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Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Vicar's letter

You may have given up chocolate for Lent, but as we approach Easter confectionery companies are set for their most profitable season of the year.

Last month the Fairtrade group in Datchworth screened a documentary about chocolate which showed distressing images of children being sold and trafficked over borders to be used as free labour in cocoa plantations on the Ivory Coast.

It is easy to say this is wrong. However, sometimes it is less easy to see that our habits and desires have a part to play in this obscene trade. For me, perhaps the most chilling part of the film was the denial by large and wealthy cocoa importers and food manufacturers that this problem had anything to do with them. It left me examining my conscience - when do I put my head in the sand and live as if my choices have no effect on others?

We have begun Lent and perhaps in tossing a pancake or two are reminded that this is a time of self denial and examination. But rather than simply giving up something as a token gesture we might well heed the words of the prophet Isaiah. He was protesting against a culture in which the rich were oppressing the poor and he spoke out against religious gestures which lacked compassion and social concern:

"what to me are your religious offerings?...rather cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow".

How we do this will be different for each one of us. For those of you with internet access I would encourage you to visit the website of the campaign group www.stophetraffik.org for ways in which you might be proactive this Lent.

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You might want to commit to buying more items/Easter eggs which are fairly-traded. But what Isaiah reminds us is that we have a responsibility for the least and the oppressed. It is not an excuse to put our heads in the sand. Let's commit to making a chocolate a sweeter trade.

Susannah



Churchwardens' Notes

In the 'Notes' last month, Pete hoped the mild weather would continue. No such luck! On the first Sunday in February, we had around six inches of snow and our congregation was reduced to 14 hardy souls! Nevertheless, we were all in good spirit, the church was warm, the singing good, and coffee hot. We were substantially outnumbered by more than 50 adults and many children who came to play in the snow in the field to the south of the church. Over the next week, the snow showed a great reluctance to go!

Some news from our PCC meeting in January. It was agreed to go ahead with modifications to our toilet, improving ease of use for the disabled. This will involve increasing the height of the WC, moving the washbasin, sundry pipe-work changes, and handrails repositioned. We hope the work will be completed by mid-March.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. Once again, Lent Groups are meeting across the Welwyn Team. Our local group is to be held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at Ted and Ruth's, 60 Orchard Road and led by Ted and Mick Simmons. Details of other courses can be found in the Welwyn Team Lent & Easter events leaflet in church. St Peter's Palm Sunday service on 1st April will be at **9.30am** (not 11am as shown).

Looking ahead, we have our Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 19th April when we elect churchwardens for the next year. In the absence of volunteers, last year we asked if anyone would consider becoming a deputy warden to obtain a better understanding of what is involved. Any volunteers to look after specific items such as archives, building extension, maintenance and repairs, redesign of the Parish News and a number of other items would be very welcome. Many hands make light work! Your (current) churchwardens would love to have a chat with you!

We are now 'gearing up' to begin the long road leading hopefully to our new extension. This necessarily will be in stages, the first of which involves the Sabine Memorial. Tom Gladwin has completed an extensive search for any surviving direct descendants and Pete's located the Sabine Family vault.

We are now sourcing conservation advisors and conservation contractors. Fortunately the Diocesan Advisory Committee have given us good leads for both categories and we look forward to making progress.

Phoebe Wright and Henry Keith Woods were welcomed into St Peter's Church family at their Baptism on Sunday, 19th February.

Pete and Mike

Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Update

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 18th March and 1st April 2012. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church during this period. New applications for enrolment must be received by 1st April and the revised Roll will be posted in the church porch.

David Rawlins, Electoral Roll Officer

Treasurer's topics: 2011 in brief

The accounts for 2011 show a generally satisfactory outcome with total receipts up by 6% and expenses down by 3%. However, the former can be attributed to the unusually large number of weddings in 2011, and the latter to the fact that we had no Team Vicar for much of the year. Had neither of these special factors arisen, the results would have broadly matched those of the previous year. Moreover, 2012 is not expected to be affected by any such distortions.

Thanks to all those who support St Peter's through the Government's Gift Aid scheme we obtained a tax refund of more than £8,500 in 2011, representing about 20% of our total regular income. However, the sum recovered in 2012 will be £500 lower, mainly due to the withdrawal of Government transitional relief relating to the drop in the basic rate of tax to 20%.

With no major repair or maintenance bills in 2011 it has been possible to add significantly to our Church Fabric Fund. This will be crucial when developing any proposal for increased accommodation at the church, an on-going objective.

During the year the amount raised by special collections for external charities has risen substantially. A record £288 was raised at the *Remembrance Day service* for the Royal British Legion, £224 for the Children's Society at the *Crib service* on Christmas Eve, and £185 for Shelter by the raffle at *Carols on the Green*, courtesy of Friends of Tewin. In addition, harvest celebrations in September raised £177 for the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal.

If you would like to know more about the financial situation at St Peter's, a more detailed report will be given at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 19th April.

Graham Spring



Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be on **Saturday 19th May**.



Speaker and subject will be printed in a later issue of Parish News, once known; but note the date now.



St Peter's Easter activity afternoon Wednesday, 4th April from 2-4pm

All children are very welcome to come and join the Easter activity afternoon at St Peter's when they will be helping with the Easter garden, crafts, painting, cake decorating, singing and an Easter egg hunt too!





A date for your diary



19th May 2012, St Peter's Church Tewin, 7.30 pm

A jazz concert of music from the 1940's to the 1970's will be given by **Andrei Pytaleua**, piano, **Tomas Pedersen**, double bass, and **Elaine Simpson**, vocalist. These three outstanding performers are not to be missed.

We know from their other events that it will be a sell out.

Tickets will be £12 and available from Ted and Ruth Sharp who are opening a list in advance.

To reserve your ticket, please phone **01438 798594** or email **edward.sharp@zen.co.uk**

Tewin Parish News

Thank you very much to those readers who took the time to leave their comments at Tewin Stores recently. The comments have been most helpful and we shall be trying to incorporate some of them in the near future.

Nicky Hadley, Editor



'Screen on the Green' Tewin

Monday, 12th March at 7.45pm, Tewin Memorial Hall

Sea Biscuit (2003) 2hrs 15 mins



Set in the 1930s, '**SEABISCUIT**' weaves its story around three men who turned a seemingly untameable horse into a bona fide champion. Stars Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper and William H Macy. Doors open at 7pm for free tea and coffee. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale. Or bring your own wine and glasses please!

Tickets £4, available from Tewin Stores or order on line from sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk



Friends of Tewin

February is a very busy month for us as we hold our AGM and Senior Citizens Lunch. We hope that those of you who came to the Senior Citizens Lunch enjoyed the very special meal we put on to start the year of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Tewin.

Here are some of the dates booked for this year. Please put these dates on your calendar and we will advise further on each event.

- May 4th** Maypole Dancing on Lower Green
- June 3rd** Breakfast in the Village Hall
- July 17th** Coach Outing
- July 21st** Fund Raising event in the Village Hall
- August 19th** Classic Car and Craft Show
- November** possibly another fundraiser
- December 20th** Carols around the Christmas tree.

Thank you for all your support in the year 2011.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Tewin website news Feb 2012 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

It's that time again when I give a report about the Tewin website for the past twelve months. The Website group has met six times this year - in January, March, May, July, September and November - to review the website, which is updated regularly every month in some form or another. Overall there have been an average of 1,727 hits on the site per month during the year, a considerable increase on last year's 600. There was particular activity during July and August, almost certainly down to the Classic Cars event.

As planned, we migrated to a free web server over twelve months ago, so the site now costs us very little. Friends of Tewin will continue to pay for the domain name "tewinvillage.co.uk" (about £70 alternate years), but apart from that no costs are incurred. I have therefore been very careful not to allow free advertising to traders wanting to join our business page if they live outside the village. They often think they can pull the wool over my eyes by only giving a mobile number.....

Following the changeover to the new server the site has seen a consolidation of our work to make other changes. The new software has generally been easier to use but there have been some constraints which we have had to learn to live with – for example, we would prefer to show photographs for the past events in date order with the most recent at the top of the list. We have found so far that this is just not possible but we are still hoping to outwit the software, which sorts numerically. Nevertheless, we continue to update the site with recent pictures of village events very soon after they take place. Do look for the marvellous collections of photos from the Classic Cars, Jumble Sales, Fete and Carols on the Green.

We have also been asked to show diary dates in the calendar so special events stand out, but this now means that the whole year's events are not immediately visible to the casual visitor to the site and can be quite frustrating. We think there must be a compromise here which Felix Green, our Technical Advisor, continues to work on. Thanks for your patience Felix.

There have been a number of changes to the group this year. Rod Frayne and Julia Tizzard have joined to assist with the Hall pages and photographs. We thank Liz Goscombe for her work on the *Tewin Under Fives* page (they now have their own web page linked to our site), and Christine Spendley for representing the shop committee this year. Both have left the web group now.

Thank you to Derek Adams who conscientiously gives our home page a new look regularly and is our minute secretary.

Also John Ling for lovely photos, Doreen Lloyd for her input as Parish Councillor and for *Friends of Tewin* pages. Many thanks also to Alf Fulford for his colourful **THACS** pages, Lia Parkinson for the Church pages, Lynn Farr and Caroline McFarlane for updating the Hall and Parish Council minutes respectively, and finally, Nicky Hadley who grapples with making sure the Parish News can be found on-line.

Despite the increase in hits to the site this year, I still find villagers with Internet access who have never looked at the village website. If that applies to you please have a peek at the site, especially if you need to book the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, or to see the next movie showing in 2012 at the Screen on the Green.

Happy surfing!

Linda Adams ,Tewin Webmaster
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Tewin Memorial Hall, JUMBLE SALE – Saturday, 10th March : 2 – 4.30pm

We are hoping for another bumper Jumble Sale and are therefore calling on your generosity to help raise as much money as possible for the Memorial Hall. If you have unwanted gifts, clean clothing, shoes, bags, linens, bric-a-brac, toys, books, furniture, photographic equipment, electrical goods etc, we should be delighted to have them. Computers and printers are also welcome, as are modern televisions but, unfortunately, certain items are not saleable. Therefore, we can't accept old beds, old bulky television sets and second-hand underwear. However, everything else would be most welcome.



Please note that electrical goods of any kind will be required by the **MORNING of MONDAY, 5th MARCH**, to be PAT tested in advance – we can collect these on **FRIDAY 2nd MARCH** by arrangement. Other jumble can be collected throughout the day on **THURSDAY 8th** and **FRIDAY 9th MARCH**, although heavy goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the **EVENING of FRIDAY 9th MARCH**.

To arrange for a collection, including electrical goods, please phone **Todd Canton** on **01438 717395** or **David Laming** on **01438 798213**.

However, if it is possible for you to deliver to the Memorial Hall on Friday 9th March, from 7.30pm – 9pm, or Saturday morning - before 12 noon please, that would be most helpful. (We stress that electrical items can't be accepted after Monday, 5th March, as it will then be too late to have them tested and therefore they are not saleable).

As always, we need as much help as possible at the Jumble Sale and would be most grateful if you were able to spare some time to sort on the Friday evening and Saturday morning, or help man a stall on Saturday afternoon. In addition, we always need help setting out tables etc. Please ring **Todd** or **Jean** on **717395** if you can help in any capacity.

Many thanks

Todd Canton, on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **January 2012** draw

1 st	£63	Emma Woodward, Upper Green	2 nd	£38	Sue Hayden, Godfries Close
3 rd	£13	Caroline Philpot, Stotfold	3 rd	£13	David Laming, Orchard Road

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

Diamond Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th June 2012

Following a leaflet drop last year, we had many suggestions as to how to mark this important occasion.

However, the majority of ideas put forward entailed a considerable financial outlay so were not feasible since we were starting from scratch with no funding. Therefore, we had to limit our activities. In addition, since then official plans to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee have been announced. These include a Pageant on the River Thames on Sunday 3rd June, and a concert outside Buckingham Palace on Monday 4th June. As many

Jubilee Weekend Celebrations cont'd

people will wish to attend these events, or watch them on television, we have decided to confine the Tewin activities to the Saturday evening and Sunday morning of that weekend. As a result, our plans are now as follows:

Saturday, 2nd June A Dance in the Memorial Hall (with fish or chicken & chips supper)

Sunday, 3rd June approx 8.30 – 10.30am: Breakfast in the Memorial Hall organised by the Friends of Tewin. This will be followed at 11am by a **Church Service on Lower Green** conducted by Rev Susannah Underwood, with music provided by the St. Peter's Church Choir. Following the service we hope the **Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir** will be available to entertain us for about an hour with a selection of songs.

In addition, it is hoped that a Jubilee memento can be given to children resident in Tewin who are aged 11 years and under as at 30th December 2012. Apart from these mementos, we are also hoping to provide a long-lasting memorial of the occasion for the village, the form of which is yet to be decided and depends on funds available. **With this in mind, we are hoping for contributions from villagers to help finance these ideas and should be most grateful if you were able to make a donation to help commemorate this historic event.** Any donation will be gratefully received and will help to provide a special keepsake for the young children of Tewin. It will also enable us to mark the event with a permanent memorial in the village. If you feel able to make a donation, no matter how small, please send it to our Diamond Jubilee Treasurer, **Kevin Brazier**, at **29 Lower Green, Tewin**, or to **Tewin Stores**. Please make your contribution in **cash**, or **cheque payable to Tewin Memorial Hall**, who will be holding funds on our behalf.

Finally, on the question of a permanent memorial for the village, we would be grateful for suggestions. If you have any ideas, we'd be delighted to have them. Please send them either to Kevin at the address above, or to me at 21 Lower Green. Alternatively, you can phone me on **01438 717395** or e-mail at: **toddcantan39@gmail.com**

Thank you.

Todd Canton, Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee



Group Leader: **Sarah Storey**

Tel: **01438 716132**

Email: **tewinunderfives@hotmail.com**

Our Village Pre-School

The half term break was much needed and we returned refreshed and excited for the remainder of the Spring term.

We are delighted to announce that *Under Fives* has been awarded the Hertfordshire Quality Standard (HQS) accreditation for *meeting the set criteria and demonstrate the provision of a high quality service and an environment which exceeds the requirements of the Ofsted standards*. Our congratulations and thanks to Sarah and the team who worked so hard to achieve this and continue to drive the Pre-School forward.

The *Kids on the Catwalk* event was a very special afternoon where we had the opportunity of seeing wonderful children's clothes and definite stars in the making. There were some very memorable performances from children of both *Under Fives* and *Tewin Cowper*, and the afternoon tea and cakes provided after the event were very well received. The money raised is still coming in for the Pre-School and will be spent on much needed equipment.

Many thanks to Debbie Ansell, once again, for arranging the event and all the parents and staff who helped with the preparation and on the day.



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
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Tel: 01438 717378

Our News

Well the snow came at last and pupils took part in a real snow fest with superb snow sculptures, caterpillars to thrones to barricades, as well as the usual snow figures. Many pupils were much more intent on aiming their snowballs at the members of staff who manned the field and we clearly have some future England cricket bowlers in the making!

By way of complete contrast, a Rainforest party was held on February 9th to which Grasshopper pupils came suitably dressed for exploration, including bedrolls and mosquito nets! Rainforest foods were enjoyed with face painting and mask making too.

All classes benefitted from a presentation given by Mrs Hastings, representing *Henkle*, a company that has award status for its sustainability. We all got new insights into the subject on the industrial scale.



On Thursday February 2nd, a new Prayer Tree was unveiled inviting us all to pin our prayers to its branches and pray as a whole community. It will be based in the school foyer. Please feel free to visit, examine and add to it! It was partly funded by donations from our Prayer Group supper with other monies from the supper going to www.stroke.org with our own Mrs Tebbutt in mind.

Looking ahead to March we have Mrs Burgess of **THACS** visiting the school to generate enthusiasm for pupils to participate in this year's Spring Show.



In the week of March 5th the school launches its participation in the *UNICEF 'Day for Change'* with a series of events, games and activities, culminating in a costume day on Friday March 9th.



The community is warmly invited to join us at school for a special assembly and cake sale on Friday March 9th starting at 10.25am, which we hope will raise record funds. The monies will support sporting activities in Uganda in this the year of the Olympics.

Further sporting activity will be the feature of Friday March 23rd when school takes part in the national 'Sports Relief' event. March 9th is also our Parent Association - A Ladies Pamper Evening, so please do support whilst simultaneously treating yourself!

The doors are also open to those of you wishing to worship with us in school, every Wednesday at 10.25am, when Rev. Susannah conducts our assemblies.

The Staff Team

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

The Spring Show Schedule (including rules and entry forms) has already been issued to **THACS** members. Copies can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the **THACS** page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk from 1st March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to: **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn Herts AL6 0LE** by **Sunday 15th April 2012**.



Plant stall at Village Fete on Saturday 30th June 2012



We intend to have a plant stall there as usual and would appreciate your donation of plants and seedlings, so please keep this in mind when sowing and propagating in Spring.

Open Gardens

We hope to run Open Gardens again this year with a variety of gardens in Tewin, and gardens of members outside the village. We are aiming to open the gardens on a Saturday and/or Sunday in April/May, and would like as many gardeners as possible to join in.

If you would be prepared to open your garden for a day, or if you would just like to know more about what it involves, please contact:

Jim Hall on **07731 381734** or email: jimjhall@o2.co.uk



'Letting Children be Children'

Wednesday 14th March 2012, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Old Welwyn Civic Centre AL6 9ER

- Are you concerned about the pressures on parents and children in society today?
- Do you believe that children should be valued for who they are, not what they own?
- Are media and marketing with sexualised content too easily accessible by children?
- Have you used the Parentport website to make your complaints known?

For parents, teachers, class helpers and anyone with responsibility for children.

You are invited to take part in a debate about the commercialisation and premature sexualisation of children at an evening conference on the 14th March.

The keynote speaker is **Reg Bailey**, author of the independent government report in June 2011.

No tickets required but to reserve a place, please e-mail sec_mustalbans@btconnect.com or phone **01727 858979**.

Questions may be emailed to the above address or placed in the box on arrival at the hall. Further questions will be taken after the presentation.



Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

5 th March	Jo Bromwich - <i>'Around the World in 80 Days'</i>
4 th April	Jackie Watson - <i>'Elements'</i>
2 nd May	Alan Smith - <i>'Spring Symphony'</i>



We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre, Welwyn at 7.30pm
Visitors and new members are always welcome

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The major refurbishment work at Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital is now well under way and on course for completion at the beginning of April, as planned. When finished the hospital interior will be transformed. To enhance the outside of the hospital we have plans for new garden planters to decorate the entrance area. Hopefully we are not being too rash starting this work now but we hope that the spring flowers will be blooming to greet the completion of the building work.

Whilst on the subject of gardening there are plans for gardening clubs at both Danesbury and QVM Hospital. We are lucky to be surrounded by beautifully laid out gardens (thanks to Doug and Mick our gardeners) providing wonderful opportunities for patients to get into the fresh air helping maintain the flowerbeds and planters. The Friends funded all costs incurred.

At Danesbury the therapy team have started a photography club. The Friends have purchased a number of simple digital cameras so patients can take their own pictures which will then be discussed by the group. The best examples will be printed and displayed for the enjoyment of patients, their visitors and staff.

The Friends are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in the work of the Trustees. It has been pointed out that most of us have no idea what is involved and are wary of asking! With this in mind we have added a link to our website to provide some basic information about being a Trustee. It really is not onerous so do take a look or call our office 01438 840514 – you can be sure of a helpful response.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital - 01438 840514
E mail: danburyqvm@btconnect.com www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



Sat/Sun 17th/18th March 'Midnight Swim' 20.00

Choose either Haileybury, Hertford Heath SG13 7NU or Hatfield Swim Centre AL10 0XR. More details from Katie Robinson on **01707 382500**

Sat 17th March Quiz Memorial Hall, Welham Green AL9 7PG

Tickets £11.50 incl. light refreshments. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be a raffle. Telephone **01707 265333** or **01707 658531**

Sat 24th March 'Social Dance Evening' 19:30 - 23:15 Village Hall, Newgate Street, Herts SG13 8RA

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. More details from John Hankins on **01707 873894**

Fri 20th April 2012 'Golf Day' Hatfield London Country Club, Essendon

In aid of Isabel Hospice, Rotary & HAD. 22 teams compete for the *Marquess of Salisbury Challenge Trophy*. Entry is £500 per team, starting with coffee and bacon rolls, ending with a Gala Dinner, Charity Auction and Prize Giving. More details from John Hopley on **01707 325808**

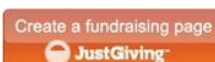
Friday 27th April The '3 Peaks' Challenge

Well known by all hill walkers and mountain climbers, the 3 Peaks Challenge incorporates ascents of all 3 of the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales and involves travelling more than 475 miles between the peaks and 3,407 metres of ascents over 26 miles of mountain paths. Used by fund raisers and daredevils alike, it's the ultimate British endurance mountaineering challenge. Can you complete this in 24 hours or less? Whether you take it at its word to try and complete the distance within 24 hours or take your time to enjoy the views and mountain air, this is an experience not to be missed. More details from Julie North on **01707 382547**

Flexible dates in April 'Coast to Coast' Walk takes 10-14 days

In 1972 legendary Lake District walker Alfred Wainwright made this one of the most challenging to the walking community. Almost 200 miles long, the walk gives a breathtaking view of Northern England.

Starting from St Bees on the Cumbrian West Coast through Ennerdale, Honister Pass, over Shap, Sunbiggin Tarn, Nine Standards Rigg and out of Cumbria - through the Yorkshire Dales, across the North York Moors, finishing at Robin Hood's Bay on the North Yorkshire East Coast. A daunting prospect but an amazing achievement! You can make this an adventurous, gruelling personal challenge or a leisurely, multi-day holiday. Contact Julie North on **01707 382547**



Tewin Parish Council



Approved, Seven Acres Development for 18 Dwellings

During the week commencing 20th February 2012 Taylor Wimpey will be starting work on the current permitted development of the Seven Acres site on Upper Green Road. The Parish Council has advised Taylor Wimpey that the preferred access route into Tewin is via Churchfield Road and detailed delivery times such as avoiding school pick up and drop off times have been given. It is likely that smaller trucks/lorries will be used. Wheel washing facilities will be on site. The build is expected to take approximately 2 years.

Public Exhibition

PROPOSED SEVEN ACRES DEVELOPMENT FOR A FURTHER 10 DWELLINGS

On Monday 27th February 2012 Taylor Wimpey will be holding a public exhibition, at Tewin Memorial Hall from 3pm until 8pm, about the emerging proposals for additional homes at the Seven Acres site. This new proposal is for an additional 10 houses on top of the 18 dwellings currently permitted and will be an opportunity for parishioners to view the proposal, ask questions and give feedback on the proposal.

Recent Event

Digswell Running Club has apologised for the excessive parking around Lower Green on Sunday 15th January. Unfortunately pre-arranged parking facilities had to be withdrawn and it was not possible to make alternative arrangements quickly enough.

Potholes

If you are aware of any potholes in the roads or defects in the pavements please report them to Herts Highways in the following way :-

1. Ring the Highways' fault line 0300 123 40 47 and provide details of where the defect is and its size. The road name and a house number are helpful in order to find the exact location.

OR

2. Go online to www.hertsdirect.org and click on "Highways Fault Reporting" on the right hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. You can search for the location by address and will be asked to mark the exact location of the pothole on a map. In both cases you will receive a reference number which can be used to track the pothole repairs.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Next Meetings:

Monday 5th March and Monday 2nd April 2012 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website, www.tewinvillage.co.uk The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are also displayed at Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256

Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

East Herts District Councillors

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

Herts County Councillor: Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

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

PCSO Karen Broad - 01992 533671

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

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

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles

Environmental Health: Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning and Tree Preservation Orders.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or www.hertsdirect.org

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