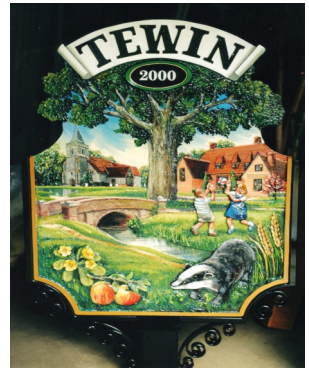




Tewin Magazine

March 2020



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Editorial Note

Welcome to our March 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The front cover photo this month was taken by Marion Compton.

Mothering Sunday is celebrated on 22nd March 2020 and British Summertime begins at 1am on Sunday 29th March 2020. Don't forget to put your clocks forward by 1 hour.

Events in Tewin this month are a Charity Afternoon on 3rd (p19), Spring Jumble Sale on 14th (p3) and THACS AGM on 23rd (p6).

Tewin Stores' Lunch is 'Jacket Potatoes' on 21st (p25), the Parish Council is meeting on 2nd (p5) and The Screen on the Green is showing 'The Commitments' on 16th (p14).

Tewin School Parents Association is organising an Easter Trail on Saturday 28th. Contact Tewin School for details.

The book 'Vis-Ability' by local author, Vicki Griggs, is on sale in Tewin Stores from 28th February and The Rose and Crown are appealing for any spare wool which you may have (p22).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p31).

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

WGC Orchestra and Chorus Concert

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm at St Francis Church WGC

Mussorgsky: Night on a Bare Mountain

Prelude: Sorotchinsky Fair

Rachmaminov: Vespers , excerpts

Rimsky-Korsakov: Mlada Suite

Liadov: The Enchanted Lake

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Also from Hill and Co, Welwyn or on the door.

JUMBLE SALE REMINDER - TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday 14th March: 2pm till 4.30pm

We have already received lots of donations but we are always happy to accept more. All profit made from the sales goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

Please remember, we can no longer accept large items of furniture such as bulky televisions, 3-piece suites, wardrobes, kitchen appliances etc. as they are difficult to sell. We often end up disposing of them ourselves. Therefore, if your items will not fit into an average Estate Car then they are too large for us to take.

If you have Jumble to donate and you can bring it to the Memorial Hall, please telephone Todd Canton or Jim Hall (numbers below) who will arrange to meet you there. In addition, the Hall will be open to receive Jumble in the afternoon/evening before the Sale: **Friday 13th March, from 2pm-4pm, 7.30pm-9pm,** or on **Saturday morning - before 12 noon.**

Here is a reminder of our team of Collectors.

They can collect your Jumble on **WEDNESDAY 11th, THURSDAY 12th and FRIDAY 13th MARCH.**

If you wish for an earlier collection, please phone your local collector to discuss a mutually convenient time.

The Hazels, School Lane & Churchfields area:

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Lower Green & Hertford Road:

David & Jules Howson – 01438 717 339

Cannons Meadow & Grass Warren: -

Barry Turner – 01438 717 403

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Roger & Barbara Clarke – 01438 717 770

Upper Green Road:

Gerry & Brenda Barber – 01438 489 425

Upper Green, Orchard Rd, Badgers Walk & Tewin Close,

Tewin Wood & Queen Hoo areas:

David & Deirdre Hatt – 01438 798 827

Burnham Green Road:

Geoff & Sue Whitbourn – 01438 798 221

Archers Green, Warrengate & Tewin Water:

Todd & Jean Canton – 01438 717 395

We look forward to seeing you at the Jumble Sale and hope you pick up a bargain or two! As usual, we'll be serving hot food and drinks from the barbeque.

Jean Canton/Anne Hall

Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



CHURCHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE SIGNS

To improve road safety, the Parish Council has agreed in principle to Herts Highways' quote of £1,000 for new "Vehicle in middle of road" signs either side of the bridge. A final quote will be prepared for approval in the new financial year.

GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council agreed to accept Kirkham Contracting's 4-year quote for Parish grass cutting, subject to any changes arising if Herts County Council adopt a new grass-cutting regime in rural areas to encourage wildflowers for bees. The Parish Council agreed that the grass area along Upper Green Road north of Godfries Close should be left to grow long to encourage wildflowers for bees.

TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL EASTER TRAIL 28th March 2020

This will be starting from Lower Green and organizers have been asked to be considerate to residents and park with care.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 2nd March 2020, at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Kimberley Room

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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 three 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 and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting & Talk on Beekeeping

The nineteenth *THACS* AGM will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7:30pm.

The business meeting will be followed by a break for refreshments and then there will be a talk entitled *An Introduction to Beekeeping* from our guest speaker, Hannah Reeves.

There is no admission charge for the evening and no booking is necessary. This is an important meeting for *THACS* and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote. Any non-members who just wish to attend the talk are advised to arrive by 8:30pm.

Spring Show on Saturday 4th April

The *THACS* Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th April.

There are five show classes for adults, covering flower arranging, flowers, arts & crafts, photography and culinary, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter. The Children have four of their own show classes, covering horticulture, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. The entries in these classes must be the child's unaided work, but this can be done with adult guidance and supervision. However, if you prefer a more active involvement, then the Adult & Child class could be for you. For entries in this class, a child pairs with an adult and they each produce the specified item. So, if you are a parent / guardian / grandparent / aunt or uncle, then this is a good opportunity for you to get together with that child and have some productive fun together, whilst helping them to develop their skills (and maybe your own).

The Show Schedule is available on the Tewin Village website (via the link at the bottom to the main *THACS* page) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores after 2nd March. Once you have selected which classes/ categories to enter, then please complete your entry form and submit it (and any entrance fees) by Sunday 29th March.

Even if you're not entering anything yourself, you will be welcome to see the show - free of charge – when the doors open to the public at 2:00pm. You will be able to see all of the exhibits in the main hall, corridor and Parish Room and to indulge in tea and cake before the presentation of prizes at 3.30pm. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of the exhibits yourself, in aid of Digswell Nurseries.

Please come along and support your village show.

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

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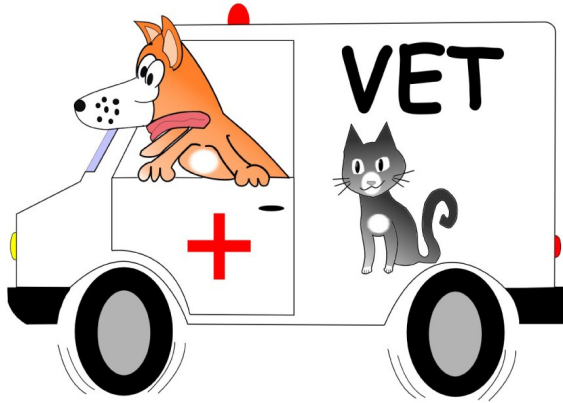
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THE HISTORY OF THE BOWLS CLUB

Part 2

The new green opened in 1996 and bowling started in earnest. However, there were no facilities on site. An old portacabin was the changing room, tea was brewed in the Scout Hut and after match meals were taken in the Rose and Crown, courtesy of the Landlord. So the next big hurdle was building a Club House. It was decided to try for a Sport England Lottery grant. Meanwhile, Tewin villagers were invited to come and try their hand at bowling. One villager who joined in, even before the green opened, was Jack Bird. He was a Kew Garden-trained Horticulturist who had worked with the New Towns Commission, planting trees in Welwyn Garden City.

He set about planting boundary hedges, trees and shrubs in the new green's surroundings. He was thrilled at the chance to bowl again in Tewin as he remembered bowling on the original Tewin Bowling Green in the 1930s/40s. This is now the car park behind the Memorial Hall. Jack was helped by another new member, among others, who helped the President to apply for the Lottery grant.

The Club flourished, and membership grew, so that it became necessary to extend the Club House. Fund raising began again, and the same builder was employed and managed to create a larger bar area, larger kitchen, and bigger changing rooms. To pay for the rest of the bill a mortgage was taken out. With a big sigh of relief the last instalment was paid off in October 2019.

The first Bar Manager had a day job servicing coffee machines in various industrial premises, and one day discovered one of these companies, S.K.B., was planning to refurbish its canteen and was about to throw out all the tables and chairs, which is how the Club acquired its fine furniture, thanks to multiple trips from the Frythe in our Bar Manager's small car.

Several current members still travel from Welwyn Garden City to play bowls in Tewin but the percentage of Villager members is growing. 2020 sees Welwyn Garden City celebrating its Centenary, and local Bowls Clubs have been invited to take part in the Grand Parade, as well as some special Bowls matches. Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin) will be joining in and also hosting a **2020 OPEN DAY on 25th April – *Come and have a go.*** More details in the next issue.

Finally, if you would like more information about the Club, just contact one of the following - Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395.

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

Coal Smoke

‘Oh Happy Days’! As I write this farming article, halfway through February, I have at last been able to get on to the land. We have not been able to do much on the land since mid November. For the past two days Martyn, my farm manager, has been on his fertiliser spreader spreading Sulphur. I am very keen to put trace elements back on to the cereal crops to help them grow and develop.

We used to get free Sulphur from out of the sky. This was as a result of the burning of wood and coal fires at home, emissions from industrial industries and steam and smoke from the chimneys of the lovely old steam trains. Who can remember riding on those steam trains? You had to close the windows with the leather strap before going into a tunnel or the smoke came in and you got covered in smuts. With the introduction of the Clean Air Act we no longer have those deposits. So a small amount of Sulphur goes on the land with a small amount of Nitrogen. This is called Double Top Nitrogen SO_3 . The rate of spread is 200 kg per Hectare(2.471 Acres).

In 2019 the rainfall was about 700ml. We have had more in other years but, because in 2019 the rain came in the Autumn months, the soil is low in Sulphur, Boron, Magnesium and other trace elements.

It’s lovely to see the River Mimram back to its normal flow. We have about 2 miles of river flowing through our farm and river meadows. The river has a gravel base which means that it doesn’t silt up very much. But, we have to keep it flowing. During storms the old Willow and Alder trees fall across the river and hamper the flow. We then have to clear out the fallen trees to keep the river flowing. All part of the Winter maintenance on the farm,

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw**January 2020****Below are the results for the January Supporters Club draw:**

1st	£56	C Thompson, Desborough Drive
2nd	£34	A Walters, School Lane
3rd	£11	S Stevens, Desborough Drive
3rd	£11	K O'Brien, Somers Road

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St David's Day — 1st March

St David (Dewi Sant) was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop who lived in the 6th century. He spread the word of Christianity across Wales and is the Patron Saint of Wales. Both the daffodil and the leek are credited as national symbols of Wales and are worn on St David's Day. Welsh soldiers, before a battle against the Saxons, were told to wear leeks in their caps to help distinguish friend from foe. In Shakespeare's Henry V, Welsh archers wore leeks at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

Screen On The Green

On Monday 16th March we are showing *The Commitments* (1991). Based on the novel by Roddy Doyle and directed by Alan Parker, it tells the story of Jimmy Rabbitte a music fanatic who assembles a group of young working-class Dubliners to form a band who play American 60s soul music. Tensions run high amongst the band members and they fight and squabble but somehow make music together. The young lead actors were mostly inexperienced and were cast because of their musical backgrounds and resemblance to the characters in the novel. Much of the filming took place at various locations in Dublin's Northside. *The Commitments* won four BAFTAs and numerous other accolades and has since gained cult status as one of the best Irish films ever made. It's a simple, captivating story that makes for a warm, funny, moving and altogether enjoyable film with great music.

Future dates for the diary:

20th April: *The Post* (2018)

18th May: *Hugo* (2011)

15th June: *Stan & Ollie* (2018)

MONDAY 16 MARCH. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. A complimentary drink 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

St Patrick's Day — 17th March

St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. He was born in Wales around 385AD, was captured by pirates, escaped after 6 years and trained as a Missionary. He is reputed to have driven all snakes from Ireland. The national emblem is the shamrock. St Patrick used its 3 leaves as a means to explain how the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost could exist as separate parts of the same being. He died on 17th March 461 AD.

Team Vicar's Letter

Every year the churches of the Welwyn team throw away the virtues of humility and charity, pull on their racing cassocks, pick up their frying pans and with fervent competitive spirit toss their pancakes to the finishing line. We have annual pancake races in Datchworth and Welwyn, and of course on occasion (when Lent falls in half term) the three village pancake trophy is fought over at Burnham Green. It is great fun, but we are deadly serious about winning!

The tradition of enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday started with the clearing of kitchens of the rich foods that would be put aside during the Lenten period of fasting. Pancakes were a good way of using up the eggs and butter until the great feast day of Easter appeared once more. Fasting in many religions is a spiritual discipline which retrains our focus away from ourselves and reminds us of our primary need for God.

However giving up things for Lent is perhaps more often seen as a chance to trim the waistline than about training the soul. But this year, as we reflect as churches on ecological issues, I wonder if we might consider a different kind of fast? A fast from buying 'stuff'. It's nice to have new things and it's fun often to discover a new gadget but consumerism is a major contributor to environmental damage once we factor in deforestation, pollutants and emissions, packaging, transportation and then the cost of landfill or incineration as goods are discarded. If we are serious about living more sustainably we cannot do so without examining our spending habits and the places in which we shop.

So my Lenten fast this year will be to refrain from buying new stuff, whether that be clothes, books (I have plenty on the shelves I have yet to read) or things that whisper 'buy me' as I walk past (really I swear sometimes that happens). I hope in doing so to improve not just my bank balance but also my appreciation of that which I already have. In the phrase of a Christian Aid slogan, which recognizes a global community where our decisions impact neighbours both near and far, perhaps our aim should be: 'to live simply, so that others may simply live'.

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
MAR 1st	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7	ROMANS 5: 12-19	MATTHEW 4: 1-11
		EVENSONG	6.30pm	MICK SIMMONS	DEUTER- ONOMY 6: 4-9, 16 to End	LUKE 15: 1-10	
8th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DOMINIC HOLROYD- THOMAS	GENESIS 12:1- 4a	ROMANS 4: 1-5, 13-17	JOHN 3: 1-17
15th	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 4: 5-42		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DOMINIC HOLROYD- THOMAS	EXODUS 17: 1-7	ROMANS 5: 1-11	JOHN 4: 5-42
22nd	4th SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CATHERINE JUPP	EXODUS 2: 1-10	COLOS- SIANS 3: 12-17	JOHN 19: 25b-27
29th	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	EZEKIEL 13: 1-14	ROMANS 8: 6-11	JOHN 11: 1-45

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

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
MAR 1st DAVID	NICK WHITING	ANNE LAND ELAINE FOWLER	NICK WHITING	LENT	BELLRINGERS
	ROSEMARY NODDER	MARK SWANN			
8th PAULINE	ALISTAIR BUCHANAN	CLARE RAWLINS DI BRADLEY	ELAINE FOWLER	LENT	DI BRADLEY
15th DAVID	MAVIS HAGGAR	MYRA WALKER	MYRA WALKER	LENT	PETE JOHNSON
	LINDA GILLEY	LINDA & IVOR WILLIAMS			
22nd DAVID	SHEILA FEAKES	PAULINE & GRAHAM SPRING	DEIRDRE HATT	LENT	SHEILA FEAKES
29th PAULINE	KAREN SHAW	NICKY HADLEY PAULINE BROWN	SHEILA FEAKES	LENT	NICKY HADLEY

St Peter's News

A church at the heart of the village, with space for all

At the beginning of February, we celebrated Candlemas and then packed away the crib and the decorations for another year. During the month Susannah led a successful day at St Mary's church in Welwyn, entitled "*Dante for Dummies*". Over 50 of us learnt about this 12th Century Florentine poet and his major work "*The Divine Comedy*".

The church now has an asbestos certificate and permission from the diocese to begin repairs to the church. This means work on the essential repairs identified in the recent five-year (Quinquennial) inspection can start as soon as the contractors can fit us into their schedule. There will be scaffolding around the tower and some excavation work will need to be carried out to try to prevent flooding in the porch. Please take care when visiting the church at this time, though of course we shall be ensuring the safety of both visitors and contractors while the work is in progress. This summer we also expect to have repairs done to the bells which will require them to be removed from the tower. Although the bells will be silent for a while, services will continue as usual.

Now that spring is on the way, it is lovely to see the snowdrops and crocuses coming up around the churchyard. Many people enjoy walking through the churchyard or sitting there quietly to experience its peace and tranquillity. Lent takes place throughout March when the church will be celebrating Creation and our Care of the Earth with a special exhibition of art and crafts.

Quite a number of people in the community, the congregation and the School have been asked if they could provide items for this project. They will be displayed in St Peter's from 8th March and we hope that as many as possible will call in to view what these talented people have created.

Thank you to all those who have provided items, we really appreciate it and hopefully the display will prompt the viewers to think hard about Creation and how we need to care for it.

LG

Tewin Millennium Kneelers On The BBC!

Last Summer a short film was made at St Peter's Church. The film, featuring Audrey Walters, Elizabeth Buchanan and Pauline Spring, is about the making of the Church Kneelers to celebrate the Millennium.

The film can be viewed by searching on BBC IPlayer for

'New Creatives - Stitching, Kneeling'

It's a heart-warming watch!

Charity Afternoon

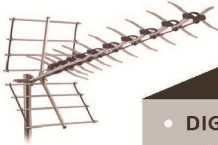
Perry, the son of village resident Maureen Yates, recently spent 3 months helping to set up a school for the children of Mapanza in Zambia.

Maureen is holding a Charity afternoon on Tuesday March 3rd at 'Country Spot', 39a Upper Green Road. Tea & cake will be available to anyone who can pop in between 2 and 5pm to contribute to the cause. She would love to see you then.

Any monies will go to further the children's education.

Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday?

Mother's Day is celebrated in the USA at the end of May. Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in Europe since the 16th century. It is a Christian Church festival celebrated halfway through Lent (the 4th Sunday of Lent) when people visit their 'Mother Church', the one they were baptised in. Live-in servants were given leave to visit their homes and often took a bunch of wild flowers home to their Mother.



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Antibiotic Resistance

Overuse of antibiotics in recent years means they're becoming less effective and has led to the emergence of "superbugs" - strains of bacteria that have developed resistance to many different types of antibiotics. These types of infections can be serious and challenging to treat, and are becoming an increasing cause of disability and death across the world.

The biggest worry is that new strains of bacteria may emerge that cannot be treated by any existing antibiotics.

Both the NHS and health organisations across the world are trying to reduce the use of antibiotics, especially for health problems that are not serious.

What You Can Do

- **Don't take antibiotics unless you're certain you need them.** An estimated 30% of the millions of prescriptions written each year are not needed. Don't ask your doctor for them if you don't need them. Illnesses caused by viruses - common colds, bronchitis, and many ear and sinus infections - will not respond to antibiotics.
- **Finish your pills.** Take your entire prescription exactly as directed. Do it even if you start feeling better. If you stop before the infection is completely wiped out, those bacteria are more likely to become drug-resistant.
- **Get vaccinated.** Immunisations can protect you against some diseases that are treated with antibiotics. They include tetanus, whooping cough and pneumococcus.
- **Stay safe in hospital.** Antibiotic-resistant bacteria are commonly found in hospitals. Make sure your caregivers wash their hands properly. Also, ask how to keep surgical wounds free of infection. Use hand disinfectant dispensers wherever you see them, not just in hospital.

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com

Join Hertford Choral Society (HCS) for Bach's St Matthew Passion: Saturday 4 April, All Saints' Church, Hertford

Bach's *St Matthew Passion* is the crowning achievement of one of the greatest composers of all times. It was written for a single purpose – to present the Passion story in music at Good Friday services.

Bach's largest, most epic piece is also perhaps his most personal work. Its heartfelt expression of deep faith also reveals him as one of the greatest evangelists of all time.

Join HCS for its performance of this glorious much-loved piece on 4th April. The choir will be joined by professional orchestra and soloists. Tickets are £16 (reserved), £12 (unreserved) and £4 for students under 25.

To buy tickets, email tickets@hertfordchoral.com, phone 07936 719498 or buy them in person at Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PX. For more information see <http://www.hertfordchoral.org.uk/buy-tickets/spring-concert>.

Rose and Crown News

- Open Mic Night with Ami P on Sun 15th March. From 6.30pm.
- Our Folk Group will be celebrating St Patrick's Day on Tuesday 17th March at the Rose and Crown. Come along and raise a glass of 'the Black Stuff' to St Patrick. From 8pm.
- Our Quiz on Thursday 19th March may feature some questions on St Patrick and St David. From 8pm.
- The Rose and Crown is like Baa Baa Black Sheep—do you have any wool? We are collecting any old wool so that our students from Oaklands College can 'yarn bomb' (wrap in wool) our pub for the V.E. Day celebrations. More about that in next month's Magazine. In the meantime, if you have any wool it will be greatly appreciated.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

We are pleased to report that we have now received HMRC approval for those members who wished to obtain tax relief on their new share purchases. The necessary information needed to allow you to complete your tax return will be sent out as soon as possible.

So that Tewin Stores can plug into the potential of the internet, encourage more community involvement and increase our customer base, we are keen to encourage anyone with these skills and experience to join our Committee or provide advice and help as and when required. If you are interested, please contact eleanorlohr@gmail.com or pjmiller17@gmail.com for more information.

Our popular pancakes again proved a winner last month, with savoury fillings being offered for the first time. You may have heard of Gregg's new vegan sausage rolls but did you know we can offer home baked cheese & onion rolls or vegetable pasties for our vegetarian customers. Our choice of flans and pies for gluten free customers are well known and enjoyed by everyone.

On Saturday March 21st our lunch in the shop will be the popular Jacket potatoes with various fillings. Serving from 12 noon till 1.30.

The February 100 Club winners were :

1st Prize Chris Parkinson - £38.00

2nd Prize Marion Compton - £19.00

3rd Prize Catherine Stott - £11.40

Normal shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.30 -4.30 pm,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford, Vice Chairman, Tewin Shop Committee



Tewin Table Tennis Club Table Toppers!

As I bring you an update on the progress of our two teams in the St. Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn Table Tennis League, I can see from the recently published League tables that our teams are both topping their respective divisions.

The first team usually comprising father and son Andy and Nathan Reeves and David Kempson are top of Division Two following their promotion from Division Three last season. It is likely to be a very tight finish at the end of this season as two other teams are in close pursuit, with both having played a match less.

The second team squad of players comprising John Barcroft, Lewis Budd, Andres Howson, Alun Puddefoot and John Sheridan are currently top of Division Four and looking good for promotion to Division Three.

As winners of the League Handicap competition last season we were hoping our team would repeat the club's success this year but it was not to be. We lost an enjoyable match to Adeyfield, a strong Premier-ship club.

We welcomed Josh Robson, just 11 years old and from Burnham Green, to our club recently. He will soon be knocking on the door for a place in one of the League teams if he continues to make the excellent progress he has made so far. He will figure in a friendly match against the Datchworth TT club shortly to give him competitive match practice.

Our Community Club evening for players of all ages over 10 years and any standard of play continues every Tuesday between 7-10pm in the Tewin Cowper School Hall where all equipment and soft drinks are provided at a cost of £3 for adults and £2 for Juniors. A very warm welcome awaits you in a friendly, social environment.

John Sheridan

Friends of Tewin



By the time you read this, we will have had our AGM held on 11th February. I'm pleased to say that our Officers and Committee have been re-elected for another year and I would like to thank all those that attended.

By the time you read this article, the Annual Senior Citizens' lunch, our first event of the year, will have taken place. We serve a two-course lunch followed by a quiz and the afternoon is rounded off by serving tea, coffee and chocolates. Old and new friends come together with fun, laughter and lots of chatting!! It really is a great afternoon, a wonderful atmosphere! It will be a very busy day for the committee and for everyone who has very kindly offered to help us prepare and serve the lunch.

It is a huge team effort and very worthwhile.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone who will help out on the day to make it a continuing success. We were also very grateful to receive a donation of £100 from Tewin Parish Council towards the cost of the lunch and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support

DIARY DATES FOR 2020; Please make a note of them in your diary:

Dancing around the Maypole, Thursday 7th May

Held in conjunction with Tewin Cowper School. The Maypole dancing usually takes place mid-morning and is held on Lower Green.

Classic Car and Craft Show, Sunday 23rd August

This is our biggest yearly event held on Upper Green. Please contact Anne Hall if you would like to be part of our happy team on the day, it is a great event to be involved in.

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Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

Our thanks to all who supported the charity over the Christmas period, either by way of direct donations or by visiting the shop and buying goods. The shop took just over £8,500 in December, which is an excellent result.

Last month we reported that the patient kitchen in Danesbury had been completed, allowing patients to (re) learn skills in a specially-adapted kitchen.

This space allows the patient to work on multi-tasking, as well giving them the confidence to be independent in terms of looking after themselves. The kitchen was also fitted with a height adjustable cooker catering for those patients who are wheelchair-bound.

On Monday 20 January, the last remaining resident from the original Danesbury Home, Cicely (pictured here), was 94.



The Friends charity was delighted to pay for a birthday cake and flowers to help her celebrate the 'big day'.

Regular readers of these updates will know that the remit of the charity was amended last year, allowing us to support other facilities in Hertfordshire which offer similar services to those of Danesbury and QVM. With this in mind the Trustees recently visited the Rehabilitation Unit in the Herts & Essex Hospital in Bishops Stortford to make them aware of the 'charter' of the Friends charity and to gain an insight into the services provided by the unit and to understand their current requirements.

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Tewin Over 50s Club

We are now in our ninth year and membership has expanded to approximately 40 people who regularly attend on Thursday afternoons. New members are always most welcome.

We now enjoy a weekly session of keep fit using Move It or Lose It videos. Move It or Lose It was founded in 2010 by Julie Robinson and has grown to a national network of classes and DVDs used by the NHS, Royal Voluntary Service and Age UK. The focus is on movements to improve strength and balance and the programme is supported by Professor Janet Lord from the Centre for Healthy Aging Research at the University of Birmingham.

We continue to enjoy regular group singing sessions led by the granddaughter of one of our members as well as music and 'sing a long' afternoons presented by Paul Griggs and a monthly quiz prepared by Andrew.

We have regular fish and chip lunches in the Hall, marked Mothering Sunday last year with tea and cakes at the Rose and Crown and enjoyed Christmas Lunch at the Plume of Feathers.

To raise funds, Ann and members of the Over 50s continue to host stalls at the Summer Fete on Lower Green in June, the Car Show at Upper Green in August and the Christmas Craft Fayre.

Please join us.

Lent Lily

One of the flowers most associated with March is the Narcissus or wild Daffodil. It is also known as Lent Lily because it blooms in early Spring and has usually dropped its petals by Easter.

David Lloyd George adopted it as a representation of Wales at the 1911 Investiture and used it on official publications.

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Dates For Your Diary This Month

Tues	Tewin School	7-10 pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-10pm Adults
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-3.30pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Wed 11th & Thurs 26th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Mon 2nd	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tues 3rd	Upper Green Road	2-5pm	Charity Afternoon
From Sun 8th	St Peter's Church		Creation Lent Display
Sat 14th	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Jumble Sale
Mon 16th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green 'The Commitments'
Thurs 19th	Rose and Crown	8pm	Quiz Night
Sat 21st	Tewin Stores	12-1.30pm	Lunch 'Jacket Potatoes'
Mon 23rd	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	THACS AGM with talk on Beekeeping

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