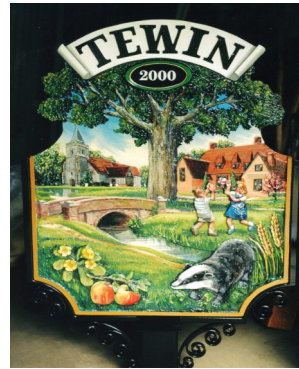




Tewin Magazine

May 2021



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Editorial Note

Welcome to our May 2021 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our lovely photos on the back cover this month were taken by Gerry Murphy and Sean O'Flynn.

I'm pleased to announce that there are some events taking place this month.

On Saturday 22nd May THACS are organising a plant exchange on Lower Green (p6). The following Saturday, 29th May, THACS are also organising an Art Competition (p6). So get your paints out now or perhaps you've something painted in Lockdown which is ready to be submitted.

The weekend of 29th, 30th and 31st May will see the Big Bowls Open Weekend at the Bowls Club (p9).

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is taking place on Sunday 2nd May (p14).

From Tuesday 4th May, Tewin Stores will be extending their opening hours and will be open until 4.30pm Monday to Friday (p25).

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. **Phil's Fish Van** is in the village on Monday evenings. Call 07513 142536 for details.

It is with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Jean Canton in April. Jean was a big part of life in Tewin and I'm sure that most of you will have fond memories of her. She was a proof reader of the Tewin Magazine and I shall miss her keen eye and excellent knowledge of grammar. She saved me from many a faux pas. More importantly I shall miss her enthusiastic encouragement of my editorship of the Magazine.

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

TEWIN PAVILION, UPPER GREEN, TEWIN

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner at Tewin Pavilion, Upper Green.

The Pavilion Management Team (CIC) are looking for a flexible, reliable person to take over this role with immediate effect.

Working hours and remuneration to be discussed.

Please contact Doreen Lloyd, telephone number 01438 715020, or via e-mail: lloydsmoggies27@talktalk.net for more information.

Finding Hugo

Over the Christmas period an envelope with a gift inside for Hugo was found in St Peter's churchyard and handed into the Church. The wording on the envelope just says Hugo... with much love. I have made various enquiries, but have been unable to reunite the gift with the owner. If anyone knows Hugo or if you are the person who made the gift please contact Di Bradley on 01438 798478.

On This Day 1st May

1707 The union of England and Scotland was declared

1851 The Great Exhibition was opened in Hyde Park by Queen Victoria

1869 The Folies Bergère Music Hall opened in Paris

1931 President Hoover opened the 102-storey Empire State Building

Tewin Parish Council



PROPOSED NEW FOOTPATH ON HERTFORD ROAD

There are various places in the Parish where there are concerns about the safety of pedestrians in the road. One such place is Hertford Road with increased footfall in relation to the shop.

The Parish Council has investigated the feasibility of putting a footpath along the verge of Hertford Road from Lower Green to the shop, but has decided not to proceed with the idea.

We thank everybody who responded to our consultation. There was a lot of support for the basic concept, but various queries about how it would work out in practice, and we decided that, on balance, it was not viable.

The Parish Council will continue to look out for improvements both along Hertford Road and at other points in the Parish, but there are no easy solutions.

LOWER GREEN FOOTPATH RESURFACING

The Parish Council has agreed to resurface the footpaths on Lower Green and hope to have the works done during the school holidays.

LITTER BINS

As you may be aware the litter bin emptying schedule has been impacted by temporary staffing difficulties at East Herts Council due to Covid but this should return back to normal soon.

Following a complaint about the unpleasantness of sitting on a bench next to a full litter bin the Parish Council has agreed to move the litter bins by the benches on Lower Green and by the bench on Hertford Road opposite the shop further away from the benches.

The Parish Council's dog fouling policy remains not to install dog waste bins as parishioners can use the existing litterbins for dog waste bags.

BUS SHELTER & TELEPHONE BOX

The Parish Council would like to thank the landlord of the Rose & Crown pub who kindly arranged to have the telephone box and the inside of the bus shelter painted.

WATER SUPPLY ON LOWER GREEN

The Parish Council has agreed to install an underground water connection on Lower Green in order to water the Christmas tree. The manhole has been installed and Affinity Water will be completing the connection in due course.

CAPTIVE BIRDS

Please be aware that England is still on lockdown in reference to captive birds as Bird Flu is still at a high level and anyone with birds of all types including chickens must keep them in enclosed housing with a roof.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting is at **7.45pm on Monday 10th May 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 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 and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Plant Exchange

THACS will be running a Plant Exchange stall on **Saturday 22nd May**. The stall will be by the well head on Lower Green and open between 10am and 4pm.

Please bring along any spare plants you are able to donate. Have a look at the plants on offer and maybe you can find some that you would like for your garden, allotment or house. If so, please feel free to take them! You don't need to bring a plant to take any away, but it's probably best to bring a bag.

If you are dividing perennials or taking cuttings this spring, then it might be a good idea to begin selecting likely candidates now so that they will be settled and neatly potted by the time of the Plant Exchange. If you are growing plants from seed, please save extra plants for the stall. It would be a great help if the donated plants were all identified and labelled but, if you don't know the name of the plant then just give us a brief description.

We expect that most of the plants will be delivered to Lower Green on the day, but we could collect your plants earlier if necessary.

Art Competition

We are running an art competition, open to adults and children of all ages. There are no entry fees and no need to complete an entry form. You are invited to paint or draw the specified picture and then submit it for judging on **Saturday 29th May**.

May.

Adults can select any or all of the following categories: -

- 1) Picture entitled "Shadows", any medium. A3 maximum plus frame, ready to hang.
- 2) Picture of a flower, any medium. A3 maximum plus frame, ready to hang.
- 3) Picture of a waterscape, any medium. A3 maximum plus frame, ready to hang.

Children have a single open category: -

- 4) A picture of any subject. Any medium, A4 maximum.

Exhibitors are limited to one entry per person for each category. If you are entering the adult group, please include your full name and contact details (postal address, telephone number and email address) on the back of the picture. If you are under 18 years old, please include your full name, school year, age and the name and contact details of your parent / guardian or teacher.

Please bring your pictures along to Tewin Memorial Hall **between 9.00am and 10.30am on Saturday 29th May** where they will be safely staged, judged and photographed. The pictures will be available for collection by their owners be-

tween 2pm and 3pm. If any pictures remain unclaimed after 3pm, we will arrange for them to be delivered to their originators, along with any associated prizes. For adults, there will be 1st prize certificate in each of the three categories with an additional certificate awarded to the picture selected as best in show by the judge. For children, there will be an exciting small, age-appropriate 1st prize for each age group, with a bonus prize certificate awarded to the picture selected as best in show by the judge. The winners will be announced and photographs of all entries will be displayed on the *THACS* page of the Tewin Village website as soon as possible after the judging.

If you need any help or have any questions about the plant exchange or the art competition, please contact

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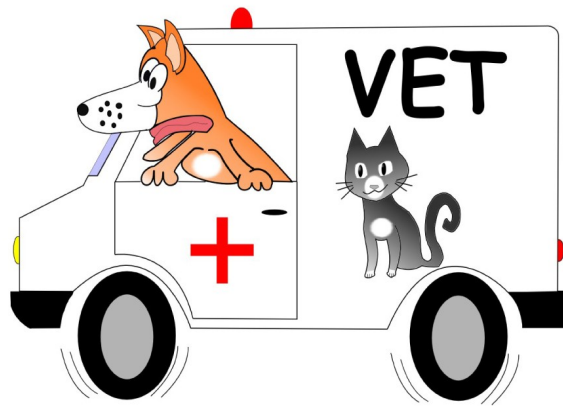
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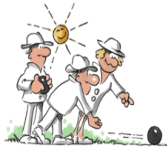
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Tewin Bowls Club News & The Big Bowls Open Weekend

We are pleased to advise that the club is gradually opening up again as the Covid restrictions are eased. The Bowls green will be bowled on again as from the 17th April. This would normally have been marked with a match between The Presidents Team and The Captains Team but, in keeping with current regulations, bowling will be restricted to the Rule of Six or two Families until the 17th of May when larger groups will be able to gather at the club and inside catering and bar will be reinstated with restrictions.

Our first match of the season is on the 22nd May against a team from Much Hadham Bowls Club. This is a home game and spectators will be allowed, followed by a game against Welwyn & District on the 23rd May. Both games starting at 2.30pm. The next home game will be on the 6th June plus various matches of an evening throughout the months of May and June.

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at bowls? Well now's your chance. The Club's **Big Bowls Open Weekend** is being held at the end of May over three days, 29th, 30th and 31st. The Club House will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm. We ask of you one thing, that is to wear flat soled shoes. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Should you decide to join us your 1st year's membership is free. All of the above and future events will continue under strict hygiene rules until further notice.

Finally some of you may have heard that the Club has lost our editorial genius, Jean Canton, who sadly passed away in April. Jean will be much missed but I am sure she will be up there now laughing at my efforts and correcting my grammar!!

Should you wish any further information then please contact Mike Howe on 01438 840063 or Rob Kenway on 07552 780236

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

On The Farm

A month ago I hoped for warmer weather but it has not happened. It stays very cold with frosts in the morning. Our winter wheat, naked oats and beans are growing away slowly through their growth stages. The wheat has had its first dose of Nitrogen and its first fungicide spray to protect the crop from Yellow Rust.

In the garden it's not the weather for growing veg either.

I have 6 acres of Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). It has not been grazed or ploughed for many years, that is why it is so special. I have been advised by Natural England to see if I could get a few pet animals to graze it this summer.

Linda and I walked the site on Sunday to check the fences. I could not believe how wet and boggy the site was! I could push my stick nearly 2 feet down into the ground. This is mainly down to the height of the water table. The River Mimram flows along the side of the site and it is many years since we have seen the river so deep and flowing so fast. We forget about the huge amount of rain we had last Autumn.

The last of our wheat is leaving our store. It has been sold to a merchant then on to a mill in Bishop's Stortford. They have been taking two loads a month of late.

Martyn and I are planning to sow some wild bird mix and some nectar flower mix around some field edges. This is a bit of an experiment as the government wants us to do more of this planting in future and to look after the bees. Almost 90% of wild plants and 75% of leading global crops depend on animal pollination. Un-bee-liveable! Let's look after our bees.

Ivor Williams

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

March 2021

Here's confirmation of the draw results for March

1st	£55	Lisa Bove, Wilshere Park
2nd	£33	Ivor Williams, Back Lane
3rd	£11	Alf Fulford, Bishops Road
3rd	£11	Kevin O'Brien, Somers Road

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Annual Church Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

The Annual Church Meeting 2021 will take place on Sunday 2nd May in St Peter's after the 9.30 am service of Holy Communion.

It has two parts.

First, it will begin with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect the churchwardens.

This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in which members of the Parochial Church Council will be elected. Questions about the Annual Church Report and Accounts and other church matters will be taken.

All residents of the parish and members of the church electoral roll are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and vote for churchwardens; **but please note you must be a member of the Church Electoral Roll in order to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, and vote for the Parochial Church Council. Please be aware that, if government guidelines for gatherings dictate, then this meeting may need to change at short notice.

The Church Electoral Roll

All members of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) who are baptised (christened) and over the age of 16 and who are either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship here for the last 6 months are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll.

Team Vicar's Letter

This last year writing letters for the magazine has proved quite a challenge. The situation on Covid has changed the landscape at such speed that anything I write is likely to feel completely out of date by the time it is printed a fortnight later.

But one thing this last year has perhaps helped us practice like never before, is the ability to change our plans. Whether that be weddings, baptisms, Christmas, Summer Fetes or exams - events that in usual times would seem unthinkable to have to cancel, we've learned are ok to postpone or do a little differently.

I have been wondering if this experience on such a dramatic scale will help us cope better in the future when we find the odd thing or two being outside of our control. I have been enormously impressed with the gracious responses of wedding couples and bereaved families who have found their hopes for these key church services changed again and again. The Duke of Edinburgh's funeral devoid of a mass gathering and communal singing with the Queen wearing a face mask reminds us there is no one who is exempt from the unforeseen events that life can throw at us.

We may not always be able to control what happens to us in life but we can learn the ability to choose how we respond. In church this month we celebrate Pentecost. It is a festival when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the disciples and passed on to the whole church. Those first disciples found that with the strength of the Holy Spirit they were transformed and able to face all sorts of things that were previously unimaginable. Whatever you are facing today, perhaps you might ask the same Spirit to give you gifts to cope with it as best you can.

I remember being told once 'When you pray do tell God of your plans for the future - he enjoys a good laugh'

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
MAY 2nd	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 22: 1-18	ACTS 8: 26-End	JOHN 15:1-8
9th	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 55: 1-11	ACTS 10: 44-End	JOHN 15: 9-17
16th	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 17: 6-19		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 36: 24-28	ACTS 1: 15-17, 21- End	JOHN 17: 6-19
23rd	PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 37: 1-14	ACTS 2: 1-21	JOHN 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
30th	TRINITY SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 6: 1-8	ROMANS 8: 12-17	JOHN 3: 1-17

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

BAPTISM

Jonathan Slaughter 10th April 2021

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23rd DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	MARION COMPTON	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
30th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	TBC	PAULINE SPRING

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

St Peter's News

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

It has been good to welcome old friends back to the congregation for the Easter services during April as people feel more confident about mixing with others, masked and socially distanced!! Since Easter, our lives have been over-shadowed this month by the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. At St Peter's, we have shown our respects in special prayers for him and the Queen, and the Royal family, flying the flag at half mast. Julie Grimwade, one of our bellringers, tolled the bell 99 times on the day after his death.

At the end of March, on a very cold day, we celebrated Palm Sunday, almost as we would normally have done on this day. We are still not permitted to sing together as a congregation, but Susannah wanted us all to sing the first hymn around the War Memorial before processing back into church for the remainder of the service. On Good Friday it was again cold, but we had a contemplative service at which we celebrated the Stations of the Cross, albeit seated instead of moving around the church.

Easter Sunday was a glorious day. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers everywhere, thanks to our marvellous team of flower arrangers (Thank you to Sue Whitbourn and everyone who helped). Pauline Brown and Mary Gregg had also planted the Easter Garden as usual on the alter in the South aisle. We had to spread the congregation into the clock tower to ensure everyone was safely seated. Edward Cardale led us in worship and accompanied Andrei on his trumpet for the final hymn "Thine be the Glory". Sabine Stanley and her SAVoce singers added in no small measure to the service with a round of "Alleluia" and the Rutter version of "The Lord bless you and keep you" which was magical.

Susannah had set up an Easter Trail around the churchyard for children visiting during the run up to Easter which many young people clearly enjoyed. The snowdrops have gone over now but there are still

many other spring flowers about the churchyard. Visitors might have noticed the yew trees opposite the West door which have been expertly trimmed.

This has been a lean year for the church in terms of fund raising. Before Christmas we decided to sell some items to raise some cash and we did so in an easy way, by using Louise Brown's Trade my Clutter business. With this in mind, can we suggest that you might like to donate items for Louise to sell on your behalf from which the profits might go to church funds. She also buys vintage items directly for her business My Vintage Market and people are then free to donate any profit to the same cause or A N Other of course. Please see the advertisement for Louise in this magazine.

This remains a very anxious period for us all until most people have fully been vaccinated. I have not seen my son and grandchildren since last autumn and I am sure there are many others in a similar position and worse. But I continue to be patient and hope for better days to come.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who have lost loved ones during this year from whatever cause. We pray for those whose livelihoods have been devastated and for those who have felt the pain of loneliness during the epidemic.

Our clergy are in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

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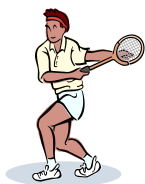
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Tewin Tennis Club



Such a pent-up enthusiasm! Our courts opened again on March 29 and that Monday saw solid court use that looks like continuing for the foreseeable future. Personally it has been terrific to get back into playing tennis, refreshing parts of the body that other exercise hasn't managed to do through the lockdown.

Of course, much care is still needed, but we are lucky in that social distancing is largely feasible in a game like tennis. Many of our older members will soon have had their second jab, which gives another layer of confidence.

Things are not quite as they were, however. The new procedures forbid turn-up-and-play tennis, I suspect to avoid large numbers of people turning up and mingling while waiting for their turn to play. But we have got around that as best we can by inviting all the regulars to submit their availability and then trying to fairly distribute matches over the coming weeks.

That's largely for Saturday morning play, but there is still much court availability over the rest of the week for members to organise their own matches. Booking courts online is now very easy, and you can even check availability 15 minutes ahead with the excellent on-line facility on the club website, www.tewintennisclub.co.uk.

Membership renewals are due, and we are trialling a new LTA-based membership renewal process. Members are getting a couple of emails, one explaining what's going on, another with the "invoice". Payment from hereon will be by credit card, which will make it easier for most members and take a lot of administrative burden off the membership secretary and treasurer. Please bear with us on this initially.

The good news is that we have pushed back the renewal date to May 31st, *and* reduced annual fees for existing members this year to reflect the loss of play you had over the past 12 months.

Happy tennis,
Peter Burgess



Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is a condition where your bones lose strength, making you more likely to break a bone than the average adult.

Causes of osteoporosis

Losing bone strength is a normal part of ageing, but some people lose bone strength much faster than normal. This can lead to osteoporosis and an increased risk of broken bones.

Women also lose bone strength rapidly in the first few years after the menopause. Women are more at risk of osteoporosis than men, particularly if the menopause begins early (before the age of 45) or they've had their ovaries removed. However, osteoporosis can also affect men, younger women and children.

Many other factors can also increase the risk of developing osteoporosis, including:

- taking high-dose steroid tablets for more than 3 months
- other medical conditions – such as inflammatory conditions, hormone-related conditions, or malabsorption problems
- a family history of osteoporosis or parental history of a hip fracture
- long-term use of certain medicines that can affect bone strength or hormone levels, such as anti-oestrogen tablets that many women take after breast cancer
- having or having had an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia
- having a low body mass index (BMI)
- not exercising regularly
- heavy drinking and smoking

Preventing osteoporosis

Steps to help keep your bones healthy may include:

- taking regular weight bearing exercise to keep your bones as strong as possible
- healthy eating – including foods rich in calcium and vitamin D
- taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D
- making lifestyle changes – such as giving up smoking and reducing your alcohol consumption

If you have any concerns about osteoporosis then please contact your GP surgery.

Information taken from www.nhs.uk and <https://theros.org.uk/>. If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

The lifting of restrictions enabled us to open our courtyard Cafe on the 12th April and some have already braved the chilly conditions to enjoy a bacon bap and a coffee with friends. Hopefully as the weather improves more of you will be encouraged to use the Cafe to catch up with friends and family whilst enjoying a freshly made sandwich or roll.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we are very pleased to announce from Tuesday May 4th the shop will extend its opening hours to 4.30pm Monday - Friday. As you know, the shop relies on the support of the village and we hope that many of you will take advantage of the extended hours.

Have you seen the Tewin Stores eco friendly shopping bags? They look great, only cost £3.00 and are ideal for all of your shopping trips.



The 100 Club April winners are as follows :

- 1st Prize: Marion Compton - £44.50
- 2nd Prize: Steve Stott- £22.25
- 3rd Prize: Graham Bennell- £13.35

Shop Opening Hours

Mondays 3rd & 31st May (Bank Holidays) 9.00am - 12.00 noon

From Tuesday 4th May:

Monday - Friday	8.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	8.30am - 12.00 noon
Sunday	9.00am - 12.00 noon

Linda Crawford

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Testing in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire County Council are encouraging twice weekly rapid testing for those **without** symptoms as our residents begin to visit newly opened shops, pubs and restaurants.

Rapid testing is over 70% accurate.

Through this programme, we aim to identify people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms but who are infectious and could spread the infection to others unknowingly.

Identifying and supporting infectious people to isolate will help reduce spread.

Who can have an in-person rapid test?

Everyone can now get a **free test twice a week**. Even if you've been vaccinated, still continue to get tested regularly.

There are 2 ways to get tested:

1. Visit a testing site where you do a self-swab test (with supervision)

There's now no need to book an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. If you have previously booked a test on an upcoming date, this booking will remain valid. Find a testing site near you at:

<https://eservices.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/hidden/rapid-test-schedule>

2. Use a home testing kit.

Home test kits come in a box containing 7 tests (enough for one person to test themselves twice a week for 3-4 weeks).

- **Order online for home delivery** – you can order kits direct from the government's national scheme online, <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by calling 119. Kits should arrive within 5 working days.
- **Pick-up from an NHS testing site** – some NHS testing sites operate as a collection point in the afternoon.
- **Collect from a local pharmacy** – check if a pharmacy near you is offering test kit collection.
- **Home testing for school children** – for children in Year 7 and above, continue to access home testing kits through your school. Parents can't access tests for themselves through the school testing system.
- **Workplace testing** – check with your employer if they're offering testing on work premises or offering home testing kits.

We'll also be handing out free test kits on high streets across Hertfordshire.

We'll always be wearing high-vis jackets and have ID.

Each kit includes instructions on how to test yourself.

Friends of Tewin



Today (14th April) we were delighted to have our first face-to-face Committee meeting since October 2020. It was great to see each other in person instead of virtually! Fortunately, the weather was kind, a bit chilly but the sun shone down on us too.

Tewin Treasure Trail in June – Date to be confirmed soon

You may remember in June last year we arranged the Scarecrows Weekend which was a great success, we had 45 entries! This year we've decided to do something different and organise a Treasure Trail around Tewin. We hope it will be a fun activity that everyone will enjoy. More details about the Trail will be announced in the June edition. There's a prize for the winner so keep a look out for the details.

Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show – 22nd August 2021

The car show is due to take place on 22nd August but at the moment, we aren't able to tell you if it can take place. Last year's show had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions so we are really hoping this year will be different and that the car show can take place. We will let you know more in the June edition.

Anne Hall – Chairman
Friends of Tewin

Memorable May Events

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| 2nd May 1887 | The first US patent for celluloid film was submitted and in 1902 the 14-minute-long ' <i>Le Voyage Dans La Lune</i> ' had its premiere. |
| 3rd May 1494 | Columbus discovered Jamaica. |
| 23rd May 1785 | Benjamin Franklin announced his invention of bifocals |

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The memory of Easter eggs and outdoor BBQ's with friends and family in rather chilly conditions seems to be a memory of the past as another month has gone by. It has been so wonderful to be able to meet up in outdoor settings with our families and friends whom we have missed seeing since before Christmas! Can you believe it!!

Behind the scenes we, the Friends, have been working hard to get the shop in Welwyn ready for opening on the 13th April, ensuring we adhere to all the Government COVID regulations. Our Click & Collect service has also been ticking along nicely. Thank you to all of you who have helped support this during the lockdown. As has become expected of us, Georgia, one of the shop's managers, had done another wonderful Easter window display. Her various displays have definitely helped in lifting spirits in the village over the past year. We are so fortunate to benefit from her artistic window display abilities.

Now we look forward to welcoming you all back to have a nosey around our Charity shop – if you haven't already popped in. We are now also accepting donations again, please do visit our website for regular updates on this at danesburyqvm.co.uk.

Up at Danesbury & QVM Hospitals it has been business as usual, it is still very busy and the staff are overworked but always seem to have a smile on their faces. How they do it I don't know! We try and support them as best we can. Recently we have been able to provide clothing for patients, shower gels and some physio equipment. It has been difficult to support the Hospitals, especially as we are still not allowed on site. Not much longer and we too should be able to go back to working from our offices in Danesbury. This will be a welcome change to working from home.

We, the trustees at the Friends of Danesbury & QVM, thank you for all your continued support. Wishing you all the best and hope you can all enjoy being with your loved ones a bit more as the lockdown regulations ease up and the sun starts to warm up.

Thank You From The Rose and Crown

A big thank you to Tewin for supporting us through all our trials and tribulations with lockdowns and more lockdowns with your generosity in ordering takeaways (which are continuing) and best wishes and really caring about us. It has been so uplifting and wonderful to know you have been thinking about us and keeping us close. A heartfelt thank you from my family and our chefs, Jo and Lou .

Our kitchen is open from midday until 3.00pm and 5.00pm until 8.00pm Mon to Friday, Saturday midday until 8.00 pm and Sunday midday until 5.00pm. Once again, Thank You .

A family friend, Geoffrey Somers, has been doing his all for Tewin. A lifelong Arsenal fan, he struggled painting the bus stop with our beloved Chelsea blue paint but was happy again painting the phone box! Thanks Geoff .

Royal Oak Day (Oak Apple Day) 29th May

Royal Oak Day (Oak Apple Day) was a public holiday (abolished in 1859) celebrated in England on 29th May to commemorate the restoration of the English monarchy, in May 1660. To show their support for the monarchy people wore sprigs of oak leaves or oak apples (a gall produced on buds by wasps). The oak leaves were chosen as the life of King Charles was saved after the Battle of Worcester in 1651 when he hid from the pursuing Roundheads in an oak tree in the grounds of Boscobel House in Staffordshire.

Children would challenge each other to show their oak sprigs. Failure to do so was punished by, amongst other things, a pinch on the bottom or whipping with stinging nettles.

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