Parish News

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Vicar's letter

If my cat, Mr Bigglesworth, and our new puppy, Tilly, could read I don't know which would be more offended when they studied Scripture.

Mr Bigglesworth would discover that there's no mention of cats whatsoever in the Old and New Testaments. As a cat owner you'll be aware that, in a cat's view, scientists are completely mistaken: the world revolves around cats not the sun, therefore this omission of cats in Scripture makes no sense at all.

Tilly, on the other hand, would discover that there are about 40 references to dogs which at first may seem a pleasing thing. However, at a closer look none of them are particularly complimentary. Here are a few:

* Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly. [Proverbs 26:11]

* The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. [Isaiah 56:11]

* The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" [2 Samuel 17:43]

* He answered, *"It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."* [Matthew 15:26]

* Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. [Revelation 22:15]

I guess whereas we read those quotes as the insults they were intended to be, judging by Tilly's enthusiasm for food, sniffing other dogs' bottoms and eating allsorts of revolting stuff (given time I suspect she'll discover the delights of her own vomit too), she may not think the texts so derogatory after all. Greed, sticks and vomit are all part of life's joy.

Even being first time dog owners it's clear to me that despite quite unpleasant habits there is much in Tilly's makeup to be praised. Her look which says "well done - I love you" when we simply enter a room. Her faithfulness as she trots close to our ankles around the garden (yes I know she'll learn to escape in time). Her sense of excitement and awe when discovering new things (like the fact cat's run) all seem qualities to be praised if you ask me.

Susannah

A note from Mr Bigglesworth 'Dog for sale.'

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Churchwardens' Notes



The beginning of last month may not have seemed much like summer but Tewin had a great start with the Jubilee celebrations. Great stamina was shown by many, who after a very successful dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday night (which of course included the early hours of Sunday morning), managed to be back in the Hall at 9 am for breakfast! And what a breakfast! and waiter service! These events take a tremendous amount of organising, not to mention the mental stress of numbers, quantities, costs, decoration and much more besides. So a very big thank you to all those who did so much work to give us such a good time! And of course it was a pleasure to see around 130 people in the Hall for our short service to celebrate the Jubilee of our Queen.

After all this, we were pleasantly surprised to have a considerable number visiting the church during the afternoon for tea and cakes (yes, by the end of evensong, all the cake had gone!)

In May, we reported the up-grading of our vestry WC by Peter Hill; and asked for volunteers for redecoration. Much to our delight, David Rawlins stepped forward and has done an excellent job of filling the cracks and repainting both the ceiling and the walls. Many thanks, David!

The Team Summer Evensongs will begin this year on 29th July at St Mary's (6.30 pm). Then they will move around the Team each Sunday to Datchworth, Ayot, Woolmer Green, back to Welwyn, and so to the last of the series at Tewin on 2nd September. We hope you will join us!

The old story of the duck comes to mind regarding churchwardens; we hope that on the surface all seems calm, but beneath the surface we seem to be paddling like mad! A visitor, seeing us disappearing down the cellar yet again, asked how often we needed to make the 'trip'. This time it was to bring candles up for a mid-afternoon summer wedding! But they did look good alight; and of course the bride looked radiant!

Pete and Mike



St Peter's welcomes new Team Curate

Hello Everyone! I am Lucy Dallas and am really looking forward to getting to know the people and churches of the Welwyn Team. I come from Hemel Hemp stead, having taught English as a secondary school teacher in Hemel Hemp-

stead, and in a missionary school in South East Asia where the food was amazing! I'm married to Malcolm, who works in London for a bank, and we have two children, Saskia, who is nine, and Andrew, who is eight.

St. Peter's Church will be floodlit on Friday, 6th July in loving memory of Irene, Duncan and James Fish Missing you Gerry, Graham, Gemma and Suzie Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on **Saturday, 28th July** at **8** for **8.15am**



Guest speaker: Toby Baxendale

talking on 'To be advised' see pew slips in July

Toby Baxendale is a local resident from Ayot Place

Tickets priced at £6 are available from Graham Spring (01707 375499)



Church Mission Society

At the end of May we received a long *'Link Letter'* from Dave and Rine Ingleby, our CMS mission partners in India. A copy of this letter is sent to all Churches and individuals who support them in their work.

Dave, Rine and their 2 children, Sem and Joanne, now 5 and 3 years respectively, have been in Delhi for a year and are busy working with people suffering extreme hardship and living in terrible conditions. To begin with Dave and Rine felt very vulnerable living in Delhi, Dave writes '... the roads were so dirty and dusty, the traffic so loud and in your face! I think all our fears were for the kids. What had we done bringing them to such a city? So risky, aggressive, polluted and uncompromising. Anyway we don't feel like that now. The kids have settled so well and the chaos of Delhi fades with time; it just takes time to get used to.'

However, Dave has been unwell for some weeks - a constant headache. Tests proved negative but he's feeling much better now, his problems attributed to the stress of living and working in Delhi. Noise, disturbed sleep and temperatures of 45°C haven't helped.

Meanwhile he continues his work housing a displaced homeless community of disabled people and their families, which has been very difficult. Hopefully 31 families, from inner city slums and streets of Delhi, will soon receive new houses in a resettlement colony.

Rine continues her work with Burmese refugees. For many of these people their lives are a daily struggle to survive and many have been in prison. The toll on their health often leads to an early death. She's also been working on an Advocacy Manual for Emmanuel Hospital Association, a large Indian Medical Mission, but still has time to help at Joanne's play group twice a week. Sem is at school and happy. Despite their environment they seem comfortable with all they are doing and achieving.

As yet we have no word of them having a few weeks' break, or how long they will be in Delhi before returning to the UK.

You can read their latest letter on the notice board at the back of the Church by the font.

Elizabeth Wilson

CMS Contact

Bell-ringing at St Peter's it could be you!

Did you see and hear the bells ringing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?

Bell-ringing played a prominent part in the Jubilee celebrations. It's part of Britain's history and is always in the background for momentous events. In the Jubilee celebrations the Belfry Barge led the procession behind the manpowered section in the Thames Pageant, a peal was rung at St Paul's Cathedral for the Thanksgiving Service, with more bells heard along the procession route through London. Bells were also rung in large towns and small parishes across the country, celebrating the occasion.

We rang a Quarter Peal on St Peter's six bells at 7 pm on Tuesday 5th June with some of our local band of ringers: David Rawlins, Jill Rudd, Julie Grimwade, Mark & David Hall and Graham Lay.

Bell-ringing at St Peter's it could be you!

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We are currently looking for new recruits to join us. Bell-ringing suits all ages from 12 – 90 years and beyond! We've had teenagers learn ringing as a skill for their Duke of Edinburgh Award and welcomed mature people wanting a new hobby. A sense of rhythm is helpful and reasonable co-ordination, but you don't have to be a musician. There's a certain amount of physical activity needed, but once you've mastered handling the bell you forget about the action and reach the interesting part! Bells are not just pulled randomly. There are patterns, called *methods*, which make up change-ringing. We learn to ring our bell to fit round the others in the team in order of sounding, with literally thousands of methods and varying degrees of difficulty that can be learnt from easy to almost impossible! For our Jubilee Quarter Peal, we rang 1440 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor, which is fairly difficult, keeping us on our toes!

For more about bell-ringing the national website is **www.cccbr.org.uk**/ or come along between 8 - 9.15pm on Wednesdays when we ring, and find out more about us. Please let the Tower Captain know you're coming by ringing David Hall on 01707 884274.

Listen out for us ringing to mark the Olympics!

Friends of Tewin

The Friends of Tewin contribution to the Jubilee Weekend was cooking Breakfast for about 100 people in Tewin Memorial Hall on Sunday 3rd June. I think you will agree it went very well and any profit will go to the Jubilee Committee towards a lasting memento for the village of this wonderful weekend. I'd like to thank all the "helpers" who gave their time so willingly to make this Jubilee Breakfast a special occasion. The Committee and I could not undertake a task such as this without a lot of additional help, so please accept our sincere thanks.

I am still collecting any monies owing for the Windsor trip.

Tickets are available in Tewin Stores for '**An Evening of Song**' on **Saturday, 21st July** in Tewin Memorial Hall at £10 each and a licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30pm to purchase drinks before the concert at 8pm. The bar will open during the interval and at the end of the concert.

The next diary date is the **'Classic Car and Craft Show'** on **Sunday 19th August**, Upper Green, Tewin. **Please note the new time from 12 noon until 5pm**.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Bev Barraclough 01438 717929

The Jubilee celebrations went well in Tewin with the shop open every day during the break. The café goes from strength to strength with lunches and afternoon teas. Along with residents enjoying a cup of tea or coffee we now have many

walkers too. We must be on their maps for a good cup of tea! Local workmen also have us make up extra rolls and take-away teas!

Whilst in the shop, you can also choose from a large range of cards for special occasions.

With the weather improving, don't forget the barbecues! Our Friday butcher from Knebworth sells really tasty burgers but, for a good steak, try buying from his superb selection of quality meat. Digswell sausages are available daily and French sticks and rolls cooked to order.

Screen on the Green' Tewin Will be back in September 2012!



Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club — Registered Charity no. 308158
Results for the May 2012 draw£63J Sheridan, Cannons Meadow2nd£38P Griggs, Lower Green£13K Thompson, Desborough Drive3rd£13E Woodward, Upper GreenMembership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or lisa.bove@btinternet.com

Tewin Stores or any member of the Hall Committee

Yoga Classes Hello, I'm Charlotte and I'm a Wheel of Yoga accredited teacher. I teach Yoga on Mondays 9.30-10.45am and Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall. For more details please ring 07989 331270 or callam@hotmail.com

Charlotte Allam

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Lands End to John O'Groats via Tewin!!!

Bike Ride in aid of British Heart Foundation & Cancer Research

The initial party of 4 cyclists from Tewin completed the first leg of their epic cycle ride. Starting from Lands End on Thursday, 24th May, Andrew Swift, David Room, Malcolm Allen and Jeff Tipper cycled 385 miles arriving back in Tewin on Wednesday, 30th May, for a well-earned rest day. Then, on Friday, 1st June, they were joined by Mike, Graham, Ian and William Horsman to set off for Edinburgh and on to John O'Groats, which they reached on Saturday, 16th June. Follow their daily blog at www.tewincyclistslejog.wordpress.com

Already close to their target of raising £10,000 for the 2 charities they would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far. It's not too late for you to support their challenge with a donation.

Simply go on line to **www.justgiving.com/teams/tewintoedinburgh** which will remain open for a limited period.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 15th September; *THACS* Autumn Show

The Show Schedule (including rules and entry forms) will be issued to *THACS* members with the July Newsletter. Copies will be available from Tewin Stores or the *THACS* page on **www.tewinvillage.co.uk** from 1st August.

Support of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

THACS played its own small part in the recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations. If you came to the Jubilee dance at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 2ndJune, you will have seen the table and hall decorations, including a floral garland. The decorations were sponsored by *THACS* and organised by Lynne Griggs for the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Plants for the shop courtyard



THACS has donated plants and installed pots in the courtyard of Tewin Stores. Four large pots have been placed by the corner posts and planted with Jasmine, ever-green Clematis, Honeysuckle and Passion Flower climbing plants to be trained up the supporting wires. A large thorn-less rose has been donated and planted by the fence. Reports of its subsequent death are exaggerated: - it's just suffering from re-plant shock! Once established,

these plants will make the courtyard more attractive and enjoyable for the tea-room customers.

Raised beds for Tewin Cowper School

THACS has also donated and installed two new raised flower beds at Tewin Cowper School. The beds are 8ft x 4ft and shallow with easy access all round. They're at the edge of the playing field, as it joins the playground. The *Applegate Gazebo* is nearby with the intention to use this for gardening lessons, enabling the children to get practical experience and develop their gardening skills.

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Initially the beds will be planted by the children, with a mixture of red, white and blue bedding Petunias continuing the patriotic theme relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the forthcoming Olympic Games. This project has been undertaken with the involvement of the Allotment Association and our thanks go to their Chairman, John Sheridan, for his support and hard work.



The staff and pupils of Tewin Cowper School have been enthusiastic supporters of THACS, as demonstrated by the increasing number of children's entries in our shows and the lovely hall decorations they provide for our use at the shows. This project has given the THACS Committee a tangible way to thank them for this and it has been very satisfying to work on a collaborative proiect involving the school, THACS and the Allotment Association.



Tewin Fete to appear in TV Programme!

Another reminder of the Village Fete on Saturday, 30th June from 2 – 5pm on Lower Green. Since first announcing this, we have been approached by a TV company, who wish to film at the Fete for a future Sky Atlantic television chat show. This will feature two American actresses, arriving in Britain to explore its iconic culture, village fetes being one such aspect. We'll have more details at a later date, but in the meantime please come along and be part of the day. You will have seen in a recent door-to-door leaflet there are numerous attractions to suit everyone, young and old, and a chance to win some great Raffle prizes or bid for one of the amazing Lots in our Auction. More details on the website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk/village-hall/the-fete/

We are still asking for assistance in setting up on Lower Green in the morning and clearing away afterwards, as well as manning of stalls. If you are able to help in any way, please phone Lynn Farr on 798307, or Todd Canton on 717395 as soon as possible.

Also, we should be grateful for contributions to the following stalls, **TOMBOLA:** Wines, Spirits,



Gifts, Chocolates, any other non-jumble items. Also, toys and gifts for the Children's Tom bola. Please contact Alison Burleigh on 01438 715260, or deliver to 23 Harwood Close. any time before the Fete, BUT NO LATER than WEDNESDAY EVENING, 27th JUNE.

CAKES etc: Home-made cakes, large or small, biscuits. Please contact Jean Canton on 01438 717395. or deliver to her at 21 Lower Green on FRIDAY 29th or SATURDAY 30th JUNE before 12 noon please, or deliver direct to the Hall ON SATURDAY MORNING.



PLANT STALL: Please take any donated plants to the THACS stall during the morning of the Fete. Prior to the Fete please deliver to Nick Whiting at 5 Churchfield Road or Sue Whitbourn at 107 Burnham Green Road. Further information from Nick on 01438 717230 or e-mail nick@whitingn.plus.com

Many thanks – we look forward to seeing you on the 30th.

ynn Farr on behalf of the Tewin Memorial Hall Fete Committee

Tewin Tennis Club

Our new coach, Steve, is building up his coaching hours. The second half term session is under way and the Summer Schedule taking shape, so call Steve for details.

Our club summer event is a 'Wimbledon Tournament' on Sunday 1st July complete with Pimms, strawberries and cream!

Competitors come as their favourite player, win Wimbledon prizes, show off their Wimbledon paraphernalia and try their hands at Wii tennis. Barbecue supper available.

To Register, call Steve direct on 07896 323706.

60 Glorious Years for the Queen and a Great Weekend for Tewin!

(Cooo) Tewin celebrated along with the rest of the Nation during the Jubilee weekend. The Saturday night dance was a great success and the Memorial Hall was filled with the sounds of laughter, great camaraderie, and Paul David's music. Paul did us proud, singing and playing a popular range of songs, resulting in everyone dancing throughout the evening. The Raffle raised the magnificent sum of £450 for Moorfields Eye Hospital, and we thank all who donated prizes, including a signed 'Albert Square' street sign, and a Photographic Portrait Session by Lydia Greenwood Photography of Oaklands.

The general comment at the end of the dance was "a brilliant evening", and the Jubilee Committee is very grateful to Paul, who generously donated his services free of charge.

Despite the activities of the night before, the Friends of Tewin were back at the Hall early on Sunday morning serving approximately 100 breakfasts! Attendees were treated to a comprehensive menu, including a 'Full English'. Many compliments on the food were received, with more than one person suggesting it should be a regular event! Friends of Tewin take note!

Adding to the atmosphere, a film of the Queen's Coronation was shown on a large screen throughout the morning, followed by the Church Service, which was relocated into the Hall because of inclement weather. The Reverend Susannah Underwood welcomed everyone, pravers were said for the Queen and the hymns were sung with gusto, as was the concluding National Anthem. The Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir treated us to a varied repertoire of songs, ranging from classical to popular, and it finished with everyone standing up and waving their arms to a hearty rendition of 'You'll Never Walk Alone? This happy morning was completed by members of the Church, who offered everyone coffee, tea or a soft drink before they left the Hall. Later in the afternoon, they again came to the fore providing tea and cakes in the Church. Despite the weather, this was very well supported and those who went along were treated to a varied and delicious selection of home-made cakes.

From subsequent comments, there is no doubt this was a very successful weekend for the village and, as someone said, perhaps we should do it again! Well, it's only 10 years to Her Majesty's 70th Jubilee!

In addition to these activities, you'll be aware that the Committee decided to donate a specially designed Jubilee Mug to all the younger children resident in Tewin, and we're pleased to report that 107 mugs have now been given out. Also, many more have been sold by Tewin Stores, for which we are most grateful. At the time of going to press, there are only a few mugs left, so if you would like one, please go along to the shop as soon as possible.

Finally, none of the above could have happened without the help of many people and the Jubilee Committee would like to thank the following:

a) Paul David for donating his services.

b) The Friends of Tewin for their cash donation and tremendous help over the weekend.

c) St Peter's Church for their substantial financial and practical donation to the festivities.

d) **THACS** for their generous contribution to the cost of the Hall and table decorations for the Dance.

e) Lynne & Vicki Griggs for organising and arranging the lovely table decorations.

f) The Bowls Club for the loan of their car park.

q) Tewin Stores for selling the Jubilee mugs on our behalf.

h) *Everyone* who kindly made cash donations, without which we would not have been able to proceed. We obviously can't name them but please be aware that we are most grateful to you all.

i) Also, all those who answered the call and came along to give help with putting up bunting, setting out tables, and generally helping throughout the weekend. Thank you so much.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to mention all the members of the Jubilee Committee, named below. Without their ideas and dedication the festivities would not have happened and I'm sure I echo the thoughts of many when I say "Thank you for a job well done". Also, in addition to their help in organising the activities, many of them made generous cash donations to start the ball rolling, enabling us to proceed with our plans at the outset. We will be meeting again to talk about a permanent memento of the occasion and will report back on this in a later issue.

Todd Canton, Chairman, on behalf of the Diamond Jubilee Committee:-

Kevin Brazier (Treasurer), Noor Al-Humaidhi, Beverley Brazier, Jean Canton, Linda Crawford, Rod Frayne, Mike Kersey, Richard Kirby, John Ling, Merralyn Sandisson, Revd Susannah Underwood, Elizabeth Wilson, Alison Wood.



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Our News, June 2012

On Thursday May 17th we were visited from Oxford by Mrs. Sarah Clay, who spoke to our children about the work of Christian Aid, as indeed it was Christian Aid week. Through her talk and a short film she was able to help us understand the importance of clean water and then went on to conduct some workshops in our senior classes which considered how to live on £1 a day — nutritionally a dull prospect, especially if you don't like peanut butter or rice!

On Friday May 25^{th,} in recognition of UNICEF's Day For Change, we learnt about Uganda and the project in this Olympic year to promote sports as a community binding and inspirational activity for children in such countries. In the afternoon, our student teacher, Emily, had organised the Dragonfly Class to conduct Olympics, which included racing with jelly! and a variety of obstacle courses.



The sun shineth on the righteous and it certainly shone for us on May 26th when perhaps the best ever School Fete was enjoyed by so many. This year there was a delicious pig

roast creating an eager queue alongside a very popular combative inflatable, leaving us wondering if we would benefit from having one as a permanent playground fixture! The plant stall featured home-made apricot jam which I can personally recommend as a relish with sundried tomato bread and stilton. The cake stall was piled high and manned by two of our new governors who were rewarded by being raffle prize winners! Mr. Le Tissier manned the football challenge and was never without custom. A state of the art *'splat the rat'* had been designed and made by a kind parent, manned by Mr. Morgans, our caretaker, and Mr. Sheridan — a member of our local community with an ever increasing involvement in school life. To those I have omitted, apologies, it was certainly the best of days and of course the result of careful and thorough planning headed up by out PTA and, in particular, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Seewraj.



Thankfully the sun continued to shine for our Year 3 and 4 pupils who went on Cuffley Camp the following week. The great outdoors and fine weather made for a very enjoyable time. Reportedly a few baths featured peir return!

grimy rims on their return!

On May 30th we celebrated, albeit a little late, Pentecost, with a service led by Rev. Susannah and impressively supported by adults and children of our school community who, over the year, had contributed Bibles of their native tongues. We listened to the Lord's Prayer being read in French, German, Ukrainian, South Afrikaans, and more. It reminded us of the musicality of other languages but, more significantly, the international nature of our Holy Scripture and our worldwide brotherhood of faith.

Finally, before the half term holiday began we celebrated the Royal Jubilee with a party on the school field. It opened and closed with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem and featured a sea of red, white and blue as well as a good number of small sized monarchy in their wonderful homemade crowns. As a continuation of the Jubilee them

we are about to enjoy a splash of colour in our new raised beds, kindly donated by joint generosity from THACS and the Allotment Society. We greatly look forward to using them hereafter for our science and environ-mental lessons and know that the children will hugely benefit from the new resource,

Many, many Thanks.

The Staff Team

Tewin School Family Swimming Club



From **25th June 2012** any remaining membership tickets are available to the Tewin Community so all those with children at other primary schools, or with grand-children paying frequent visits, come and join us! Our heated outdoor pool has a shallow depth throughout so is fantastic for younger children.

Pool access times: Sat 21st July - Sun 2nd Sept 2012 Closed Mondays for cleaning and maintenance. Tues - Sat: 2 - 7pm, Sun 2 - 5pm – over the 'long' 6 week holidays. Extra guests are charged at £1.00 for swimmers and 50p for spectators.

Please fill in the form below and return to Christina Kirby, c/o School Office or ring direct on **07900 070172**. Cheques payable to **'Tewin Cowper School Family Swim Club'**.

Each ticket price band permits **2 adults** and **up to 4 children, who must be named**. After your application submission you will be acknowledged by email with your membership number and **all named child swimmers** – please give this number to the lifeguard when visiting the pool.

Please also be aware that all children who go to Tewin Cowper School MUST purchase a summer swimming ticket if they wish to use the pool in the holidays they CANNOT go as someone else's guest.

N.B. The committee reserves the right to withdraw membership or refuse admittance if the Swimming Pool rules are not adhered to – rules available on request and poolside.

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Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme



1st August Garden Tea Afternoon, 2pm

- 'With a Curl and a Twirl'



- Details & tickets from Mavis on 01438 798611

5th September Linda Kingscott

- 'The Greenman & Friends' Competition

We meet 1st Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm Visitors/new members always welcome. Enquiries/Tickets 01438 798611 — Visitors £5

PETER LEIGH, 1923 – 2012

At the AGM of The Tewin Society in March 2004, Peter, at the age of 80, resigned from his office as Chairman. He not only held the position of Chairman, but had also been a very active member of The Tewin Society Committee for many years.

Peter was born in Dulwich on 17th July 1923 but, as a child, lived mainly in Forest Gate. One of his great pleasures was holidays spent with his grandparents in Stanstead Abbots, and it was from that time that his interest and love of the countryside and conservation began.

At aged 16, Peter began his training as an Accountant, but the War interrupted this and in 1941 he went into the RAF. He was sent to Canada where he trained as a Navigator, and then gained his commission. In later years, he often recalled his days in the RAF flying in the Bristol Beaufighters and his enthusiasm for days spent flying in the De Havilland Mosquito in 249 Squadron.

Early in the War he met Rene and they were married in 1945. Later they, and their two daughters, Jane and Joanna, settled in Hoddesdon where Peter qualified as an Accountant in 1953. He retired at the age of 70, but during his business life he had developed many interests and was a founder member of the Round Table in Hoddesdon, acting as their Secretary for many years.

Always with a love of the countryside, Peter and Rene moved to Tewin in 1975. His considerable involvement with The Tewin Society Committee enabled him to devote much of his spare time to many aspects of life in the village, in particular fighting the plans for gravel extraction at Marden and proposals for golf courses at Tewin Hill and Tewinbury. Peter also played an active part in the discussions on housing plans and developments, footpaths, tree planting, cleaning the pond and many more. Tewin has a lot to thank Peter for.

In 2000, Peter joined the group of 5 people who were planning an exhibition to celebrate the Millennium. 'The History of Tewin' was held for a week in Tewin Memorial Hall. Sadly, it was at about this time that Peter became unwell but he was still able to celebrate the opening of the exhibition, and enjoyed it.

Besides Rene, Jane, Joanna, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Peter had another love - his garden. He loved flowers, and when visiting him and Rene, Peter could often be found working outside, weeding, cutting the grass and making sure there was plenty of food for the wild birds which he loved to watch. And sometimes he would just be sitting in the sunshine relaxing and enjoying every moment.

Peter lived a full life, and his commitment to the well-being of Tewin will leave a lasting memory. He will be much missed by family and friends.

Tewin Parish Council

388 Bus Service

There have been several incidents recently where the 388 bus service has broken down and the service severely delayed. The Parish Council would be grateful if parishioners could notify the bus operator 'Centrebus' on 01279 432048 whenever there is a problem with the service.

Sevenacres

Planning Application 3/12/0597/FP - Demolition of Seven Acres House and erection of 28 dwellings (including 18 previously approved) new dwellings (including 11 affordable units). This planning application is now due to be decided upon at the East Herts Council Development Control Committee in July due to delays on various reports such as Flood Risk Assessment and Ecology Survey for Bats.

Taylor Wimpey have met with Herts Highways about a flashing speed sign but they were also advised that strict criteria have to be met and Tewin does not meet these criteria. With regard to the Parish Council's campaign for a Section 106 contribution towards a footpath from Godfries Close up to the garage, Taylor Wimpey are fully supportive and have also indicated that they may be able to assist the Parish Council with the footpath from the garage up to Upper Green providing the necessary approvals from HCC Rural Estates Department were obtained.

Following concerns raised by Parishioners, Taylor Wimpey advised that they were happy for the Leylandii bordering the tennis courts to remain although they may do some work on them, such as reducing their size.

The Parish Council emphasised the importance of no pedestrian access to the Upper Green car park from the development and Taylor Wimpey agreed. Taylor Wimpey agreed to talk to the Environmental Health team/ refuse collectors for the best solution for refuse collection and advised that all maintenance on the development will be through a management company.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is: Monday 2nd July 2012, in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

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, fly-tipping, fly-posting, 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.