

Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Vicar's letter

I write this the day before my licensing as Team Vicar. We've had an exceptionally busy summer moving house, getting our old house ready to rent, helping Rebecca organise her imminent move to Sheffield University, squeezing in a holiday and preparing practically for this new role amongst you. All necessary, yet it left little space and space is important.

So yesterday, first thing in the morning, I donned backpack and left the noise of the Underwood household behind. I spent two hours in All Saints church, then, map in hand, I walked through fields and woods and streets and lanes to St. Peter's where I spent a couple of hours in that beautiful place also, pondering and praying.

A journey is, I know, a horribly overused metaphor - however that's probably because it is such an apt one. You see on this day there was so much I could relate to which reminded me of things I will need to remember further down the road in my ministry here. For example, keeping my eyes for the right path ahead and not becoming side-tracked by shortcuts (the one on the walk led me to a field of cows - I hate walking in fields of cows!). Also overcoming a feeling of vulnerability - because of the knowledge that we won't get anywhere if we don't occasionally take risks. There was, as well, this moment when the wind was so strong in the trees that the branches were clattering and the air was rushing round my ears creating such a noise but when I turned round, so that my back was to it all, all went quiet...another reminder of the need to stop and find the stillness in the storms. And then, of course, were the moments of delight of finding pleasure in the simplest things - the wild flowers, the sun coming out behind the clouds, the people I met, the surprise vistas around each corner.

Journeys are about learning, moving forward, entering new terrains - step by step. Both of our church buildings speak so well of this. Their ancient stones bear witness to the generations before us, whilst the colour of contemporary glass windows in Datchworth and the modern life of Tewin stitched into the kneelers both tell of faith for our time. Our faith yes ancient, but ever new.

I know that the churches of our villages have started the Diocesan process of Mission Action Planning (or rather appropriately MAP). It is a rather simple process of working out where we believe we should be (i.e. discerning a vision) and then mapping out the steps needed to get there. Sometime soon there will be the chance to look at this in further detail and draw up our own MAPs for our own parishes. I hope you will be part of that. I think it could be fun!

Susannah

Churchwardens' Notes

September has been a particularly busy month. Sad as we were to lose Stephen and Angela, it was great to see him moving on to pastures new in such style at his Licensing at Braughing. On September 1st he became part of the Ash and Quinn Valleys Team Ministry with quite a large party going over to Braughing on that evening to support him and wish him well.

Then on September 7th we had our own Licensing service when we welcomed Susannah Underwood to our Team Ministry. Many people regarded it as the homecoming of a family member as Susannah has been a Welwyn girl all her life. Now we sincerely welcome her to the Team, with special responsibilities for Tewin and Datchworth and look forward to working with her in the future. The service ran smoothly on the evening due to a lot of hard work and dedication by people from St Mary's, Datchworth and Tewin but a special mention must be given to Gloria Kersey who played a pivotal role in the provision of the refreshments after the service.

On September 10th the Annual Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike took place, run on behalf of Herts and Beds Historic Churches by David Rawlins. Many thanks go to Nicky and Hector Hadley for taking part and to all those who provided and served refreshments to our visitors.

Also on September 10th a coach trip to Norwich Cathedral had been arranged for the Team. Alan Winton, our previous Team Rector, in his new role as Bishop of Thetford made us very welcome and kindly held a Communion Service specially for us. Guides were on hand in the afternoon to give conducted tours of the Cathedral. A most enjoyable day was had all - a total of 103 people.

Further to the churchyard hedges being cut last month, Ivor Williams has once again organised the cutting of the hedges on both sides of the drive for which we are very grateful. The combination of all the hedge cutting coinciding with Stuart Kirkham mowing and strimming most of the rougher parts of the churchyard means it all looks very neat and tidy at the moment. The bonfire area will be improved as soon as the wind is in the right direction!

A very successful Harvest Lunch was held again at Tewin Cowper School after the Family Service on September 18th. Many thanks to Pauline Brown and Nicky Hadley for masterminding it, to Gill at the Plume of Feathers for providing the two main courses, to those who donated desserts, and, last but not least, to all those who set up in preparation and those who cleared up afterwards.

St Peter's welcomed Amber Bella Osborne Kirby into the Church Family at her Baptism on September 18th.

Pete & Mike

St Peter's Church
will be floodlit
On Wednesday, 19th October
in loving memory of
William Arthur Chalkley
from
Joan, Susan, Carol, Kevin & family

Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike, Sat. 10/9/2011

■ Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us today when we cycled to each of the Team ■ Churches. We raised £245 of which 50% will come directly to St Peter's Tewin!

Nicky & Hector Hadley

News from Delhi

During August I received a letter and a card from David & Rine Ingleby in Delhi.

After several months they have now settled into their work and the family have at last found somewhere to live. Their son, Sem aged 5, is attending an International Christian School. He seems very happy there in spite of a long day. Joanna age 3 will be going to Playgroup in the New Year. At present David & Rine are able to share the care of their children.

When both Sem and Joanna are at school and playgroup respectively, David hopes to work full time. At present he is very involved with building and improving homes in the main slum settlement areas where many volunteers and organisations are working too. Very dedicated and hard work in the Delhi summer!

Rine is leading an education project but awaiting funds to enable her to work on a firmer footing. She will continue to work part-time while the children are young. Rine would like to be more involved in working with the 10,000 Burmese refugees in Delhi, most of whom live in poverty and many speak neither Hindi or English, so language is a problem. Many do though speak Rine's mother tongue, Mizo, so Rine feels she could make a constructive contribution in this area of work.

I look forward to hearing how this develops.

Elizabeth Wilson, CMS contact

MEMORIAL SERVICE for MARGARET BARNES 2.30pm on Saturday 15th October 2011, in St. Peter's Church

Margaret Barnes, who died in Sussex on 24th July, lived at "Brackendell", 33, Orchard Road, for 37 years. She continues to be remembered with affection, especially by some of the older residents and neighbours. In recognition of this her family have kindly decided that a short service should be held at St. Peter's, thus providing an opportunity for those who wish to join them to thankfully remember her time and contributions in Tewin. At the end of the service Margaret's ashes will be interred with her husband Mac's in the Memorial Garden. All will be welcomed to join Lesley and Stephanie for refreshments at a local hostelry afterwards.

The venue for this will be announced on the day.

Revd. Tom Gladwin.



St Peter's Christmas Market — Saturday, 26th November, 12—4pm



It's that time again to search out your wardrobes, bedside cabinets, nooks & crannies for pieces of jewellery you may have bought in haste and never worn, items received or those simply you no longer wear. Please donate them for us to sell to a grateful buyer! Please



Pat Fulford on 01438 798717 if you can help.

Donated items suitable for the main raffle and the tombola stall will be most welcome. Please ring Nick Whiting on 01438 717230 if you can help.

We will also have our usual stalls and welcome donations and gift to sell [no jumble please]. We will have the usual Christmas gifts, craft work, decorations, quality books, 'collectables', selection of homemade cakes, sweets, jams & chutneys, plants, children's toys & books, bric-brac, tombola, refreshments and much more!





Group Leader: Sarah Storey Tel: 01438 716132

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Our Village Pre-School

The start of a new school year has been hectic so it's lovely to have settled back into a routine.

A big welcome to our new families at Tewin Under Fives who arrived to see a brand new roof on the Scout Hut following the £10,000 award from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. Thanks also go to Rod and Keith, as always, for overseeing the project during the summer.



The children were very excited to have a visit from Reverend Susannah Underwood recently. We hope to continue these sessions over the coming school year as well as arrange a couple of trips to the church for the children.

Our AGM will be on Monday 10th October at 8pm in The Plume of Feathers. Do come and find out more about our preschool, its achievements over the last year, our upcoming fundraising events or to offer your help to our committee. Please feel free to come along.

The first fundraising event this year will be our annual Quiz Night on Friday 18th November in Tewin Cowper Primary School at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10 per person, including food, and are available from us on **tewinunderfives@hotmail.com**

The evening is great fun, not only to test the grey matter but also to win some wonderful raffle prizes.

Ladies' Lunch - Saturday 15th October

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Pat Last as our speaker, who will be giving a talk on



'Three amazing pioneering Victorian women doctors'

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ORDER:

Lunch will be served **promptly** at **12.30pm** after which Dr. Last will give her talk.

Tickets available from 11th September at **£9.00** each – no cheques please.

Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast



The next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on **Saturday**, **12**th **November** at **8** for **8.15am**





Friends of Tewin

Friends of Tewin are absolutely delighted to report that this year's Classic Car Show was the most successful to date, with in excess of 400 classic vehicles and their proud owners in attendance. Whilst still awaiting the final figures it appears we will have raised a sum from the event in excess of £3,000 which will be used for the benefit of the community of Tewin. Please have a look on the Tewin Website to see photographs of the wonderful cars - kindly taken by John Ling. A camera was found at the book stall, please contact Jean on 01438 717395.

The sun came out and the crowds came to visit. There was much to see for everyone, including 40 Craft Stalls selling everything from hand-made articles and plants to cheese and sausages. For those who were hungry, there was the Pig-Roast serving pork rolls and salad, a burger van, an ice-cream van and of course the gallant band of volunteers who served teas and home-made cakes all day in our newly refurbished Pavilion.

The Morris-Men provided entertainment as well as a local group of "Lindy-Hop" dancers who came along to delight the crowd.

There was a "Lucky Programme" Prize Draw, and the prize numbers were:

1st = 207 2nd = 301 3rd = 145

Friends of Tewin could not run an event like this without the help and support of all the volunteers who came along on the day to help us. We needed road marshalls, programme sellers and lots of other help which was very generously given by people too numerous to mention. The Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks to EVERY-ONE who helped, and hope that next year's event will be as successful as this, and that the weather will again be as kind.

Our next event is a "Coffee Morning" on Thursday 13th October 2011 from 10am until 12 noon. This will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall and is open to all residents of Tewin FREE. We are also holding a Bring & Buy stall consisting of anything you wish to bring to the table, such as cakes, grocery items, unwanted gifts, plants, you name it. Perhaps you even have something you wish to sell for yourself, bring it with a price, we will take 10% of the cost if it is sold, if not take it home. Let's hope young and old attend the morning and we can all get to know one another and continue to promote and enhance the village community spirit of which we are so proud. It is also an ideal time to see the Hall with its new kitchen, toilets, etc., so please come on Thursday 13th October at 10am.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Welwyn Floral Group - 2011 Programme

5th October Gillian Poulain - 'Déjà Vu'

2nd November Shirley Perkins - 'Seasons Greetings'

7th December Sandy Bailey - National Speaker -

Competition: 'A Seasonal Greeting'

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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2011 - Tewin Shoe Boxes

Another reminder that there is just a month to prepare shoe boxes for orphaned and children of very poor families in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. Will you again respond to this year's appeal for Christmas decorated shoe boxes (box and lid to be wrapped separately) and filled with a selection of recommended suitable gifts for either boys or girls in different age groups. A cheque or postal order for £2.50 is also required to help cover the costs of transport etc and using the gift aid envelope, tax can also be reclaimed, thus helping further. You can also gift aid securely and conveniently on-line at www.samaritanspurse.co.uk.com Boxes should be in by mid November please.

If you are interested please contact me for a leaflet giving further details. I have a few boxes this year but after several appeals to shoe shops have not been able to procure a plentiful supply. For health and safety reasons apparently they are unable to store any overlinight. Therefore when you next go shopping for ladies shoes (medium size) please save the box.



The Tewin Society Award



Who is your unsung hero? Now is the time for you to help to get them recognised and honoured for their work by nominating them for the Tewin Society Award. This annual award will be presented every year at the *THACS* AGM commencing in 2012.

Please nominate someone that you think has enhanced Tewin in its built environment, its natural environment and/or its history. Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin but need not be confined to any one of these categories. You can cite several different contributions made by the nominee, even if the contributions are not part of a single project. It does not matter when the work was done, or where the nominee lives but they must still be alive.

The nomination forms have been designed to be clear, brief and straight forward to assist you in making your nomination. Forms are available from either **Tewin Stores** or **Tebbutts**, or you can download it from the **THACS** page on the Tewin village website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Nominations for this year's award must be submitted before 1st December 2011.

Ray Keppler *THACS* Chairman

Tewin Memorial Hall, JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 8th October: 2 - 4.30pm

Please note the date! We would be grateful for your support at the Sale, as well as through donations. By now you may have received the yellow leaflet giving details and will know that we're asking for the donation of any unwanted gifts, clean clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, books, furniture, photographic equipment, electrical goods etc. Computers and printers are welcome, as are modern televisions but, unfortunately, we cannot accept old-fashioned bulky sets because they won't sell.

Please note that electrical goods of any kind will be required by the **MORNING of MONDAY**, 3rd **October**, so they can be PAT tested in advance – we can collect these items on Friday 30th September, by arrangement. Other jumble can be collected throughout the day on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October, although heavy goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the evening of Friday 7th October.

If you wish to arrange for a collection, including electrical goods, please phone:

Todd Canton on 01438 717395 or, if unavailable, Peter Burleigh on 715260.

However, if it is possible for you to deliver to the Memorial Hall on Friday 7th, from 7.30pm – 9pm, or on the Saturday morning - **before 12 noon** please, that would be most helpful.

(We would stress that we cannot accept electrical items after 3rd October 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. It would be a great help if you are 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.

Because of the quality of goods on offer, the Tewin Jumble Sale has become one of the most popular in Hertfordshire, with people visiting from even further afield, so do come along on the 8th October and see for yourself.

Todd Canton on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the August 2011 draw

1st £60 Joanna Watson, Lower Green 2nd £36 Gerry Morrisroe, Upper Green

3rd £12 Andrew Swift, Harwood Close 3rd £12 Lisa Bove, Orchard Road

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



THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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

At a meeting held on the 22nd August, some members of a recently formed committee met for initial discussions on the format of next year's weekend of celebrations in Tewin. As a result, several provisional ideas were being considered, including a Dance in the Memorial Hall on the Saturday evening, Breakfast in the Hall on the Sunday morning, followed by a Church Service on Lower Green. In addition, Monday would be allocated for children's activities, with possibly a Picnic, Pig Roast or Barbecue.

Following a leaflet drop earlier in the year, there were other suggestions to be considered but many of these required a good deal of financial outlay and since there are no initial funds available we need to hold events which require little outlay or can be funded by the sale of tickets etc. However, it is hoped that eventually we will be able to raise enough money to finance some form of permanent memorial of this special occasion.

In the meantime, the Friends of Tewin have offered to help by organising breakfast in the Hall on the Sunday morning, following which the Church will be holding a Service on Lower Green, but we would appreciate further input and contributions from other organisations in the village. If you can assist in any way, please contact me on the number below.

Todd Canton (717395)

Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee





Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson

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Tel: 01438 717378

Our News, September 2011



The new term had the very best of starts with the exciting news that Mrs. Wright had given birth to baby Phoebe – a little earlier than expected but happily both mother and baby are doing well. We send our warm congratulations to Mr and Mrs Wright. This also meant that Mrs. Diane Burman took up her post a little earlier than expected along with her assistant Mrs. Andrea

Alfieri. Happily they have settled in well and enabled their Ladybird pupils to settle equally well.

Building work in Caterpillar class finished just in time for Mrs. Cowler to enhance her classroom and make it a welcoming environment for her new class.

Just ahead of the new term **THACS** held its Autumn Show. It was good to see so many of our pupils enter in the arts and crafts sections. With plenty of prize winners amongst them, their cups and certificates have been proudly shown off in school and we look forward to participating in the Spring Show.



The first week in school was a time of debate, elections, establishing class rules and selecting representatives for the School's Council. Congratulations to all those who were voted for. The School's Council helps to decide which charities to support and works hard to think of fun and effective fundraising events. The first of these is



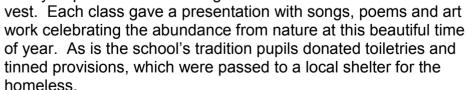
Macmillan Coffee Morning, to be held in school on Friday September 30th at 10.30



everyone is most welcome

On Wednesday September 14th we welcomed Rev. Susannah Underwood who came to meet our pupils and lead the assembly. We greatly look forward to her regular visits, support in the school and parish links that form an important part of the life of the school.

On Monday September 19th we all gathered at St Peter's Church to celebrate Har-





And finally, just a mention to those pupils who have recently left us, we hope you are enjoying your time at secondary school and settling well. We hold you in our prayers.

The Staff Team

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 3rd September 2011 - THACS Autumn Show

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show this year. The hall looked very decorative with the colourful flowers, vegetables and fruit, and the standard of all the exhibits was very good.

This was the 10th annual Autumn Show attracting 93 exhibitors who entered 424 exhibits.

Tewin Cowper School have been a marvellous support for the society, and had prepared a Harvest Time frieze to decorate the hall, as well as entering lots of the school children's efforts in many of their categories, which produced a wonderful collection of exciting exhibits. Our thanks go to the school and their head, Mrs Simpson, for presenting the children's awards at the show. Three-year- old May Carley entered three children's categories and received the highest points, winning the Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award.

Adult entries of all sorts ranged from vegetables including a huge pumpkin to jewellery, pear and chocolate bread-and butter puddings to photographs and paintings of gardens, silhouettes, wildlife, doorways and street scenes. There was an array of lovely flowers and arrangements, knitting, pottery, and many more culinary delights including preserves. It all made for a happy village event, and special thanks go to an ever-willing backup of supporters, excellent judges and the committee.

The Show Results can be found on the THACS page of the Tewin Village web site www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Saturday 29th October 2011 – Quiz night 7.00 for 7.30pm, Tewin Memorial Hall There is still time for you to book your place for our quiz night!

A supper of fish, chicken or veggie burger and chips will be available and served during the interval at about 8.30pm. Alternatively, you can bring your own food and just pay for the entrance to the quiz. In any case, please bring your own drinks and glasses!

The price for this event is £8.50 for members and £9.50 for non-members, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members.

Teams of eight will be formed on the night, but please let us know if you have already organised your team. Please complete the booking form and send it with your entry fee to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishop's Road, Tewin, AL6 ONP by 15th October 2011. You can get the booking form from the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford 01438 798717.

Monday 7th November 2011 - Flower arranging talk and demonstration

Joyce Furssedonn, who has judged at our shows for the past two years, is coming to demonstrate her flower arranging skills and is kindly offering her arrangements for auction afterwards.



The demonstration will begin at 8.00pm on Monday 7th November at Tewin Memorial Hall, with an entrance fee at the door of £1 for members, or £2 for non-members. This is a marvellous chance to get some festive ideas, technical and artistic help for your show entries, church decorations or home arrangements in the future, so do come and join us on 7th November.

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Our local shops have already begun the run-up to Christmas! It seems much too early to be thinking of the December holiday but in the current climate they are keen not to miss any opportunity, so do please remember that our shops in Welwyn and Knebworth are always full of gift ideas to suit any pocket Pay us a visit to see for yourself.

Our campaign to find new volunteers for Danesbury Neurological Centre continues to gather pace. Following the very successful Volunteer Appreciation Day we now have full details of what is involved for anyone interested in helping. Danesbury is especially keen to recruit volunteers to assist with serving morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and suppers. If you have an hour or two and would like to be involved please view the role descriptions on the Volunteering page of our website or contact Denise Boag on 01438 841841.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

E mail: danesburyqvm@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

Saturday, 1st October Jazz Evening 19.30-23.00 Memorial Hall, Welham Green AL9 7PGEnjoy a Great Jazz Evening with Trudy Kerr and her musicians featuring Ted Beaumont on piano. Tickets cost £17, including supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses!
Please call 01707 658531 or 01707 656640.

Saturday, 8th October 'The Electric Jellyfish' supported by 'Maclaren Wall' 20.00-23.55

Live at the Legion 3, Royal British Legion Hall, 21 Leyton Road, Harpenden AL5 2HU

Live music and dancing in aid of Isabel Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Tickets cost £5, available from Russell on 07968 941881.

Sunday, 16th October Isabel Annual Service of Thanksgiving 15.00 The Marychurch, Hatfield You are welcome to attend this lovely service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

Saturday, 22nd October Grim Duathlon 10.30 Memorial Hall, Welham Green AL9 7PG

The GRIM Duathlon is one of the toughest short-course duathlons in the country. Are you up for the challenge? Take on the trails, hills, mud, water, cammo nets, moguls and the sand dune on the Army's vehicle testing circuit. All the elements are there to be mastered, but all you'll have will be your trainers and the bike – will you survive?

Enter as an individual or in teams of three over a distance that will seem much longer than it appears. It's tough but then so are you - right? Tel 01707 382500 for more details.

Thursday, 27th October Brocket Hall Charity Golf Day 08.00-18.30

Join us at this beautiful course for a fabulous day of golf. For the last two years this has been a sell out event, so book your team early by calling Corporate Relationship Manager, Julie North on 01707 382500

Saturday, 29th October Social Dance Evening 19.30-23.15 Village Hall, Newgate Street SG13 8RA For more details and tickets please call John Hankins on 01707 873894



Tewin Parish Council



Herts LTP3 Bus Strategy and Intalink Strategy

This has been published on the website **www.hertsdirect.org/ltp** and the Parish Council's comments are included in the Consultation document.

Travellers

In light of the recent traveller's situation at Birch Green, where they have moved onto a field next to houses, the Parish Council would be grateful if parishioners and farmers would be vigilant about any vulnerable spaces or easily accessible fields. If you have any concerns please call the new non emergency no 101.

Aircraft Disturbance

Following a few enquiries the Parish Council has obtained the following advice from the Civil Aviation Authority ("CAA") with regard to aircraft nuisance. All aircraft must fly in accordance with the Rules of the Air Regulations ("RoA"). Aerobatics are not permitted directly over congested areas of a city, town or settlement. The low flying prohibitions state that aircraft are not permitted to overfly a congested area of a city, town, or settlement below a height of 1,000 feet above the highest fixed obstacle within a horizontal radius of 600 metres of the aircraft. Away from congested areas, aircraft are not permitted to fly within 500 feet of any person, vessel, vehicle or structure. It should be noted that this is a minimum distance, not a minimum height; the distance can be measured in any direction, not necessarily vertically so an aircraft flying lower than 500 feet may not necessarily be in breach. Over congested areas, the 1,000 feet rule is relaxed for the purposes of landing and taking off from a Government or licensed aerodrome, such as Panshanger. Over un-congested areas the 500 feet rule is relaxed for the purposed of landing and taking off. The full document containing RoA can be downloaded www.caa.co.uk/cap393

If you think that an aircraft is breaching the regulations, then the CAA may be able to investigate and, if appropriate, prosecute. However, the CAA would be required to provide a high level of positive evidence, particularly identification of the aircraft & details of supporting witnesses. Evidence of a breach of aviation legislation can be emailed, using their online form www.caa.co.uk or should be sent to:

The Head of Aviation Regulation Enforcement and Investigation Branch CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 3rd October 2011 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 gueries 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.