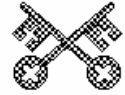




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On Sunday 5th April Holy Week begins with a Palm Sunday celebration at 9.30am at St Peters. It is a week that begins with joy as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mobbed by the crowds as a king, a mighty warrior who was going to deliver the people from the oppressor. It was a challenge to the Pharisees, to the Romans, to Herod, to the military and to the ordinary people because all of them, in their own way, were confused, not knowing how to respond to this man.

He refused to argue, he was not violent, discouraging violence in any form. The poor, the outcast, the oppressed wanted peace, an end to occupation, surely this man was going to lead them to victory. Too soon the jubilation turned to anger, became threatening. Why? Did those who followed realise that they stood out, were at risk, or did he challenge them to acknowledge what they knew about themselves - things that they preferred to attribute to others?

As the journey through Holy Week continues Jesus' closest friends find themselves in an uncomfortable situation, they've given up everything to follow this man, their homes, their security, their status and now as he is arrested they find themselves on the losing side.

They didn't know where it was going to end but they had a good idea, a savage beating, imprisonment, the cross. Every year as I travel through Holy Week I pray that the next year will not reflect the pain, the suffering and the fear that is the crucifixion, the pain, suffering and fear that we have witnessed in the world this year, in Zimbabwe, Sudan, Afghanistan and once more in Northern Ireland.

The long day stretched into night

and time crept onward towards the new day.

With the gold of dawn came a resurrection,

a new hope that grew with the rising sun, and went out to a waiting world.

(Jean Murdoch – Eggs and Ashes)

May I wish you all a joyous Easter Celebration

Coralie

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SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

We will be holding another second-hand book sale on Saturday, **25th April, from 10.30 am – 4 pm**, in the Tewin Memorial Hall. As well as books, there will be other items for sale, such as jigsaw puzzles and pictures. *As always, we will sell at very low prices so please come along, stock up on your reading matter and support the Hall at the same time.*

Entrance is Free – you can browse at your leisure and enjoy some refreshment as well. We would also encourage children to come along because there will be a selection for them too. In the meantime, we are happy to have more books to sell, so if you have any to donate to the sale, please call any of the people below:

(Linda Crawford 717538 or David Gregg 717544 of Friends of Tewin, or Todd Canton 717395 of the Hall Committee)

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 25th April.

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

FRIENDS OF TEWIN

We have been asked by some folk to see if we could arrange a day out, so on **Tuesday July 7th we are off to Southend**. We have hired a coach that will leave the Rose & Crown PH, Tewin, at 9am and leave Southend at 4pm. The cost is £ 9.75p each and is open to anyone, including any friends you would like to bring. Southend offers you nice walks, gardens, the pier, shops and of course the opportunity to paddle in the sea! All bookings and monies to me or any Fof T committee member as soon as possible please.

On **Saturday April 25th** we will be helping the Village Hall by having a Book Sale in the Memorial Hall from 10.30am till 4pm. Books for all ages will be available. Please see the notice from the hall.

Friday 1st May for the Maypole Dance by Tewin School children in the morning on the Lower Green. The Village Shop will be open for morning teas and coffees before and after the dancing round the maypole.

Linda Crawford Chairman

TEWIN SOCIETY ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Throughout the evening, in excess of 80 members attended The Tewin Society AGM, held Monday, 9th March 2009 at Tewin Memorial Hall. The guest speaker, Peter Wilkinson and his talk on owls was a great success and proved a great attraction. A number of people have asked Peter to put up barn owl boxes in the village. He will be returning to Tewin within the next few weeks to put them up.

At the AGM, Rosemary Nodder advised that she would not be standing as Chairman again. Rosemary thanked the committee and members for their support. We extend our good wishes to Rosemary and thank her for her contribution to the Tewin Society throughout her five years as Chairman. Good wishes and thanks for their contribution to the Tewin Society are also extended to Gloria Kersey, who stood down from the Committee and as Membership Secretary; and Liz Lewinton, who stood down from the Committee and as Newsletter Editor.

It is proposed that John Lee, President of The Society, will lead a review of the existing committee and call a Special General Meeting for members following that review. The large attendance at the AGM is encouraging, in that The Society continues to make a valued contribution to village life. Our appeal for committee members continues: if any member, or prospective member of The Society, is interested, please contact Merrilyn Sandison 01438 717738.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd April 2009 at the Hall at 8 pm. All are welcome to attend.

SUPPORTERS CLUB ~ Results for the February 2009 draw

1st ~ Tom Brown, Godfries Close, 2nd ~ £37 Rowland Swift, Godfries Close 3rd ~ £12 Claire Morrisroe, Upper Green 3rd ~ £12 Jenny Izzard, Abbots Langley.

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall committee

St PETER'S SPRING-CLEANING

Friday 1st May 6.30pm

We need volunteers to clean the beams; wash the windows; clear the cobwebs; and move the furniture and hymn books. Please make the effort to help us have a good start to this annual event. Just come along at any time from 6.30pm onwards.

Saturday 2nd May 8.45am

We need people to scrub floors; polish woodwork; and clean kneelers and hymn books. **Scrubbing** from 8.45am; **polishing** from 10.30am; **cleaning and replacing furniture** with completion by 2.00pm.

Please put your name on the form at the back of the church.

Any questions, please see Pete.

Learning how to pray

A one day opportunity to discover new ways of approaching prayer.

Led by sisters from the community of St. John the Baptist at Begbroke

If you sometimes, or often, find it difficult to find the time, the place, the quietness and the stillness of mind to pray or if it sometimes does not seem a natural thing to do and you would like all that to change, here is an important date for your diary

The date ~ 16th May 2009, The place ~ St Peter's Church, Tewin

The time ~ 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Followed by an evening meal at 60, Orchard Road, Tewin at 7.00 p.m.

Refreshment Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided.

Cost Free, but small donations towards the Sisters' travel expenses welcomed

Reserve your place by telephoning Stephen Fielding (07760 287614 or 01438 718028) or Ted Sharp (01438 798594). Numbers will be limited by the size of the facilities and the nature of the day so don't risk disappointment by leaving it too late.

Tewin Stores

Tea Garden and café: UPDATE

We hope that the tea garden will be open again this summer, although (as last year) that does depend on willing volunteers. The longer term plan is to renovate the store room and the loo, and to make the outside courtyard more easily accessible for prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs. This will hopefully encourage more customers, improve the building and enable us to sell a more diverse range of local goods and crafts.

The plan is to carry out the works in four phases. Phase 1 is the preparation of the courtyard to provide better drainage, a path and a base for the new stock room shed. Phase 2 is the erection of the shed and the relocation of the stock room. Phase 3 is the renovation of the old store room. (If you want to know more about the design, please ask any member of the Committee). Phase 4 is the renovation of the loo.

The builder is due to start work on the courtyard in the next few weeks.

On the basis of the builders' estimates, a grant of £8000 was raised from EHDC, which must be spent by June 2009. This money represents 50% of the total cost. It can only be claimed in two tranches, and each tranche must amount to no more than 50% of the money claimed. This means, for example, that to claim £4000 we must have spent £8000 and £4000 must have been raised from elsewhere. So far we have raised £2500 from other donors, £1500 of which is a grant from Tewin Parish Council.

EASTER OPENING HOURS

Good Friday	Closed
Easter Saturday	8.30-12.30
Easter Sunday	9.00-Noon
Easter Monday	9.00-Noon

BOX CLEVER - with a box of Free Will Offering envelopes

Members of the congregation at St Peter's mainly give their financial support by one of two methods – bank standing orders or the Free Will offering envelopes. Both these arrangements provide an opportunity for you to make your regular gift to St Peter's, whether or not you attend a service each week or month. After all, the church's costs continue week by week even if you're not there yourself!

Standing orders have the advantage of regular *automatic* payments throughout the year; the envelopes involve a bit more discipline to use them regularly. The downside is therefore that envelopes get missed, whereas the potential up-side is that giving can more easily be adjusted to individual circumstances.

At last month's AGM I reported that in 2008 there had been a drop in the total sums given to St Peter's through the weekly envelope scheme. This is not because people have changed from envelopes to standing orders; rather it is because some "regular" users have used them less regularly, resulting in a 12% fall in this category of income compared with 2007.

April heralds a new envelope year (as well as a new tax year) and this year we have a new style of envelope. I have ordered some extra boxes in the hope that those who currently attend St Peter's, but don't currently give by standing order or envelope, will take a box for the first time and use it for their regular giving. We have welcomed a number of new people to St Peter's and it would be wonderful if they were to join the weekly envelope scheme.

Gift Aid tax recoveries continue to be a valuable source of income and for 2008 contributed about £8,000 (16%) of our total receipts. So if you pay tax on any of your income, please make sure your giving to St Peter's is tax efficient by signing a Gift Aid declaration or by using the special yellow Gift Aid envelopes, both of which are always in church.

The yellow Gift Aid envelopes are specifically for Gift Aid donations; so please only use them if you fill in your name and address.

If you would like a box of envelopes, or a bank standing order form, a Gift Aid declaration form, or just some help on any of these subjects, please speak to me in church or give me a call. I shall be happy to hear from you. All details of giving are kept strictly confidential.

Graham Spring, Hon. Treasurer (01707 375499)

Thacs

Tewin horticultural arts & crafts society ~ recent events

Thursday 5th February 2009 - Jewellery workshop


Seven members managed to make the first jewellery workshop in Knebworth's 'Homebeads' shop, despite the wintry weather, and we could not have received a more friendly welcome. Maxine Callaghan and her daughter Charlotte run the shop and the classes, and made us feel at home with a hot brew and an introduction to the tools and fastenings that we would be using. They then helped us while we practised attaching different clasps and eyes.

Then the fun really began:-we were asked to choose beads to make a necklace or bracelet, and what a choice we had! Along the length of the wall of the shop are countless beads of different colours and shapes, all arranged beautifully and priced. Once you had chosen them (and this took a while) you could use a grooved board to place your beads on. This had measurements too, so that you had an idea of the order in which you would string them and how long the necklace would be.

We were all thrilled to have actually made something on our first visit, and are eagerly awaiting the next class. If other members are interested in making jewellery but could not get along, Maxine and Charlotte run private classes and I am sure they would be pleased to hear from you. Their contact number is 01438 815300.




MESSAGE FROM TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL



This has been an eventful Spring Term. Most of us are wondering what happened to February as it came and went very quickly, with the snow days that took us by surprise, followed by the half-term break. So, what else have we been up to at Tewin Cowper? One special focus of this term has been the launch of our 'Big Writing' project in January. This is when we set aside a part of a morning, once every two or three weeks, and begin with the whole school together using a stimulus such as a well-known story, a video clip, an idea for an adventure or perhaps a visiting speaker, as an inspiration for writing.

Our 'Walking Bus' is now running on Fridays as well as Wednesdays, thanks to a committed team of parents.



On 27th February, we had our first class assembly of the year, when we were entertained by Saturn Class (years 5 and 6) who showed us some of the things they have been learning this year. We were very impressed with their French speaking, as well as their line dancing routines and some excellent items they have designed and made in design and technology.

As 5th March was World Book Day, we held a book fair during the week.

On the 6th March we also had a non-uniform day, when the children came to school dressed as book characters. Mrs Corlass delighted us all by coming to school as Buzz Lightyear for the day!



Our Prayer Group had their first meeting of 2009 at the beginning of March. We are grateful to Mrs Colligan and Mrs Cox, two of our parents, for taking the lead on this - they are planning some events for the months ahead, as well as regular prayer group meetings.



We are looking forward to Easter and hope it will be a special time for you all. Our Easter Service will be at St Peter's Church on 3rd April which is the last day of the Spring Term for us.

Alison Simpson and the Staff Team

JUMBLE SALE BEATS CREDIT CRUNCH!

The Tewin Memorial Hall wishes to thank everyone who helped to raise over £1,500 for the Hall at the recent Jumble Sale. The Committee was delighted with the result in such a difficult financial climate when people aren't replacing goods, and were therefore very grateful to all those who donated items and who came along to buy. We hear that two ladies came all the way from Sussex for the sale and we know of other regulars who also travel from afar, such as our jumble sale fame spread!

In particular, the Hall Committee is very grateful to all the hard working people who came along to sort and allocate the jumble, and man the stalls during the afternoon. We saw our regular army of helpers and are thankful that Tewin has such willing and reliable people who work so hard to help the village as a whole. Without them, our events could not take place, and the Memorial Hall could not stay open.

So heartfelt thanks to you all and we would ask everyone to note that the next jumble sale will take place on the 10th October, so please note the date in your diaries.

Todd Canton on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Churchwardens' Notes

Prayer List 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened. Matthew 7: 7,8.

Wednesday 1st Our neighbours in Churchfield Road
 Thursday 2nd Our churchwardens, Pete & Mike
 Our clergy, Alan, Coralie, Diane & Stephen
 Friday 3rd
 Saturday 4th Our neighbours in Hertford Road
 Sunday 5th Our organist, Rosemary
 Monday 6th Our neighbours in Queen Hoo Lane
 Tuesday 7th Our neighbours in Tewin Hill
 Wednesday 8th The congregation of St Mary's,
 Thursday 9th Our Church Bell Ringers
 Friday 10th Our neighbours in Orchard Road
 Our readers, Catherine, Mick, Usha & Colin
 Saturday 11th
 Sunday 12th Our Easter Services
 Monday 13th The Friends of Tewin
 Those who have recently moved into the area
 Tuesday 14th The congregation of All Saints, Datchworth
 Wednesday 15th
 Thursday 16th The Tewin Society
 Jane Warehand, Caretaker of the Tewin Memorial Hall
 Friday 17th
 Saturday 18th Our neighbours in Welwyn Road
 The Baptism of Cian Abbott & Charles Hughes
 Sunday 19th
 All who work in our local shops, businesses and pubs
 Monday 20th
 Tuesday 21st Our neighbours in Tewin Close
 Wednesday 22nd Those who have died recently & their families and friends
 Thursday 23rd The THACS Group
 Friday 24th Our neighbours in West Riding
 The sick and those who care for them
 Saturday 25th
 Sunday 26th Our neighbours in Upper Green Rd
 Monday 27th The Tewin Tots
 Tuesday 28th Our Intercessors and Readers
 Wednesday 29th Our churchwardens, Pete & Mike
 Retired Clergy who assist in our Team
 Thursday 30th

Our annual parochial church meeting was held on March 15th, with 27 people present. The electoral roll now stands at 134. The financial report was explained by our Treasurer, Graham Spring and this report plus the fabric report and the report on the 2008 PCC meetings and the activities of the parish were circulated amongst those present. Ted Sharp gave a report on last year's Deanery Synod meetings and Coralie gave the Team Vicar's report. It was very encouraging to hear that the congregation numbers have increased by 10% during the last year, due in no small part to all Coralie's hard work.

Many people, both local and visitors, comment on the well-cared for appearance of our church. Much of the credit for this goes to our band of cleaners who do such a good job on a weekly basis.....but, once a year it really does need a DEEP CLEAN. So our annual Spring Clean is planned for Friday evening, May 1st and Saturday May 2nd. You will see the details elsewhere in this Parish News. Please come and help. Even if you can only spare a short time, it would be much appreciated. There is a list on the organ at the back of the church where you can sign up. This also gives details of what implements and materials you need to bring with you.

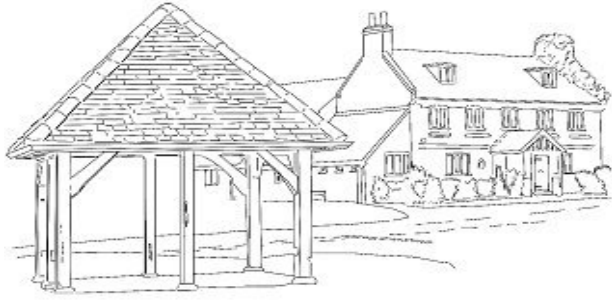
Although we are half way through Lent it is not too late to join the Lent Course run by Mick Simmons at 8pm on Monday evenings in the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Already our thoughts are turning towards Easter. This is a very busy time for our flower arrangers in a season when there are few flowers in their gardens and bought flowers are very expensive, so they would be grateful for contributions to the Flower Fund. These donations can be given directly to Sally Owen, handed on by churchwardens or put in the collection bags on Sunday clearly marked "Flower Fund".

Lastly, an item of housekeeping. Our coffee makers on Sunday morning perform a much appreciated service, but since it has become customary to store the box in the vestry rather than pass it on to the next person on the list, there has been some confusion about the level of supplies in the box. From now on we will replenish the non-perishable items [tea, coffee, sugar], but would ask you to continue to bring milk and biscuits. Thank you.

Mike & Pete

[Bible Society](#) On Sunday April 26th at the morning service, Carol Akiwumi from the Bible Society will be visiting St Peters to address the church. This charity is one that St Peters has supported for a number of years and we welcome the opportunity to hear more about the society's work and would encourage anyone who would like to hear more to come along. The following is a brief overview of the Society's mission: Bible Society began in 1804 as the British and Foreign Bible Society. Today our vision of making the Bible heard around the world continues. With the help of our supporters and churches and a network of over 140 national Bible Societies we share the challenge of fighting Bible poverty.



Tewin Parish Council

HIGHWAYS On 23rd February Highways arranged for extensive patching repairs along Lower Green, Upper Green and Orchard Road. Additional works will then be programmed at a later date when the budget and works programme allow. The Clerk thanked Highways but queried why the patching stopped at 57 Orchard Road. Highways agreed to inspect the road later in the month to ascertain the reason why.

ADOPTION OF BT PHONE BOX. BT has advised the Council that the adoption procedure may take some time. The Council has agreed to ask BT whether they can repaint the box in the meantime.

ALLOTMENTS The Parish Council is in the process of arranging to rent extra land for the Allotment Association in response to an extensive waiting list.

POLICE Tewin's Police Community Support Officer, Karen Broad, attended the meeting on 2nd March. She is relatively new to the area, but she can be seen regularly walking through the village. She advised the meeting of a new contact telephone number: 01707-354192. Only one recent burglary has been reported in the area, in Burnham Green.

TEWIN STORES At the meeting on 2nd March, the Parish Council approved a grant to the Tewin Stores Association to be used to improve access to the courtyard cafe area for pushchairs, prams and wheelchairs. Tewin Stores Association has responded to the Council with thanks and appreciation.

INTERNAL AUDITOR The Parish Council has appointed a new Internal Auditor for the annual internal audit, and the quarterly internal audit was completed by Councillor's on 26 February.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING The Annual Parish Meeting is 6th April 2009 at 7.30pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room followed by the normal Parish Council meeting. Other meeting dates are: Monday 11th May 2009 & Monday 1st June 2009.

AGENDA Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NEWS-LETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT** www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (They do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting) Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by 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 Councillor 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

Operation Arable – 01992-533000 – For reporting motorcycles

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

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

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

Animal Warden Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

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