



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

When I was 17 our Rector in Welwyn, Terence Wenham, was dying from a brain tumour. He was the loveliest of men. As a youth group we spent a weekend away thinking about death and resurrection and read the book *'Hope for the Flowers'*, a story about caterpillars searching for the meaning of life and ending with their mystical transformation into butterflies.

On our return Terence invited us to his house. We arrived to find someone had given him a caterpillar house where they had cocooned. The day we visited, these caterpillars had broken out of their chrysalises so, with Terence, we went into the garden to set these brand new butterflies free.

I will never forget the shock as Terence, a man who had once been large and strong, stumbled clumsily with his now weakened frame and collapsed into the stinging nettles. He, being him, laughed and we pulled him up, but I was dreadfully upset to see him like this. We opened the box - the butterflies took flight.

More recently my darling next-door-neighbour, Sue, told me she was dying. Sue had been a practising Catholic all her life and had a very down-to-earth, no-nonsense spirituality.

Shortly after she was diagnosed, I found her sitting in her front garden with a cup of tea. Joining her on her seat, she reflected how peaceful she felt knowing that her life was drawing to a close. "It's quite exciting" she said "to think I'm finally going to know what it's all about".

One winter afternoon she organised us as neighbours into planting crocus bulbs along our road and although rather frail at this point, she was with us, insisting she did the same.

I wrote to Sue in the hospice to let her know the crocuses were poking their heads through. They are, I wrote, such a wonderful sign of hope and new life. I promised to send her a photograph when they blossomed. The day they finally opened in a blaze of yellow, bursting through the darkness of endless winter months, was the day she died. I'm sure it's significant. The frailty of human life. The strength of spirit. The hope of resurrection. Butterflies and crocuses.

There is something in nature which speaks of the mystery of Easter in a way words often can't express. There are services at both Datchworth and Tewin at 9:30am on Easter Sunday. However, for a really special experience, do join us at 6am Easter morning on the hillside in Bury Lane, Datchworth, as we watch the dawn drive away darkness and the first Easter fire is lit. Maybe, in watching the sun rise, nature will point us again to the Son who has risen.

I wish you all a most holy and blessed Easter.



Churchwardens' Notes

It is always a pleasure to have our Tewin School children in church. On 21st February, Caterpillar class came to learn about the significance of Baptism; and we were fortunate enough to have a warm enough day to be able to enjoy the lovely Christening cake outside in the churchyard. Then on 19th March, they held their Family Service in church, led by the Ladybird class. We look forward to seeing them again at the end of term for their Easter Service.

The annual Spring Clean of St Peter's is planned for 4th/5th May. We start around 6.30pm on the Friday evening moving books and furniture, removing cobwebs, cleaning windows etc. All are welcome. Although traditionally this is the time for input from the men, we very much welcome ladies as we do so much more now on the Friday evening. Then on Saturday morning, by 8.45 am, scrubbing gets under way, with the polishing starting around 10am after the floors have had a chance to dry. Many hands make light work and **YOUR** contribution would be most welcome, even if you can only come for a short time. Last year we were all finished by 12.30pm. Please put your names on the list which will shortly appear at the back of the church.

The next Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect Churchwardens), followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, is to be held in the Parish Room in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th April. Please come if you can.

Now for some "Thank you's"....

Firstly to Audrey Walters for donating a new flag to replace the one which got shredded by the high winds last winter.

Secondly, to Di Bradley and her team who made the lovely daffodil sprays for Mothering Sunday.

Thirdly, to Stuart Kirkham for cutting the inside of the churchyard hedge. This completes the tidying up from the last season so that we are all ready to start again. In fact, Martin Sharpe has already given the Memorial Garden its first mow.

Last, but not least, we thank Terry Brand for using his calligraphy skills to up-date the Memorial Book at very short notice.

We look forward to welcoming lots of children to the Activity Afternoon on 4th April between 2 and 4pm. And of course a big welcome to you all to our Easter Family Communion at 9.30am on Easter Sunday morning.

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Church was floodlit
on Saturday, 4th March
in loving memory of
Freda & Claude Owen
from Val & John Hills

St Peter's Church was floodlit
on Friday, 9th March
in memory of
Peter Allen's birthday
from all the family

St Peter's Church
will be floodlit
on Wednesday, 27th April
in loving memory of
Peter Walters



Children's Easter Activity Afternoon
St Peter's Church, Wednesday 4th April 2 - 4pm



All children age 4 - 12 (or younger if carers stay) come and experience the joy of the Easter story through games, craft, story and cake!

Sorrow to Joy!

Help us make a tree of life and join the Easter egg hunt! No charge, just turn up!

Ladies' Lunch - Saturday 21st April

'An Artist's Britain'
by Ronald Maddox



Lunch will be served at **12.30pm** followed by the talk.

Tickets on sale from 25th March at **£9.00** each, cash only please, from Pete Johnson at St Peter's Church.

For the first week, tickets will be limited to 2 per person for a fairer chance to enable as many ladies as possible to listen to this excellent talk.

The next Ladies' Lunch will be on **Saturday, 13th October**.



Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast

New Church House, Welwyn, **Saturday, 19th May at 8 for 8.15am**



Speaker: **Stephen Jupp**

Talk title: TBA - see May Parish News

Tickets: £6 each from Graham Spring on 01707 375499



'Jazz in St Peters'

St Peter's Church, Tewin, Saturday 19th May: 7.15 for 7.30pm



A Jazz concert featuring music from 1940 to 1970 will be given by Andrei Pytaleu, on piano, Tomas Pedersen, double bass and Elaine Simpson, Vocalist.

Tickets £12 available from:

Tewin Stores, St Mary's Church office, Ted & Ruth Sharp Tel 01438 798594

Or email: edward.sharp@zen.co.uk

Please make cheques payable to **St Peter's Church Tewin, PCC** and send to:
60, Orchard Road, Tewin, Welwyn AL6 0HN



Friends of Tewin

Thank you for all your kind words and cards after the Senior Citizens Lunch. It all went well as we had planned and we were glad those who came enjoyed the whole day, including the meal.

At the AGM all the existing committee agreed to stay on again for another year, but we are looking for a new person to take over the office of Chairman next year. If you would like to know more about what is involved please do not hesitate to ask, but it is a very rewarding job.

We also announced at the AGM that we had given away £4,000 from the *Classic Car* event last August to 12 groups in Tewin. The full list can be seen either in the Village Shop or on the Tewin Website.

The Outing on July 17th will be to Windsor, but we will be taking the boat from Maidenhead up the river to arrive at Windsor for the afternoon. The cost is £19.50 for the whole day.

Don't forget to put the date of 4th May at 10am in your diaries when the children of Tewin Cowper School will be dancing around the Maypole on Lower Green.

Linda Crawford,
Chairman, Friends of Tewin

The Bowls Club



Shire Park Bowls Club was formed in Aug 1991 by 19 members of the old ICI Welwyn Bowls Club after ICI Plastics moved to Middlesborough.

The bowlers purchased land in Tewin, built their new bowling green themselves and in 1996 opened it to new members. The clubhouse was built with financial help from the National Lottery and later an extension was added to provide the basis for the excellent facilities the club has today.

Regular club matches are held throughout the summer season and the winter sees a host of social activities and social occasions.

The club also hosts County matches and competitions, and is the envy of many visitors for the quality of its green, clubhouse and parking area.

The present 50 members would welcome new members, and have arranged **Open Days on Sundays, 13th and 20th May from 10am to 12 noon** when anyone interested can come and try their skills on the green and join in a drink at the bar afterwards.

There will also be a chance to meet members socially on Friday, 4th May from 7.30pm onwards for a drink.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sylvia Brown, Membership Secretary.





Book Sale - Saturday, 14th April
Tewin Memorial Hall, 10.30am — 4pm

Once again the Main Hall in the Memorial Hall will be devoted to the display of hundreds of second-hand books at our Spring Sale so please come along. You will be able to browse through the vast variety of novels and biographies, as well as books on specialist subjects such as sport, cookery, gardening, the arts, history, geography, transport and many more. In addition, we will have a selection of children's books and jigsaw puzzles to suit all ages.

As always, all our second-hand books, some as new, will be on offer at very low prices so please come along, browse at your leisure, and take the opportunity to sit down and enjoy some refreshment. **ENTRANCE IS FREE.**

If you have any queries, or wish to donate books or jigsaws, please phone any of the following:

Linda Crawford 717538

David Gregg 717544

Todd Canton 717395

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



Tewin Memorial Hall — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **February 2012** draw

1 st	£63	Jack Badger, Margery Lane	2 nd	£38	Olly Morrisoe, Upper Green
3 rd	£13	Stephen Stott, Harwood Close	3 rd	£13	Andrew Barker, Godfries Close

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

'Thank You Tewin' – another record jumble sale!

In this Olympic year, Tewin has set the standard by breaking a record at the Spring Jumble Sale with takings of £2,875, beating the previous record by over £500. There are a few small amounts yet to come in, and expenses are still to be deducted, but we are fast approaching that elusive £3,000 target.

Gold Medals for this great result should go to all those people who generously donated goods, and especially to the wonderful team who helped collect, sort, sell and set up and take down tables, as well as those who kindly delivered the pre-sale leaflets. We can't name them individually because the team was made up of more than 60 people, but we are very grateful to them all and have been pleased to learn from their feedback that they enjoyed themselves as much as the visitors. As one helper summed up - "It was a fun day"!

As always, the funds raised go a long way towards the improvement and upkeep of the Hall so we wish to thank everyone who contributed and ask that you make a note in your diary of the next Jumble Sale on **Saturday, 13th October.**

Todd Canton,
 on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



Tewin Memorial Hall

We are very excited to hear that Tewin Memorial Hall has won EHDC Village Hall of the Year! This is in recognition of the work that has been undertaken at the Hall. The award comes with £10,000 to spend on a capital project so watch this space for further developments.

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee would like to convey the sincerest of thanks to the THACS Committee and members for their most generous donation of £1,000 towards the acquisition of projection and sound equipment. This will not only support the success of 'The Screen on The Green' initiative but will provide valuable additional facilities to hirers of your Memorial Hall.

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee will be holding their **AGM on Wednesday, 25th April at 8pm**. Please come along and hear about the successes of 2011.

The facilities at the Hall are fantastic and we want to promote the Hall as a venue to improve our income. We are looking for someone to join the committee to take on a marketing role with a view to increasing the number of bookings. If you are interested, please ring **Lynn Farr** on **01438 798307** and/or come along to the AGM.

FETE – the fete will be on **Saturday, 30th June**. We need helpers to be involved in the planning. If you have a few hours to spare, please ring **Lynn Farr** on **01438 798307**.

There are now two **Yoga** classes a week, **Monday at 9.30 am** and **Thursday at 6.30pm**, and now two **Zumba** classes a week: **Friday at 10.30 am** and **Thursday at 6.30pm**

David Laming
Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



'Screen on the Green' Tewin

Monday, 16th April at 7.45pm, Tewin Memorial Hall

Amelie (2001) 1hr 56 mins



Amelie Poulain (Audrey Tautou) is a young woman who glides through the streets of Paris as quietly as a mouse. With wide eyes and a tiny grin, she sees the world in a magical light, discovering minor miracles every day.

Doors open at 7pm for the film start at 7.45pm. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine and glasses please! **No tickets at the door!**

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



Diamond Jubilee Weekend Celebrations
Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th June 2012



Plans are ongoing for our Diamond Jubilee celebration and details will be published in the next issue of the Tewin Parish News, including information about purchasing tickets for the **Jubilee Dance** in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday, 2nd June**.

Todd Canton
Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee



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Our News, March 2012

Last month I wrote about the snowfall which now seems so distant, but at least Ladybird class completed their milk carton igloo and it will hopefully feature in the Welwyn Hatfield Times. Thank you so much to all of you in the school and wider community who provided the “building bricks” for it.



Our whole school Geography trip to Hatfield Forest on March 14th was a great success. Always good to be out of doors, we were blessed with good weather and great learning. Pupils engaged with a variety of workshops ranging from pond dipping to environmental sculpture and woodland detectives.

On March 8th our more senior Year 6 pupils took part in a special day of Maths Challenge at Sherrardswood School. Taking part were Oliver, Hugo, Georgia, Patryk, Rebecca and Molly and they did us proud by rising to high level challenges.

Another major celebration was the installation of our new ICT suite. You will recall that this came about largely through the significant funds raised by our PA back in September when a magnificently successful Auction of Promises evening was held. Ribbon cutting and congratulatory speech-making was the order of the day on Friday March 16th when the suite enjoyed its official opening.

Congratulations for the further efforts of our Parent’s Association when they raised over £700 at the school Ladies’ Pamper Night. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing evening and will hopefully be an annual event.



On March 19th our Ladybirds starred again, leading a service of Worship at St Peter’s Church. The focus was our gratitude for our families and all those who are of significance in our lives. It was very gratifying and timely as it fell between both Mothering Sunday and Father’s day, embracing all those other significant contributors to our lives.

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Our News, March 2012 [cont'd]

Please put these dates in your diaries knowing you are most welcome to attend...

Thursday, 29 th March	4.15-5.30pm	Tea Dance	School Hall
Friday, 30 th March	9.30-10.30am	School Easter Service	St Peter's Church
Friday, 4 th May	10.30am	Maypole Dancing	Village Green
Friday, 25 th May	2.45-3.15pm	Cake Sale for <i>Sport Relief</i> charity for Uganda	Gazebo on the school field
Saturday, 26 th May	2-5pm	Tewin School Fete	At school & on the field

May I end with some reminders...The *THACS* Spring show will be upon us very soon and we are very hopeful of plenty of entries from young and old alike.



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

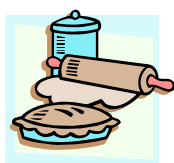
THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 21st April – THACS Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall



We will be offering a varied selection of categories both for adults and children so we hope that as many of you as possible will enter the shows this year. Please have a go ... and ask a friend too!

You can get the show schedule, rules and entry form from either Tewin Stores or the *THACS* page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk Entry fees remain unchanged at 25p per entry for members, 50p for non-members and 10p for children. Please make sure that completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn Herts AL6 0LE by Sunday 15th April 2012**. Entries should be taken to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day of the show.



The show will open to the public at 2.15pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm. Please note that we have abolished the admission charge of 50p to the Show in the afternoon so admission will be free! Do please come along and support this village event.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY [cont'd]

Sunday 27th May - THACS Open Gardens

As the weather starts to improve, we are able to think about time in our gardens. Whether cleaning the patio, redefining the lawn edges or preparing ground ready for sowing next month, it's all aimed at making our gardens look great for the coming seasons. How well will your garden look in late May? Are you prepared to open it for this event? If so, please contact **Jim Hall** on **07731 381734** or email to **jimjhall@o2.co.uk**



This year, the Open Gardens will be open from **11:00** to **18:00** with refreshments and plant sales available at some of them.

Entrance to gardens will be by programme priced £2 per adult, with accompanied children free. The entrance fee will include a map detailing the locations of open gardens as well as the addresses. The programmes will be available from **Tewin Stores** and **Tebbutts** from **Monday 30th April**, and from some of the gardens on the day.

Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

4 th April	Jackie Watson	- 'Elements'
2 nd May	Alan Smith	- 'Spring Symphony'
6 th June	Margaret Rumens - NATIONAL	- 'Summer Wine'



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
Danesbury Neurological Centre, School Lane, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9SB

Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital's new reception area is stunning. The original foreboding complex of corridors and cramped offices has gone. Visitors now have an open plan, brightly decorated area, with a dedicated space for patients and their families to use when waiting, or when needing a little privacy. All 'front of house' work has been funded by the Friends.

In the hospital, alterations have been extensive. The refurbishment has opened up new space for two single en-suite rooms, assisted showers and toilet facilities, drugs treatment room, sluice room and dedicated visitors' toilets. Also, existing patient bays have been redecorated, all giving a much improved environment for patients and staff.

QVM has played an important community role since the original hospital was built in 1902. The present building dates back to 1934 and was opened by HRH Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother [then Duchess of York], whose family lived in St Paul's Walden. The new reception retains the signed portrait of the Queen Mother presented in 1982.

QVM Hospital is a valuable resource providing vital rehabilitation care to patients. The Friends are delighted to be able to support their work.

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



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

More details from Julie North on 01707 382547

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

More details from Julie North on 01707 382547

Thu 3rd May & 10th May 2012 Old Time Music Hall 20:00 - 22:30 Thalian Hall, WGC

This popular night out includes a fish & chip supper and licenced bar. Prizes awarded for the best outfits!
More details from Val Robinson on 01707 382500

Sat 12th May 2012 Charity Variety Show 19:30 Hawthorne Theatre, Campus West, WGC AL8 6BX
Welwyn Harmony Chorus presents Showtime. Entrance is £15.

Tue 29th May 2012 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner 19:00 - 23:00

The Tythe Barn, Tewin Bury Farm, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JB

Organised by Hertford Rotary Club to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Isabel Hospice.

Tickets £40, including a delicious 3 course meal, music by *Divertimento Quartet*. After dinner entertainment by *The King of Herts Chorus*. Dress is Black Tie. Tables of 10 or mixed tables. Bar, Auction & Raffle. For tickets call Charles Elsam 01992 553811 or Jill Geall 01992 583365



Tewin Parish Council



Lower Green

The Parish Council has received many comments from parishioners who are concerned about the state of Lower Green and the increased parking around the Green. Parking around Lower Green is always going to be a problem, but even more so at the current time, when there are an unusually large number of heavy vehicles passing through the village.

Please

- leave adequate clearance around private driveways
- do not park on the grass
- do not park at the bus stops
- try to leave as much clearance as possible at points where it is obvious that lorries are damaging the Green

One specific recent incident has left the verge very soft, making it very difficult to restore it and protect it from further damage as lorries, dustcarts etc squeeze past parked cars.

The Parish Council would appreciate your co-operation and support.

Sevenacres Development

Taylor Wimpey required an urgent decision on the name for the road on the new development in order to get utilities connected to the plots and register the site with NHBC. "Seven Acres Lane" was suggested but the Parish Council has responded with "Sevenacres", all one word, and with no "Lane" as this tallies with the historic name of the site and also other roads in the village being called after the fields they were sited on, such as Grass Warren and Cannons Meadow.

Taylor Wimpey is using Carrington Grange as a marketing name for the development.

If you have any concerns regarding the building works at Sevenacres please call Taylor Wimpey on 0208 236 3800.

Parish Council Information

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday, 2nd April 2012**, and is preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm at 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.