



Tewin Magazine

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Upper Green in Spring

Editorial Note

Welcome to our April edition. Our front cover picture this month was taken by the late Les Borg.

The THACS Spring Show takes place this month on 9th (p10) and Tewin Stores is holding a Sausage/ Bacon Roll Lunch on 16th (p25). Tewin School starts its Summer term on 18th (p14) and the children will dance around the maypole on 29th (p27).

Our film this month is 'The Big Country' on 18th (p13).

The Parish Council meet on the 4th (p5)

The Tewin Memorial Hall AGM is on the 20th (p31) and the Spring Book Sale on the 23rd (p27)

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

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Watton Youth Football Club, many of whose players attend Tewin School or live in Tewin, are holding a Comedy Night fundraiser at Datchworth Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm.

On the bill will be:

Danny Posthill, the brilliant stand-up and impressionist and BGT 2015 finalist
Miles Crawford, one of the UK's top hosts, who will compere the evening
Wayne the Weird, a wonderful mix of comedy and magic
and 2 promising newcomers.

Tickets are £12 in advance and £15 on the door. Space is limited so advance purchase is advised. Over 18s only.

To purchase tickets or for further information contact:

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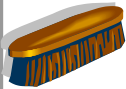
VOLUNTEER VISITORS WANTED!

Friends of Welwyn Care Homes seeks to bring the community into the local care homes for the frail elderly, by building friendly links between local people and the residents and staff.

Have YOU a couple of hours to spare a month when you could join a small team to chat over a cup of tea, or join in other activities with residents?

For further information please contact :

Anne Horsman, anne.horsman@btinternet.com; 01438840566.



Church Spring Cleaning



Spring has sprung and it's time to give our church a thorough cleaning. 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 6th May 6.30pm onwards

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

Saturday 7th 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



Riversmead Development Update

Peter Dixon, Riversmead Neighbourhood Officer has advised that he will arrange for the dandelions growing through the tarmac outside the Grass Warren bungalow to be sprayed with weed killer and the tarmac footpath to be repaired. The deterioration of the access road adjacent to 27 Grass Warren will be passed to the Riversmead surveyor for inspection with a view to the work being carried out in the new financial year.

Sevenacres

The Parish Council is pleased that the Sevenacres Residents Association has been formed and wish them every success. Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk attended a site survey on 3rd March 2016 with representatives from the Sevenacres Residents Association, the management company and the Riversmead Neighbourhood Officer.

Lower Green Kerbing

The kerbing works may be due to start on 4th April 2016 subject to Herts County Council permit permission and will take approximately one week. The road will be closed during this time and the diversion will be around the other side of Lower Green.

Upper Green Car Park

Upon advice of the East Herts Council Tree Warden The Parish Council has accepted a quote to fell the poplar tree at the entrance to Upper Green car park.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Mon 4th April 2016 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 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL ANOTHER SUNNY JUMBLE SALE!

Once again we were blessed with a dry, sunny day for our Spring sale and visitors were queueing outside the Memorial Hall several hours before opening time. As a result, takings were £3,733, just exceeding last year's figure of £3,710 and is therefore a Spring Jumble Sale record.

Meanwhile, we have so many to thank. All the generous people who turned out cupboards and garages etc. and donated goods to the Sale, and of course the wonderful army of 'Jumblers', who turn up twice a year to help lay out tables, sort goods and sell. We have now introduced a new system of area collection, which worked magnificently, so we would like to record individual thanks to the volunteers who kindly helped to shoulder the burden of collecting: Gerry & Brenda Barber, Roger & Barbara Clarke, Jim & Anne Hall, David & Dierdre Hatt, David & Jules Howson, Nigel & Stephanie North, Barry Turner, and Geoff & Sue Whitbourn. Their help was invaluable, as was that of Denis Compton and Stuart Kirkham, who used their vehicles to make numerous journeys to collect furniture and other large items. We could not have coped without their willingness to haul and deliver heavy goods to the Hall. We also thank Jerry and Paula Collins, who've now become a valued asset at the Sale by selling refreshments – hotdogs, burgers, drinks etc.

All the other helpers were wonderful. We should mention in particular that Rose Shephard and her daughter, Gill, have been stalwarts at the Jumble Sales for many years, and when they moved to Somerset last year, we thought we'd lost them. But in fact they made a special journey to Tewin for two days just so they could take charge of their regular spot on the Linen stall, which epitomises the great attitude of all our helpers. They all turned up, knuckled down, and although it's pretty tiring work sorting out so many goods, they made the job a pleasure because of their willingness and affability – they made the occasion a fun event. In fact, several visitors to the Sale remarked on the happy atmosphere, with one regular attendee saying that the Tewin Jumble Sales were the highlight of her year because she had such a good time!

So our grateful thanks go to all these people, as well of course, to all those who turned up to buy goods. The Spring 2016 Jumble Sale was a really good day, and we hope to repeat the exercise and see you all again at the Autumn event. Please note the date: **Saturday, 8th October.**

Todd Canton – on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee

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Beware copycat websites

Hertfordshire County Council's trading standards team is urging residents to be aware of copycat websites overcharging for government services.

Trading standards officers have received several reports of disabled residents paying £49 for Blue Badges, which costs just £10 through the official website at www.hertsdirect.org/bluebadge

People searching for things like disabled blue parking badges, duplicate birth and marriage certificates, holiday visas, London congestion charge payments and much more can easily end up on the copycat site because the companies behind them use online techniques to rank higher in search results than the councils which officially supply them. People are often unaware they are not on a government site.

"If you ever need to search for a service from Hertfordshire County Council, don't use a search engine, go directly to www.hertsdirect.org and search there instead."

A national campaign last year encouraged the public to always start searching at .gov.uk for any official documents.

Members of the public can report copycat websites to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506. Businesses can contact our trading standards team on 01707 281401 for advice from 9am to 5pm Mon to Fri.

Allotments To Let

Tewin Allotment Association currently has a few small allotment plots to let on the site behind Tewin Cowper School with lovely views of the Mimram Valley.

The rent for a quarter size plot, approx 62 square metres, is currently £12.50 per calendar year to include all water used and manure, when available. Half plots may be available (125 sq. metres approx) with a corresponding rent of £25 pa. All new plot holders are required to become members of the Association for which a once only membership fee of £10 is payable.

No previous experience is necessary and there are many existing friendly plot holders willing to share their knowledge if required. An allotment will improve your health and fitness and provide your family with fruit and vegetables with that special taste. Why not give it a try while vacancies exist?

If you think you may be interested or would like further information please contact John Sheridan, Tel. 01438 717407 or email johnchris1@talktalk.net

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Spring Show on Saturday 9th April

The *THACS* Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th 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 2:00pm and the presentation of prizes will be at 3:30pm, followed by a sale 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.

Appeal for a new Secretary

The *THACS* committee needs a new Secretary if we are to continue operating beyond the end of this year. Could that be you? If so, then please come forward and join the committee now so that you will have time to get to know us and see how we operate before taking on any secretarial duties. The administrative aspects of the role consist of taking minutes of meetings, arranging the AGM, record keeping, dealing with correspondence and being a co-signatory of *THACS* cheques. You will also be actively involved in all of the committee discussions and decisions, so you will have significant influence on *THACS* activities.

If you would like to join the committee as Secretary or are just curious about it, please 'phone the Chairman Ray Keppler 01438 717545 or the current Secretary Jim Hall on 01438 718505.

Game of Names

Hertfordshire parents have resisted the temptation to name their children after Game of Thrones characters.

Last year The Office for National Statistics reported large numbers of parents naming their children after their favourite characters from the fantasy series. Arya was the most popular of these and there were also many babies named Khaleesi, Daenerys and Sansa.

In Hertfordshire, however, parents have gone down a more traditional route and the most popular names for boys are Jack, George and Harry, while, for girls, parents chose Amelia, Emily and Sophie.



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Screen On The Green

Our April film is **The Big Country**. “This major western is a film of truly epic dimensions, utilising Technirama widescreen to the full, and starring Gregory Peck. Thanks to the combination of top director William Wyler and a superb cast – including Jean Simmons, Charlton Heston and an Oscar-winning performance by Burl Ives, the film never palls.” Not to mention “the great theme tune which lifts the movie to the realm of screen classic.” (from The Radio Times Guide to Films).

I really couldn't improve on this introduction to a truly wonderful western which you may have seen on the small screen but which will be marvellous on our screen at the Memorial Hall.

In the next couple of months we shall be deciding on our films for next year: if you have any suggestions for films you might like us to show, please email me.

I look forward to welcoming you on

MONDAY 18 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.

Linda Adams

Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

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February 2016

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2 nd	£37	Ben Roberts, Firs Walk
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- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

Tewin Cowper School

Our Spring Term finished on 24th March, with treasure hunts and Easter celebrations, including a special service at St Peter's Church, led by Cherry Tree Class (Years 2 and 3). We also sent our collection of THACs entries for the Spring Show on 9th April. It's always lovely to see the children's work displayed alongside the amazing arts, crafts and horticultural products of the Tewin community.

Summer Term starts on the 18th April with school reports going out to parents on that day, showing the achievements and progress of their children so far this academic year, together with their targets for the term ahead. Our Year 4s and 5s head off to Kingswood in Norfolk for the final three days of that week; they are looking forward to all the fun and adventures as they learn new skills and work together in teams. Our big event at the end of April will be Maypole Dancing on Lower Green. We hope the weather will be favourable and you will be able to join us for this on 29th at 10.00am. Our value for April is 'co-operation'; we will be reflecting on the importance of this in our lives and encouraging children to develop this skill as they engage with their peers in their learning activities. We are looking forward to a productive summer term with all the outdoor learning and enjoyment that the summer weather lends itself to.

The Staff Team

Hertfordshire LitFest 2016

Hertfordshire Libraries are hosting more than 30 literary events as part of LitFest 2016. These include

Samer Nashef: The Naked Surgeon

Tuesday 19 April, [Welwyn Garden City Library](#), 7.15pm

Louise Allen: Jane Austen's London

Thursday 21 April, [Hertford Library](#), 7.15pm

Afternoon Tea with John Harvey

Saturday 23 April, [Stevenage Library](#), 2.30pm

Enjoy afternoon tea with best-selling crime writer and former Stevenage teacher John Harvey, author of the popular Charlie Resnick series.

Find details of individual events at: www.hertsdirect.org/libraries

More information can be obtained from local libraries or by calling 0300 123 4049.

For tickets book online at: www.hertsdirect.org/libraryeventtickets or call 01707 281533.

Team Vicar's Letter

When I take assemblies at school I am used to the sea of hands that will rise up to ask questions on the story we have heard. Sometimes the questions are straightforward enough such as, "how old was Jesus when he died?", sometimes they are rather difficult, such as last week's "does God want us to defend ourselves against ISIS?" and sometimes they are beautiful and challenge you to think in a quite unadult way, such as "can you see heaven when you are on earth?"

Children are programmed to question. It starts with the much worn out "why?" when they are about two years old and continues as they grow and discover more of the world and their place in it.

It's a shame when we are adults that we seem to lose some of this questioning ability. Perhaps we think we've discovered all that is important. Perhaps we've made up our minds on certain issues and have no desire to test whether our assumptions are correct. Perhaps we become more self-aware and are embarrassed to ask questions for fear of looking stupid. Perhaps, for some of us, our imagination and curiosity simply dwindle with age. But questions are important. And learning to ask the right questions is a skill to be admired.

As a country we are engaged with a key decision as to whether we remain full members of the European Union. It is a complex issue and one in which we may think not even politicians have the full answers. However there are important details that we as a public should be doing our best to understand before we vote in June. We need to be asking questions.

Bishop Alan, in a recent address, commented that the questions that are driving the discussions seem to be, in the main, just two: Will the UK be economically better off in or out of Europe? What does our membership mean for immigration? You might think these are two important questions to explore, but equally there are others that are of immense importance and are just not being asked: What position would help us best work for peace? What decision would be best for the poor and vulnerable? What decision would make for a better Europe? What decision would make for a better world? Whatever our feelings on our participation in Europe we can all question the questions, and question our assumptions, and question our politicians so we can be best equipped to vote on that key question when the times comes.

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver and her revenue better than gold" Proverbs 3:13

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
APR 3rd	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SANDIE BECK	EXODUS 14:10-End, 15: 20-21	ACTS 5: 27-32	JOHN 20: 19-End
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	CATHERINE JUPP	GENESIS 3: 8-15	GALATIANS 4:1-5	
10th	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	ZEPHA- NIAH 3:14-End	ACTS 9: 1-6, 7-20	JOHN 21:1-19
17th	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 10: 22-30		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD DAVID MUNCHIN	GENESIS 7: 1-5, 11-18 8: 6-18 9: 8-13	ACTS 9: 36-End	JOHN 10: 22-30
24th	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DAVID MUNCHIN	GENESIS 22: 1-18	ACTS 11:1-18	JOHN 13:31-35

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

Easter Flowers

Our group of talented flower arrangers were able once again to present a wonderful Easter display. Many thanks to those of you who made a donation to cover the cost of these – it is very much appreciated.

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
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	MICK SIMMONS	CLARE RAWLINS PETE JOHNSON			
10th KEITH	ELAINE FOWLER	ELAINE FOWLER NICKY HADLEY	MARY GREGG	CLARE RAWLINS	PETE JOHNSON
17th DAVID	MILLIE BOOKER	MARK SWANN MYRA WALKER	DI BRADLEY	MARION COMPTON	ELAINE FOWLER
	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	IVOR & LINDA WILLIAMS			
24th PAULINE	NICK WHITING	TINA MACKAY GRAHAM SPRING	PAT FULFORD	ELIZABETH WILSON	ALISON BARNFIELD

**St Peter's Church was floodlit on 30th March in memory of
Kirsten Margareth Roberts
Fondest love on your birthday, Ben, Susan, David and Brian
'Takk for alt'**

**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

By the time these notes are in print and distributed the busy Eastertide period will be over. The early Easter date this year has made the early months of 2016 seem to fly by quickly – perhaps sometime in the future Easter will be a static rather than a moveable feast!

The Churchyard is looking very tidy and the snowdrops and daffodils have made a good show. The ground in the Churchyard extension is now prepared and ready for the planting of the grass seed when the weather is right.

As we move further into Spring we have started to plan the 'Annual Church Spring Clean'. This will take place on the first weekend of May – Friday 6th and Saturday 7th. We hope that a number of you will feel able to help in some way, dusting, polishing, scrubbing or whatever - and a list will be put at the back of the Church so that you can indicate your availability. The process involves moving furniture to facilitate the cleaning on the Friday before replacing and finishing off on Saturday. Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather so that we can utilise the outside area while the various tasks are undertaken. Everyone welcome - it's hard work but good fun and you can choose a lighter task if that suits you better.

We are grateful to those of you who are on the cleaning rota and keep the Church spick and span throughout the year. If you feel able to join the rota, then do please let one of the Churchwardens (Pauline or Nick) know. We could do with some extra help now as we have some gaps and we hope to build the team so that when the new rota is published later in the year, we are fully covered.

Looking further ahead, Mick Simmons is planning our 2016 Church outing to Norwich Cathedral which will take place on Saturday 30th July. There will be a tour of the Cathedral and a visit to the Bishop's garden where, weather permitting, we should be able to enjoy our picnic. This event is being shared with Datchworth and if you are interested in coming along, please inform Mick or the Churchwardens, as we will be arranging coach transport for the group. Don't forget to check your diaries and make a note.

A celebration of our Queen's 90th birthday is being planned for Sunday 12th June – more detail to follow later.

PB.

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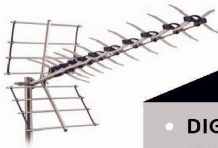
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Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision 2016

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between 23rd March and 6th April 2016. 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 6th April.

David Rawlins
Electoral Roll Officer



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The Tewin Poet

BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Bowls Club members are now busy getting ready for the start of the new outdoor season. The green opens on Saturday, 16th April (weather permitting) and the first Club friendly match will take place on Sunday, 24th April, starting at 2.30pm. The visiting team will be from Rosedale Bowls Club and there should be 48 bowlers taking part – 32 men and 16 ladies. Visitors are welcome to come along and watch. The entrance to the Club is on School Lane, we have a large car park, and there will be plenty of seats around the green for you to sit and enjoy the match.

In addition, we will be holding a Fun Open Day on the 14th May at which everyone is welcome. However, more details on this will be shown in the next issue of the Tewin Magazine.

Meanwhile, the Club has continued with its Winter activities, among them a Sunday lunch on 13th March. As always, this was catered for by Club members and was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Also, by the time this magazine is issued another Quiz Night will have taken place. These evenings have proved so popular we again had to stop taking bookings well beforehand because so many people had applied for places!

As previously reported, the Club continues to be very active throughout the year and should you wish to have any further information about its programme, please contact Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395.

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club



Tewin Tennis Club

With the tennis season in full swing as you read this newsletter, we hope members have managed to enjoy a few sessions on the courts in the warm spring weather. The courts have been scrubbed clean of algae, the tree root in one corner has been terminated and flattened, with new gates and fencing next on the

list.

There was a good turnout for the AGM at the Tewin Pavilion in March, with members taking advantage of the opportunity to get their views across to the committee, over a glass of wine.

There was the annual draw for Wimbledon tickets, and while we are still not certain how many tickets the club will be allocated, it is usually around half a dozen pairs. Though winners still have to pay for their tickets, there's no cost to enter the draw, another good reason for being a member of the tennis club.

Tennis coaching gets into full swing after Easter, with sessions for adults and kids, as well as the opportunity to book private sessions with our new coach Mark Roskilly. Take a look at the club website www.tewintennisclub.co.uk for more details.

The extremely popular ABC league begins in mid-May. This year the organisers, Gerry Murphy and Rupert Stanley, have extended the run by an additional four weeks into July, so that there's even more chance to get involved. ABC nights take place on Friday evenings from 6pm.

Please drop by for a chat if you are interested in membership, or simply come along and watch the games. Club members automatically get an email about the ABC matches, but if you've not played before you can stake a claim with Gerry and Rupert by email to tewinabc@gmail.com.

Facts About The Month of April

No-one knows for certain how April got its name but it may have come from the Latin 'aperire' which means 'to open'. April is, after all, the month when, in the northern hemisphere, buds begin to open and things start to grow.

For many, the arrival of the cuckoo in mid April is the first sign that Spring has come. It sings from St Tiburtius' Day (14th April) to St John's Day (24th June).

The swallow makes its reappearance in April. Traditionally April 15th is Swallows Day in England.

The first Sunday in April is Daffodil Sunday. Victorians would pick daffodils from their gardens and take them to local hospitals to give to the sick.

23rd April is St George's Day. It is also the date on which Shakespeare was believed to be born in 1564 and the anniversary of his death in 1616.

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Tewin Stores

Good news – Our Annual General Meeting took place on 14 March with a very good turnout of shareholders, and we have elected a new Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. We welcome Stephanie North as Treasurer, Doreen Lloyd is moving from Secretary to Assistant Treasurer and Eleanor Lohr is returning to the shop committee as the new Secretary. Thank you to all of them and to all the other committee members who have been re-elected– Linda Crawford as Vice Chair, Graham Spring, Gerry Smith, and Maureen Yates. Bev attends committee meetings in her capacity as Shop Manager. Regrettably sales have been lower recently which has resulted in the shop making a small loss in the last financial year. Thankfully we still have savings to call on, accumulated over previous years, and the committee is looking at ways to reduce costs and to increase sales. We have a great village shop – which we want to keep. Please help us do this by using the shop and encouraging your friends to do likewise. Remember “**Use it or Lose It**”. If you would like to become a shareholder and have a stake in your village shop, you need only make a minimum donation to shop funds of £25, and then you will be able to vote in elections for officers and on resolutions about the shop’s future. Forms are available at the shop.

Our Special Lunch event in April is on Saturday 16th from 12 noon to 2pm, when we shall be cooking hot sausage and bacon rolls. Also from now on we shall be having **Fry Up Fridays. So come for breakfast at the shop on Fridays.**

Maureen Yates would like to find some more people willing to go with her to local nurseries and garden centres this summer for plants for the shop. The lovely planted baskets have been very popular this month. Please let me know if you are able to help Maureen.

Also we plan to do some more decorating in the shop in April and May so will be looking for willing hands there too. Some of our long term volunteers have had to give up recently for all sorts of reasons – new puppy, baby sitting grandchildren and so on. So it has been really good to welcome some new folk on board as volunteers in their place. We also have vacancies for some new young people who may be doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards, so do get in touch if you would like serve in the shop on Saturdays.

If you would like to become a shareholder, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary Eleanor Lohr (01438 717709), or speak to Bev at the shop (01438 717929)

Linda Adams

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Senior Citizens Lunch – 17th February 2016 - Over 90 people sat down to the lunch with pre-drinks and wine in the Memorial Hall together with 10 meals delivered to people's houses. A large band of helpers served a two course lunch of Roast Leg of Lamb or Salmon with Herb Crust, followed by Chocolate Roulade or Apple

Crumble. After lunch everyone joined in with a quiz washed down with tea and chocolates! We would like to thank everyone who helped on the day. The numbers grow each year and without everyone's help it wouldn't be possible.

Our next event is the **Dancing around the Maypole on 29th April**. The children of Tewin Cowper School really look forward to it and enjoy practising their dancing. Please come along to Lower Green at **10am** to support them. If the weather is bad the children will dance in the school hall.

Annual Coach Trip - This year we have decided to visit Rye on the Sussex coast on Tuesday 21st June 2016. We plan to visit Rye in the morning for a couple of hours and then move on to Hastings. If you are interested pop the date in your diary. More details to follow next month and watch out for a poster in the Shop soon.

Diary Date: - This year's Classic & Craft Show will be held on Upper Green on Sunday 21st August 2016.

Roe Hill – Vice Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Spring Book Sale

There will be a sale of books at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 23rd April from 10am to 4pm. Come along and stock up for your summer reading. Free Admission. All proceeds to Tewin Memorial Hall. For further information contact Linda on 01438 717538.

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With your support it is wonderful that we are able to provide money for major projects such as this but it is also small things which can make a significant difference to patients' wellbeing. The bird food we provide for the outside areas, morning papers, weekly visits from a reflexologist and even replacement fish for the aquarium! These are all provided by the Friends.

How can you help? An easy way is to support our shop in Welwyn village. Donations of goods are welcome and we always have a wide variety of goods for sale. Come and see for yourself. And remember that every Thursday we are now open until 6 pm.

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Welwyn Floral Group

The April meeting of the Welwyn Floral Group will take place at The Civic Centre, Welwyn on Wednesday April 6th 2016 at 7.30pm.

The theme for the competition will be 'Bright, Budding and Beautiful'.

For further information, please contact Mavis Haggart on 01438 798611.

Isabel Hospice

**Saturday 2 April – Benington Lordship, High Elms Lane, SG2 7DG
1 True Grit 5.**

See our website www.isabelhospice.org.uk for details of this fantastic charity, obstacle challenge covering two courses of 5k or 10k.

Auction of Promises

Friday 15 April from 7pm – 10.30pm at Wodson Park, Ware

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**Friday 22 April – Old Time Music Hall, Thalian Hall, Birdge Road East
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8pm – 10.30pm

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**Friday 22 April – Square Dance, Presdales School, Hoe Lane, Ware,
8pm-11.30pm**

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**Tuesday 26 April – Haileybury Gala Concert 7pm – 10.30pm, Hailey-
bury School, Hertford Heath, SG13 7NN**

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Dates for your diary this month

Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
Tues	Tewin Stores	4-4.30pm	Fresh Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Mon 4th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 9th	Memorial Hall	2-4pm	THACS Spring Show
Thurs 14th & 28th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 14th & 28th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Sat 16th	Tewin Stores	12 noon-2pm	Sausage/Bacon Roll Lunch
Mon 18th	Tewin School		Summer Term Starts
Mon 18th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'The Big Country'
Wed 20th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	Tewin Memorial Hall AGM
Sat 23rd	Memorial Hall	10am-4pm	Spring Book Sale
Fri 29th	Lower Green	10am	Dance around Maypole

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