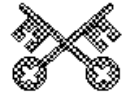




Parish News



May 2012

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 60p

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Vicar's letter

It was humiliating and somewhat ironic*. Last month I was on my way to visit a family in Stevenage whose son I was baptising that Sunday. It was an area of town I was less familiar with - so having googled the address and memorised the route, I set off.

I realise now I was concentrating on the names of the roads I was passing to make sure that I was on track. Probably, therefore, I was paying less attention to other signage. I realise now also that, yes, there was a bus immediately in front of me.

But when I saw a police car sitting in the road I was turning into I thought nothing of it, drove up the road and parked. The police car drove up and parked behind me.

I got out, smiled and prepared to walk to the house I was visiting. The police officer got out, didn't smile and proceeded to read me my rights.

It is an odd moment when you feel you are about to be arrested for something and yet can't remember the crime. My mind was racing. Maybe I had accidentally stolen this car and just thought it was mine? Was it possible to have run someone over and not noticed?

Well it seems neither of those things were what had happened, thankfully. Rather than for 20 yards of the road I had been driving in a bus lane and just not noticed. As the police officer took my details and wrote me a ticket, I stood on that street conscious of the dog collar around my neck. Looking around at the numerous windows of the flats that overlooked us I wondered whose lucky day it would be to capture the moment on camera and send it to the Comet.

Next time I will pay more attention to the signs.

Sometimes in life we're so caught up looking for one thing, we miss that which is really important. Church spires are designed to be signposts. Every time you see one it's telling you to look up.

Susannah

**Humiliating*, for obvious reasons

**Ironic*, the child I was visiting was the son of a policeman



Churchwardens' Notes

Top of the list this month is our annual Spring-clean. This is upon us at the beginning of the month, with preliminary work on the evening of Friday 4th May and a lot of washing and polishing on Saturday the 5th. At the time of writing, we have very few names on the list for Saturday. Even if you are busy, please come for just an hour or so – many hands make light work!

Going back a little, we had another very enjoyable visit from our school for their Easter Service on 30th March. With around 120 children in church, a large number of 'supporters' (Mums and Dads etc!), it was a grand occasion. Please remember you are all welcome to our school services – and we will do our best to find you a seat!

Next, on 4th April, children were back in church for another of our Activity Days when Clare and Susannah, with a considerable number of helpers, entertained an enthusiastic gathering. Many thanks to the helpers, not forgetting those 'behind the scene' support staff, such as Terry!

This was quickly followed by our Easter Celebration when we had a full church, with extra seating in the Tower. Our thanks to Tom, who, whilst reminding us that he is not getting any younger, led our celebration with great sincerity. The church looked beautiful and our thanks go to Sally and all those involved with the floral decorations – and of course to those who donated towards the cost of the flowers.

Immediately after Easter, Peter Hill began work on the toilet in the vestry. This has now been adapted to have the hand rails positioned as recommended in the *Code of Practice*; the toilet seat slightly higher; wash basin moved to give better access; water pressure to the cistern much improved to give a faster refill. All we have left to do is the redecoration – any volunteers??

Then on 17th April, Bella, a regular member of our congregation, celebrated her 100th birthday. Many congratulations, Bella, and Many Happy Returns!

Once more back to business, and on the 19th it was time for our Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens for the year (it would seem that a lot of applications were 'lost in the post'), so guess who were elected for another year?! This was followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Given it was a very wet Thursday evening, the attendance at 27 was very good (perhaps encouraged by the promise of wine and 'nibbles' at the end!). Nine PCC members were elected, including Elizabeth Wilson who had been a co-opted member since last May. We were pleased to welcome back Trevor Land as one of our three Deanery Synod representatives. This is a job which Trevor carried out a few years ago, so he knows what he is letting himself in for! Thanks, Trevor!

Now a date for your diary. We have agreed to join in a diocesan initiative called *Open Church Sunday*. On 24th June our church will be open as usual throughout the day to visitors. In addition, we hope to serve refreshments during the afternoon between 2pm and 5pm. If you would like to help, please contact one of us (see the front page for contact details).

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Church will be floodlit
on Tuesday, 1st May
in memory of
Alan Lawson
From Joy, Kristina & the family

Help needed for Church Spring Cleaning!

Please put your name on the form at the back of the Church
or contact **Pete Johnson 01707 332579 (evenings)**
to let her know what help you can give and when

Friday 4th May 6.30pm onwards
Able bodied volunteers to clean beams, windows, move furniture, kneelers, etc

Saturday 5th MAY from 8.30am
Volunteers needed to help scrub floors and polish woodwork
Scrubbing 8.45am Polishing 10.30am Restoring order 12.30pm



Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast

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

Speaker: **Stephen Jupp**

Talk title: **'Steamy Stories from the Footplate'**

Stephen is an engineer by profession with a life-long love of railways. In his spare time he works as a volunteer fireman on the Welsh Highland Railway and has driven commuter trains in Poland.

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

Shire Park Bowls Club, School Lane, Tewin
Friday 4th May, 7.30pm onwards

We are inviting prospective members to join us in the clubhouse for a social drink.

Then, **on Sundays 13th & 20th May**, prospective members are welcome to try out their bowling skills and learn more about the game.

Sylvia Brown, Membership Secretary, 01438 717779






Photo courtesy of Byron Sinfield



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



Bike Ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation & Cancer Research

Between 24th May and 16th June 2012 a team of cyclists from Tewin will be labouring by biking the 1,200 miles from Lands End to John O'Groats via Tewin - a route, you would think only for masochists, as most LEJOG aspirants travel more directly up the west side of England and Scotland. The cyclists are **Malcolm Allen, David Room, Andrew Swift** and **Jeff Tipper** with **Mike Horsman** riding from Tewin to John O'Groats.

Mike did LEJOG more conventionally in 2003 and swore a mighty oath that he'd never do the exhausting Devon and Cornwall section ever again, happy to let the others suffer in the West Country! Mike's three sons, Graham, Ian and William are joining the middle section from Tewin, where their parents live, to Edinburgh, where their Uncle Graham lived and died from cancer in 2010.

Mention of the older Graham Horsman brings me to the reason why the ride is being undertaken. The lives of all the riders have been affected by the two great causes of premature death (aged under 75) in this country; cardiovascular disease (including heart disease) and cancer. Between them these two scourges kill 65% of those whose lives are cut short. Jeff Tipper's brother, Paul, died from cancer in 2009, at 58 and Graham Horsman at 59. Andrew Swift had prostate cancer in 2006, his brother a year later and Malcolm Allen, prostate cancer in 2010. Cardiovascular disease, just as deadly, causes around a third of all deaths in Britain. David Room's wife and sister, both in their 50's, had heart procedures in 2009 and his mother, cancer surgery in 2011 and Mike Horsman a heart attack and angioplasty in 2010. Advances in medical science have, however, given those stricken a better chance. All had first class treatment, guided by the results of decades of research. By far the likeliest reasons why you readers, or those dear to you, may not reach a full term of life remain cardiovascular disease and cancer. If you are unlucky enough to be stricken, as some of you will be, the quality of treatment, and the progress arising from research, will be what gives you a better chance.

The riders hope to raise **£10,000** for the two charities and ask you to give generously. The riders are paying all their own costs so all money donated goes to the charities. Donations can be made in Tewin Stores, Tebbutt's and other local locations, on the website www.justgiving.com/teams/tewintoedinburgh; and you can follow their progress.

If you pay UK Tax please remember to tick the *gift aid* box which increases your donation at no further expense to yourself.

The response so far has been very encouraging as you'll see on the website and we hope you will be willing to help as well.



Visit www.justgiving.com/teams/tewintoedinburgh
or call **Malcolm Allen 01438 798749**



Friends of Tewin

A reminder that the children from Tewin Cowper School will be dancing around the Maypole on Friday 4th May on the Lower Green from 10am. This has now become another traditional annual event not to be missed. The Village Shop is open for teas/coffees before and after the event.

We will endeavour to serve a cooked breakfast in the Memorial Hall before the Church Service on Lower Green at the Jubilee weekend on Sunday, 3rd June - a first for us, so anything could
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Friends of Tewin

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happen! Many eggs will be broken! We'll serve from 8.30 -10.30am in Tewin Memorial Hall with a selection of choices, including Bucks Fizz. Prices will be reasonable but any profit will go towards the Jubilee Fund in Tewin. To aid our ordering we will be selling £1 vouchers in the Village Shop towards the cost of your breakfast. Please purchase vouchers asap or we may run out of provisions on the day.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Manager: Bev Barraclough
01438 717929

Welcome to our new slot in the *Tewin Parish News* where we aim to keep you up to date with new lines and offers in your Community Shop.

Since Easter the shop café is open every day, including the **weekend**, and offers freshly baked bread, rolls, croissants, pain au chocolate, sausage rolls & pasties, all cooked on the premises. Items can be kept in a hot cabinet ready to eat. The outside space now has a perspex roof to let in the sunshine but keep out the rain. Also, we have a good selection of plants to buy either for the garden or as a gift.

So, please support your local shop and if you have time to spare and would like to volunteer to help either in the café or shop itself, please don't hesitate to contact me, Bev.



'Screen on the Green' Tewin

Monday, 21st May at 7.45pm, Tewin Memorial Hall

'The Lavender Hill Mob' (1951) 1hr 17mins



A gentle Ealing comedy about a meek bank clerk who plans a theft from his own bank. Stars Alec Guinness, Stanley Holloway, Sid James, Alfie Bass, Marjorie Fielding and Edie Martin. Doors open at 7pm for free tea and coffee. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine and glasses please!

Tickets £4, available from Tewin Stores, 7th May
or on line from sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk

This replaces *The Artist* which we had intended to show but, as a non-commercial outlet, we are not able to get, except with French words, until the end of May. Apologies for raising your hopes like this. We also realise that it has been shown at Campus West during April. We shall show *The Artist* in the autumn, by which time we hope people who have not seen it will be able to come, and those who have, may want to see it again.

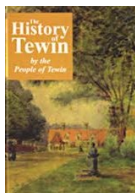
Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club — Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **March 2012** draw

1 st	£63	Denis Carlton, Australia	2 nd	£38	Janet Hall, Waterbeach
3 rd	£13	Jim Farr, Upper Green	3 rd	£13	Jean Canton, Lower Green

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

'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'



The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee would like to thank the History Book Group for a further £500 donation towards the Hall funds.

This brings the total of donations from the sale of their splendid book, *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'*, to a magnificent £6,000, for which we are extremely grateful.



Registered Charity 1139096

Group Leader: **Sarah Storey**

Tel: **01438 716132**

Email: **tewinunderfives@hotmail.com**

Our Village Pre-School

The Spring term ended with a wonderful Easter bonnet parade - the children looked beautiful in their creations. We also held a party to celebrate our Hertfordshire Quality Standard award with the staff, parents and children and this was subsequently featured in the *Hertford Mercury*.

We would like to thank the *Friends of Tewin* for their kind donation of £100 to the pre-school which we have used to purchase some educational computer software.

Our Summer term will be a busy one so we are very pleased to welcome Teresa Buckridge and Vicki Griggs to the staffing team.

Tewin Stores has, once again, kindly offered to collect Tesco and Sainsburys' school vouchers for us. If you pick them up during your supermarket visits, please would you drop them off next time you are in Tewin Stores?

Look out for our upcoming Plant Sale. The children have been nurturing these plants from seeds and they will be available to purchase shortly.



Headteacher: **Mrs A Simpson**


email: admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk

Tel: **01438 717378**

Our News, April 2012

The school's diary has been as busy as ever, resulting in some postponed advertised events, for which we are very sorry. Hopefully the listings overleaf will help to amend.

On Tuesday March 20th, Honeybee and Dragonfly classes enjoyed a talk and workshops given by a local author, Mr. Richard Mayhew. He explained the writing, editing and publishing process, the inspiration for his novel *'Spikez'*, due out this summer, and generated a good deal of interest.

 The *'Sport Relief'* day, Friday March 23rd, was exciting and exhausting, with the Pro-kick challenge and the sponsored mile run participated in by all pupils and some staff! A staggering amount of money was raised - counting is still on-going!

On Monday March 26th, Mrs. Lynne Burgess visited us commending the **THACS** show to our pupils to see that work had already begun - some entries at the ready!



Story teller, Miss Xanthe, visited the school on March 29th and pupils enjoyed a very animated session in which they listened to and took part in the story-telling process.



The term ended with our Easter Service led by Mr. Le Tissier's Honeybee class. The Church was full and the roof raised with singing. Rev. Susannah led with a moving address, which for involved finding and eating a chocolate egg!



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The summer term isn't any quieter as it starts with two outings in the first week!

Our Eco-Council and school Council members will attend a workshop by Mitsubishi Engineering on Friday morning, April 20th, and in the afternoon all the school will be visiting the Lee Valley Olympic site in Edmonton.



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

Please pencil these dates into your diaries knowing you are most welcome to attend...

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
Thursday, 31 st May	TBA	School's Royal Jubilee Party	School Gazebo, Hall & playing

The Staff Team



Tewin Tennis Club OPEN DAY
Sunday 13th May, 2 – 5.30 pm
Upper Green, Tewin



The tennis season is cranking up, so do come and have a go!

New Members are especially welcome at our Open Day. Maybe you'd like a lesson or two to get you started?

NEW COACH, Steve Hunt, will be on hand to develop adult/junior all abilities coaching.

Thanks to a generous Friends of Tewin donation we now have **NEW NETS**. Thanks too, to the member who stabbed her fingers sewing the old ones!

Refreshments will be available.



Diamond Jubilee Weekend Celebrations
Saturday 2nd and Sunday, 3rd June



The Diamond Jubilee weekend is fast approaching and plans to celebrate the event in Tewin are ongoing. However, because of celebrations taking place throughout the country, and the fact it will be half term, the Diamond Jubilee Committee has decided to limit the events as it feels people will be making their own plans for the weekend. Therefore, we have confined the local activities to the following:

Saturday, 2nd June 7.30 for 8pm

A Celebration Dance will be held in the Memorial Hall, with music provided by Tewin's popular resident musician, Paul Griggs, which will ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Dress is optional, eg Smart Casual, Dressy, 50's. A raffle will be held, the funds from which will be given to The Moorfields Eye Hospital, so if you are able to donate items for the raffle, they would be most welcome. I will be happy to collect any donations - please contact me on the number at the end of the article.

Tickets will be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis, see next page



Diamond Jubilee Weekend Celebrations cont'd.....



Sunday, 3rd June 8.30 – 10.30 am Breakfast in the Memorial Hall

The Friends of Tewin are organising what promises to be an enjoyable morning where you will have a choice of breakfast items, including 'Bucks Fizz'. From 1st May you can purchase at Tewin Stores £1 deposit vouchers towards the cost of the breakfast. Sales of these vouchers will give a good indication as to the number of breakfasts needed.

Also during the morning, it is planned to show in the Hall a film of The Queen's Coronation, which will bring back memories for many people, and provide a look-back in history for younger people.

11am Church Service on Lower Green

Revd. Susannah Underwood will conduct the service, so we hope you will come along and join us in full voice.

The Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir will be joining us on the Green during the service and will then be singing a selection of songs to complete the morning, but that won't be the end of the festivities because.....

St Peter's Church will be open all day, and will be serving tea and home-made cakes throughout the afternoon.

The Diamond Jubilee Committee is planning to give a memento to younger children resident in Tewin, as well as providing a long-lasting memento for the village if possible.

However, the latter plan is dependent on funds available and we would again appeal to villagers for a donation towards this. We have been fortunate enough to receive some contributions from local organisations, and members of the Jubilee Committee themselves have been very generous in donating money to help with all these mementos. But it isn't enough, so we would again ask if you could donate to these worthy causes – the smallest amount would be very welcome.

Please send it to our Diamond Jubilee Treasurer, Kevin Brazier, at 29 Lower Green, Tewin, or hand in to Tewin Stores. Please make your contribution in cash, or by cheque payable to **Tewin Memorial Hall**, who will cash it on our behalf.

Dance Tickets Details

The price of the tickets is £12 each, which will include a fish or chicken and chips supper. As there will be no bar in the Hall you are asked to bring your own drinks and glasses please.

You can buy the tickets at Tewin Stores from Wednesday, 9th May. The number of people the Hall can hold is limited and we expect a big demand, so tickets will be issued on a strictly '*first come, first served*' basis. We therefore suggest you get along to the shop as early as possible.

Todd Canton (01438 717395)

Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee

Sunday 6th May..... 'Food for Free!'

The Country Bumpkin, Stuart Blackman will take us on an enlightening walk imparting his wealth of knowledge about edible wild foods. On our return he will make nettle and wild garlic soup for our indulgence.

Meet at 10am Tewin Memorial Hall car park, Lower Green, Tewin AL6 0JX (TL272147)

Cost £4.00. Limited places, so book early to avoid disappointment, call **01727 858901** or online at **www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events**

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Sunday 27th May – THACS Open Gardens

Few of us can resist having a look over the neighbour's fence, especially if their garden is prettier than ours! Well now you have a chance to satisfy your curiosity and maybe pick up a few hints and tips for your own garden too.



Of course, I am referring to the **Tewin Open Gardens** Event organised by **THACS**.

The idea of open gardens is not a new one. If you visit the Garden Museum in Lambeth you can see how it all started. About 85 years ago, a lady called Elsie Wagg came up with the idea of opening her garden and charged one shilling to raise funds for the Queen's Nursing Institute. This started the trend for garden visiting.

Now, nationally, thousands of people have an open garden day and here in Tewin we are continuing our trend of the last few years.



About ten gardens will open to the public between 11.00am and 6.00pm on Sunday 27th May 2012. Some will also have plants and refreshments on sale. Tickets priced at £2 per adult (accompanied children free) will be on sale from 30th April in Tewin Village Stores and Tebbutt's Shop. Some gardens will also sell tickets on the day.

We hope to see you around the village while you view our beautiful gardens. You will be made very welcome.



Welwyn & Hatfield Branch Fundraising 'Fashion Show & Summer Fair'

Monday, 14th May 2012 at 10.30am

Meadow Barn, Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Hertford Road, Welwyn, AL6 0BD

Tickets — £12.50 each from 07876 782590

Our 6th year at this popular event venue when guests have the opportunity to browse a selection of stalls selling jewellery, beauty products and prints. Then can sit and enjoy the wonderful summer collection from local specialist ladies' Boutique **SUSU**, with champagne and nibbles served at their tables.

Lunches available in the restaurant after the Show. Please make your lunch reservations direct with Tewin Bury Farm Hotel on 01438 841490.

Macmillan Cancer Support has teams based in all major Hertfordshire hospitals, including Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Stevenage, Barnet, Watford and Hemel Hempstead.

Community nursing teams assist people living at home with specialist advice and care.

Last year 649 people in Herts benefited from grants of nearly £110,000. Local support for fundraising initiatives helps Macmillan continue this important work.

For further information please contact Michele Titchen 07876 782590.

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Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

2 nd May	Alan Smith	- 'Spring Symphony'
6 th June	Margaret Rumens - NATIONAL	- 'Summer Wine'
4 th July	Lisa Howarth	- 'With a Curl and a Twirl'



We meet 1st Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm
Visitors and new members are always welcome. Enquiries 01438 815599 — Visitors £5

Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
Danesbury Neurological Centre, School Lane, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9SB

At Danesbury Neurological Centre the rise in patients attending the various therapy clinics has put an increasing strain on treatment space. The Management team reviewed this and devised a scheme creating two new treatment rooms and relocating the management office. In the absence of NHS funding the Friends have agreed to provide £12,000 to pay for the work. The new layout will significantly benefit both patients and medical team.

Early in April the Friends provided a purpose built vegetable planter for the Danesbury gardening group. The raised unit enables wheelchair patients to sow and tend plants. We have high hopes for an abundant crop and hope that there will be some rain!

We plan to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a party at the beginning of June for all at Danesbury and QVM. Flags, cake and jelly will be the order of the day!

Please remember the funding source enabling the Friends to provide support to Danesbury and QVM Hospital are via our shops in Knebworth and Welwyn. We always need donated goods to sell and customers to buy. We are grateful for all the support we receive and promise that it will be put to extremely good use.

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



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

Forthcoming events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



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**

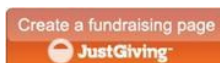
June — September 2012; Care 4 a Cuppa

Individuals or groups are invited to hold tea parties in aid of Isabel Hospice.

For more details contact Maria Alexander on **01707 382500**

Sun 15th Jul 2012; Summer Fair; Day Hospice

Please make a note of this date for your diary and keep checking our website for more information.



Tewin Parish Council



Parish Council

The Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd April 2012 will be circulated to each household in due course.

Lower Green

Following some comments about the parking around Lower Green the Parish Council agreed to arrange a meeting with PC Andy Woodward and Tewin Cowper School to discuss ways of dealing with the parking problems. The Parish Council would appreciate your co-operation and support by leaving adequate clearance around private driveways, not parking on the grass, not parking at the bus stops and please try to leave as much clearance as possible at points where it is obvious that lorries are damaging the Green.

Upper Green Ditch Clearance

Following a request from a parishioner, Highways were asked to arrange clearance of the ditch as it is silted up. Highways advised that they will dig it out again in the next financial year and hope to do this work before October 2012.

Potholes Outside Rose & Crown

The breaking up of the road has been reported to Highways and they advised that they will send their Area Engineer out to look at it.

Digswell & Tewin Schools Fun Run

This will be held on Sunday 13th May starting from Lower Green at 2pm. They have been advised to park considerately and many will be parking at the Plume of Feathers.

Sevenacres Development

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

Community Oil Buying Scheme

The Community Development Agency for Hertfordshire has joined with other Rural Community Councils throughout the country to enable domestic, business, or community users of oil to buy at lower prices. They have asked the Parish Council to publicise this to our residents. To read about the scheme please use the following link: <http://www.cdaforherts.org.uk/focus-areas/environment-and-energy/oil-buying-group/>

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is the **Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th May 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.tewinivillage.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.