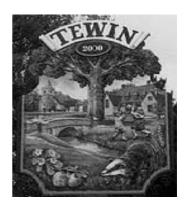


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# **Maypole Dancing on Lower Green**

### **Editorial Note**

Welcome to our June edition. Our front cover photograph this month, taken by Kevin Brazier, shows the children of Tewin Cowper School performing their Maypole Dance in May. See pages 9 and 23 for reports of this event. This month there is a coach trip to Southwold on June 10th (p27), Bellringers' Open Day on 14th (p16) and the Village Fete on 28th (p21). Other Dates For Your Diary are on page 27.

There is an interesting article on page 17 regarding a visit to Tewin by Sir Alan and Lady Munro. Sir Alan is the grandson of Sir Otto Beit who, together with Lord Desborough, provided the residents of Tewin with the Memorial Hall. (p 18).

Finally, don't miss our vicar's thought provoking letter (p12).

Please continue to send your contributions for future editions to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

### **Bridge at Tewin Pavilion**

There will be Bridge at Tewin Pavilion on

#### Thursdays 12th and 26th June 2014

Starting at 2:15pm and finishing at 5pm. Refreshments will be provided.

A charge of £2.00 per person will be made to defray expenses. If you intend to come along, either on your own or with a partner, please tell

Steve Stott

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### Screen On The Green

Calling all movie-goers: Tewin's own local cinema is going to cap off our most blockbusting season ever with **Buster Keaton's 'The General'**, showing on **Monday 16th June**. This comedy classic was made in 1927 and is arguably one of the finest silent screen comedies ever made. The humour ranges from the gentle to the exhilarating, with a rail track chase which nobody will ever forget!

'The General' is the first silent movie we have ever shown at Screen on the Green on the big screen and we hope you will come to support this last film of our 2013/14 season. As usual tickets, priced £4, will be on sale in advance at Tewin Stores, and doors open at 7pm for complimentary tea and coffee. You can also buy snacks at the bar and even bring your own refreshments (try doing that at the Odeon). As usual, the film starts at 7.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

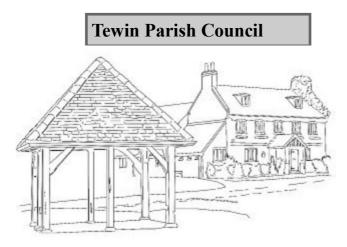
### The Bowls Club

#### What's in a name?



Perhaps you have wondered why the Bowls Club in Tewin is called 'Shire Park' and not 'Tewin'? This is because the original members played for the ICI Club (you may remember when the ICI company was big in Welwyn Garden City). ICI pulled out of the area in the 1970s and the site was taken over by Shire Park. Shire Park let the Bowls Club stay – so they changed the Club name to 'Shire Park'. But then in the late 80s, early 90s, their green was dug up and they had nowhere to play, and were therefore only able to play away matches. 18 of the original ICI members clubbed together and bought part of a field in Tewin. Nine of the more able-bodied members then spent every spare hour working to make a bowling green. When it was ready, it was proudly opened to anyone in the village who wanted to come along and bowl. By that time, bowling folk all across Hertfordshire, and even nationally, knew the Club as 'Shire Park', so they kept the title and called the new club 'Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)'.

The members are proud to be in Tewin and will always welcome new members, so if you'd like to learn more **please come along to watch a match – a fixture list is on the notice board outside the club, which is accessed via the lane alongside the Memorial Hall.** We'd be delighted to give you more information. Shire Park Tewin Bowls Club, School Lane, Tewin. Herts AL6 0JR



#### Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for Tewin Parish Council

At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Cllr Keith St Pier and Cllr Adrian Hill were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively with the unanimous support of the Councillors. Both Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### Tewin Parish Council Chairman's Report

This will be distributed to every household in the parish during May and is also available to read on the Tewin village website (<u>www.tewinvillage.co.uk</u>) in the Parish Council section.

#### Tewin Parish Council Accounts for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2014

At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 the Parish Council unanimously resolved to accept the accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and they were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

#### Tewin Parish Council Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to accept and approve Section 1 Accounting Statement and Section 2 Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

#### **Policing**

In view of the recent spate of burglaries which seems to be targeted at sheds and outbuildings across several adjacent properties in the village, PC Andy Woodward has agreed to divert police patrols through Tewin over the next few weeks.

#### **Potholes**

If you are aware of any potholes in the roads or defects in the pavements please report them to Herts Highways:-

**1. Ring the Highways fault line 0300 123 40 47** and provide details of where the defect is and its size. The road name and a house number are helpful in order to find the exact location.

#### OR

**2.** Go online to <u>www.hertsdirect.org</u> and click on "Highways Fault Reporting" on the right hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. You can search for the location by address and will be asked to mark the exact location of the pothole on a map.

In both cases you will receive a reference number which can be used to track the pothole repairs.

To view planned roadworks in the area please refer to the following website and zoom into Tewin on the map: <u>http://hertfordshire.roadworks.org/</u>.

#### PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

## The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

**Agenda**: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting. *All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.* 

**Minutes**: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. **Newsletters/Meeting Dates**: These are published on the website

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#### THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

#### Wednesday 30th July 2014 - Visit to RHS Wisley

If you would like a summer's day out to lift the spirits, then join us on a coach trip to a day at RHS Wisley. Set in 240 acres of beautiful grounds, visitors can experience different styles of planting and garden design in a variety of lovely settings and all cared for to perfection. The famous mixed borders are glorious in July and they are full of colour, form and texture.

The glasshouse is a showcase for a world-class plant collection, including rare and endangered species. The huge cathedral-like structure has three climatic zones, recreating tropical, moist temperate and dry temperate habitats. There are some stunning plant combinations to see in detail and a glorious view en masse.

In the trials field, the finest flowers and vegetables are identified from the countless new introductions. You'll be able to see stunning and scented sweet peas, delphiniums, blackberries, hybrid berries and maybe even some Dahlias.

There is a Plant Centre with a wide variety of hardy plants for sale, the Wisley Shop for inspirational gifts and a choice of five different refreshment options, from a threecourse meal in the Restaurant to an ice cream in the Orchard Café. There are many facilities for disabled, including push wheelchairs, a mobility scooter and an electric mobility vehicle which drives around the gardens for those who cannot walk too far.

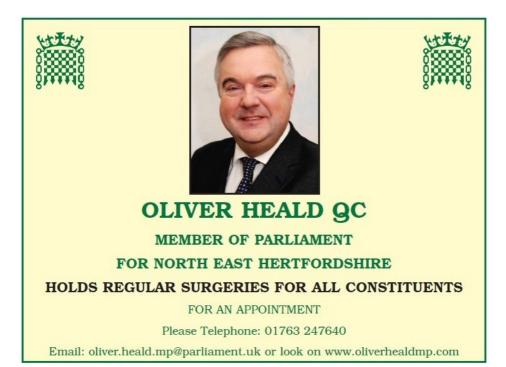
There are several trails suitable for children in the garden and you can get free garden trail leaflets at the Garden Entrance. Each trail gives children things to spot, ideas of great places to explore and fun things to do in the garden.

If you would like to find out more about the garden and the facilities, please visit the web site www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Wisley.

As *THACS* is affiliated to the RHS, there will be no entry charge for us. The adult price for the coach is £10 for *THACS* members and £12 for non-members. The children's price for the coach is £5 if at least one parent / carer is a *THACS* member and £6 otherwise.

The coach will leave Tewin (opposite the Rose and Crown) at 9.00am promptly and leave Wisley at 3.30pm. An optional walking guided tour of the gardens is available for an additional cost of  $\pounds 3$ . The tour guides are knowledgeable and helpful, so the tour is particularly recommended if you have not visited Wisley before. The tour will last about 90 minutes and is scheduled to start at 11:30am.

Please fill in the booking form with your details and preferences and then send it, with your payment, to Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. You can get the booking form from the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Ray Keppler (telephone 01438 717545 or email raykeppler@btinternet.com).





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### **Tewin Cowper School**

Thank you to everyone who supported our activities in May: the Maypole dancing on Lower Green, the Fun Run, the continuing development of our outdoor environment. A special 'thank you' to 'Friends of Tewin' for organising and running the Maypole Dancing; it was a blessing when the rain held off and, even though it was a bit windy, it really was a lovely scene with the children happily dancing in their bright summer clothes and the audience clapping along as they watched the ribbons weave into amazing patterns. We are grateful to Katie Wright for all the dedication and commitment that went in to training the children and ensuring they were ready for the day. We have also participated in the annual Fun Run with St John's School in Digswell – another great family event. Our assessment week is well and truly over and we await the results of the Year 6 SATs tests. Teachers across the school have been busy marking and we are now enjoying the rest of our summer term activities. As always, swimming is a highlight at this time of year, as our pool is open every afternoon thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Tewin Family Swimming Committee. Our Year 6 class is off to the Isle of Wight for a long weekend on the 6<sup>th</sup> June and our Year 3 class is going to Cuffley Camp for two nights on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. This is a time for our Year 6 children to look back at all they have learnt and experienced during their time at Tewin Cowper. They have lots to celebrate and be thankful for and so we have special activities coming up for them. It is also the time when the staff team recall lots of memories of their time here, knowing they will be greatly missed as they move on to secondary school.

It is hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of this academic year; it has flown past. The National Curriculum is in the process of being changed significantly and so we are sorting classes and planning topics for the next academic year. Each staff meeting this term is dedicated to a subject and we are looking at how we can make the curriculum even more exciting and motivating for all the children.

The Staff Team



**TEWIN TENNIS CLUB** 

There has been a lot going on in the month of May with the Tennis Club, based at Upper Green. The Datchworth league got into full swing, with some strong initial performances from all four teams in this intervillage friendly competition. May 16th saw the first evening of the

tennis club's ABC league, which runs for the next couple of months every Friday evening. The teams are picked at random, or so organiser Gerry Murphy tells us, though some have their doubts.... Come down from 7pm for a chat and relax by the clubhouse any Friday. And May 18th was the date of our annual tennis club open day, aimed at encouraging new members. Miss it? Call Steve Hunt on 07912075651 and he'll fill you in.

#### Tewin Over 50's Club

We are now into our third year and the club continues to thrive: we have welcomed new members and expanded our activities.

We continue to have visiting speakers. Dr Ann Horseman visited in December and spoke to members about her experience and interest in homeopathy.

In January we watched a display of Turkish belly dancing presented by Tina from The Dance Group in Hertford. One of our members, who attends dance classes with Tina, organised the event and supplied authentic Turkish Delight for refreshments. Members were able to join in, wear authentic scarves and head dresses and take part in the closing dance.

At the beginning of February Peter Ruffles, former Mayor of Hertford, presented a talk on the history of the town illustrated with slides from his personal local history collection and the collection at Hertford Museum. The slides were greeted with cries and sighs of recognition especially by members who were born in the town. Peter's talk held us captive for the whole afternoon and we are hoping to arrange a second visit towards the end of the year.

We enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Rose and Crown, a fish and chip lunch in February in the Kimberley Room and a Mother's Day lunch at the Plume of Feathers in March. This year Easter was marked by a splendid afternoon tea organised by Susannah, Mary Gregg and helpers from St Peter's Church. We enjoyed the most delicious home made cakes and sandwiches and it was an absolute delight to see our tables laid with posies of spring flowers. It was a real treat and we all extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful afternoon.

A special thanks to Paul Griggs and his mother who joined us in February. Paul presented another very special and personal session of live music which included reminiscences and favourite songs and time to sing together. We owe a special thanks too to Andrew Whawell who joins us on the last Thursday of every month to present us with a challenging quiz which is enjoyed by all amid much laughter.

We will be having a stall at the Summer Fete on Saturday 28th June. A coach trip to Walton on the Naze has been organised for a date in July. Ann and club helpers..

#### East Herts Mobile Library Service

You may not be aware but East Herts run a Mobile Library Service which stops in Tewin every other Wednesday on Lower Green. This month it will be there on





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#### The Age of Elegance

Don't forget the Classic Car Show coming up on August 17th. There will be more details in the next issue of this magazine. Here's a reminder to whet your appetite.



### Living Below The Line

I am writing this on the last day of the Live Below the Line challenge. Along with thousands of others across the world I have chosen to live for 5 days on just  $\pounds 1$  a day for all my food and drink. Note how this has been a choice: for 1.2 billion people across the world who do the same, it is not.

The main challenge I think was to plan my shopping. It was a case of deciding what to sacrifice. In the end I went for plain but substantial over pleasurable but meagre. This meant largely bread, potato, beans and lentils – but no milk, butter, cheese or variety. It was interesting whilst shopping how it was vastly cheaper to buy processed food than fresh. Initially I thought I would make my own flatbread and have porridge for breakfast, but this was soon sacrificed for value white bread at 45p and a packet of ginger nut biscuits at 25p. The biscuits, it has turned out, have been my happiest buy.

Yes I have felt moments of hunger but mostly I have felt bored at the monotony of the same food day in and out. This has been largely dry toast for breakfast, lentils for lunch, potato and value baked beans for tea. In fact last night I even skipped my dinner because I just couldn't face another jacket potato and baked bean meal and ate biscuits instead. Wednesday was the most exciting day with a midweek treat of a banana. My biggest miss was cups of tea: milk and teabags being beyond my budget.

And so this is where I am very conscious that during this challenge I might be considering poverty, but I am not experiencing it. My hunger pangs have not been intense. I have been able to refuse food just because I really don't fancy it. And the £1 a day is solely for food and drink, not also for housing, clothing, transport and medicine. In fact this week, being laid up in bed with a bad back, I have spent 4 times more on painkillers to get me through the week than I have spent on food. If I had to chose between food or medicine I don't know what I would have opted for. The biggest difference between myself and those who genuinely live below the poverty line, of course, is that tomorrow I eat what I want.

1.2 billion people in the world live on less than £1 a day. In a world rich in resources and knowledge that should hit us as a shocking figure. It is 1 in 6 people. According to Oxfam, the richest 85 people in the world own the same amount of assets as the poorest 3.5 billion of the world's population.

Sometimes it is hard to get our heads around large numbers but to put it in some context 85 seconds is, well, 85 seconds, 3.5 million seconds is, roughly speaking, 6 weeks and 3.5 billion seconds is around 100 years. 85 = 3,500,000,000 there is definitely something wrong with that as an equation.

And so this has been an uncomfortable experience, yet not really because of bad backs and hunger pangs. Largely the discomfort has come from feeling like I am a

fraud. That I am playing with the idea of hunger and poverty, when actually I am a million miles from it. Tomorrow I will eat what I want. At the beginning of the week I thought doing this might justify a Saturday night treat, maybe a meal out. Now that seems completely inappropriate. How can I celebrate the end of my paltry attempt when others still hunger?

But there was another uncomfortable revelation which happened today. Live Below the Line is a challenge connected to Third World poverty and hunger. But a comment from an old friend of mine has brought it much nearer to home. On Facebook I had posted a picture of the food I had bought for the week and what I was planning to do with it. Speaking with a mutual friend of ours, this particular friend said when she saw it she laughed. Because she, talented and educated, has found herself unemployed for several months now. "Susannah should have come to me for ideas of how to make food last" was the comment she made to my friend. She has become an expert at it because of necessity. Her specialty is a 67p dish that she can make last for 4 meals. And when I heard that, and that she also counted the pennies week in week out, I felt ashamed. That what for me was a challenge and in some ways a bit of a game, was no game for her. With the national increase in food banks she is far from alone.

But there is one type of hunger that is good – a hunger for justice and a hunger for change.

"The kind of fasting I want is this: remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor" *Isaiah* 58:6,7

The generosity of those who have sponsored me mean the result of my  $\pm 5$  of food will be around  $\pm 600$  for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all of you who sponsored my attempt.

But we need to continue to hunger and thirst for change in the world. To remind politicians that hunger in 2014 should be at the top of the political agenda. And increasingly we should respond to the hunger that creeps closer to our doorsteps. There is a collecting box at the back of church for tins which go to the Stevenage Foodbank. A few of us are planning on visiting it soon.

So whether we have plenty to eat or struggle ourselves, let us all hunger for a world where all are fed. "Blessed" said Jesus "are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" *Matthew* 5:6

Susannah

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DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	GOSPEL
JUNE 1st	EASTER 7	HOLY COMMUNION with ST. PETER'S KIDS CLUB	9.30 am	LUCY DALLAS	EZEKIEL 36:24-28	ACTS 1:6-14	JOHN 17:1-11
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	CATHERINE JUPP	2 SAMUEL 23:1-5	EPHESIANS 1:15-End	
8th	PENTE- COST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	NUMBERS 11:24-30	ACTS 2:1-21	JOHN 20:19-23
15th	TRINITY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MATTHEW 28:16-20		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30 pm	TOM GLADWIN	ISAIAH 40:12-17, 27-End	2 CORIN- THIANS 13:11-End	MATTHEW 28:16-20
22nd	TRINITY 1	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DAVID MUNCHIN	JEREMIAH 20:7-13	ROMANS 6:1b-11	MATTHEW 10:24-39
29th	PETERTIDE	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	LUCY DALLAS	ACTS 12:1-11	1 PETER 2:19-End	MATTHEW 16:13-19

#### Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm

BAPTISMS

#### May 11th Lauren Abigail Murray May 11th Beatrice Rebecca Hudson

#### WEDDING

#### May 3rd Kevin Langston and Lisa Ann Chappell



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15th	RUTH KEARNS	MARY GREGG PAULINE BROWN	MAVIS HAGGAR	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	PETE JOHNSON	
TREVOR	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	LINDA ADAMS ELAINE FOWLER				
22nd DAVID	PAULINE BROWN	KEITH BARNFIELD DI BRADLEY	UGO &STEVEN ROWELL	WEDDING	NICKY HADLEY	
29th TREVOR	MAVIS HAGGAR	NICKY HADLEY MAVIS HAGGAR	SHEILA FEAKES	SALLY OWEN	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	

#### St Peter's Church was floodlit on 14th May in memory of Jim Moon.

#### St Peter's Kids Club

St Peter's Kids Club runs on the first Sunday in the month, alongside the 9.30am Holy Communion service. We chat, tell stories, do craft and play. At present it takes place in the vestry. For further details please contact Anne Land 01438 715166 or turn up on 1st June.

### St Peter's News

The past few weeks have been very busy both in and around St Peter's.

During Holy Week quite a number of services were held across the Team Churches. On Good Friday at St Peter's there was a very special 'Stations of the Cross' service led by Susannah and Mick. This was a very moving experience for all who attended and it is hoped that it will be repeated in future years.

On the afternoon of Easter Saturday, more than 25 children (plus loads of helpers) attended for an Easter Workshop. A number of activities had been organised alongside the storytelling, singing and prayer. It was lovely to have a number of fairly new chicks on view at the back of the Church. The children produced a range of Easter cards together with some delicious 'nest' cakes. They were also able to help with a wonderful Easter stained glass window on perspex which was installed over one of the plain windows on the North side of the Church. The Easter garden, planted by the children looked fantastic and was blessed by Susannah at the Easter morning service. It was good to see so many in attendance on Easter day, both adults and children. The floral displays looked wonderful and everyone was able to enjoy a traditional simnel cake after the service.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May, a special Easter tea was provided by a group of volunteers from St Peter's, organised by Mary Gregg, for the 'Over 50s Club'. It was a happy afternoon, with lots of chat to accompany the delicious cakes and sandwiches provided. There was an interesting quiz involving the identification of logos and also a raffle later in the afternoon in aid of club funds. PB

### **Tewin Bellringers**

Invite you to an Open Morning Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 10am to 12noon

At

#### St Peter's Church, Tewin Would you be interested in becoming a bell ringer?

It keeps you fit!

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#### LEPRA'S 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It surprises many people that leprosy is still present in the world today. This year over 100,000 people will be newly diagnosed in India and Bangladesh; and more still in countries such as Brazil.

This year is Lepra's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, having begun in 1924 as the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. Reading the UK newspapers, it is easy to feel depressed at the problems we have in our country. But give a thought to the problems of others, including the poverty and prejudice that walks alongside leprosy patients.

[Lepra 01206 216700 www.lepra.org.uk]



#### Sir Alan and Lady Munro visit Tewin

On a rather damp morning a small group from the church met at St Peter's to welcome a rare visitor to the village. The last time Sir Alan was here was over 70 years ago when he was staying at Tewin Water, the home of his grandfather, Sir Otto Beit, who was responsible for building our village hall. He and Lady Munro had come to see us about the cleaning of the family memorial

in the churchyard which has become very dirty over the years. They were interested in all the history of the village and his family and Elizabeth Wilson gave them copies of the "History of Tewin". He in turn told us of some of the work of the Beit Trust which provides funds and scholarships for development in the old federation countries, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Zambia. It would seem that the building of most of the great bridges in central Africa was funded by the Trust.

We then took our guests to the Memorial Hall so that they could see how much it is used and valued by the community. Keith St Pier showed us how it has been updated and improved to fit the current usage. Sir Alan said that they hoped to return to Tewin in the near future and we look forward to that time.

The photograph shows the Beit memorial in the churchyard. NW

#### **Tewin Memorial Hall**

This is the inscription on the dedication plaque in the entrance passage of the Hall:-

#### THIS BUILDING **IS ERECTED BY** SIR OTTO BEIT KCMG **ON A SITE PRESENTED BY** THE RT. HON. LORD DESBOROUGH KCVO **TO COMMEMORATE** THE SERVICES RENDERED BY MEN AND WOMEN **OF THIS PARISH OF TEWIN** AND IN EVER LIVING AND GRATEFUL MEMORAY **OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES** FOR KING AND COUNTRY IN THE **GREAT WAR 1914-1919 OPENED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JAN 1922**

Sir Otto set up a Trust which owns the Hall and which has an endowment intended to cover the insurance and the local taxes of the building. This Trust leases the Hall to the Management Committee. The original Minute Book and the first Accounts are still held by the Trustees.

Both of the above benefactors, like so very many families in the Country, lost their sons, amongst the appalling casualties and with the dreadful conditions of trench warfare in France in the Great War 1914-1919.

For those who came home, many physically and mentally wounded, they found not the promised "homes for heroes", but returned to their former drab pre-war occupations. Little social welfare assisted them to settle back into their towns and villages and for most, little had changed, and the hard grind, particularly for the huge numbers of agricultural labourers was to continue for some years to come.

In the first two years of the Great War, men from every walk of life, in spite of the harshness of so many of their working lives, volunteered in their hundreds of thousands to serve King and Country. Only after the terrible losses in Flanders was conscription introduced. We may well wonder at their Loyalty to their King and Country after the harsh life so many had experienced.

Designed by the architect Sir Herbert Baker, the provision of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Tewin, Burnham Green and the surrounding areas changed life so much for the better and for so many people. A place where all ages could meet, play table games, darts, cards or to just chat to friends and neighbours. Ben Roberts



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#### <u>TEWIN VILLAGE FETE</u> <u>SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE : 2 – 5pm</u> Lower Green and in the Memorial Hall

**HELP NEEDED!** Plans are under way for this year's Fete, but before it can go ahead <u>we need your help</u>. As well as your support at the Fete, we will need assistance setting up on Lower Green in the morning and clearing away afterwards, as well as with the manning of stalls, so if you are able to help in any way <u>perhaps you would let us know in advance</u> so we can allocate jobs - please phone Lynn Farr on 798307, or Todd Canton on 717395.

As always, there will be many attractions, such as a Children's Funfair, Face Painting, various games, a variety of stalls, and entertainment from the Savoy Hop Dance Group. We will also have a Bar Tent, a Pimm's stall and a Barbecue. In addition, you can bid for some excellent Lots in our popular Auction, including a signed Lewis Hamilton cap, tickets to see Saracens at Wembley, and a Panshanger flight. You can also try your luck in the Raffle. Raffle tickets will be available on the day of the Fete. **If, however, you are unable to be there, you can buy them now at Tewin Stores**.

As always, we would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls:

✓ <u>NEW/NEARLY NEW STALL</u>: Unwanted presents, impulse purchases anything from toiletries to kitchen utensils, to gardening paraphernalia etc. (but not jumble).

All items gratefully received by Alison Burleigh, who is happy to collect at a <u>mutually convenient time</u>. Please contact her on 01438 715260. Alternatively, donations can be left at 23 Harwood Close – <u>NO LATER THAN</u> WEDNESDAY, 18th JUNE, PLEASE.

✓ <u>TOMBOLA</u>: Wine – Spirits – Gifts – Chocolates - any other items (again, not jumble).

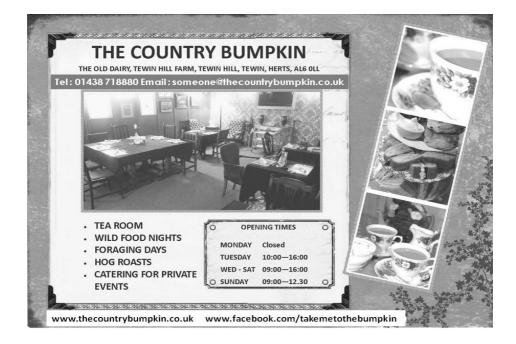
Also we would like Toys and Gifts for the Children's Tombola.

Please deliver to Jim Hall at 5 School Lane (01438 718505) at any time prior to the Fete, <u>BUT NO LATER THAN THURSDAY EVENING, 26th JUNE,</u> <u>PLEASE</u>.

 ✓ <u>CAKES etc</u>: Home-Made Cakes - large or small - Preserves etc. Please contact Jean Canton on 01438 717395, or deliver to her at 21 Lower Green on <u>FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>, OR SATURDAY 28th JUNE (before 12 noon</u> <u>please</u>). You can also deliver direct to the Memorial Hall <u>ON THE</u> <u>SATURDAY MORNING</u>.

Thank you for your help with these donations, the proceeds from the sale of which will go towards the maintenance of the Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fete. The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee





### Friends of Tewin



#### MAYPOLE DANCING – 10 May 2014

We were lucky that the weather stayed dry and the children delighted us with some wonderful dancing! It was a blustery morning and how they managed to keep hold of the ribbons is a mystery! The children performed 6 dances for us and must have practised very hard, they were excellent! Our thanks go to the children and Staff at Tewin Cowper School.

#### CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT SHOW - 17 August 2014

We are busy making plans for this year's show. As many of you know, this is our big event of the year and it could not take place without your help. It's a fun way of getting involved so if you have an hour to spare and would like to help we would love to hear from you. Please send an email to <u>annehall10@btinternet.com</u>. Or telephone Anne on 01438 718505.

#### **VILLAGE POND AT UPPER GREEN**

A few years ago Friends of Tewin along with many other villagers helped to restore the pond behind Upper Green. If you have time, why not take a walk to the pond and see how well the restoration has gone. Sit a while and enjoy the beautiful wild flowers and trees surrounding the pond, it is a wonderful asset for us all to enjoy.

#### SOUTHWOLD COACH TRIP – 10 June 2014

The coach is full. If you would like to go on the waiting list, ring Anne on 01438 718505.

#### **1st Tewin Rainbows**

Hedgehog (Ann Kevis) would like to say a very big thank you to all her Leaders and Helpers for all their hard work at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May. Also thank you to all the Mums and others who donated items, and for coming along to support us.

We made a profit of £206.81p which, when added to a generous donation from Friends Of Tewin and several other small donations, means that we will now be able to pay for the coach for our trip to the Zoo.

Once again Thank you







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#### Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

The Friends receive financial support in many and varied ways. Unsurprisingly the lion's share of our funds is raised by the tireless efforts of our team in the Welwyn shop. However we also receive a significant number of donations from a variety of other benefactors whose support is greatly appreciated. Recently we received £500 from the Welwyn Wailers who have been long time supporters of our charity. We also received a donation from two ladies who run a monthly coffee morning in the village hall at Burnham Green. Sometimes we benefit from one-off events such as the Classical concert organised by George Spring in the Welwyn Civic Centre last month.

In addition we regularly benefit from individual donations and bequests of sums great and small. Every one of these is greatly appreciated and every penny benefits the patients, and their carers, we support.

As reported in previous newsletters the NHS has undertaken a major refurbishment at Danesbury. This work has now been completed and the results are simply stunning. We all firmly believe that patients directly benefit from cheerful and attractive surrounding. Not forgetting the entertainment system which the Friends have funded!

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Tel: 01438 840514 E mail: friends@danesburyqvm.co.uk www.danesburyqvm.co.uk

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#### Memorial Hall Draw April

1 <sup>st</sup>	£61	John Ling,	Upper Green
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> £37 Andrew Swift, Harwood Close
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Ivor Williams, Back Lane
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Sabine Stanley, Harwood Close

Membership forms are available from Lisa Bove

(lisa.bove@btinternet.com), Tewin Stores, the Hall or any member of the Hall Committee.

### **Isabel Hospice**

#### <u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Isabel Hospice First Thursday Networking Lunch. 12.30-</u> 2.30pm.

To be held at Lussmann's Fish and Grill Restaurant, Hertford

For more information contact Aaron Lynch at Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500.

# Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Rock Choir at the Gordon Craig Theatre, supporting Isabel Hospice.

Get set to be inspired and uplifted and help support Isabel Hospice as singing sensation, Rock Choir, performs live in four outstanding gala concerts at the Gordon Craig Theatre, featuring special guest star, The Hollies frontman Peter Howarth. Each night the concert will be supporting Isabel Hospice.

More than 600 local Rock Choir members from Welwyn Garden City, St Albans, Hertford and Dunstable will be taking part, conducted by local Rock Choir Leaders Pippa Gearing and Abigail Smith. They'll be performing specially arranged and choreographed pop and chart songs from Rock Choir's feel good repertoire. It's great entertainment for all the family. Tickets are £16.00 from the box office 01438 363200.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9pm: Madrigal Concert with collection for Isabel Hospice.** The Haileybury Madrigal Society will once again be holding a free Madrigal Concert and collecting for Isabel Hospice during the evening. The concert is at Amwell Pool, Lower Amwell Road, Great Amwell. If wet the concert will be held in the church. Go to **www.isabelhospice.org.uk** for more information.

#### <u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Isabel Hospice Garden of Memories ceremony.</u> <u>3pm – 3.30pm at Van Hages Garden Centre.</u>

To make a donation in memory of a loved one or special friend at the Isabel Hospice Garden of Memories you can fill in a form at <u>www.isabelhospice.org.uk</u> and the name of the person you are remembering will be written on sunflower symbols by our team for you. Each sunflower symbol will then be ready for you to collect on the day of the event and plant during the ceremony.

The ceremony at Van Hages will last approximately 30 minutes and will include some readings and music performed by local choirs.

#### <u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Isabel Hospice Teas in the Garden at Michael's Folly,</u> <u>Hertford. 2 – 5pm.</u>

Michael's Folly, Henderson Place, Epping Green, nr Hertford will be open as part of the NGS. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice.

#### <u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Isabel Hospice Teas in the Garden at Mackerye Garden,</u> <u>Harpenden, 2- 5pm.</u>

The Gardens of Mackerye End House, Harpenden, Herts AL5 5DR will be open to the public as part of the NGS. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice.

### Dates for your diary this month

Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Rose & Crown	9pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	9.45- 10.45am	Song Bird Music Club Term Time only
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Sun 1st	St Peter's Church	9.30am	St Peter's Kids Club
Wed 4th and 18th	Lower Green	2-3.45pm	Mobile Library
Tue 10th	Outside the Rose & Crown	8.30am	THACS Coach trip to Southwold
Thurs 12th and 26th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Sat 14th	St Peter's Church	10-12 noon	Bellringers' Open Day
Mon 16th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green – 'The General'
Sat 28th	Lower Green	2-5pm	Village Fete

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