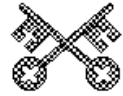




# Parish News



August 2012

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 60p

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## Vicar's letter

### Olympics

*Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.* [Hebrews 12:1]

It was probably the trauma of school PE that put me off sport. I know PE teachers yell as it's difficult to be heard on a noisy hockey field, but at the time I only associated it with them all being grumpy, never endearing me to the lessons. Watching sport also seemed to affirm this view, the tranquillity of Sunday afternoons often interrupted by aggressive primeval howls as my father watched his beloved Spurs give yet another goal to Arsenal.

But there is something in the build up to the Olympics which I find quite appealing. It is less the sport that will happen in the official stadiums (although I suspect even I will enjoy watching an event or two) but more so the lives of ordinary people who have been brought into the spotlight as we've prepared for the event. And within that the many, many stories of people who have overcome adversity through determination and spirit.

There are the stories of the Olympic torch bearers – some of whom have battled against the odds with illness in their own lives. There are the stories of the Olympic athletes who arrived in this country to compete, having trained in countries of great poverty or conflict. There are the Para-Olympic athletes, some of whom have shown great self determination and belief in their abilities in a world which so often focuses on people's disabilities.

This week I attended sports day at Pinewood school, where some of our young people with learning difficulties and disabilities learn. As they lined up to race with varying levels of physical ability the words from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews seemed particularly apt. For each of them, as for everyone of us, the race before them had unique challenges. But as they made their way down the tracks, in varying speeds and styles, it seemed a metaphor of what lay ahead of them in life itself. The determination on several faces made me think they would actually run it well.

For each of us our race is unique and all athletes know the challenge of injury and obstacles - but, says St Paul, perseverance is the key.

*Susannah*



## Churchwardens' Notes

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June we took part in the diocesan initiative called 'Open Church Sunday'. St Peter's is always open on a Sunday but on this occasion there was an added bonus of tea and cakes and the opportunity to see the village from a different perspective ..... from the top of the tower! Many thanks to our visitors and all those who provided and served refreshments.

The following Sunday we were able to welcome our new Curate, Lucy Dallas, to St. Peter's at the Choral Evensong service following her ordination at St. Albans Abbey the same morning. Lucy really didn't need to bring fruit cake to win us over but it was a much appreciated gesture. We wish her all the best for her time spent with the Welwyn Team.

Every summer the Team holds Evensong Services at all the Team churches in turn at 6.30pm. We are invariably treated to refreshments afterwards so do come along.

St Mary's, Welwyn	29 <sup>th</sup> July	St Michael's, Woolmer Green	19 <sup>th</sup> August
All Saints, Datchworth	5 <sup>th</sup> August	St Mary's, Welwyn	26 <sup>th</sup> August
St Peter's, Ayot	12 <sup>th</sup> August	St Peter's, Tewin	2 <sup>nd</sup> September

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August we shall be holding a joint service of Holy Communion with All Saints Church, Datchworth. This will be held in a marquee on **Burnham Green** at 9.30am, so there **will not** be a service at St. Peter's that day. Everyone is most welcome to join us there.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Tewin Cowper School held their Year 6 Leavers service at St. Peter's. We packed in over 200 people, who enjoyed a very moving presentation by Year 6, combined with a service to send them on their way. We hope the improvement in the weather will come to fruition so that pupils and staff can enjoy a well earned rest over the summer holiday and be ready to face the challenges of the new term in September.

Now a date for your diary. The **Harvest Lunch** will be on **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September**. In due course, tickets will be available from Nicky Hadley and Pauline Brown.

Lastly, we welcomed May and Kitty Rose Carley, who were baptised on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July and became members of the Church family.

Pete and Mike

### Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike, Sat. 8/9/2012 : 10am - 6pm

Hector and I are once again planning to cycle to each of the Welwyn Team Churches on this day and are looking for sponsors.

Our sponsor form is on a clipboard at the back of the Church by the font. 50% of the amount we raise will come directly to St Peter's Tewin and the remaining 50% will be used by the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust in grants to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their Church or Chapel.

Individual sponsor forms are available from **David Rawlins** on **01438 717552** or for more details you can visit **[www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk](http://www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk)**

Many thanks in advance. Nicky & Hector Hadley





## Friends of Tewin

Unfortunately we had to cancel 'An Evening of Song' due to lack of response - perhaps we didn't strike the right note!

It was very sad that after 12 years of promoting events we obviously got it wrong but we are not downhearted as we have the **'Classic Car & Craft Show'** on **19<sup>th</sup> August** on the Upper Green, which we are currently working towards and we know you enjoy.

Please note that the Classic Car & Craft Show runs from 12noon to 5pm.

Our trip to Windsor has been over subscribed - more news about that next month.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



Manager: **Bev Barraclough 01438 717929**

The schoolchildren have now broken up for their summer break, which means some of the 'mums' who help in the shop are not available to volunteer, plus it's also holiday time for all, so please, if you have extra time to spare and could help out at the shop, we would be very grateful. If you have never volunteered before this is an ideal time to start as **'We need you!'** Our manager has also been selected to help at the Olympics, a once in a lifetime experience. so again **'We need you'** at the shop.

The shop had a home-made bread stall at Tewin Fete, which went down very well and hopefully promoted us a bit more.

Some of the Allotment produce is now available for sale ..... so watch the vegetable counter for wonderful fresh items direct from them.

### Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club – Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **June 2012** draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£63	Dennis Compton, Hertford Road	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£38	Laura Burleigh, Harwood Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£13	Michael Brady, Harwood Close	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£13	Andrew Whawell, Lower Green

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



### Yoga classes

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

Charlotte Allam





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



**Blue skies, bracing wind AND an Olympic Torch .....**

..... all contributed to a memorable Village Fete this year.

First signs weren't promising and early morning helpers who came to set up on Lower Green fought the wind in an effort to batten down the gazebos and set up stalls.

However, they succeeded in good time and the sun came out to welcome their efforts! From then on the Fete went from strength to strength with visitors making full use of all the activities and stalls, particularly the children, who queued to ride on the teacups, try their skills at soccer, on an assault course, Hook-a-Duck, and much more.

The Auction, with its fabulous prizes, was a great success, with items such as a Lewis Hamilton signed cap and Saracen rugby tickets attracting high bids, as did the Albert Square signed plaque, which actor, Jake Wood, presented to the winning bidder.

It was a pity that the company which was due to film the event for a television show, pulled out at the last minute because of a change in their schedule. Apart from missing out on the great atmosphere of this happy day, they also missed the arrival of an Olympic Torch!

The father of one of the local schoolchildren is a member of the Olympic Committee and was involved in the design of the torch. We were therefore very fortunate that he brought one along to the Fete.

We understand all the children at the school had their photographs taken with it in the week and now other villagers had the opportunity to do likewise. It proved to be a very popular attraction, with people lining up to be photographed with this very attractive, beautifully designed memento. This particular torch had previously been lit and used in the relay in the north of the country. It proved a memorable addition to what was a very happy and successful Village Fete.

We are pleased to tell you that takings on the day were just over £6,400. Of course some outgoings will be deducted, but the money raised is very creditable and will play a large part in helping to maintain the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

Therefore, our thanks go to everyone who came along to enjoy the event, and especially to all who kindly donated cakes and items for the Tombola, everyone who manned stalls, as well as the helpers in the tea room who were kept very busy all day, and all the people who ran such a successful barbecue for us.

Last but not least, as always, our sincere thanks to everyone who came along to help set up the Green and clear away afterwards – it wasn't an easy job and we're very grateful to you all.

Without the help of all the people mentioned above, there would be no Village Fete and we are thankful that once again their community spirit prevailed to make this such a successful day.

Thank you very much.

Lynn Farr on behalf of all the Tewin Fete Committee.



## THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY



### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Show

The **THACS** Autumn Show is a great time for you to display the results of your efforts to grow flowers, vegetables and fruit in your garden or allotment. There is something for everyone with classes for adults covering flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. There are also classes for children, by age group, covering everything except flower arranging. So come along, have a go and support your village show!

**THACS** members will have already received their copies of the Show Schedule. From 1<sup>st</sup> August non-members can obtain copies from Tewin Stores or the **THACS** page on [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk) The Show Schedule is extensive, so please look at it and think about the categories you could enter. There is something for everyone, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter.

All entry forms and fees should be submitted by **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** to Ray Keppler, **THACS** Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, phone 01438 717545.



### Creative writing workshop & art workshop

We've had encouraging interest in these two workshops planned for the Autumn with a few more places still available.

The timing for both is 10am - 4pm with the plan for a '*bring and share*' lunch.

The **Art Workshop** will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Burnham Green Hall.

The focus will be making experimental/decorative backgrounds on which to develop your paintings. For example, using patterned tissue paper as a base to form part of the painting. The workshop will be run by Frances Wilson, an accomplished artist and a published author who will provide paper and tissue and has suggested that participants may like to bring their own brushes, paints and any other materials they may wish to use.



The **Writing Workshop** will take place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.



This day starts with a selection of exercises to get the creative juices flowing followed by an opportunity to write on a particular subject of your choice, either poetry or prose, and a chance to hear one another. This workshop will also be run by Frances, taking place in the home of Joanne Allen who you should contact if you have not done so already - contact details below.

These two events are bound to be enjoyable and we urge you to give them a try.

To express your interest in either workshop or to find out more, please contact **Joanne Allen** on **01438 798749** or email [jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk)

Joanne will contact those who have already expressed interest to confirm their bookings.



## Tewin Tennis Club News

Our teams have been busy, and often successful! The Orchard & Datchworth Leagues, and our in-house Friendly Friday night league, have given a wide range of members the chance at match play - with club tournament rounds under way, and efforts to do well, but not peak too soon!

In a couple of weeks we're launching our new '**Club Night**' aiming to give members the chance to meet, mingle and play.

Many of you will have met Steve, the new Coach, as he was very visible at the Village Fete. He and Toby are now finalising the Summer Camp Schedule for Juniors, so if the kids complain they're bored.....give him a call on 07912-075651.

Sessions to be held on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 30<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August, with Tuesdays & Thursdays as individual/shared lessons with the Coaches.

5 to 7 years 09<sup>30</sup> to 11<sup>00</sup> - Cost £5 per day

*It will be possible for children age 7+ to attend both morning sessions - £9*

8 to 12 years 11<sup>00</sup> to 12<sup>30</sup> – Cost £5 per day

1 2 years plus 14<sup>30</sup> to 16<sup>30</sup> – Cost £6 per day

There will be some flexibility with ages wishing to attend. Please contact Steve direct on 07912 075651

Please book by e-mail to [stevehunt22@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevehunt22@yahoo.co.uk) asap please.



## Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> August    | Garden Tea Afternoon, 2pm | - Details & tickets<br>from Mavis on 01438 798611 |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> September | Linda Kingscott           | - 'The Greenman & Friends'<br>Competition         |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   |                           | - Stevenage Ladies remember this date!            |  |
- We meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm  
Visitors/new members always welcome. Enquiries/Tickets 01438 798611 — Visitors £5

## 'Friends of the Mimram'

Although we seem to have had nothing but rain lately the Mimram river is still very low. The petition continues to run with the backing of our local and national MPs and needs as many local people as possible to sign it before it is presented at the next decision point at the end of August 2012.

The WH Times have kindly agreed to sponsor the petition, plus Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust are leading on a new Catchment Management Plan for the Mimram. The Friends are involved as Project Members. If you have any improvement ideas for the Mimram please let us know through our website.

You can follow the progress of the Friends of River Mimram on Facebook @Friends of the river Mimram where they have up to the minute information in between the regular newsletters, and on <http://www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk>



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Tel: 01438 717378

## Our News, July 2012

We have reached the end of another school year! The past month has seen much energy spent with our annual sports day for which we were blessed with lovely weather. It is always a special occasion, ending with picnics on the school field.

Our school productions were amazing, with every child taking part. The Early Years/Key Stage 1 production, *'The Remote Control'*, was written by Mrs Ruth Kearns and brilliantly entertaining. It was full of variety, including dancers, a choir, an army, even the Von Trapp family and The Simpsons. Our Key Stage 2 children performed *'Oliver'* and again it was wonderful to see another dimension to the children's talents.

We have also had our annual Music Concert to celebrate the children's musical talents and abilities. A big 'thank you' to Geraldine Marshall for co-ordinating this.



We are sadly saying 'goodbye' to some members of staff:

Mrs Sonia Fenner, teacher, who is taking up a Deputy Headship in Letchworth.  
Miss Hannah Smith, teaching assistant, returning to University to complete her degree.  
Mrs Carla Cheddie, teaching assistant, who is taking a year out for maternity leave. We look forward to her exciting news and wish the family well.



We welcome our new staff:

Miss Kelly Fairhall, teacher.  
Miss J Tebbutt, part time teaching assistant.  
Miss Lucy Warrington, teaching assistant.  
Mrs Angela Johnson, teaching assistant.

We look forward to all they bring to our staff team to support the learning of the children.



... to our Year 6 children who left Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, and have been amazing. They will be greatly missed. We wish them well as they move on to new challenges and opportunities.



We would like to wish a speedy recovery to one of our *'Reading Grandmas'*, Pat Ashman, as she has recently undergone surgery.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has in some way supported us and touched the lives of the children over the past year.

The Staff Team

## FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Earlier this year we reported news of starting a new Gardening Club at Danesbury. As well as the existing raised beds was a purpose built vegetable planter – all built at wheelchair users' height. Helped by a wet June, followed by some warmer weather (please note the use of "some"), the plants have flourished. Potatoes, carrots, radishes, beans, strawberries and more have been enjoyed by all. The pleasure and satisfaction for those involved is priceless, though some expense was incurred.

We had planned our Olympic celebrations around the closing for the Games but decided to switch to the Opening Ceremony. Jubilee banners and bunting re-appeared with pizza provided for patients and visitors. Organising it this way gives us the option of another party at the end of the Games! The Friends provide Sky and Freeview TV's in the Dining and Day Rooms so no one will have to miss any of the excitement.

At the end of June we held our annual Volunteers' BBQ. Always a case of 'will it rain?' but regardless of the weather it's a wonderful opportunity to get together with all our colleagues to thank them for all their efforts making the Friends the success it is.

The grounds around Danesbury and QVM Hospital are always a source of enjoyment. We are very proud of the way our two gardeners, Doug and Mick, keep them looking good all year round. We now plan to create a sensory garden with an offer of help in its creation from a team at GSK. For the design we are talking with a very well known local media personality – more on this next time!

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

E-mail: [danburyqvm@btconnect.com](mailto:danburyqvm@btconnect.com) [www.danesburyqvm.co.uk](http://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk)



## ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield Forthcoming events supporting your local Hospice



Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500

### August & September 2012; Care 4 a Cuppa

Individual or group tea parties. Details from Maria Alexander on **01707 382500**.

### Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012; Bark in the Park, 10:00-14:00, Barclay Park, Hod'don EN11 8NH

Why not join us for a 3 mile walk around this beautiful park. If you don't have a dog, join in the fun by dressing up or getting your face painted. **£6 adults £4 children under 14.**

### Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug; Ladies Golf Day, Brocket Hall Golf Club, AL8 7XG

Our 16th annual event, a 4 Ball Betterball Stableford on the Melbourne Course. £130 per pair [incl refreshments, Green Fee, Buffet Lunch & Donation]. 100 players only. Handicap 36 max.. Tee off 9 -10.30am from 1st & 10th tees. Contact: Jan Leggetter **01438 716079**

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup>/Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Aug; 'Goatfest'; 15:00 - 23:55; The Goat Inn, Codicote

A favourite Summer Bank Holiday showcasing lots of bands in a friendly, fun atmosphere. Come and join us in the sunshine [fingers crossed] or help as a volunteer steward. Call Cheryl Cusack on **01707 382500**

### Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012; 80s Disco Night, 19:00, The White Horse, Welwyn

Raise money for Charity Warnes' Sahara Trek in October. Event includes buffet, optional fancy dress, cocktail bar, auction with a personally signed David Beckham shirt to be won! If you'd like to sponsor Charity, use *Just Giving* below. Tickets £15 per head.





# Tewin Parish Council



## PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

### Parish Council minutes

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website, [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk) - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, fly-tipping, fly-posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles

**Environmental Health:** Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning and Tree Preservation Orders.

**Herts County Council: 01992-555555** or [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

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