



Tewin Magazine

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Tewin Celebrates May Day

Editorial Note

Welcome to our June edition. Our lovely front cover photograph, taken by John Ling, shows the children of Tewin Cowper School entertaining the village with a display of Maypole Dancing. Events taking place this month are ‘Songs of Praise’ Service at St Peter’s Church on 7th (p17), Tennis Club Fun Day on 21st (p13) and of course the Village Fete on 27th (p10). Our film this month is ‘The Artist’ on 15th (p9). At the time of going to press there were still a few seats on the coach trip to Cambridge on 9th. Contact Anne Hall on 01438 718505 for details.

At least one village resident has received a letter from the People’s Postcode Lottery Scammers. Sensibly she checked it out first and wasn’t taken in. Make sure you do not become a victim by reading our article on p3. Remember no genuine lottery operator will contact you to say you’ve won, you have to contact them in the first instance.

Stop Press: Herts County Council have voted to go ahead with the proposed bus cuts. See www.tewinvillage.co.uk for further details.

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

The Road Safety Roadshow Comes to Welwyn Garden City

Failing to look properly has been the cause of almost half of the road accidents in Hertfordshire over the last five years.

In order to help drivers stay focused on the task at hand Hertfordshire firefighters are coming to Welwyn Garden City town centre on Tuesday 9th June, giving people the chance to test their skills at spotting danger on the road and offering free advice.

The Roadshow will become the town’s centrepiece for the day, with a fire engine – which children can pretend to drive, a Peg Car (to demonstrate the process of how a fire crew gains access into a crashed car to save people’s lives), a fire bike, a police crash car and the Fire Information Unit – displaying road safety messages and housing an area where people can test their perception skills.

Cllr Bernard Sarson, Welwyn Hatfield’s Executive Member for Business and Partnerships, added: “We hope many people will come along and learn vital information about road safety. This advice could be the difference between life and death.”

Beware of EuroMillions Scam

Hertfordshire County Council is asking residents to be on the alert for a lottery scam operating in the county.

The council's Trading Standards team is currently receiving reports of letters arriving out of the blue telling people they have won £725,000 in the EuroMillions FIFA World Cup Super Lottery. These letters, apparently sent from 39 St James Street London and from an address in Zurich, Switzerland, go on to say that in order to claim the cash prize the recipient must telephone the number on the letter. On doing so they are told that they must first pay a 1% processing fee and provide their bank details.

Roy Wilsher, Director of Community Protection, said: "These letters are a scam. You cannot win a prize in a lottery that you have not entered and genuine lottery operators will not ask you to send them money before releasing winnings. I would urge anyone receiving one of these letters to simply bin it."

If you have responded to this scam or if scam mail is causing you or someone you know distress, report it to Hertfordshire County Council's Trading Standards team via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

The EuroMillions official website gives some good advice on how to spot a EuroMillions scam. <https://www.national-lottery.co.uk/security?icid=bsp:na:tx>
There is more information on recognising and avoiding scams on the County Council's website at www.hertsdirect.org/scams

DriveSafe Campaign

As mentioned in the April magazine a vehicle speed monitoring exercise has now started in Tewin under the auspices of the Herts Police DriveSafe campaign.

Vehicles recorded as driving over the speed limit will receive warning letters from Herts Police and persistent offenders will face formal sanctions.

The main objective of the campaign is to reduce traffic speeds through the village. Please remember that the 30 mph limit is a maximum and not a minimum so don't be embarrassed to drive below 30mph. Many believe that the "20 is Plenty" campaign in built up areas should be universally applied.

Early results from the monitoring already show some alarming speeds, almost 50 mph in some cases. Far too many cars are well above 30 mph. We live in a village where the roads are shared with horses, pedestrians and cyclists.

Perhaps most importantly, children using them can do unexpected things. In Tewin as elsewhere, public footpaths exit onto roads on blind bends.

Let's use the campaign as a topic for discussion around the village. We all want a safe environment and we all have a role to play in achieving it.

Tewin Parish Council



DOG FOULING ON UPPER GREEN

Tewin Parish Council has received complaints about dog fouling on Upper Green and would be grateful if everyone would be a responsible dog owner and clear up after their dog. Bagged dog mess can be disposed of in any litter bins and

there are currently two on Upper Green in the car park and adjacent to the playground .

Please bear in mind that the green is regularly used by children and for sports and report irresponsible dog owners to the East Herts Council Animal Warden 01279 655261 with as much information as possible about the dog, dog owner, times and locations the owner walks the dog.

LITTER BINS

In theory, you should take all your rubbish home with you, but litter bins are for everybody's convenience to dispose of a multitude of small pieces of rubbish. This includes dog poo bags, and we thank all those dog owners who take the trouble to use the litter bins.

Two examples of what litter bins should not be used for are (a) the family that took their new Crazy Catch Wild Child Rebound Net to Upper Green, unpacked it, and then folded the cardboard box up and filled a litter bin with it; and (b) the young party goers who tried to cover their activities by heaping all their empty bottles and cans in three litter bins in the Lower Green area.

The litter bins are emptied on Mondays. When litter bins are filled inappropriately, their useful convenience is denied to others, especially over the weekend. Basically, if what you are thinking of putting into a litter bin will fill it up, then you should take it away instead. We are gradually renewing all the old litter bins. The next two to go are the one opposite the Rose & Crown, and the one at the end of Cannons Meadow. We are looking at providing a new litter bin at the entrance to Grass Warren.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND - Bulls Green - Update

As you may recall funding was won from the Government for the Connected Counties Programme to extend the fibre network

infrastructure to the Bulls Green cabinet (which serves the Bulls Green/Tewin Wood area) and power it. Copper cable will remain in place between your house and the cabinet and superfast broadband can be delivered over the remaining copper provided it is no longer than 1km between the house and the cabinet.

Surveys started in January 2015 and BT Openreach are aiming to complete the work by the end of March 2016 providing there aren't any unforeseen technical or physical delays. Once the work is complete, Bulls Green/Tewin Wood residents will be able to ask their internet service provider ("ISP") for a fibre broadband service. These estimated forecasts are all subject to change given the complexity of such a large engineering project.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next meeting is the annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 1st June 2015 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall. The meeting following that will take place on 6th July 2015.

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 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 27th June - Plant stall at the Village Fete

THACS will be organising the plant stall again and all the monies raised go to help maintain the village hall, so it's a very worthy cause.

Please support this effort by providing us with plants that we might sell on the stall. If you have any plants to donate, then please bring them along to us at the plant stall on Lower Green during the morning of the fete. If this would be inconvenient then you can drop them off before the fete to either Nick Whiting, 5 Churchfield Road, or Sue Whitbourn, 107 Burnham Green Road. Any further enquiries to Nick on 01438 717230.

Tuesday 7th July - Visit to Audley End House & Gardens

There is still time for you to book your place on the trip to Audley End house & gardens if you have not already done so. Full details were given in the May edition of this magazine. Just to remind you, Audley End is an English Heritage site at Saffron Walden, Essex. It offers a wide range of attractions, including extensive landscaped gardens, stunning views across the unspoilt Essex countryside, a decadent Jacobean mansion house, an 1880's service wing and a working Victorian stable yard. There is something there for everyone, so come along and join us for a great day out!

English Heritage members get free entry to the property but they must bring their membership cards with them on the day. Other people in our group will benefit from the 15% discount given to groups like ours. The resulting prices are shown below:-

	With English Heritage membership	Without English Heritage membership		
		Adult	Concession(60 or over)	Children (5-15 inc)
THACS members	£10.00	£23.50	£22.00	£18.00
Non-members	£12.00	£26.00	£24.50	£20.50

If you want to find out more about Audley End house & gardens, then please see their web site at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/audley-end-house-and-gardens/>.

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9:30am, and will leave Audley End for the return journey at 3:30pm.

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 Monday 29th June 2015. You can get the booking form from the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/ or from Ray Keppler (telephone 01438 717545 or email raykeppler@btinternet.com).

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Screen On The Green

Our June film, the last in the season, is *The Artist*. Once described as the silent film they said no one wanted to see, it is a 2011 French romantic comedy drama in the style of a black and white silent movie. It was written, directed and co-edited by Michel Hazanavicius, and tells the story of a 1920s Hollywood star eclipsed by the talkies and by the young dancer he falls for. If you missed this film when it came out, you're in for a treat, and if you saw it, then you will want to see it again.

MONDAY 15th June. 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.

Tewin Tennis Club Ladies Tournament in aid of Prostate Cancer Research

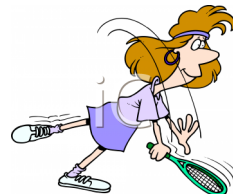
Sixteen ladies got together on Sunday 10th May and entertained a great crowd with excellent tennis and some exciting matches to show their support for friends in the village who have unfortunately suffered with Prostate Cancer.

The afternoon was very sociable with a break when supporters joined the players to enjoy tea and a variety of delicious homemade cakes supplied by the players. It was a wonderful atmosphere and the weather was perfect for an afternoon of tennis.

Thank you so much to the players, supporters and friends for their help and very generous donations raising over £380.00 for a very good cause. The money will be sent using Gift Aid which will bring the total to over £450.00.

Thank you again.

Cheryl & Bert



TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

TEWIN FETE – Saturday, 27th June 2-5pm

Please note the date. As always, there will be many attractions. As well as our popular Children's Funfair and Face Painting, we will have a variety of stalls and entertainment, with some new attractions. We will also have a Bar Tent, a Pimm's stall and a Barbecue, as well as our popular Auction, with some excellent Lots, more details of which will be shown in the green leaflet which will be put through your letter-box in early June.

We will also be asking for contributions to the New/Nearly New, Tombola, and Cake stalls - again details will be given in the leaflet. Meanwhile, 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 perhaps you would let us know in advance so we can allocate jobs - please phone **Lynn Farr on 798 307**. We look forward to seeing you at the Fete.

The Tewin Memorial Hall Fete Committee

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Memorial Hall Draw March

1st	£60	Nigel North, Upper Green Road
2nd	£36	Jenny Izzard, Abbots Road
3rd	£12	Ian Clements, Orchard Road
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Tewin Tennis Club

Competitive tennis is now in full swing at the courts on Upper Green. Our own ABC League started in mid-May and will run through June and July every Friday evening. This light-hearted string of matches comprises both women's and men's doubles matches, and starts at 6pm each week. Tewin Tennis Club is also a member of the Datchworth league, an altogether more serious proposition. Our four teams so far report mixed success this season, which means we could be doing a whole lot better!

The club's fun day has been moved to **Sunday June 21**.

Please do come along to Upper Green even if you are not playing tennis. Tea and cakes will be on offer and if you'd like to hit some tennis balls, then that's great too. Don't worry if you don't have a racket or tennis balls, you can borrow ours. All you need is a pair of trainers. There will be a bouncy castle for the kids too. We hope to see you between 2pm and 5pm on the 21st.



BOWLS CLUB UPDATE

The bowling season is now in full swing and diaries are filling up with Club friendly matches against other local clubs, as well as individual matches in Club and County competitions. In addition, some members play in the Welwyn/Hatfield evening league, others in the St Albans League or in the East Herts League, but some players just prefer to come to the Club on a sunny afternoon for a non-competitive 'Roll-up'.

On 22nd June, 45 bowlers are boarding a coach to spend a week at Paignton, playing Devon clubs in friendly matches. They always enjoy these annual tours to different places, meeting other bowlers, and seeing other clubs, as well as having a holiday. They always return buzzing with enthusiasm for bowling.

The Tewin club would still like to welcome new members. Currently, there are five new bowlers learning how to play. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact either Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395. They will be pleased to give you any information you need.

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

RECORD SPRING BOOK SALE

We are delighted to report that our recent Book Sale was a great success, producing takings of £436.18, the highest Spring result since 2013. In the past there had been concern that with the advent of Kindles, I-Pads etc., the twice-yearly book sales would become redundant, but this result proves that people still enjoy reading hard copy books. Equally important, we have found that visitors like the experience of browsing through the varied books on offer at our sales, as well as chatting to each other.

This is very satisfying and we are also pleased that the books get recycled, therefore benefitting others. We do keep many of our unsold books for future sales, but when we feel they've exhausted the Tewin market, we pass them on to a company called 'The Book Rescuers', who recycle them further and, in some cases, send them to third-world countries.

Therefore, the Hall Management Committee thanks all those who donated books and jigsaws, which also sold well, as well as everyone who came along to make purchases. In particular our thanks go to Linda Crawford and her team for organising the event on behalf of the Hall and to all those additional volunteers who came along to help put out tables and books etc. and clear up afterwards. It was hard work but very worthwhile. We are grateful to them all and look forward to seeing everyone again at our Autumn Book Sale on the **21st November**.

Thank you.

Keith St Pier (Vice-Chairman)
Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Team Vicar's Letter

A conversation as described by a clergy friend of mine:

So I'm looking after a parishioner's 8 year old and we're waiting for my two to come home from school and I'm in my study and she sidles up to me and looks around...

Her: Yeah, I think I could do your job. Is being a vicar hard?

Me: Sometimes. But it's lots of fun too.

Her: Yeah. I could do it. I do believe in God you know.

Me: Well, that's a start. And I am sure God is pleased to know that.

Her: Yeah... I pray too.

Me: That's great - keep that up...

Her: Yeah... I know about God. Do you know that when you die you go to heaven where you become God's slave?

It's funny the pictures we come up with of God. For most of us they start to develop in childhood. Snippets from stories and bits of conversations with adults begin to be pieced together, and images of God are formed.

We often like to think in pictures and the bible gives us a multitude of images to choose from. God is compared to a king, shepherd, rock, potter, friend, fortress, mother hen, fire and water. But of course these are metaphors. None of them tell the complete story.

But the danger of beginning to develop images of God in childhood is that as we grow older we may not encourage our images to mature with us. We can remain stunted as if the 'old man on a cloud' is what faith is about. I often wonder why we leave it like that? Many of us may have learned how to play 'Chopsticks' on the piano as children, or learned to draw stick figures.

Perhaps we have never progressed much further than that. But imagine if we then dismiss all music and art as if the childhood tune and pictures are all there is to explore. There are all manner of breath-taking symphonies of God and glorious grandmasters, if only we would look again with adult ears and eyes.

As Giles Fraser, the columnist and priest, said in regard to Stephen Fry's remark that he couldn't believe in a distant God who cared nothing for human suffering – "I don't believe in the God Stephen Fry doesn't believe in either". This is not the image of God that the Christian faith roots itself in. There is one picture of God though that says it all. "Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father", says Jesus (John 14:9). The Christian faith says to us "God has come near. God has been seen". And so, if you haven't for a while, or perhaps ever in your life, pick up a bible today and read a gospel. Look afresh with adult eyes at Jesus. And afterwards you can say "now I have seen God."

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JUNE 7th	TRINITY 1	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	LUCY DALLAS	GENESIS 3: 8-15	2 CORINTHIANS 4: 13-5: 1	MARK 3: 20-End
		SONGS OF PRAISE	6.30 pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
14th	TRINITY 2	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 17: 22-End	2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-17	MARK 4: 26-34
21st	TRINITY 3	FAMILY SERVICE with BAPTISM	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MARK 4: 35-End		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOB 38: 1-11	2 CORINTHIANS 6: 1-13	MARK 4: 35-End
28th	PETERTIDE	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ACTS 12: 1-11	1 PETER 2: 19-End	MATTHEW 16: 13-19

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

WEDDING

May 23rd Richard James Boothman and Naomi Eleanor Hasley –Swift

MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 18th Angie Merson

ROTAS

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14th PAULINE	ALICE GREENWOOD	MAVIS HAGGAR MARK SWAN	MAVIS HAGGAR	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	GLORIA KERSEY
21st DAVID	UGO POWELL	TINA YOUNG DI BRADLEY	UGO & STEPHEN ROWELL	QUEENIE SIMMONS ELAINE FOWLER	NICKY HADLEY
		MALCOLM SLAUGHTER NICK WHITING			
28th KEITH	ALISTAIR BUCHANAN	ELAINE FOWLER MARY GREGG	SHEILA FEAKES	ANN LEE	PAULINE BROWN

Songs of Praise Service

There will be a special 'Songs of Praise' Service at St Peter's Church on Sunday 7th June at 6.30pm. Groups involved in the village - including THACS, Friends of Tewin, Brownies and Rainbows - have been asked to choose a favourite hymn and invited to introduce their choice at the service. All are welcome.

St Peter's News

At the APCM on 27th April, new Churchwardens – Pauline Brown and Nick Whiting were appointed and are now ‘in training’ with Pete Johnson. Although Pete has retired as Churchwarden she is continuing as Verger, assisting at Weddings and Funerals and still working in the Churchyard. The building work associated with the last Quinquennial inspection is now complete. The annual Church cleaning took place on the second weekend of May and thanks go to everyone who worked so hard on the Friday evening and Saturday morning to make St Peter's look ‘sparkling’ in time for the Rogation Service on Sunday 10th May.

The Rogation service is a special one for the Parish. We are fortunate enough to have our own resident farmer, Ivor Williams. Following the Sunday service Ivor was able to join us for a wonderful walk across the fields to the house of Ted and Ruth Sharp. On the way, the group of about 20 stopped at various points for Ivor to impart some interesting information about the various fields, their names and the crops growing in them. There was also a stop on both Lower and Upper Greens, so that the village, its surroundings and the animals could be blessed by Susannah. The weather was amazing, bright sunshine with a light breeze and the group enjoyed a welcome and tasty lunch at Ruth and Ted's. We thank them for their hospitality.

On Saturday 9th May, our Bellringers rang a Quarter Peel of Plain Bob Doubles at 7.00 p.m. to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day. A number of them had also rung at other churches earlier in the day, as part of the national recognition of the declaration of peace in 1945.

The very first session of our ‘Little Lambs’ group took place on Thursday 14th May and seven toddlers and mothers were welcomed at St Peter's for a successful afternoon, in spite of the chilly and very wet weather outside. Please remember that if you have any suitable toddler toys that we could utilise, then they would be very acceptable. Please bring them to the Church. All toddlers and accompanying adults are welcome – do come along, or if you don't qualify but know anyone who would like to take part, please pass on the details.

A reminder that our ‘Songs of Praise’ service takes place in St Peter's at 6.30 p.m. on 7th June. Please come along and enjoy some hearty singing of favourite hymns chosen by the various village organisations. It should prove a very special evening.

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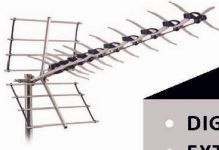
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At the very end of April, we received a long-awaited phone call to say that an Ofsted Inspector would be with us the next day to carry out a full inspection for two days. So over the Wednesday and Thursday, there was lots of information gathering, lesson/work observations and discussions with pupils, staff, parents and governors by the inspector, who drew all her findings together in a mass of paperwork to give a grading and make a full report of our provision here. We are really looking forward to sharing the final report as soon as it is published; it will be uploaded on to our website as well as the official Ofsted website. The Inspector left on the Thursday afternoon and our May Day celebrations on Lower Green the following morning were a wonderful finale to the week; it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the Maypole Dancing and sharing in the festivities. A special 'thank you' to Friends of Tewin for organising it and making it so special and to Mrs Wright and Miss Tebbutt for all their hard work in training the dancers.

We also had our official assessment week during May, when the Year 2 and Year 6 children did their SATs tests and the rest of the school were engaged in summative testing activities which we use to inform the ongoing teacher assessments. Well done to all our children for their hard work and motivation. The Year 6 children celebrated the end of the tests with lunch in the garden at the Plume of Feathers. So now we are in the final half term of the year. We are hoping for some great weather as our swimming pool is open for our curriculum swimming lessons. Our Year 3s are off to Cuffley Camp for three days in the middle of the month; then at the end of the month our Year 6s have their journey to the Isle of Wight for five days.

As we approach the end of another school year, we look ahead to the changes that will come about in September so that we can make plans. As is often the case, this brings mixed feelings, particularly when we have to say 'goodbye' to people who have been an important part of Tewin for many years. After ten years of teaching at Tewin Cowper, we will be very sad to say 'goodbye' to Mrs Wright our deputy headteacher. We are delighted for her as she will be Head of Juniors at St Christopher School in Letchworth from September. This is a great step for her and we are proud of all she has achieved; we will have many happy memories of all she has given to Tewin and the difference she has made to the lives of so many children. We also have some very exciting news: one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Morris, is expecting twins in October.

However difficult we find change, it is important that we look forward and embrace new opportunities and experiences. We have launched our school motto: 'small school BIG dreams'. One of those dreams is to be a Forest School and so two of our teachers have had training so that we can take the next steps to making our outdoor environment even more impactful on the children's learning and development.

The Staff Team

Lower Green , Tewin

Lower Green has a mix of houses built over the last four centuries, the oldest of which are now numbers 8 & 9. No. 8 was used as the Post Office at one time with the Post Mistress being in charge of routing telephone calls to and from the village as well as the postal services. The cottages were part of the Panshanger Estate until the Estate was sold in 1953.

The Panshanger Estate built a number of cottages in the nineteenth century for their workers. These Cowper Cottages are familiar sights across this part of Hertfordshire, built in local yellow (cream) brick.

The last forge in Tewin, adjacent to Forge Cottage, was in use until the end of World War II. A pair of semi-detached cottages was built on the site after the forge was demolished. Bob Digby was the last blacksmith to work the forge.

Forge Cottage and the adjacent Yew Tree Cottage were probably built in the mid to late 18th century for the Panshanger Estate. Water for these cottages was originally supplied from a well at the rear of Forge Cottage. Next to these cottages is Vine Cottage built in 1652.

The two cottages next to the current Tewin Stores, numbers 16 and 18 Hertford Road, are thought to have been constructed around 1700. Number 16 was the bakery and had ovens in the cellar, but in 1975, when both cottages were sold, number 18 was designated 'The Old Bakery'.

The Old School House was built in the 18th century at the same time, and by the same hand, as the Rose & Crown Public House. Across the Green from the Old School House is the Victorian School house built by the Cowpers in 1840 to educate the children of Tewin and surrounding farmworkers' families.

In 1968, fifteen houses were built on the site of the Old Rectory on Lower Green. The development, designed by Adams Huntley Associates, won an architectural award and was mentioned in 'The Buildings of Hertfordshire' by Nikolaus Pevsner (Second Edition 1977).

Today development continues with two houses being built to the rear of Lime Cottage, one house between Vine Cottage and the Adams Huntley houses and one next to the Rose & Crown.

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Our big news this month is that Bev, our shop manager will be away from early June for over a month having an operation. This means that it is more than ever essential, with holiday time coming up too, that extra people will be needed to help out in the shop, so please, if you can spare a few hours to help, contact Bev at the shop. (01438 717929).

During June we expect that willing hands will once again be donning paint overalls to redecorate the exterior of the shop to make us all sparkling and shiny for the summer. Maureen and helpers are now busy seeking out lovely plants for the shop. She goes to the nurseries on Thursdays so look out for bargain beautiful specimens for your gardens throughout the summer months. Don't forget you can buy Tewin Stores gift vouchers now to give your friends and family a little treat from the shop.

There will be no special lunch in June but look out for the Tewin Stores stall at Tewin Fete when we shall be selling fresh baked bread, croissants and Gluten-free quiches and cakes.

NB For those of you who kindly offered to help with the Cash and Carry, we have decided to wait until Bev's return to work to get a rota going for this.

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There's a rumble in the jungle and all across Hertfordshire's libraries as we celebrate National Bookstart week, 8-14 June 2015. All children under five are invited to come and join us for some very noisy Toddler Tales or for fun for the whole family at Weekend Stories. This year's theme, Jungle Adventures, is based on Giles Andreae's picture book, *Rumble in the Jungle*. A special mini version will be given away to each child who attends an event.

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MAYPOLE DANCING – 1ST May

We had a great time, the weather was dry and quite warm and the children of Tewin Cowper School delighted us with some wonderful dancing! The children performed 6 dances for us and they must have rehearsed very hard, they were excellent! This is such a lovely event and it was great to see so many of you come to watch the dancing. Our thanks go to all the children and the Staff for all their efforts.

SENIOR CITIZENS VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY – Thursday 9th July

This is a new event which we hope the senior citizens of Tewin will enjoy. The tea party is FREE to everyone aged 60 and over and we hope to see lots of you at the Memorial Hall. We will serve home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes and we are pleased to say that children from Tewin Cowper School will come to sing and play for us. We will send out an invitation to every house in Tewin in the first week of June, so watch for it dropping through your letterbox, it's going to be a great afternoon!

CLASSIC CARS & CRAFT SHOW – Sunday 23rd August.

We are busy making lots of plans for this year's show. We already have over 120 Classic cars booked and we expect to have tripled this number by the day of the show. This is our big event of the year and it couldn't take place without your help. It's a fun day for all the volunteers so if you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you.

Please email: annehall10@btinternet.com. Or telephone Anne on 01438 718505.

SCARECROW WEEKEND – 12/13th September

Now is the time to get your thinking caps on and decide on your scarecrow! Will you go for a children's character, a politician or a film star, the choice is endless! So start your planning now!

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One last reminder that it is Welwyn Festival Week in June and our Welwyn shop team will be there. Do come along if you can and join in the fun.

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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 3rd and 17th	Lower Green	2.15-3.45pm	Mobile Library
Thurs 11th and 25th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 11th and 25th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Mon 1st	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Sun 7th	St Peter's Church	6.30pm	'Songs of Praise' Service
Tues 9th	Bus stop opp. Rose & Crown	9am	Friends of Tewin Coach Trip to Cambridge
Mon 15th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green - 'The Artist'
Sun 21st	Tennis Courts, Upper Green	2-5pm	Tennis Club Fun Day
Sat 27th	Lower Green	2-5pm	Village Fete

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