



Tewin Magazine

May 2017

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Editorial Note

Welcome to the May 2017 edition of our magazine. Our beautiful front cover photograph was taken by Les Borg.

Events this month are:

Gospel Choir Workshop and Concert at St Mary's, Welwyn on 6th (p22), the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 8th (p5) and the Spring Book Sale on 13th (p21). Our film this month is 'Delicatessen' on 15th (p13) and Tewin Stores are serving homemade Quiche and Salad for lunch on 20th (p25). The annual Spring Clean of St Peter's Church is on 19th and 20th (p3). Please help to keep our church looking beautiful.

We are very fortunate in Tewin that we have a thriving Parent and Toddlers Group meeting weekly in the Memorial Hall. This is a chance for parents/grandparents/carers and their young charges to socialise. However, like many village amenities, they rely on volunteers to keep it going. Can you help? See p9 for details.

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

'Our June's Wedding' A professional production.

Saturday 20th May 3pm All Saints Church, Datchworth

Put on your best hat, gather the children and save room for the cake - this is going to be one wedding where all the drama happens to someone else's family.

*Tickets £7 adult. Children free (but must have ticket)
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In Memory of Margaret Knight

It was sad to hear of the recent passing of Margaret Knight of the Mill House, Archers Green.

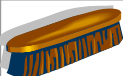
Many people will know of her most obvious legacy - the planting of the many roadside daffodils, crocuses, and ornamental trees that we enjoy around the village. She also organised other working groups to care for and improve the natural environment around Tewin. She was involved in the planting of the Hundred Year Wood at the top of Upper Green and, more recently, the Millennium Oak on Lower Green.

She was an active member of the Tewin Society and always a welcoming host when we held our meetings at the Mill House, after she became less able to get around. She was the first recipient of the Tewin Society Award presented by THACS in 2011 in recognition of all she had done to enhance the village.

She served as Tree Warden for Tewin, and advised the Parish Council on various tree issues. When she became too frail, she would send her gardener out to help and to plant sacks full of bulbs.

She opened her extensive garden for charity events, especially for the National Gardens Scheme. For those of us who explored such an interesting garden, and then had afternoon tea sitting on the terrace with the Mimram flowing gently past, these are days never to be forgotten. She will be sadly missed but her legacy lives on.

Keith St Pier and Linda Gilley (formerly Adams)



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 19th May 6.30pm onwards

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

Saturday 20th 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



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT April 2017

One of the main functions of the Parish Council is maintaining the fabric of the village. To this end, we have undertaken the significant expense of installing granite kerbstones along the northern edge of Lower Green, to protect the edge of the Green and to enhance the Conservation Area.

Also, following discussions with the Parish Council, Greene King have protected the green triangle in front of the Plume of Feathers by installing a wooden surround.

The Parish Council owns the Pavilion on Upper Green which has been successfully run by the volunteers of the Community Interest Company. We have obtained planning permission to extend the front of the Pavilion to provide much needed extra space. We are now looking into costings and funding.

The new East Herts District Plan continues to progress. Following the recent consultation exercise, the plan now goes before the Planning Inspector. Only factual corrections have been made at this stage. It is still being proposed that Tewin will be a Group 2 Village, only allowing infilling within the existing Village Development Boundary around the Lower Green area. There may be different opinions as to what are the essential characteristics of a village, but the Parish Council believes that if you keep adding 10% more houses every ten years or so, then eventually those essential characteristics will be lost.

House building places a burden on the village and its residents. Sevenacres and its residents are part of the village now, but the development has been ongoing since 2007 and there are still outstanding problems. Last year, the Sevenacres Residents' Association were disappointed that I had not mentioned that they were still trying to get various problems fixed by the builders. Well this year I can make amends, and say that they are still trying to get some problems fixed. For instance, if you buy in a road of new houses, you don't expect to find out that Thames Water has not adopted parts of the sewer system.

One of the benefits of living in Tewin, is the many organisations run by volunteers. In particular this year, we mention the Drivesafe Team, who go out two or three times a month to set up a portable roadside speed indicator to make drivers aware of the speed that they are driving. This helps to make Tewin a safer place. The Drivesafe Team have also provided the justification for a permanent flashing speed sign and applied for funding on behalf of the Council. They need more volunteers and can be contacted by email at drivesafe.tewin@gmail.com

The Parish Council is one of the organisations that has given a grant to the Tewin Community Bus project, which is currently running a minibus service to Hertford and Welwyn Garden City each Saturday.

It is also worth mentioning that Tewin is not about to become part of Welwyn Hatfield. Current talk of boundary changes only applies to the constituency boundary for MPs. Tewin remains part of East Herts District Council.

Current headlines about brown bin collections only apply to Welwyn Hatfield. The continued delivery of the Welwyn Hatfield Council magazine to local addresses is the fault of the systems used by the commercial company that handles the delivery.

Thank you for the help and support from the other members of the Parish Council, our two District Councillors and our County Councillor. And we all appreciate the efficient work of our Parish Clerk.

A special thank you to the parishioner who provided funds to buy a new Christmas tree on Lower Green after some vandal decided to drive at and over the original.

The Parish Precept for 2017-18 is £29,500. All Councillors are unpaid volunteers and all Council business is decided by a majority vote.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 8th May 2017 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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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Spring Show on Saturday 1st April

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Spring Show!

The Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall displayed a wide range of exhibits of flower arranging, horticulture, arts & crafts, photography and culinary from adults and children. I hope that you came along to the show and got to see it all.

In the Main Hall were beautiful flower arrangements, a delightful display of horticulture exhibits, mouth-watering culinary exhibits and a selection of arts & craft exhibits. This was enhanced by decorative friezes from Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school and Tewin Tots Pre-school, who also provided the daffodil pictures used to make the bunting. The photography, painting, calligraphy and prose exhibits were shown in the Parish Room, along with a display of photographs and text of project work from Tewin Cowper School. In the corridor were more of the children's art exhibits together with further displays from the children of Tewin Cowper School in the form of Easter Art and novel "moving pictures".

The adult trophy winners were Sue Whitbourn for Flower Arranging, Marie St Pier for Horticulture, Melanie Goodison for Culinary and Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts and also for Photography. Lauren Cates won the Les Borg Cup for Children's Photography and Peter Goodison won the Tewin Cowper School Award for the highest number of points in the children's classes for horticulture, arts & crafts and culinary. A full list of all the prize-winners can be found on the web site www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/, where you can also follow the link to view the photographs of the show.

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the show:-

- The staff, helpers and children at Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school, Tewin Tots Pre-school and the Tewin Toddler group, who have been very enthusiastic and supportive
- The Judges, who give their time and expertise freely
- The Judges' Stewards, who helped the Judges and recorded the results
- Linda Crawford and her team for lunch for the Judges, refreshments in the afternoon and washing up
- Myra Walker from Tewin Cowper School, who presented prizes to the children
- Byron Sinfield and John Ling for taking the photographs
- The committee, who worked so hard to make the show a success
- All the helpers behind the scenes, setting up and clearing the hall, manning the door and making cakes for the afternoon refreshments.
- All the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show!

Ray Keppler
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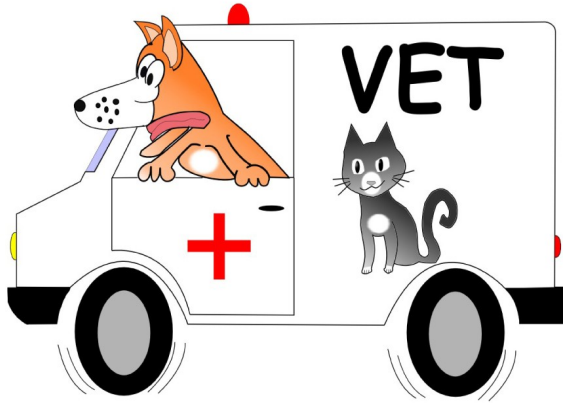
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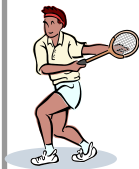
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Tewin Tennis Club



It's AGM Time!

The tennis season is in full swing, so now's the time get to Upper Green and make the most of your club. We had some wonderful spring weather in April, and the courts have already been buzzing with activity.

Membership renewals are now due and you'll be doubly pleased that not only is Tewin Tennis Club's subscription as low as you'll find anywhere near here, the fees are unchanged for 2017! The renewal form is on the website www.tewintennisclub.co.uk

The club's very popular ABC League starts this month, with players pre-selected for the men's and women's teams. The matches are all on Friday evenings, and run through until late July/early August (depending on the weather) so drop down to support your team or just for a cup of tea and a natter. As darkness creeps in the teams usually adjourn to the Plume of Feathers.

There will be a summer's friendly club tournament which we will tell you about shortly, so keep an eye on the website. And please put a marker in your diary for the June 24th party, which will start with some late afternoon light-hearted tennis, followed by food, music and dancing at the Pavilion. See you there!

Stop Press: New mix-in sessions, Tuesdays, 7pm ladies and men. Please come along, from May 2nd
Peter Burgess



PLEASE HELP KEEP TEWIN PLAYGROUP RUNNING!

Two volunteers are required to take over the running of our playgroup by the end of the year.

All that is required is your availability on Wednesday mornings during term time and a very small amount of admin time during the week.

It's fun, rewarding and a great way of meeting people from the local area. Plenty of support will be available from the current organisers during handover.

Without new volunteers our wonderful playgroup will have to close.
Contact: Sarah (07855) 083404



Tewin Table Tennis Club

Champions!

Some really good news. The Tewin Table Tennis club team in its very first season in the St Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn League won the Division 4 title in their final match versus Welwyn Table Tennis Club by a single point. It was that close.

This was a remarkable and unexpected achievement considering the club has only been established for two years and of the 6 team players, playing on a three per team rotation basis, 4 had not played any competitive Table Tennis before joining the club. In addition the youngest member of the team is over 50 . It must be the Tewin air!

Congratulations therefore go to the team members, David Kempson, Alun Puddefoot, Peter Addison, John Barcroft, Duncan Jones and John Sheridan. The team are now promoted to play in Division 3 next season and will be presented with the Division 4 Cup and individual trophies in May. A few days after the remarkable achievement of the League team yet more success for the club followed. David Kempson won the Division 4 singles title at the League closed championships held in St. Albans. Congratulations to David who enjoyed a very successful season with a win average of over 90% in league matches.

We are hoping to enter a second team in the League next season as we have a number of talented club members interested in playing.

The club is somewhat different to most other table tennis clubs in that it is a club principally for the benefit of the whole community and is open to everyone regardless of their table tennis abilities. We play in a sociable and friendly atmosphere on a Tuesday evening in the village school. Juniors from 7-8pm and seniors from 7pm onwards. The club welcomes new members of all ages and standards. Bats, balls etc. are provided by the club.

For more information please contact John Sheridan on 01438 717407 or johnchris1@talktalk.net



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Screen On The Green

On May 15th we are showing *Delicatessen*, a French film with English sub-titles. Made in 1991, *Delicatessen* is a post-apocalyptic black comedy directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, starring Dominique Pinon and Karin Viard. This is a dark tale reminiscent of the works of Terry Gilliam, with extravagant visuals, bizarre characters and absurd comic interludes. Shot with interesting colour effects, the film has won and been nominated for several European awards and is sometimes described as a 'weird movie'. Should make for an interesting evening.

The last film to be shown this season will be *The Martian* (2015) on the 19th June. After a summer break, the new season will start in September.

MONDAY 15 MAY. 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.

Marie St Pier

Margaret Wilson 1921-2017

Margaret 'Peggy' Wilson passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of 18 April.

She and her husband Bill lived on School Lane from 1976 and loved life in Tewin. Bill described turning off the B1000 every day as 'entering his little piece of Heaven'.

Peggy stayed on through his death in 1989 until 2011 when, after 35 years in the village, she moved back to her native North-East.

Many of Peggy's oldest friends have passed away before her, but her heart remained in Tewin with those who she often thought of and who still remember her.

On her behalf, I send her love, her thanks and her farewell.
Her loving son, Peter.

Cancer Screenings Could Save Your Life – Prioritise Your Health

The letter arrives inviting us to attend a cancer screening but we don't have symptoms, we are busy, the screening process might be undignified – we justify not taking part in the screening. With a focus on two types of cancer we would like to remind you why screening is so important:

Bowel Cancer – screenings available for those aged 60-74

- Around one in 17 people in the UK will develop bowel cancer.
- It is the third most common cancer and the second biggest cause of cancer deaths. Bowel cancer screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer by 16 per cent.
- Bowel screening can detect bowel cancer in people that have no symptoms.
- When diagnosis is made early, before it has had a chance to spread, bowel cancer can be cured in over 90% of cases. The later a diagnosis is made, the more difficult bowel cancer is to treat.
- The sample is taken in the privacy of your own home.
- If you are eligible for screening but have not been contacted please call 0800 707 6060 Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm to order a kit.

Cervical Cancer – screenings available for women aged between 24-64

- 3000 women each year are diagnosed with cervical cancer.
- Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women under the age of 35.
- Screening detects abnormalities that can be treated to prevent cancer developing.
- Screening prevents 75% of cervical cancer developing yet 1 in 4 women do not attend when invited.
- This 5 minute test could save your life.
- If you are eligible for screening but have not been contacted then please contact the surgery to find out when your next test is due.

Whilst this article comes from Bridge Cottage Patient Participation Group the sources consulted were jostrust.org.uk and beatingbowelcancer.org.

Team Vicar's Letter

Joy!

If you ever meet Arch-Bishop Desmond Tutu, one of the things you will notice is that he giggles. A lot. I was once at a service in St Albans when he was preaching. As he processed in he beamed and throughout the service he smiled and giggled to the people sitting next to him – and on the way out, surrounded by rather ‘proper’ cathedral clergy, he danced. He is a man who radiates joy. In a book recently published, entitled ‘Joy’ Tutu discusses, in conversation with the Dalai Lama, how that sense of joy has been formed within them, despite the fact that both of them have known great suffering in their time. It is something, they argue, that we can find, despite our outward circumstances, because it comes from within. It is something that we can cultivate.

It is also one of the qualities that we have been exploring as congregations this year – and to rejoice in joy we have invited a local Gospel Choir to run a singing workshop and evening concert on the 6th May, at St Mary's Church Welwyn. It's an event open to all. Come sing yourself into joy, with the wonderful passion and exuberance of gospel music – music which also originated out of situations of suffering, and yet manages to express such joy. There are more details in the magazine about how you may take part.

Also there will be another occasion of joy this month. A rather special ‘wedding’ will be taking place at All Saints Church on the 20th May, as we welcome a travelling theatre company to perform their play ‘Our June's Wedding’. You'll be invited to imagine yourselves as guests and enjoy an afternoon with a joyous father-of-the-bride, nervous groom, lost best man, disgruntled mother-in-law and enjoy watching the drama unfold! Again, more details can be found in the magazine.

For Tutu, the most certain way to increase joy in our lives is to increase it for others. Joy is most deeply found, he says, in acts of generosity and compassion. If that is true, I wonder where you may find joy today?

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MAY 7th	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	GENESIS 7	ACTS 2: 42-End	JOHN 10: 1-10
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30pm	CATHERINE JUPP	EZRA 3: 1-13	EPHESIANS 2: 11-End	
14th	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	TBA	GENESIS 8: 1-19	ACTS 7: 55-End	JOHN 14: 1-14
21st	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	FAMILY SERVICE WITH BAPTISM	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 14: 15-21		
		HOLY COMMUNION BCP	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CATHERINE JUPP	GENESIS 8: 20 - 9: 17	ACTS 17: 22-31	JOHN 14: 15-21
28th	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RICHARD SYMS	EZEKIEL 36: 24-28	ACTS 1: 6-14	JOHN 17: 1-11

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23rd April 2017

Dexter Mark Harris

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	NICK WHITING	MARY GREGG LINDA GILLEY			
28th PAULINE	MARY GREGG	KEITH BARNFIELD ELAINE FOWLER	DEIRDRE HATT	WEDDING	PAULINE SPRING

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

**St Peter's Church will be floodlit on Monday, 1st May, in memory of ALAN LAWSON, on his birthday.
Joy, Kristina and the family.**

St Peter's News

In contrast to Spring 2016, this year has been very dry and sunny, with both crops in the local fields and our gardens needing a good downpour to perk them up.

Regardless of the weather, St Peter's is ready for its annual spring clean. This will take place on 19th/20th May this year. We start on the evening of 19th from 6.30 p.m. and continue the following morning. If you can help in any way it would be very much appreciated and there is a list at the back of the Church for you to add your name. Don't worry if you can't undertake any heavy duties, there is always something to be tidied or dusted. We have a busy year of weddings from late May, so both the congregation and the wedding parties will be able to enjoy a pristine St Peter's.

The more sombre days of Lent and Holy Week led up to a joyful celebration on Easter Day. As ever, the Church was splendidly decorated with beautiful Spring flowers, together with our Easter garden. Little Lambs and Story Club had produced a wonderful mural of butterflies representing the resurrection and this was displayed in Church.

Our thanks go to all who helped with this, but we are conscious that we need more help with flower arranging, as at least two of our regular helpers are no longer able to continue. If you are interested and would like to join the team, then do please let one of the Churchwardens (Pauline or Nick) know so that we can pass on your details. Likewise, we still need extra names for our other rotas – coffee, cleaning, Story Club and Little Lambs etc. – you would be very welcome if you could offer your help.

The first one of the exciting Team Events, initially focusing on Joy, will take place on 6th May at St Mary's, Welwyn. It is a Gospel Singing Workshop, followed by a performance. There is a poster with full details on the pillar just inside the main door. Why not come along and join us?

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St Peter's Floral Arrangements

The time has come when I feel I can no longer organise the Easter and Christmas decorations. The first flower festival I did was in 1970 and I am afraid I have reached my 'sell by date'!

I have loved doing the flowers over the years and will be sad to give it up. I hope that someone out there will feel that they would like to take on the job. I have had a wonderful team to help me but they are getting thin on the ground.

I can always offer advice as to how we have done things in the past, if needed.

Sally Owen



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TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

SPRING BOOK SALE – Saturday, 13th MAY: 10am – 4pm

Now is the time to stock up on your Summer reading by visiting our Spring Book Sale in the Memorial Hall, where the main Hall will be displaying hundreds of books in categories ranging from novels, biographies, gardening, cookery, sport, the arts, history, geography, transport, and many other specialised subjects. There will be hardback as well as paperback books, plus children's books and jigsaws, puzzles and CDs to suit all ages. As always, our second-hand books, some as new, will be on offer at very low prices.

ENTRANCE IS FREE and, in between browsing around, you'll be able to sit down and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

Meanwhile, we will need some help on both the Friday afternoon and Saturday of the Sale so if you think you can spare some time, please contact Linda Crawford on 717538.

Also, if you have any queries, or wish to donate books or jigsaws, please phone either *Linda on the above number or David Kempson on 0790 000 6236.*

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Coffee Morning And Plant Sale

St Michael's Church, Woolmer Green, is holding its **Annual Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday 13 May from 10.00 am - 12 noon**. We will be selling herbaceous plants, bedding, vegetables and herbs. In addition there will be a Cake Stall, Raffle and Transport Quiz for you to try. **If you have donations for any of these stalls, please contact Chris Allday on 01438 716859** - please label any plants, if possible. Thank you.

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Tewin Stores

It has as ever been a very busy month in the shop. The new chillers and freezers have been much admired. We are also pleased to see that people have been trying out the “Meals in a Cup” and the new range of frozen meals from “Chef on Board”. There is an excellent selection of vegetarian and meat options, so do come and see for yourselves.

Thank you to all the committee who have kept the shop going brilliantly while I have been on honeymoon and then away in the caravan for a week. And thank you from me and John for all your cards and good wishes for our wedding, and especially to the volunteers for the beautiful gift of a silver photo frame, and flowers on our return.

A dozen young folk enjoyed themselves during half term week at our Children’s Craft Day which we hope to make an annual event. They made various Easter themed items, searched for chocolate bunnies in the courtyard, and went home with some Easter eggs.

Our 100 Club prizes winners in April were:

1st Prize Eleanor Lohr - £45.50, 2nd Prize Cheryl Robinson - £22.75, 3rd Prize - Adrian Hill £13.65.

Mary Gregg won the Simnel cake in the raffle and Ann Kevis guessed the closest number for the jar of sweets.

In May our monthly lunch will take place on Saturday 20th May from 12noon to 2pm when we shall be serving homemade quiche and salad. This is very much a social event so do come along. £5.00 for lunch including a hot drink. Pudding is extra.

Look out for signs for our celebration of Watercress Week during week commencing 22nd May. We are also planning another Afternoon Tea event on the longest day in the year - 21st June, so this is a date for your diary. I’m sure anyone who came in January will tell you it is the best afternoon tea going around here. Tickets will be £10 and you will have to book.

Linda Gilley (was Adams)
Chairman, Tewin Shop Committee.

Bank Holiday Opening Hours: 9-12 noon on 1st and 29th May.

Normal Shop Opening Hours: **Post Office Opening Hours:**

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DANCING AROUND THE MAYPOLE - Friday 28th April.

By the time you read this article the day of the Maypole dancing will have already taken place. Hopefully the weather was good and the sun shone down. It is always lovely to see the children of Tewin Cowper School perform their dances and many thanks to their teachers for helping the children learn the intricate moves involved.

ANNUAL COACH TRIP - Thursday 15th June.

As mentioned last month this year's coach trip will visit Windsor but first we will embark on a boat at Maidenhead and take a pleasant journey along this scenic part of the River Thames before being free to enjoy several hours in Windsor. The cost of the outing is £25 and there are limited places remaining so please take your cheque, made out to 'Friends of Tewin', together with your name, address and phone number, to Tewin Stores, 5 School Lane or 32 Firs Walk to secure your place. The coach will depart from the bus shelter opposite The Rose and Crown at 8.30am and should return by about 6.30pm.

CLASSIC CAR AND CRAFT SHOW - Sunday 20th August.

Entries are now being taken for the classic car show. Please complete the form on the classic car show page of the Tewin website at www.tewinvillage.co.uk. If you prefer, please phone Shirley Sinfield on 01438 798605 for an entry form. Craft stalls are also very popular and are available at £15 per pitch. To reserve your space please email Linda Crawford on lindarichard@talktalk.net

The classic car show is a large event and requires a lot of help on the day. We have about 50 people who regularly help, proof that this is an enjoyable day as they keep coming back! However, we are always grateful for more offers of help and would love to hear from those of you who could spare an hour or two on the day. Please contact Anne Hall on 01438 718505 or on annehall90@gmail.com

SCARECROW WEEKEND - 16-17th September.

Please start thinking about ideas for this year's scarecrow weekend. It would be wonderful if we could have even more on display than ever before. We will be using The Pavilion on Upper Green all weekend with free activities for the children as well as a selection of refreshments on sale for everyone. This is a lovely village event made even better by large scale participation so please take part if you can.

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In turn we take our role in Welwyn life very seriously and in June will be supporting the Welwyn Festival in several ways. For the Street Market on June 17th we will have our usual stall in the High Street and also hold an outdoor sale of mirrors and pictures. The following Saturday, June 24th, sees the Street Parade, with its Horrible Stories theme for the fancy dress. For this event, we have a toy stall at Singlers Marsh.

The Welwyn Festival is always great fun and we hope to see you there.

A footnote: looking forward to warm summer evenings, if you need an evening dress for that special party do ask to see our selection which we have on a dedicated rail in a separate part of the Welwyn shop. We have some beautiful dresses at bargain prices.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now Spring has arrived and all the lovely shoes are in the shops how about stopping to remember to ask for an extra shoe box. The right size boxes are so difficult to find in the Winter months.

Your support is always great so thank you on behalf of Samaritan's Purse.
Jackie Beadle.

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Isabel Hospice

6th May

Charity Race Night in aid of Isabel Hospice

7:00pm

St John's Hall, Churchfields, Hertford, SG13 8AE,

Call Cariad on 01992 582824 for tickets.

19th May

Old Tyme Music Hall

Thalian Hall, Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1JU, 8pm

Singing and Dancing with Fish and Chip supper.

Join us for another fantastic show from the Thaliens group of performers all in aid of Isabel Hospice. Expect the usual dramatic singing and dancing to a classic theme! The audience are encouraged to dress to impress and follow the theme. Tickets are £13 and include a fish and chip supper.

To buy your tickets, contact Val Robinson at 01707 382500.

19th May

The Roaring Twenties and All That Jazz.

Meadow Barn, Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Hertford Road, Welwyn AL6 0JB. 7.30pm -12.00 midnight.

Join us to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Isabel Hospice. The Twenties are roaring back into style, classic cocktails, tuxedos & All That Jazz. Join us for an evening of twenties fun, music and dance with the piano and saxophone playing. So slick your hair and wear your buckle shoes & dance to the music and songs of the era!

Tickets £75.00pp to include champagne reception and three course dinner.

Please contact event organisers Suzanne Coleman on 01438 798869 or Barbara Doherty on 01279 842140

21st May

On Your Bike – Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2QE.

8.15am – 3pm

Help make our eighth sponsored bike ride in Bishop's Stortford a WHEEL BLAST! With a 25k, 50k and 100k route on offer through the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside, this is the perfect event for families and those looking for a challenge.

On the day there will be a BBQ, music, entertainment, bike doctor and stalls. The money raised allows Isabel Hospice to continue to care for local patients and their families in East Hertfordshire. For more information call us on 01707 382 500.

Dates For Your Diary This Month

Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-9.30pm Adults
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 2.15-3pm	Trussells Butcher's Van Tony's Fish Van
Thurs 11th & 25th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 11th & 25th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Sat 6th	St Mary's, Welwyn	2-5.30pm Workshop 7pm Concert	Gospel Choir 'Herts of Love'
Mon 8th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Sat 13th	Memorial Hall	10am-2pm	Spring Book Sale
Mon 15th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'Delicatessen'
Sat 20th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch 'homemade quiche and salad'
Sat 20th	All Saints , Datchworth	3pm	'Our June's Wedding'
Fr 19th & Sat 20th	St Peter's Church	Fri 6.30pm Sat 8.30am	Annual Spring Clean

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