



# *Tewin Magazine*

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**Happy Easter**

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our April edition and a Happy Easter to all our readers. Our Easter Services, including the Children's Activities afternoon on Easter Saturday, are detailed on p3. The Parents Association will be serving Waffles and Pancakes on the 2nd (p25), the THACS Spring Show is on the 11th (p6), Tewin Stores will be serving lunch on the 18th (p25), and our film this month is 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' on the 20th (p11). Other Dates for Your Diary are on p31.

The Herts Police DriveSafe campaign gets underway in Tewin this month (p6). The aim is to increase speed awareness and safety in the village. See how many smiley faces you can get.

Do you have a background in finance, personnel, health and safety or premises management? Tewin Cowper School would like to hear from you (p9).

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

Jackie Murphy, Editor

## SWIMMING POOL CO-ORDINATOR

**Tewin Cowper C.E. Primary School urgently needs someone to take on the responsibility of co-ordinating the running of the school pool, along with a team of helpers, through the summer months. Full training and support will be given. Your role will be invaluable in ensuring that the children learn the important life-skills of swimming and water safety and that this resource continues to serve the community through the summer. If you are interested or would like to know more, please call Tina Price or Myra Walker in the school office or contact Christina Kirby direct on 01438 714225.**



**Tewin Services and Activities**  
**for Easter at St. Peter's**

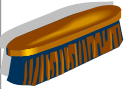
**2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Holy Communion with washing of feet

**3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday**  
Noon Stations of the Cross

**4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Saturday**  
2pm – 4pm Easter crafts for children

**5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day**  
9:30am All-age Holy Communion  
6:30pm Evensong

**6<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday**  
Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St. Albans Abbey.  
Meet 7am at All Saints Datchworth. Breakfast at St. Mary's Welwyn 8am.



**Church Spring Cleaning**



Spring has sprung and it's time to give our church a thorough cleaning, even more so this year after the building works which have been taking place. Many hands make light work and extra help is needed for this task. Please put your name on the form at the back of the Church or contact **Pete Johnson on 01707 332579 (evenings)** to let her know what help you can give and when.....

**Friday 8th May 6.30pm onwards**

Able bodied volunteers needed to clean beams and windows, move furniture, kneelers, etc

**Saturday 9th May from 8.30am**

Volunteers needed to help scrub floors and polish woodwork

**Scrubbing 8:45am; Polishing 10.30am; Restoring order 12.30pm**

## Tewin Parish Council



### **BUS CONSULTATION - MAJOR REDUCTION TO 388 BUS SERVICE THROUGH TEWIN**

The new consultation proposes to remove support for services with a subsidy above £3.50 per passenger journey. HCC has calculated the subsidy for the 388 at £5.55. The 388 would run as the school bus only (not school holidays). Other buses (202/203, 378/379) run from Tewin in the late morning and provide one "shopping" trip per day, probably to Welwyn Garden City (Tues/Thurs/Fri) and Hertford (Mon/Wed/Fri). There would be no bus service through Tewin on a Saturday and none to Welwyn North.

If the proposals are agreed the impact on services will commence from September 2015. The bus consultation closes on 10th April. Further information and an online response form are available at <https://consult.hertsdirect.org/bus-services/>

Printed information and a bus consultation questionnaire is available by calling 0300 123 4036 or by email: [hertsdirect@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hertsdirect@hertfordshire.gov.uk). Questionnaires are also available at Tewin Stores.

### **PLEASE SIGN THE "STOP THE 388 BUS SERVICE CUTS" PETITION**

The petition is open until 10th April 2015 please sign the e-petition by following the link on the Tewin Village website OR sign the paper petition at Tewin Stores & Tewin Memorial Hall. Both petitions are identical and all signatures collected on both will be submitted except for duplicates.

On 23rd February 2015 Tewin Parish Council held a Parish Meeting with a talk given by Tom Hennessey, Business Manager for HCC Transport Access and Safety, Guy Brigden, Team Leader, Transport Network Planning Team Leader (HCC Transport Access & Safety). The meeting was very well attended and there was a strong level of objection to the proposed changes to the 388 bus services. The attendees resolved unanimously to "call upon the Hertfordshire County Council to maintain the present 388 bus service from Hertford to Welwyn Garden City for the benefit and convenience of parishioners and others (for shopping, medical appointments and inter-connections)."

At the Parish Council meeting on 2nd March Tewin Parish Council unanimously agreed to formally respond to Herts County Council concerning the proposed changes to the bus services. The Parish Council agreed to compose a press article, a new poster and if necessary produce a further newsletter for parishioners. They agreed to request Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton to arrange a meeting with relevant members of the Herts County Council and also agreed to obtain an appointment with Sir Oliver Heald QC MP at his Tewin

surgery on 21st March. The Parish Council continues to investigate the real level of funding per passenger journey particularly in view of certain discrepancies in the passenger numbers. The Parish Council will be presenting the "Stop the 388 bus service cuts" petition to the Highways and Waste Management Panel on 12th May 2015 at 10am and will address the panel for three minutes on the matter.

### **PLEASE USE OUR POST OFFICES**

Just a gentle reminder that your local post offices which are located at Tewin Stores and Burnham Green Village Hall offer a wide range of services: not only do they sell stamps and send your parcels but you can also pay in and withdraw cash from most banks, pay bills, purchase your road tax, phone top ups and your Euros for your holiday. We know you may have got out of the habit of using a local post office when it was not available but after a lot of hard work both Tewin Stores and Burnham Green have restored the service so please support the Post Office !!!

Burnham Green Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 12.30pm until 16.00pm  
Fri 9.30am until 13.00pm  
Tewin Stores Post Office Open: Mon 13.30am until 15.30pm  
Wed 9.30am until 11.30am  
Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

### **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next meeting is the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm at Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the usual Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm.**

**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](http://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 [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

**Herts County Councillor:** Cllr Ken Crofton Tel: 01438 869650

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

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – THACS Spring Show**

The THACS Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Come along to see a wonderful display of flower arranging, flowers, arts & crafts, photography, baking, preserves and so much more. There will be something on show for everyone to admire and enjoy!

The show will be open at 2.15pm and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm, followed by an auction of produce. There is **no admission charge** and free show programmes will be available at the door. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon to enhance your enjoyment, so please come along and support this village event.



### **DriveSafe**

April will see the Herts Police DriveSafe campaign get under way in Tewin. This will use a speed-monitor camera at different locations on certain days to check the speed of cars going through the village. The aim is to improve speed-awareness and safety. A smile from the camera means under 30 mph. Cars which the

camera logs going above the speed limit may receive a written advisory from Herts police (or stronger penalty if persistent speeding).

Cameras do act as an effective deterrent to traffic speeding through villages and the majority of speeders are often local drivers! So, EVERYONE who reads this can help to improve speed-awareness in and through Tewin by :

- always Driving Safely, within the speed limit and with care for other road users, including pedestrians and cyclists

- Volunteering to help with the camera / logging if you can spare an occasional hour.

Currently we have 9 volunteers to man the speed-camera and need more to help with regular 1-hour monitoring teams of 2 or 3 people. To help, please contact Penny Deeble-Rogers or Gerry Murphy on

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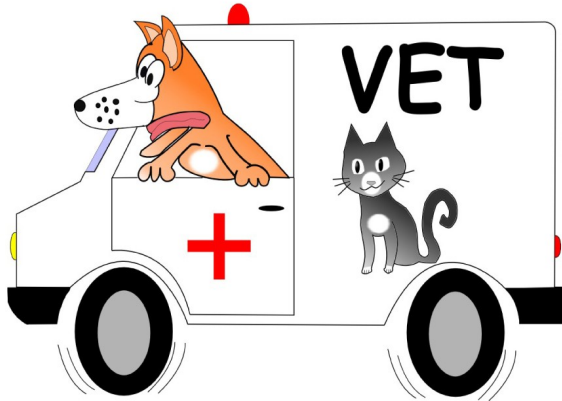
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We at Tewin Cowper School currently have vacancies on our Governing body for people who can help and commit to making a difference in the learning and development of our children. We are looking for people who have a background in finance, personnel, health and safety, premises management. Please contact the school office on 01438 717 378 if you are interested or would like to know more.



### **Tewin Tennis Club**

The tennis season is upon us, so now is the time to dust off your tennis gear and get hitting. For those of you who don't play through the winter, and for newcomers who'd like to join in at one of the friendliest and best value tennis clubs you are likely to come across, we look forward to seeing you all.

There's an all-new Tewin Tennis Club website that has just gone live. **[www.tewintennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tewintennisclub.co.uk)** gives all the latest news, plus details of who to contact about joining, coaching and competitions. The membership form is also there for rapid downloading.

The Tennis Club's AGM at the end of February was very well attended, with several fortunate members winning the opportunity to buy Wimbledon tickets when they go on sale shortly.

We are working on a plan to reduce the glare of the sun due to the loss of trees around the courts. Stage one was a highly successful and sociable hedge planting (and tea drinking) morning. On a fine Saturday late in February over 20 members turned up to dig and plant 70 young trees against the new wall, and in years to come we shall again have a very fine backdrop to the courts.

Look out in the next issue of the parish magazine for details of the Tennis Club Fun Day on Sunday 7th June. We'd especially like to welcome those thinking about tennis to come along for a chat and to hit some balls. It's a great way to make new friends.

# TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

## YEW TREES

By the time you read this the Yew trees in front of the Memorial Hall may have been trimmed. Although the trees have become an established and iconic part of the Hall, they had grown to such an extent that they were obscuring the front of the Hall and causing problems at the entrance to the front garden. The Hall is popular for hosting many events and, with weddings in particular, people like to have photographs taken at the front but this was becoming very difficult because of the size of the Yew trees.

Therefore, the Committee decided they should be trimmed, along with three trees alongside the Scout Hut, which were causing a problem for users. The work was contracted to Chris Eales, who also trimmed the Yew trees around St Peter's Church.

Keith St Pier  
Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

## Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

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### Memorial Hall Draw January

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£61</b>	<b>Paul Griggs, Lower Green</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£36</b>	<b>Margaret Llorente, Lower Green</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>Lucy Sullivan, Firs Walk</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>Robert Cullen, Harwood Close</b>

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

## Screen On The Green

April's Screen on the Green offering is *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

**MONDAY 20th April.** Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. Complimentary teas and coffees beforehand. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

### ANOTHER GREAT JUMBLE SALE!

We are delighted to report that our Spring Jumble Sale takings on the day were £3,403.36, but monies since received have brought this total up to £3,709.56, which is a Spring record. There will be some expenses to be deducted but this is still an excellent result.

The Committee therefore wishes to thank everyone who contributed in any way – all those people who kindly donated such a large number of items, and of course our 'Jumblers' – the magnificent army of people who work so hard setting out tables and sorting on Friday afternoon and evening, and then again throughout the whole of Saturday. There are far too many to name, but we would like to mention Jerry and Paula Collins, who cooked and served hotdogs, bacon rolls etc, together with tea and coffee, to the visitors, some of whom had queued outside for more than two hours prior to opening! As always, we are very grateful to Stuart Kirkham, Denis Compton and Jim Hall for their invaluable help with the collection of heavy goods. Without all these Jumblers giving freely of their time and energy, there would be no Sale.

However, I think they all enjoy the atmosphere of the Sale and gain great satisfaction from seeing their efforts rewarded when visitors pour in and we raise a lot of money for the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. So we all look forward in anticipation to our Autumn Jumble Sale and hope everyone who reads this magazine will make a note of the date:-

**SATURDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.** We look forward to seeing you then.

Todd Canton  
on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee



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## ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD

The War Memorial with its design of a Crusader's Sword and Ship is the work of Sir Herbert Baker, known for his work in Delhi and for the India House in London.

The earliest known grave in the churchyard is of Ralph Boteler who died, aged 63, on 31st January 1644. His grave, and three others of the Boteler family, is under the East window of the church. The family lived at Queen Hoo Manor House from 1663-1682 and are related to those whose memorial slabs are in the sanctuary of the church.

The large grave to the West of the South door is that of Mr Alfred Beit. Alfred Beit was a pioneer with Cecil Rhodes in South Africa and Rhodesia. He died in 1906 and under his will the Beit Railway Trust was established to develop transport communications in Northern and Southern Rhodesia ( now Zambia and Zimbabwe ). It provided funds to build most of the great bridges in Central Africa and also four hundred smaller bridges in rural areas. The Beit Trust still exists and makes grants for social and educational purposes in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Sir Otto Beit, the brother of Alfred Beit, lived at Tewin Water and was responsible for the building of Tewin Memorial Hall on land given by Lord Desborough of Panshanger. His son, Theodore Beit, died during the First World War and there is a tablet to him on the North wall of the church.

By the East wall of the churchyard are tombstones for the Carringtons, Dennes, Feilds, and Hopkyns, all prominent figures in the life of the village, whose deeds are well recorded in parish documents. A little apart to the south are stones to the memory of John Carrington and his wife. For some time he was at Bacon's Farm on the Hertford Road, where he wrote a diary of the day-to-day events of the district, with comments on the local inhabitants of the day. They give a detailed account of parish life during the late 18th and 19th centuries.

The Tomb in the churchyard most frequently visited by visitors from all over the world is that of Lady Anne Grimston, widow of Samuel Grimston, who died in November 1713 at Tewin House.

This is found within the iron railing at the East of the churchyard and, as noted in St. Peter's News on page 18, has recently had a facelift. A legend has grown around this lady that she was a Sadducean and therefore did not believe in the Resurrection of the Dead.

She was reputed to have said, "If, indeed, there is life hereafter trees will render asunder my tomb." For over 200 years trees have forced their limbs through the tomb to raise their branches in rejoicing. That Lady Anne was not, however, a Sadducean can clearly be seen in her notes of accounts of monies spent in putting up her horses when she drove from her home, Gorhambury, St Albans, to Tewin each Sunday for worship, calling to remembrance that it was on the First Day of the week that her Lord and Master rose from the grave.

#### LADY ANNE GRIMSTON'S GRAVE



John Steal, Curate of Tewin in 1843, deplored the superstition which had arisen around the tomb, and that "those who are led from mere curiosity and pastime be not heedless of those vows which, as professing Christians, they have solemnly made before God 'to renounce the world, the flesh and the Devil', being assured in their Baptism of a Life which brings 'death unto sin and new birth unto righteousness' ..... A sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life," May the visitor say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours."

## Team Vicar's Letter

In the last series of the BBC sitcom 'Rev', Adam Smallbone, vicar of St. Saviours in the Marshes, is having a breakdown. His faith, marriage and church are crumbling and it seems as if the world has turned against him. In a profoundly moving scene, Adam is pictured alone carrying the weight of a large wooden cross through the dark streets of London; people stare and spit. At the break of dawn he climbs a grassy hill which overlooks the high-rise towers of the city. It is there he meets Christ.

There is no instant recognition. Christ, shaggy-haired in a shellsuit, can of lager in hand, is perhaps not what Adam was expecting, yet Christ it is. He dances with Adam in Adam's madness. He speaks in riddles which seem to make little wordly sense. Yet Adam remains trapped in his despair. A man who has spent so many years in prayer and learning, does not recognize God when they are face to face.

But finally there is a moment. When Christ touches Adam on the shoulder – and uses his name. 'Adam', he says. It is in that second that Adam knows who he meets.

When Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in the garden, she too fails to recognize him at first. This was the man she loved and followed and yet in her deep despair and grief she is unable to see his presence. She assumes him to be the gardener. Yet Jesus speaks her name 'Mary', he says – and she immediately responds 'Lord'.

For Adam and for Mary, Jesus calling them by name was strange enough. It is as if that one small word, spoken by Christ, shows an understanding of all the grief and sorrow, hopes and desires, ability and fragility of who they are. And through His knowledge of who they are, sparks their knowledge of who He is; deeply loving, determinedly life-giving, the one in whom our true identities are made known.

And so Adam and Mary, through their encounters with the Risen Christ, experience their own resurrections. As the sun begins its slow climb which lightens the sky, so too Adam and Mary begin to move from their night into a new day.

The Risen Christ may not always look as we were expecting, but he calls each one of us by name. In doing so he shows us to be fully known and fully loved. This is where our own resurrections begin, where dawn breaks through and new life emerges.

Wishing you all the joy of life that Easter brings,  
Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
APRIL 2ND	MAUNDY THURSDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	8.00pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 12: 1-14	1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26	JOHN 13: 1-17, 31b-35
3rd	GOOD FRIDAY	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	12 noon	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
5th	EASTER SUNDAY	FAMILY COMMUNION	9.30 am	LUCY DALLAS	ISAIAH 25: 6-9	ACTS 10: 34-43	JOHN 20: 1-18
		EVENSONG	6.30 pm	COLIN HULL	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	LUKE 24: 13-35	
12th	EASTER 2	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 14: 10-End, 15: 20-21	ACTS 14: 32-35	JOHN 20: 19-End
19th	EASTER 3	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	CATHERINE JUPP	LUKE 24: 36b-48		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	LUCY DALLAS & LESLEY GRIFFITHS	ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-End	ACTS 3: 12-19	LUKE 24: 36b-48
26th	EASTER 4	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18 8: 6-18 9: 8-13	ACTS 4: 5-12	JOHN 10: 11-18

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



## ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
APRIL 2nd PAULINE	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	GRAHAM SPRING  MAVIS HAGGAR			
3rd					
5th DAVID	MARY GREGG	ROSEMARY NODDER  CLARE RAWLINS	JANET THOMPSON		
	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	MARK SWANN  NICK WHITING		EASTER	EASTER
12th KEITH	MAVIS HAGGAR	PAULINE SPRING  MYRA WALKER	QUEENIE SIMMONS	SALLY OWEN	PETE JOHNSON
19th PAULINE	MILLIE BOOKER	MARY GREGG  PAULINE BROWN	DI BRADLEY	MARION COMPTON	RUTH SHARP
	PAULINE SPRING	IVOR & LINDA WILLIAMS			
26th DAVID	PAULINE BROWN	RUTH SHARP  KAREN SHAW	PAT FULFORD	ELIZABETH WILSON	ALISON BARNFIELD

**St Peter's Church was floodlit on 30th March in memory of Kirsten Margareth Roberts  
From Ben, Susan, David and Brian**

**The Church will also be floodlit on 27th April in loving memory of Peter Walters who died this day in 2009. Church warden for 18 years and much missed husband and father.  
Audrey Walters**

## St Peter's News

After several weeks of having builders in and around the church there is now a lull in proceedings. The stonework, mainly around the windows, replacement of roof tiles and internal plastering have been completed. The builders will return to paint when the plaster is dry, rebuild the end pillar of the red brick wall when the frosts are over and to work in the porch, April being the time when least disturbance will be caused to the bats.

The removal of old plaster in the church caused a large amount of dust in spite of the builders' valiant efforts to keep it to a minimum. This makes this year's Annual Spring Clean on Friday evening May 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> all the more important. Please come and help: every contribution, however small, will be much appreciated. There will be a 'Sign up' sheet with more details at the back of the church.

Those familiar with the churchyard may have noticed that Lady Ann Grimston's tomb has received a face lift. This resulted from East Herts District Council advising us that they were going to put the tomb on their Listed Monuments At Risk register. With the backing of English Heritage, we were able to convince them that a 'total restoration' was inappropriate considering the legend that "my tomb will be rent asunder by trees if there is indeed an afterlife". We fervently hope that the tidy up accomplished by our builders will suffice to keep us off EHDC's 'naughty list'!

It is always a pleasure to have the children of Tewin Cowper School in church especially when accompanied by parents and grandparents. On March 13th they came for their Family Service, which was led by the Ladybird class, to celebrate families in general and mothers in particular. We look forward to welcoming them again on the last day of term for their Easter Service and hope that some of them will come to the Easter Activity afternoon on Easter Saturday.

St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on April 27 in the Memorial Hall. Malcolm and I will not be standing for re-election so I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank the PCC, the congregation of St Peter's and the wider community both in Tewin and surrounding villages for all your help and support over the past eight years. Please continue to support our replacements as it makes such a difference. Thank you all.

Pete Johnson

## **ANOTHER NEW YEAR - SURELY NOT?**

Yes, it's another new Tax Year coming up on 6<sup>th</sup> April. For complicated historical reasons the tax year runs to 5<sup>th</sup> April, not 31<sup>st</sup> December. So sooner or later those who have to file tax returns will have the pleasure (?) of once again addressing themselves to that worthy (?) task!

Whilst payment of tax is a real burden for many, it also has advantages for charities like St Peter's. Those who pay tax and Gift Aid their giving to St Peter's make it possible for us to recover the tax paid on the sums donated. For the last few years we were able to recover about £8,000 of tax on such giving, making an invaluable contribution to church funds.

New year resolutions may not be for everyone but the new tax year could be just the time for people to review their level of giving to St Peter's. An increasing number of supporters give through bank standing orders, which are both regular and convenient. However, it is easy to forget how long they have remained at the same level. So if this applies to your giving to St Peter's, perhaps you would make a new (tax) year resolution to review the level and instruct your bank to adjust the payments for the coming year.

Forms are available in church or from me; it would help if you could kindly let me know of any changes so that I can monitor them through the church bank account.

If you haven't supported St Peter's in this way before, but would like to, do please speak to me about it.

Thank you

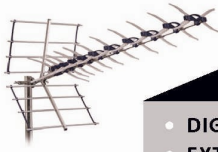
Graham Spring, Treasurer.

## **Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision 2015**

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between 29th March and 12th April. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and the box for completed forms at the back of the church during that period. Applications must be received by 12th April.

David Rawlins

*Electoral Roll Officer*



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# Tewin Cowper School

## A message from Tewin Cowper CE School

We had a lovely end to the Spring Term, celebrating Easter and reflecting on our value of 'courage'. Our return to school on 20<sup>th</sup> April sees our Honeybees (Years 4/5) preparing to leave for their residential trip in West Runton on the Wednesday to the Friday. They will be staying at Kingswood and we know they are going to have an amazing adventure there. Maypole Dancing club has started in preparation for Maypole Dancing on Lower Green on 1<sup>st</sup> May. We do hope you will be able to join us at 10.15am as this is always a lovely celebration organised by 'Friends of Tewin' who give us wonderful support throughout the year.

We do have sad news that Mr Le Tissier will be leaving us at the end of the Summer to take up a new post as 'Director of Learning'. We are pleased for him as this is a great step in his professional development but will be making the most of his last term with us. Our quest has begun to find someone who can follow in his footsteps and, along with the rest of the team, make such a great difference to the learning and development of the children at Tewin Cowper.

The Staff Team



## A YUMMY LAST DAY OF TERM

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 1pm when children are collected, the PTA will be trying out their new crêpe machine. For £1 you can buy a crepe or a waffle with Nutella or lemon and sugar.



## **Operation Gnome - Protecting Gardens and Allotments**

As the first signs of spring are starting to appear in gardens and allotments across the county, Hertfordshire Constabulary is launching Operation Gnome, a new initiative to help remind residents to keep their gardens, outbuildings and allotments secure.

Spring is traditionally a time when burglars target sheds, garages and outbuildings, looking for power tools, bikes and other expensive items stored in them. They also look for tools left in gardens such as spades, garden forks and ladders, which can be used to help them break into homes.

These are some of the ways you can make your outbuildings more secure:

- Always lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks (one near the top and one near the bottom of the door) or use an alarmed padlock
- Secure your rear garden by locking entry gates with a padlock
- Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use
- Ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition. Spiky plants along garden boundaries are good additional deterrents
- Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number - this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner
- Remember to lock your garage door securely. Metal 'up and over' doors can be secured with extra locks fitted either side and/or a floor-mounted locking 'T' bar with a closed shackle padlock. Wooden garage doors can be secured with two substantial hasps and staple locks and closed shackle padlocks (your local DIY store can advise on the most secure options)

For more detailed security advice: please visit [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) or contact us on [ferenquiries@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ferenquiries@herts.pnn.police.uk) or call the non-emergency number 101



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## Tewin Stores

We LOVE pancakes in Tewin! Thank you to everyone who came to our Shrove Tuesday fest. And a special thank you to Mary Rouse for making over 80 pancakes with a lovely selection of fillings.

Our next Saturday lunch is on 18th April. Do drop in between 12 and 2pm. The shop will be open until 3pm.

As some of you will know, we had a couple of power cuts at the beginning of March, one of which resulted in our closing the shop in the morning.

Without power we have no light, no heating, and more importantly, no till and no card reader. So please accept our apologies if you were unable to get your paper that morning.

And on the subject of newspapers, we are looking for a new paper boy to deliver papers at the weekends. If we cannot find anyone soon, I'm afraid people will have to collect papers from the shop at weekends.

Look out for our displays for special events like Easter. Thank you to Maureen Yates who is again obtaining lovely flower baskets and plants for sale in the shop.

And finally, you may have noticed that the courtyard roof is undergoing some repairs and improvements thanks to Roger Spendley. We look forward to summer days in the garden soon.

Normal shop opening hours

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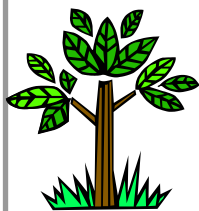
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## Friends of Tewin



### SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015

We were delighted to welcome 88 people to the Memorial Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Our senior guests sat down to enjoy a lunch of either roast beef or salmon fishcakes, followed by bakewell tart or fresh fruit salad. After lunch everyone joined in with a quiz which got the brain cells working!

We also delivered 10 meals to the homes of people who weren't able to attend.

We have had some very kind comments from people telling us what a great afternoon they had. We are pleased the afternoon was such a success; it makes the hard work worthwhile.

We want to thank everyone who helped to serve the lunch; we couldn't have managed without you.

Our next event which we hold in conjunction with Tewin Cowper School, is dancing around the Maypole on Lower Green. This will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May starting at 10.15am. It is a lovely occasion which the children really look forward to; they spend hours practising special Maypole dances, so please come along to Lower Green to support them. It is a great way to spend an hour chatting to old friends.

If the weather is bad, the children will dance in the school hall, but please still come along to support them.

### ANNUAL COACH TRIP

The destination for our summer day trip is Cambridge. The date is 9th June, the cost is £11 and with so much to do in Cambridge, it should be a great day out.

If you would like to reserve a seat please take your cheque, together with your name, address and telephone number to one of the following addresses:

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5 School Lane, Tewin

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Danesbury and QVM gardens are beginning to show signs of spring and it will soon be time to order geraniums and summer bedding to plant once the frosts are over. We try to use Target Stamps from the Welwyn and Hatfield Times to buy these, so please cut them out and take them to the shop.

Looking forward - maybe you have a wedding this summer so why not have a look at the beautiful dresses and hats on display in our shop. You could save yourself a fortune!

We hope that you all enjoy the Easter festivities.

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### **Hertford County Town: Its Origin and Character**

As part of LitFest '15, which is being organised by the Hertfordshire Libraries Service, there will be a talk on the character of Hertford by local historian Peter Ruffles at Hertford Library on Thursday 9 April 7.30pm at a cost of £5.00.

For tickets book online at: [www.hertsdirect.org/libraryeventtickets](http://www.hertsdirect.org/libraryeventtickets) or call 01707 281533

For details of other events go to [www.hertsdirect.org/litfest15](http://www.hertsdirect.org/litfest15) or call 0300 123 4049.

## Isabel Hospice

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Networking Lunch**

**From 12:30 to 14:00**

**Lussmanns, Fore Street, Hertford**

A monthly networking lunch run by Isabel Hospice working in association with Marketing Kinetics. We welcome companies from all over Herts & Essex. Sign up at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) , T: 01707 382500

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Square Dance**

**From 19:30 to 23:30**

**Presdales School, Hoe Lane, Ware, Hertfordshire**

Why not join us for a fun evening of Square Dancing hosted by Royston Lions Club and sponsored by Isabel Hospice at Presdales School. The ticket price of £12.50 per person includes a fish and chip supper. Contact Keith Collard for tickets at [lionkgc@gmail.com](mailto:lionkgc@gmail.com).

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Teas in Gardens - Mill House**

**From 14:00 to 17:00**

**Mill House, Fulling Mill Lane, Welwyn Village**

Tel: 01279 755320

This garden is open as part of the NGS scheme, and proceeds from the teas will be coming to Isabel Hospice. Entry is £4 with children going free. There will be homemade cream teas, and cakes.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Isabel Hospice Charity Gala Concert**

**19:30 to 22:30**

**Big School, Haileybury College, Hertford Heath**

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## Dates for your diary this month

Tue	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
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	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Wed 8th and 22nd	Lower Green	2.15-3.45pm	Mobile Library
Thurs 2nd, 16th and 30th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 2nd	Tewin School	1pm	Pancakes and Waffles
Sat 4th	St Peter's Church	2-4pm	Children's Craft Activities
Sat 11th	Memorial Hall	2.15pm	THACS Spring Show
Mon 13th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 15th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	Management Committee Memorial Hall AGM
Sat 18th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green - 'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

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