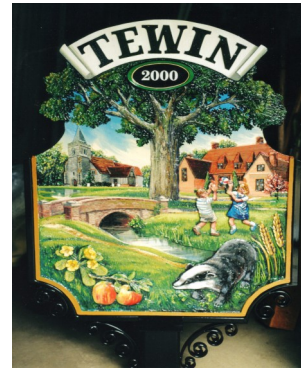




Tewin Magazine

June 2020



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Tewin Wildlife

Editorial Note

Welcome to our June 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The front cover photo and those on the back page were taken by Steve Hughes. Can you name those birds?

Finally, after two months of empty diaries, I'm happy to announce that there will be an event in Tewin. For one weekend only, 26th-29th June, the scarecrows are returning to Tewin. Or at least they will if we all get creative and start making. See page 3 for further details.

The tennis courts are open again for singles play only. See page 14 for details of the stringent conditions which should be adhered to.

Sadly the Village Fete is not able to take place this year but will be back on 26th June 2021 (p30).

There have been some impromptu attempts to keep our spirits up. Andy Barker and his very talented family have played and sung from their doorstep to accompany our Thursday 'Clap for our Carers'. Thank you to them and to Kevin Brazier for his 8pm signal to start. There has been a suggestion from Annemarie Plas, the founder of the 'Clap for our Carers' event, that Thursday 28th May 2020 should be the last time we do this as she feels it has run its course. She suggests that perhaps it should become an annual event. Paul Griggs, Aimi P and Victoria Polydorou amongst others have briefly sung from their doorsteps too. All within Government guidelines I hasten to add. Thank you.

Tewin Stores is operating a vegetable box collection service (p25).

The Rose and Crown is operating a takeaway service from its full menu (subject to stock availability).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

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



Friends of Tewin



TEWIN SCARECROWS COMPETITION

26 June to 29 June (4 days)

Organised by Friends of Tewin

We have decided to hold our Scarecrow Competition this year instead of 2021. We hope this gives you the opportunity to have some family fun during this difficult time.

The theme is the NHS and all our wonderful key workers, for example, care workers, Royal Mail, refuse collectors, railway workers, delivery drivers, shop workers, to name but a few.

Please let us know by 20th June if you want to enter.

On the morning of 26th June, we will put up a list of the entries, together with details on how to vote. The list will be in various places around Tewin including the Notice Boards at the cricket pavilion, Tewin Stores, Bus Shelters, in front of the Memorial Hall and lots of telegraph poles around Tewin.

To enable us to plan the event safely, we are unable to accept paper copies of the entry form. Please either email the completed form or just email your details by 20th June 2020 to friendsoftewin@gmail.com

Your Family Name	
Address where your scarecrow will be placed	
Telephone	

Tewin Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. In other respects, the Parish Council will function as normal. Please email any queries to the Parish Clerk.

TEWIN STORES

Your village shop is now open and two customers are allowed on the premises at any one time.

The temporary opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am until 12 noon and 9am until 11am on Saturdays and Sundays.

Shop orders are available. Please refer to the village website for further details.

POST OFFICE at Tewin Stores

The Outreach Post Office will be open from 9.30-11.30am on Wednesdays only, commencing 1 April subject to availability and village shop requirement of only 2 people in the store at any one time.

BROKEN GATE ON FOOTPATH 18 - Archers Green Lane

This has been reported to Rights of Way for repair.

SCHOOL LANE Speed Indication Device (“SID”)

Unfortunately Herts Highways have installed the SID in the wrong place. They are happy to move it but there is a 12 week wait for a new ground socket.

FAIRHOLME STABLES PLANNING APPLICATION

Tewin Parish Council noted that this application is an improvement on the previous applications but expressed concern that the rear prospect would spoil views from the open countryside and there are not specific proposals to mitigate the problem.

The Parish Council support proposals to improve the rear landscaping with trees and restrict Class E permitted development rights and Part 2 Class A fencing. They would also support removal of permitted development rights at the rear eg 8m extensions, velux roof windows etc. They would prefer to see the existing entrance being used to serve all three properties to avoid losing any of the hedge and to avoid an extra driveway on to this narrow road.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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East Herts District Council: **01279-655261** or www.eastherts.gov.uk
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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Tewin Virtual Open Gardens May 2020

Following the cancellation of the Tewin Open Gardens event, we have been working with the Open Gardeners to bring you an alternative way of seeing their gardens. They have supported the initiative and even the driest April since records began did not deter them from producing an excellent display of photographs for the Virtual Open Gardens display.

By the time you read this, the display will be available for you to see on the *THACS* webpages of the Tewin village website, so do please view it. It represents many different styles of garden, all of which can delight and hopefully inspire you to spend a little more time in your own garden or allotment.

The Open Gardeners have gone to great efforts to prepare their gardens. Their displays are a credit to every one of them. We thank all of them for their willingness to open their gardens to the public via our virtual event and for providing these delightful pictures.

We hope you enjoy the photographs of our first *THACS* Virtual Open Gardens event.

Best wishes from the *THACS* Committee.

On This Day 13th June

1842 On a journey from Slough to Paddington, Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to travel by train.

1864 The Hammersmith and City Railway opened in London

1951 Princess Elizabeth laid the foundation stone of the National Theatre on the South Bank, London

1983 The US spacecraft, Pioneer 10, crossed the orbit of Neptune to become the first man-made object to leave the solar system.

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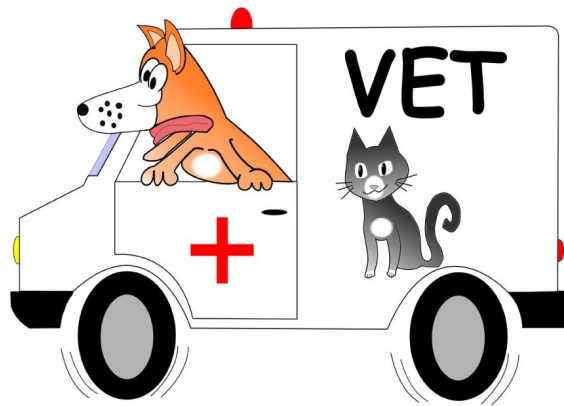
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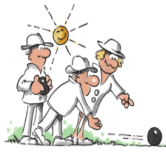
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BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Along with other Bowls Clubs in Hertfordshire, the Shire Park (Tewin) Club flew their Club flag on Thursday, 30th April.

For some weeks now our village has acknowledged the invaluable contribution of the NHS and all those unsung workers who are helping to keep Covid-19 at bay on our behalf by clapping at 8 o'clock on a Thursday evening. It was therefore decided that the Bowls Club would continue to show their ongoing gratitude by flying the Club flag throughout the day every Thursday. As we owe these people so much it was felt it was the very least we could do to show our appreciation of all the wonderful work they are doing.

The following week, as well as flying the flag on Thursday, 7th May, it was also flown on Friday, 8th May, the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, in acknowledgement of the contribution by all those who fought in the Second World War.

It is not yet known when the Bowls Season will be able to commence but in the meantime, we ask everyone to keep safe and stay well and, as always, if you would like more information about the Bowls Club, just contact one of the following - Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395
Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

Festival of Wildlife at Panshanger Park Cancelled.

The Festival of Wildlife was scheduled to take place at Panshanger Park near Hertford on 25th and 26th July. Under the current uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus, the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust has taken the difficult decision to cancel the event.

The Festival, organised in partnership with Tarmac and in association with Herts Natural History Society, has been running since 2015 and has attracted annual crowds of up to 3,000 people. The family-friendly festival usually offers a wealth of activities such as walks and expert talks as well as children's crafts, local craftspeople and other charities to discover and last year raised over £3,500 to help protect local wildlife. But the Trust is still helping people stay wild with its Wild At Home project, which aims to bring people closer to wildlife from the safety of their homes. To find more information about how you can take part and support this project, visit hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/wildathome.

Staying Alert on the Farm

We now have to Stay Alert, says Boris, and that is exactly what I am doing. As my young crops are getting established I am watching for the pea and bean weevil.

We are writing this article in mid May, which you will not read until June. This month has been completely dry with hardly any rain. Very similar to last year.

Martyn and myself are still self-isolating with our equipment as the Covid virus is still out there. He does the sowing of the crops with the drill, which has a large seed hopper. He also does the spreading of the Nitram fertiliser and the compound fertilisers with a specialist fertiliser spreader. This is controlled by satellite which does not allow the machine to double spread.

I do the spraying of the crops with my 24m booms. My sprayer is also high tech and controlled by satellite, preventing double spraying. Whilst spraying, I am very alert to the presence of people on the footpaths.

As my peas were coming through the soil the pea and bean weevil started to eat them. We had to act very quickly to stop them or there would be no peas to harvest. Martyn drilled them a bit deeper into moisture which let them germinate quickly. They then had a trace element spray and are now growing well.

The 5 acres of chickpeas are a completely new crop and new to us. Chickpeas are used increasingly in the UK diet. They are high in fibre and protein and contain many minerals. There is an increasing interest in them and I have a buyer for them at harvest time. Hopefully the peas and chickpeas will tolerate the frosts of the past few days.

I have just given all the oats and wheat their fungicide spray and trace element spray. The crops are growing away well at the moment.

The last few loads of wheat have been sold and have left the grain barn. I like an empty barn at this time of year. It likes an airing before we clean it out for the new harvest.

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Ivor Williams

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Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

April 2020

Below are the results for the April Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	David Room, West Riding
2nd	£34	Martin Sharpe, Margery Lane
3rd	£11	Stephen Stott, Harwood Close
3rd	£11	Ben Roberts, Firs Walk

Want to see your name here?

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- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club



Tewin Tennis Club

To more than a little surprise, on Wednesday May 13th the tennis courts burst back into action. Following Boris Johnson's decree, tennis was suddenly not just a possibility, but a genuine opportunity once more.

The courts were prepared by clearing the benches and other removable equipment, even down to the net side winders, to minimise touchable surfaces. And hygiene has driven the early launch of an online court booking system for the website (www.tewintennis.co.uk). The committee was already investigating this innovation and it was fast-tracked to go live on the morning of the 13th, which probably means there will be a few teething issues but it seemed to work well enough for half a dozen court bookings to be made within the first couple of hours.

This is a big step for the club, allowing members to check court availability from the comfort of their own home and then make a reservation with confidence. We hope that this will encourage more play in the more fallow periods of the week, especially now the evenings are reaching their longest this month.

For now, it is already allowing plenty of people the opportunity to escape lockdown for some extra exercise. Please be careful and go gently to start with if you haven't used those muscles for a couple of months. And the committee want everyone to get their opportunity on court, so a reminder that there is a longstanding Club rule that *"Each member is allowed not more than 2 one-hour bookings per week. (These must be on separate days)"*. This has been relaxed temporarily for members to 4 one-hour (on separate days) bookings per week. This technically means that a pair can between them book a game every day. The court use will be monitored and the original limit re-applied if needed.

There are some pretty strict rules that have to be observed during this period, however. Full details of both the tennis club procedures and the very comprehensive guidance from the LTA are on the website, and we ask you to read these before venturing onto court for the first time.

Another key point is that play is singles only, the only exception being players from the same household.

Social distancing must still be adhered to, with each player supplying and only using their own tennis balls. That means serving with your own balls, and flicking the opponent's balls back without touching them. Also, you must wash your hands immediately before visiting the courts. Please use gloves &/or sanitise the padlock and gate handle before and after entry & exit. And please take your rubbish home.

It's a change to tennis procedures as we know them, but we'll quickly get used to the difference, as we've had to do with so many aspects of our life these past few months.

By the way, non-members from Tewin are allowed occasional use of the courts, with a £5 fee payable to the club for each booking. As our annual memberships are ridiculously reasonable, I would urge you to think about joining the club instead. Details and a membership form can be downloaded from the website.

Finally, Gerry and Rupert are working on a cunning plan to get the ever-popular ABC League matches running as soon as feasible. Watch this space, and meanwhile, keep safe.

Peter Burgess

June Sporting Highlights

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| 10th June 1829 | The first Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race took place. Oxford won. |
| 22nd June 1814 | Marleybone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire played the first match at Lord's Cricket Ground in St John's Wood. |
| 24th June 2010 | John Isner beat Nicholas Mahut at Wimbledon 70-68 in the final set in the longest professional tennis match in history. |

Team Vicar's Letter

I come across a number of people who describe themselves to me as spiritual, although not necessarily religious. I imagine this means that they have a sense of something beyond what we can see and touch, perhaps they would describe having a belief in God and maybe engaging in prayer.

Of course I would say the same about myself. The mystery of that which we cannot see is a strong part of my prayer life and faith. But Christianity has always been about more than being just spiritual. It is a faith that is very much grounded in that which we can see, and touch and taste.

Jesus, the bible tells us, reveals to us God in flesh. God, in Jesus, is physical, touchable, audible, smellable (!). Since the church began, the people who gather together as followers of Christ are known as his body – an extraordinary claim – that in some way this unlikely, imperfect, motley bunch of ‘church-goers’ are given the name of Christ as ‘Christians’ and become a physical embodiment of his presence in the world. Do note I say ‘imperfect’, but through God’s perpetual forgiveness and grace something of God is made known through them. At the centre of Christian worship is the blessing of the bread and wine, ‘body and blood’; God so close you can taste him.

This time of pandemic has seen the church doors close and Christians no longer able to meet for worship in a physical sense. Many of us instead have found ourselves ‘doing church’ in a virtual world. Whether that be through the radio, television or sharing in the online services. Of course when we meet like this there is a real sense that we are gathering. I have found much comfort in praying each evening with people on Facebook for our night prayer and many people have expressed that Sunday worship has given them a great sense of connection with God and with others.

But this kind of worship will never replace the physical value of Christians meeting, sharing, touching, laughing and crying together. And despite the appeal of being able to do church with coffee in hand whilst still in pyjamas, in the long term that won't make up for the comfort and value of physically gathering as a church family again.

As I write we are still not certain when the church will be allowed to meet for worship in a physical sense. But when we do I imagine there will be a number of our congregation who may, for the sake of health issues or age, need to refrain from attendance until an even later date. The challenge will continue of how we support one another during this time we are apart. But I'd like to offer a welcome, to those of you who have been joining us online at this time, to join us in person when we are finally able. The church needs a tangible not just an online presence and we are called to share in a physical community. In the words of Theresa of Avila 'Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Yours are the feet he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world'.

Susannah

20th June - Feast of St Alban

Alban lived in the early third century in the Roman city of Verulamium, just down the hill from where the Cathedral stands today. One day he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution. This stranger was a Christian priest, now known as Amphibalus. While sheltering the priest, Alban was inspired by how important faith was to the priest and asked to be taught more about Christianity. Before the arrival of soldiers, Alban exchanged clothes with Amphibalus and was later arrested, allowing the priest to escape. Alban refused to renounce his new beliefs and the magistrate ordered that he should receive the punishment intended for the escaped priest. He was executed and today is honoured as Britain's first saint.

St Peter's News

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

One of the benefits of the lock down has been our opportunity to see and appreciate the beauties of nature around us. Friends who are now working from home have noticed the season changes in ways they are not normally privileged to do if they leave home in the dark and return at nightfall. Our pussy cat died last year and for the first time ever we have had robins nesting in the garden. As I write they have fledged, and like all anxious parents, we, as well as the real ones, are constantly on the lookout for predators who might want a tasty meal, ready prepared.

When we first went into the lock down, there was a certain novelty to being able to clear out that cupboard that we had been meaning to do for ages, or tidy the garage, or dig the garden, learn a new language or brush up on our piano playing. But here we are, weeks later, wondering if we can keep this up for much longer. This is when we must all be on our guard, supporting each other, watching for the signs that people are getting depressed. If watching the news day in and day out is not good for you, then please, why not avoid it; there are plenty of other things to watch. For me and for many others, the most difficult thing is not being able to have hugs and kisses with our loved ones. When this is all over, hopefully there will be a greater appreciation of what it means to be without normal social interaction between friends and family.

It is heartening to see our neighbours each week as we clap for those on the front line. It is wonderful to see how people have got together to deliver food parcels to those who cannot get out, or to make meals for the key workers who have no cafes to go to for lunch. And to applaud everyone who is still going to work to keep the rest of us in a semblance of normal life – the refuse collectors, postmen, milkmen, policemen, as well as all health and social care workers. At the same time, we mourn for the many who have lost an old friend, a close relative, a trusted GP, or a faithful carer. It is going to be much harder to

come out of lock down and return to normal life, than it was to go into it. Getting to work or school, boarding a train, going to a film or a concert, or a sports event, our children's school open evenings, eating out, and even going to church, are all going to require us to continue to keep our distance from others; while welcoming friends and family back into our homes, visiting them or going on holiday are all to be approached with caution. But surely, we must look forward to the return of all that; being with people is one of the things that keeps us all sane.

Each week during the lock down, I, and many others have been so pleased to be able to see members of the Welwyn team, be it Susannah, our vicar, our Rector David, or Dominic our curate, conducting a normal Sunday service. Sometimes it has been from Susannah's office at the Rectory in Datchworth, or with David playing and singing at his own piano in Welwyn, or once, with Dominic in his back garden at Woolmer Green, where his dog Hilda gently strolled into view and made us all smile.

The clergy have been in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house. You can find links to St Peter's Church on line through Facebook or YouTube or through the Welwyn team www.welwyn.org.uk.

Alternatively, please contact, by email or phone,

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Our prayers are with all those who have been infected with this virus or who have lost loved ones during the past weeks.
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Charcoal Barbecues

- Use only enough charcoal to cover the base to a depth of about 50mm (2 inches)
- Only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuel and only on cold coals – use the minimum necessary and never use petrol
- Never put hot ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin – they could melt the plastic and cause a fire.

Gas Barbecues

- Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder
- Change cylinders outdoors if possible or in a well ventilated area
- If you suspect a leak to the cylinder or pipe work, brush soapy water around the joints and watch for bubbles – tighten to fix but do not overtighten
- After cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before turning off at the controls to ensure any residual gas in the pipe work is used up.

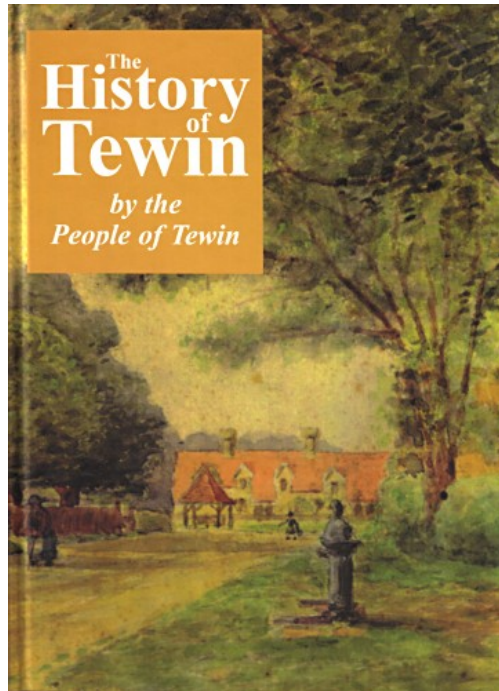
Cooking

The two main risk factors for BBQ cooking are undercooking meat and spreading germs from raw or undercooked meat on to food that's ready to eat.

When you're cooking most types of meat on a barbecue make sure:

- the coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking, as this means they're hot enough
- frozen meat is fully defrosted before you cook it
- you turn the meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly
- Most types of meat are safe to eat only when:
 - the meat's steaming hot throughout
 - there's no pink meat visible when you cut into the thickest part
 - any juices run clear

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



The History of Tewin *by the People of Tewin* was published in 2009 by Tewin Orchard in Association with the Tewin Society.

The book is based on The History of Tewin Exhibition, originally held in Tewin Memorial Hall in 2000 to celebrate the Millennium.

It was completed after three years by a mainly amateur group of authors. It covers the history of the village from 500,000 BC to the present day.

All copies of the book were sold by 2014, but there are always people enquiring if they can still obtain a copy. If you have a copy you no longer wish to keep, would you kindly consider donating it for resale. I will start a waiting list for any second-hand copies. In either case please contact **Linda Gilley on 01438 717385 or alannio@btinternet.com**.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

Tewin Stores is now fully stocked with a good range of products. We have installed protective screens around the till and Post Office counter. The screens together with our strict social distancing procedures of only 2 customers in the shop at any one time give protection to staff, volunteers and customers alike.

The shop hours are still limited to
every weekday morning from 8.00am until 12 noon and from 9.00am until 11.00am at the weekends.

You can continue to pre order Fruit and Vegetable boxes and you have the opportunity to come into the shop to browse and pick up additional items. We continue to receive good support from our local suppliers and have availability of Digswell bacon, sausages and ham and a wider range of UGO pasta. Thanks to Bev's ingenuity we also have stock of flour, eggs, and yeast so if you're enjoying baking at home we have all you need. All our suppliers are back except Simmons who are not yet able to recommence deliveries but we do have a supply of frozen bread, rolls, croissants and pains au chocolat which we will either cook to order or you may take them home and bake. We are also very pleased that we have been able to recommence offering a small range of plants for the garden or home.

We continue to seek support to help with our systems and IT issues; so if you have some IT know-how and you are good at sorting out software and other systems 'glitches' then we need you! For more information please email tewinstores@gmail.com.

The May 100 Club winners are :-

1 st Prize Jane Parkinson	£38.00
2 nd Prize Paul Lohr	£19.00
3 rd Prize Bev. Barraclough	£11.40

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SCARECROWS COMPETITION 26th June to 29th June 2020 – 4 Days

Many of you will know that our biennial scarecrow competition isn't due to take place until 2021. However, because we are at home so much more due to the Coronavirus, we have decided to bring the competition forward to this Summer and we hope making a scarecrow will be a great "lockdown" project for families to enjoy! By now, every home should have had an entry form through the letter-box. If you haven't received yours, please email friendsoftewin@gmail.com and we will send one to you. Also, if you need some instructions, email us and we'll send you a copy. There's only a month to go and we hope you are already planning your entry. Don't be put off wondering how you will make your scarecrow, it's not that difficult and taking part is loads of fun! If you can't get hold of straw, you can use all sorts of bits and pieces as stuffing, eg: newspaper, cardboard, bubble wrap, old rags, basically anything goes! But remember to wrap it in bin liners before you dress it, so that it's waterproof!

Let your imagination run wild and enjoy making your creation! Enter a scarecrow and make the weekend a big success for the whole village to enjoy. Wouldn't it be great to see the whole of Tewin filled with scarecrows during these difficult times! So, enter your family into the competition and have fun!

Please remember to closely follow the Government guidelines and maintain social distancing during the event.

TEWIN CLASSIC CAR & CRAFT SHOW – 23rd August

At the time of writing this article, we haven't decided if the show will go ahead, although it is looking doubtful. We will let you know in the July edition of the magazine.

In the May issue we featured Maureen Yates and her fantastic knitting. You may have heard of the sad passing of Maureen but we wanted to share this photograph we've been sent. It was taken in Canada and shows some of her bunnies that had travelled a very long way!



CANNULA COVERS – if you are knitting these covers, which are for a hospital Special Baby Care Unit, please email me at omorrisroe01@gmail.com and I'll collect them from you. Let's try to send as many as we can. Thank you again in anticipation.

Take care, stay safe and well
Olly Morrisroe - Vice-chair Friends of Tewin

Facts About June

June marks the beginning of Summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the sixth month and is named after the Roman goddess, Juno, the goddess of marriage. For this reason June has always been considered the best month in which to marry.

The Anglo-Saxons called the month Sera Monath, the dry month. The longest day of the year, when the sun is at its most northerly point, occurs around the 21st of June.

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Our shop in Welwyn, which is, of course, our main source of income, remains shut until further notice, although we have already begun to prepare a plan for how we can re-open the shop in a controlled and safe manner, as soon as we are legally able to do so. Even though the shop is closed, we felt that it was important that the window display provided some cheer to those who might pass by and we are again indebted to Georgia Shaw and her husband for the fabulous display, featured below, themed on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

The work done by the wonderful staff in both the Danesbury Neurological Rehabilitation Centre and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital has never been more important than it is at present. They have had to make room for additional patients, some suffering from Covid-19, and the continued pressure on them is intense. At their request, the charity has been providing fresh fruit, cakes and chocolates to the staff each week and we will, of course, respond to other requests, as and when they arise. If you would like to support the work of the charity, do please visit the following link on our website for ways to send us donations: <https://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk/donations/>

As an additional method of fund-raising, the charity has registered with www.easyfundraising.org. The way that this works is that you create your own account with them and then use their site as a 'portal' to access a vast range of participating online retailers. Then, when you make a purchase – which costs you no more than it normally would – the retailer passes a small percentage of the cost to us. The amounts are not huge but they all add up!

The Trustees Meeting on 22 April marked the last direct involvement of Charles Richardson as a Trustee. After 14 years of service to the charity, Charles has decided to step down and we wish him all the best in his 'retirement'. Over the years the charity has been indebted to him for his hard work, attention to detail, and indefatigability. His contribution to our work will be missed. If you think that involvement in the charity is something where you could make a valuable contribution, do please get in touch with us.



It is with much regret that, due to current circumstances, we will have to cancel the Tewin Village Fete. We will be back next year on 26th June 2021!

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