish a new colony. Here’s hoping!

Interesting to note that the bees showed aggressive behaviour in early March but calmed down dramatically by mid-March. This could be because of improvements in the weather, a nectar flow from the spring flowers or a change in genealogy as the Queen is fertilising her eggs from different drone with passive behaviour.

The North Herts Beekeepers Association (Originally Welwyn) held its AGM in early April. This is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Beekeepers Associations in the country, established well over 100 years ago. It is fair to say it is a thriving Association providing information, education and support for the general public, schools, beekeepers and also bees in the local area.

Phil



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Hopefully, your Magazine will have popped through your door just in time to remind you that the Year 3 children from Tewin Cowper School will be entertaining us with their dancing skills around the **Maypole on Friday, 1st May**. We will all be gathering on Lower Green at 10am so please come along to support them as they perform their intricate steps – it is a lovely time honoured village event.

As I said in last month's magazine, we are really pleased to have been able to offer approx £8,700 of funds to 13 different groups/organisations within the village to assist them with the specific projects they are undertaking or equipment they need to purchase to improve their facilities. For example, we were able to offer the Allotment Society just under £500 which, together with other donations they had received, has enabled them to renew the allotment perimeter fencing and keep their tasty vegetables safe after all the hard work they had put into growing them!! The Tennis Club submitted a request for 2 replacement noticeboards, one to be affixed to the Pavilion and the other one to be fixed to the courts. It was agreed to donate £750 towards this project. We have also donated £500, in conjunction with the CDA, Tewin Over 50s, and Tewin Parish Council, towards the running of the Community Bus at the weekend. For those groups who have submitted a request but not yet submitted their invoice, please remember the dead line for receiving the donation is 31st July.

The **Classic Car and Craft Show** is our next big event on **16th August** and we are about to launch that at any moment. So, e-mails will soon be landing with our Classic Car owners and our loyal band of volunteers. We look forward to you all joining us again this year and, our usual request, if you would like to be involved in any way, volunteering on the day, maybe in the car park, on the field or in the tea tent/pavilion or baking a cake for us, we are always grateful for all the help we get. So, if you would like to become one of them please just drop us a line at our e-mail friendsoftewin@gmail.com

Shirley, Chair
Friends of Tewin

Screen On The Green

This month on Monday 18th May, we are showing *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001), a stylised comedy-drama about a once-brilliant but dysfunctional family and their estranged patriarch as they live their lives in New York.

The film highlights that it is never too late to repair relationships, offering a melancholic yet humorous look at coping with emotions and personal failures.

Directed by Wes Anderson, it stars Gene Hackman, Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Luke Wilson.

Hackman received a Golden Globe for his portrayal of Royal, the eccentric father and Wes Anderson and Owen Wilson received Oscar nominations for the screenplay.

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

Next month:

15th June – film to be confirmed (last in the current season)

MONDAY 18 MAY

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

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Marie St Pier

May Dew

First thing in the morning on 1st May, young girls used to rush out into the garden to wash their faces in the May dew. Why? It was believed that May dew had magical properties and that anyone who has washed their face in it would have a beautiful complexion all through the year. This dew was supposed also to remove freckles, spots and pimples.



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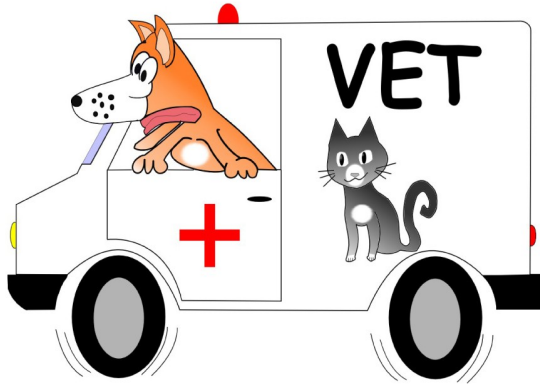
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Tewin Cricket Club

So, another season begins! Gone are the days of freshly whitened pads, the smell of linseed oil and flannels pressed to within an inch of their lives but the excitement is still palpable.

Tewin cricket club has been blessed over recent years with the (often homegrown) talent at its disposal. This has meant, not only have they been able to field three teams on a Saturday and one on a Sunday, but good quality winning teams.

Having secured 9 promotions over the last 8 years, all 4 league teams are really looking forward to 2026.

You may well have seen plenty of activity over the last few weeks at Upper Green as we prepare the ground for the upcoming season. Our first league game of the season is on Saturday 7th May. Let's keep our fingers crossed the Tewin weather will be kind to us.

As a proud local community club, the support of the village is something we rely on and are extremely grateful for. It's always wonderful to see people stop and watch as they enjoy a walk or even bring a chair and sit under shading branches of a tree.

If you would like to know more about your local cricket club or thought about taking the sport up, please feel free to contact us. We would love to hear from you. We have players of all abilities and ages from juniors to septuagenarians.

Did you know? Tewin has its very own county cricketer! More about that next month.

Looking forward to seeing you at Upper Green.

You can always follow your local team "as it happens"! Simply log into, <https://tewin.play-cricket.com/home>

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"Well, that's cricket Harry. These things happen in boxing" (Frank Bruno)



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If you are interested please contact:

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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



**Sunday,
7th June 2026**

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Team Vicar's Letter

Quite recently, the day before her fourteenth birthday, our lovely spaniel Tilly was put to sleep at the Queen Mother's veterinary hospital. Of course it was a very sad day for the Underwood family. Tilly was our first ever dog, and we loved her enormously, but fourteen is a pretty good age for a spaniel, and over the last year it was obvious that she was simply beginning to wear out.

Lots of us have pets, feathered or furry, and the bond that can cross a species can be just as intense as human to human. Love, with Tilly, was almost stripped to its essence. She knew she belonged to us, and we to her, and the adoration she showed us was consistent and uncomplicated. Even when we thought she was asleep her tail would wag as soon as one of us entered the room. It was impossible to doubt or question her affection. Maybe there's a reason that the words 'dog' and 'God' have such similarity.

Will there be animals in heaven? It's hard to imagine it could be heavenly without them. Christianity has placed an enormous emphasis on the relationship between humans and God, and certainly we see God in human form in the person of Jesus. But there are hints and glimpses in the bible of animals being included in God's wider plan of redemption. Through Noah, God makes a covenant with the animals as well as humans; Isaiah gives us imagery of a future time when the whole world will respond to God's kingdom of peace when the 'lion will lie down with the lamb'; St Paul speaks of Christ coming to reconcile all of creation to himself.

Of course none of us can be certain what happens to animals when they die, but I think I'm happy with this, to trust in God, just as Tilly trusted in us. To know He loves all things that He has made, and to be grateful that, in one small black spaniel, we saw something of what perfect love might look like.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MAY 3rd	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ACTS 7 : 55– End	1 PETER 2: 2-10	JOHN 14 : 1-14
10th	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ACTS 17 : 22-31	1 PETER 3 : 13– End	JOHN 14 : 15-21
17th	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am		ACTS 1 : 6-14	1 PETER 4 : 12-14, 5 : 6-11	JOHN 17 : 1-11
		MEESSY CHURCH	3.00pm				
24th	WHIT SUNDAY PENTECOST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ACTS 2: 1-21	1 CORIN- THIANS 12 : 3b –13	JOHN 20 : 19-23 Or JOHN 7 : 37-39
31st	TRINITY SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ISAIAH 40 : 12-27, 27—End	2 CORIN- THIANS 13 : 11-End	MATHEW 28 : 16-End

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

**St Peter's Church will be floodlit on Friday, 1st May, in memory of
ALAN LAWSON,
Joy, Kristina and family.**

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17th	PAULINE SPRING	ROZ HOLDEN	DI BRADLEY	MAVIS HAGGAR	ANGELA WILLIAMS
24th	SABINE STANLEY	SABINE STANLEY DI BRADLEY	JANET ROBINS	WEDDING (Own florist)	PAULINE SPRING
31st	DAVID KEMPSON	MARK SWANN ANNA GILLIS	QUEENIE SIMMONS	WEDDING	MARY GREGG

FUNERALS

24th March 2026 Rosalinda Finn
26th March 2026 Beverley Anne Brazier
27th March 2026 Ivor Tyler

St Peter's News

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

What a joy it is to see blue sky, and warm sun as I write this! My lilac tree is nearly in bloom and the bluebells are flowering in the woods near Marden Hill. I love to see the fresh green leaves on the trees as they wake up after the winter and, as ever, we are so lucky to have all the trees in flower around the village.

At the end of March there were quite a few funerals around the Welwyn team of churches. Here in Tewin we had one particular week when there were three funerals and one burial of ashes. Two of these events were led by Fr Norbert, the Roman Catholic priest from Welwyn Garden City, for families who live here in the village and wanted loved ones to be buried here. I think this shows how, here in Tewin, we are very ecumenical and believe in making our church welcome to all. At one of the other churches in the team, services are held by members of the Russian Orthodox church, and of course that has been happening at St Albans Abbey for many years.

One funny moment came at the end of the Catholic funeral when Fr Norbert asked if he could dispose of the incense somewhere safe in the churchyard as he did not want to have a fire in the boot of his car. I took him on a short trek to the concrete base which is waiting for our new shed, fearful as I was of the dry leaves in the churchyard causing a minor inflamation. And all was well.

Our bellringers welcomed the Northern District Bellringers here for a session at the end of March, continuing the tradition of using the bells at St Peter's for special training and other events, several more of which are planned for 2026.

Over Easter we held a special service on Good Friday, attended by our own and people from other local churches, in which we heard characters from the Passion story, as told by the Archbishop of York's book "*The Nail*". The main protagonists – the chief priest, Pontius Pilate, the disciple Peter, the centurion who stood by the Cross, Judas, and Mary Magdalene contemplated a nail while arguing why they were not responsible for the death of Christ. Those who attended found it very moving and thought provoking.

The church was packed on Easter Saturday afternoon as over thirty children and thirty adults enjoyed an afternoon of Easter crafts, leaving the church

with new mock stained glass windows and a beautiful Easter garden on the altar in the South aisle. So, on Easter Sunday, everyone in our large congregation was delighted to see this and the amazing flower displays around the church done by our wonderful flower arrangers. Thank you so much to all those who made our church look so wonderful. Thank you also to those who sang with us in the choir that day. A choir really contributes to worship, and their voices rose above the congregation. Susannah's talk, with lovely Myra dressed up as a chicken, was also a delight. I think everyone left that day feeling uplifted and joyful, with the taste on their tongues of hot cross buns from Mary, and chocolate eggs from the vicar.

During April, we hope to have had some minor repairs done to some of our leaded windows, the churchyard working party will be continuing to keep our churchyard looking tidy and smart and we will have met our architect for the new meeting room project, hoping to take that forward this year. At the end of the month, we have our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26th April**, at which I am standing down as Churchwarden. We shall elect our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

In May we have our **Annual Spring Cleaning days on Friday 8th (5.30pm -7.30pm) and Saturday 9th May (9.30am – 12 noon)**. If you are free for an hour or so do please come to help. We have a jolly time cleaning the floors and woodwork around the church and it all smells wonderful afterwards.

Later in the month we have a couple of weddings, and on **Saturday 30th May** we are hosting the **Village Open Gardens Day from 1-5pm with teas on Lower Green**. Tickets for this will be available in the shop during May, £7 for those over 16, children are free. The gardens are around the village area, mostly within walking distance, and include the allotments in Canons Meadow. A little further afield, the Mill House garden will be open, with parking off Archers Green Road. It is usually a lovely village event so do come. All proceeds will be in aid of the church.

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

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All good wishes

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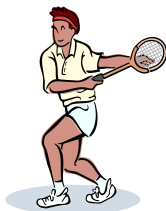
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Tewin Tennis Club

There was plenty to report at the AGM in late March. Mike Purser, he of the Chair, ran through what has been an especially pleasing year for the club.

Tennis, both competitive and social, remains in good health. Regular events like CATS and RATS continue to thrive, and though the Wednesday evening social session struggled to attract participants we are going to give it another go this year. Our Open Day saw some new faces but, as seems to be the way with these things, only one new member came out of the day.

Our mixed doubles and the men's and ladies' doubles tournaments proved popular, with winners including Hazel Lee and Nick Toombs in the mixed doubles, played to a new Tie Break Tens format which was great fun. The ABC League (starting very soon!) proves ever popular.

The club's performance in the Datchworth League was mixed, with the second team narrowly missing out on promotion. The Herts over-70s team faced stiff competition but performed admirably, securing second place in most matches.

Coaching has undergone changes, with Ross Alexander taking over as head coach and continuing to run adult and junior sessions, while Josh leads the junior coaching. New junior tennis camps were successfully introduced during the year.

The club makes strides in court maintenance, purchasing additional equipment to support volunteers who help maintain the courts. Indeed, it's volunteers that help make the club what it is today - part of the Tewin community. Maria Yanev, Ian Herbert, and Liz Reay have newly joined the committee and Peter Burgess has stepped down after 12 years of service.

And finally, we are financially on sound footing, with a healthy bank balance ready for when the next set of court maintenance and replacement falls due. Watch out for emails from the club secretary - there's plenty afoot for 2026!

Peter Burgess



SPRING BOOK SALE

**Tewin Memorial Hall - Saturday 9th May
10.00am – 4pm. FREE ENTRANCE**

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee is holding its Spring Book Sale on Saturday 9th May and as always, we will have hundreds of 2nd hand books to sell including some hard-backs and some as good as new.

The books are on sale at very low prices and cover a wide range of reading, such as Novels, Biographies, Sport, Cookery, Gardening and the Arts. We'll also have plenty of Children's Books, Jigsaws and CDs.

So, come along and browse the books and maybe take time out to enjoy a hot drink.

If you wish to donate books or jigsaws, please bring them along to the Hall from 9am on the day of the Sale.

If you have any queries, please e-mail Linda Crawford on lindarichard@talktalk.net, or telephone Anne Hall on 01438 718505.

Can you help us for an hour on the Friday afternoon or Saturday of the Sale? If so, please contact either Linda or Anne.

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**Tewin Exhibition
Hertford Museum
Bull Plain
Hertford
11th April - 28th June**

Discover life in Tewin and how it has changed over the last century. With firsthand accounts from villagers past and present, the exhibition explores what the future might hold and how the village retains its sense of community in a rapidly changing world.

The museum is open

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 12 - 4pm

**May 2026 has Two Full Moons
The Flower Moon on 1st May and the Blue Moon on 31st May**

What Is A Blue Moon?

Think something happening 'once in a blue moon' is rare? Blue moons are actually fairly common, at least in astronomical terms.

First things first: a blue moon has nothing to do with the colour of the Moon. Instead, it is all to do with the timing of full moons during the year.

Cultures around the world, including the Native Americans, have given names to each of the full Moons, with each typically happening in its own month. May's full moon is called the Flower Moon.

With the cycle of the phases of the Moon lasting approximately one month, and there being 12 months in a year, we typically have 12 full moons each year.

However, the phases of the Moon actually take 29.5 days to complete, meaning 354 days total for 12 full cycles. This falls some way short of the 365/366 days in a calendar year: therefore, roughly every two and a half years a 13th full moon is seen. This additional full moon does not fit with the normal naming scheme and so is instead referred to as a **'blue moon'**.

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. As I write at the very end of March, the weather is cold and grey, with little sign of anything warmer. Let's hope that by the time you read this in May, we will be enjoying brighter, more delightful spring days.



This month, the Friends of Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals have been fortunate to receive a very generous donation. Beverley, our charity's secretary, together with her husband, organised a thoroughly enjoyable weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon for over 100 guests as part of the Sherrards Lodge Ladies Festival 2026.

With great thought and creativity, Beverley put together a selection of beautifully themed luxury hampers, which were raffled during the festival's dinner and dance on Saturday evening. The event was a great success, raising an impressive total of £2,250. Beverley has very kindly donated this entire amount to our charity, for which we are extremely grateful—thank you, Beverley. In the accompanying photograph, you will see Beverley with two of her friends at their beautifully decorated table during the evening.

As a truly local charity, all funds generously donated by our supporters, along with those raised in our shop, are used to benefit patients and staff at the two Welwyn hospitals. Last month, we were pleased to replace a broken karaoke machine at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, as well as provide items for Mother's Day celebrations at both hospitals. More recently, we supplied chocolate eggs and decorations to help mark Easter.

With summer approaching, we are looking forward to adding new plants to the gardens at both hospitals, along with providing further items that we hope will continue to improve the comfort and wellbeing of patients during their stay.

Jennifer Fowler

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

For those of you who have very kindly been following my progress in getting back home again, it has happened; and after 10 weeks I am back; so thank you for all your concern.

Have you seen the new tables and chairs in the courtyard yet? We can now seat another 4 people in the space we have. So, if you haven't visited us yet, do come and see; and enjoy some refreshments.

Another addition is the Fresh Grimsby Fish van that is outside the shop every Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. Trussells the meat van will still be outside the Shop every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm for an hour.

So now the shop can offer you fresh fish and meat once a week in addition to its normal produce.

Happy to say, Saturday lunches are back. The next one is Saturday 16th May from 12.15 till 1.30 when we will be serving cottage pie with veggies, at £6.50; puddings and drinks extra. No need to book unless you are new to us; thank you.

Linda Crawford

The 100 club winners for March are :-

1st Prize	Robert Polydorou	£45.50
2nd Prize	Roland Swift	£22.75
3rd Prize	Karen Shaw	£13.65

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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.

Linda Gilley, For HALH



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Wed	Burnham Green	12-12.30pm	Mobile Fish Van
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
Wed 13th & Thurs 28th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 14th & 28th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Fri 1st	Lower Green	10am	Maypole Dancing
Fri 8th/Sat 9th	St Peter's Church	5.30-7.30pm 9.30-12	Annual Spring Clean
Sat 9th	Memorial Hall	10-4pm	Spring Book Sale
Sat 16th	Lower Green	10-3.30pm	Plant Stall
Sat 16th	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30	Lunch 'Cottage Pie'
Mon 18th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Royal Tannenbaums'
Sat 30th	Tewin	1-5pm	Village Open Gardens

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