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Welcome to the October 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our cover photo this month was taken by Colin Minton. I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

Events this month:

Tewin Stores is the venue for lunch of Jacket Potatoes on 26th and are showcasing traditional beers during Beer Week from 7th to 11th (p29).

The Autumn Jumble Sale is on the 12th (p9).

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Big Sleep' on 21st (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 3rd, 17th and 31st (p30).

Further afield local Patient Participation groups are holding a free event supporting Heart and Lung health at the new BEAM theatre in Hertford on 12th (p27) and WGC Orchestra are performing on 13th (p6). Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

How have you found using your GP surgery's online system? Was it easy, frustratingly impossible or somewhere in the middle? Healthwatch Hertfordshire would like to hear from you (p4).

Don't forget to put your clocks back by 1 hour at 1.00am on Sunday 27th.

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance. **A Mobile Fish Van** is at Burnham Green on Wednesdays from **12-12.30pm**. Call Kelvin on 07847 176847 for orders.

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

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Tewin Parish Council



TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL - EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Parish Council auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, confirmed that the AGAR for 2023/2024 has been audited and there are no qualifications. The notice of conclusion of audit was put on the website on 28th August 2024.

PLANNING - APPEAL DECISIONS

3/22/1180/FUL - Land To The Side Of 3 East Riding, Tewin - Appeal Ref: 3328900. Erection of 1, 4 bedroomed dwelling with associated landscaping and parking – *TPC Comments submitted* – *Appeal Dismissed*.

3/22/1555/OUT - Land East Of Upper Green Road, Upper Green Rd, Tewin - Appeal Ref: 3328566. Outline planning application for erection of 4 three bedroom detached bungalows together with creating two new vehicular accesses - all matters reserved except for access - TPC Comments submitted - Appeal Dismissed.

HEALTHWATCH HERTFORDSHIRE

Dr. James Davis is a representative of Healthwatch Hertfordshire, which is the county's statutory and independent health and social care champion. They have been commissioned to explore public views and experiences of using **online GP services and bookings**. They would like people to do the survey in order to strengthen the impact of their research, and allow them to:

- · understand how people use online services to book GP appointments
- · explore what people tend to use online services for
- · identify how online services could be improved
- · and explore public experiences of using online services.

We would be very grateful if you could complete and/or share our survey, which can be accessed here: https://surveymonkey.com/r/hwhonlinegpservices **POPPIES**

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase 30 large poppies to go on lampposts in the village.

LITTER BINS

We are sorry that the litter bins are sometimes overflowing. They are scheduled to be emptied every Monday by East Herts Council, but sometimes we get missed out, especially around Bank Holidays. It really doesn't help when they are filled up with pizza boxes etc after picnics as this rapidly fills up the bins. If you see an overflowing bin and would like to report it please note the ID number on the bin and either ring East Herts Council Customer Services Dept

(01279 655261 option 1) or report it via their website using the ID number and they will arrange for it to be emptied.

HEDGES

Now that we are heading towards October and the birds have finished nesting, Tewin Parish Council would be grateful if all residents who have hedges on their land bordering a footpath or pavement would cut them back if they are overhanging or partially blocking the path.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 7th October 2024.

All meetings start at 7.45pm and are held 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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Police Community Team: 101 - For non-emergency purposes. Our East Herts Rural Team contacts are: PC Rob Wenham or PCSO Sally Brooks. **Herts Highways Fault Line: 0300 1234047** or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk - for fault reporting.

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Saturday 30th November 1PM - 4PM Tewin Memorial Hall

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

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FURTHER INFORMATION COMING SOON.

All funds raised in aid of St. Peter's Church.

WGC Chorus and Orchestra Concert Sunday 13th October 2024 5.30pm Christchurch Baptist, Tewin Road, AL7 1BW

Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Soloist Molly Salvemini

Kalinnikov Symphony No. 1

Rimsky-Korsakov The Tsar's Bride Overture

Conductor: James Ross Leader: Jonathan Acton

Tickets online at wgcms.org.uk or 0333 666 3366 (booking fee applies)

Braughing Old Man's Day

On 2nd October 1571 whilst carrying the coffin of Matthew Wall to his funeral in Braughing a pall bearer slipped on some leaves and dropped the coffin causing Matthew to be revitalised. On his death 20 years later he left a bequest to facilitate the clearing of leaves from Fleece Lane every 2nd of October. The vicar and children of the village sweep the lane with brooms and tend his grave.



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On The Farm

Harvest seems to just come in a flash and went in a flash, a great looking crop of wheat, full of expectations, which when harvested did not come up to my expectation. At least the crop was dry, about 13/14% moisture and proteins about 10.5 %. I would have loved them at 12 to 13%, to make the milling grade. The crop lacked sunshine. This seems to be countrywide, of very mixed reports. Luckily the oats and peas have done well, good quality and yields.

There has been great demand for straw this summer. My friend who buys our straw has done a great job of getting the straw baled and carted straight away, leaving the fields ready to be ploughed or mini tilled with our Sumo Cultivator. This leaves Martyn and Chris free to get on with ploughing and cultivating, after they each had a week's holiday.

We now have planned next year's cropping, very much the same. Once you harvest your crops and clear the straw the land soon dries out and cultivations get harder as the sun just bakes the soil hard.

The seed wheat is now dressed by a company called Agrii. They take the small seeds out and treat the remainder to protect it from disease. As of today's date, the 14th of September, most land is ready for sowing the seeds but we will not start for another 10 days or so. Why is this? It's because we don't want the crop to be too advanced growing into the winter.

We have sold a few loads of wheat, as there has been demand in the north, as they can be a couple of weeks later than us, with the weather being more unsettled and wet than us.

Dealing with UK power networks for our new electricity supply to our new farm barn is a major problem. Let's hope it can be sorted soon. It seems to have been going on for months.

Ivor Williams

JUMBLE SALE – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL Saturday 12th October 2pm till 4.30pm. All the profit goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

<u>We accept</u>: Clothing, shoes, books, toys, electrical goods, and most general items.

<u>We cannot accept</u>: Children's car seats, crash helmets, gas or electrical appliances. If your items will not fit into an average sized Estate Car, they are too big for the sale.

You can bring donations to the Memorial Hall by ringing Todd Canton on 07867 803301 or Jim Hall on 01438 718505.

In addition, the Hall will be open to receive donations on:

Friday 11th October, 2pm-4pm & 7.30pm-9pm, or before 12noon on Saturday morning.

Our team of Collectors will collect on <u>WEDNESDAY 9th, THURSDAY 10th or</u> <u>FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER</u>. Please ring to make arrangements.

IF YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND:-	TELEPHONE
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Cannons Meadow & Grass War- ren	Barry Turner 01438 717403
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Upper Green Road	Gerry & Brenda Barber 07807 284773
Upper Green, Orchard Road, Badgers Close, Tewin Close, Sevenacres, Tewin Wood, Queen Hoo Lane, Warrengate, Tewin Water	David & Deirdre Hatt 01438 798827
Burnham Green Road	Geoff & Sue Whitbourn 01438 798221

Can you volunteer to sort through the jumble, set up the gazebos or work on the stalls? Email: mjpurser@hotmail.com or just come along.

Screen On The Green

This month, on **Monday 21st October**, we're showing a 'film noir' masterpiece of last century – *The Big Sleep (1946)*. Based on the novel by Raymond Chandler it stars Humphrey Bogart as private eye Philip Marlow and Lauren Bacall as Vivien Routledge in a story that starts with blackmail and ends with multiple murders.

A complex plot finds Marlow deep in a web of love triangles, black-mail, murder, gambling and organised crime. The script is famous for its witty lines and sleek sexual innuendo with director Howard Hawks making the most of the obvious chemistry between the two stars.

So come along for an evening out at your local village film club.

Coming up:

18th November A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (2019) 9th December Amélie (2001) – French with subtitles

Our provisional programme for 2025 includes The Holdovers (2023), East of Eden (1955), Breathless 1960), Ex-Machina (2014) and Chinatown 1974).

MONDAY 21 October

Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall. Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Marie St Pier

Holborn Beer Flood

On 17th October 1814, a disaster at the Meux Brewery led to vats of fermenting porter bursting, releasing hundreds of gallons of beer into the residential area nearby and killing 8 people. On the anniversary each year, the Holborn Whippet commemorated the event by selling Beer Flood Porter all day on cask until its closure in 2020.



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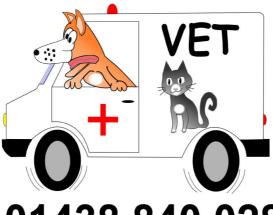
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Samaritan's Purse

It is shoebox time again!

This year shoeboxes are going to a new destination - the Southern African country of Malawi. Many children there are without toys and make their own from the clay-like soil which forms after rain. Leaflets and flat pack boxes are available in Tewin Stores, St Peter's Church or from Sue Whitbourn, 01438 798221. Filled boxes can be deposited, no later than 14th November, at St Peter's or with Judy Puddefoot at 2 Grass Warren or can be collected if requested.

Tewin Poppy Appeal 2024

As usual, we will be running the Poppy Appeal in Tewin this year. This will include static collections in Tewin Stores, local pubs etc, and also house to house collections.

However we do not have enough house to house collectors to cover the following roads:

School Lane and Churchfield Road Upper Green and Orchard Road Firs Walk and Cowpers Way Tewinwater

If you would like to help with a house to house collection, then please contact me.

Keith St Pier 01438 717551 poppy@stpier.net

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

Here are the winners for August's Supporters Club Draw.

1 st	£47	Pat Fulford, Bishops Road
2 nd	£28	Paul Barker, Upper Green Road
3 rd	£9	Isabella Perkins, Harwood Close
3 rd	£9	Todd Canton, Lower Green

If you think we might have an out of date address for you, please let us know by emailing personal@lisabove.com.

Want to see your name here?

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- Tewin Memorial Hall
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A PERSONAL STRUGGLE

Prayer is a struggle for me. Is it for you? Basically, everything else I do is in pursuit of some result or objective. For example, I am cooking dinner. If there was no dinner at the end of all my efforts, I would not bother to do it again. Basically, I want some sort of evident result for which I have put in thought, imagination, effort and energy. I have to admit that prayer does not seem to be in that category. It can feel like being on the end of a dead phone line.

Much prayer seems to be lots of words asking God to do something. He is asked for this, that and the other just to remind him in case he has overlooked or forgotten something important to me or people I know and needs to get it sorted. Or, he has not done exactly what we, or I, want in the way we want it and needs to be put on the right track, ready for the next request.

Perhaps I need him to forgive me for something I did or said which offended one of my neighbours or friends when in fact only the neighbour or friend can forgive me, if I am brave enough to apologise.

It must be confusing. The Russians pray for victory at the same time as the Ukrainians pray to repel the invaders. So, is prayer a waste of time? Well, if I am only asking, never thanking, listening, thinking or quietly reflecting, perhaps, yes.

Surely, God is not there just to do the things we are too busy to do or too lazy to do, or which are difficult, unpleasant or inconvenient. He gives those tasks to us.

If prayer works, it changes us. I cannot imagine that it changes God.

Ted Sharp

Team Vicar's Letter

The nights are drawing in, which makes it a good season for star gazing. We have had some spectacular night skies this year, with the rare occurrence of the aurora borealis, super moons, and the (strangely red) blue moon. There is something about the sky that, since ancient times, has drawn people to contemplate the deep mysteries of existence – of life and love and longing.

In ancient times people saw the small glimmering lights as a glimpse into the heavens. Now, we might have less of an idea of a physical heaven being 'up there', but still the majesty of the galaxies that surround us stir many hearts to ponder our place within it all.

"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers" says the writer of Psalm 8 "the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them"

Professor Alistair McGrath is both a physicist and theologian. It was while he was working in the laboratories of Oxford University for his doctorate in biophysics that he found his study of the makeup of the universe led his mind, like the psalmist, to ponder further on the meaning of it all. In the patterns and shapes of the smallest molecules, and in the uncovering of the deepest workings of the universe McGrath saw the hand of a creator. "We need to raise our eyes" he says "and see the meaning that lies behind it all. For things of this world are but signs and pointers, and we must let them lead us to their source".

Look up, whisper the towers and spires of our churches, look up.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
OCTOBER 6th	19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	GENESIS 2: 18-24	HEBREWS 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	MARK 10: 2-16
131h	20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	WILL ELLIS	AMOS 5: 6-7, 10-15	HEBREWS 4:12-End	MARK 10: 17-31
20th	21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	COLIN HULL	ISAIAH 53: 4-End		MARK 10: 35-45
		MESSY CHURCH EVENSONG	3.00pm 6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD RYAN GILFEATHER	JOSHUA 14: 6-14		MAT- THEW 12:1-21
27th	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JEREMIAH 31: 7-9	HEBREWS 7: 23-End	MARK 10: 46-End

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

ROTAS						
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER	
OCTOBER 6th ANGELA	ALED OWEN	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	MARY GREGG	HARVEST		
13th ALED	PAULINE SPRING	DI BRADLEY CLARE RAWLINS	QUEENIE SIMMONS	HARVEST		
20th	ROZ HOLDEN	ROZ HOLDEN	ROZ HOLDEN	JANET ROBINS		
	DAVID KEMPSON	MARK SWANN				
27th PAULINE	PAUL CROTTY	SPIKE NICHOLSON ANNE LAND	JANET ROBINS	CLARE RAWLINS		

BAPTISM

22nd September 2024 Eden Joyce Cuddon

FUNERAL

3rd September 2024 Alan Chalmers

St Peter's News

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

September is the month in which we traditionally celebrate Harvest. We know from last month's *On the Farm* notes in this magazine that Ivor managed to finish Harvest on 12th August, with a good crop and the earliest for many years. So for us to celebrate this at the very end of September seem a bit past the event. Nevertheless it has been the main focus for Messy Church, which began again on the 15th, and for the main congregation on 29th. Thank you to everyone who has given dried or tinned goods for our Harvest services which will be taken to the Food Shed in Stevenage.

The Bike N Hike Day took place across Beds and Herts on 14th September when energetic souls ask for sponsorship to ride or walk around churches in the diocese. This is in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Thank you to David Rawlins – half of his sponsorship money goes to the charity and the other half to St Peter's for essential repairs. We are still waiting for a date to start the repairs to the damp in the north wall and new drainage. This is going to cost the church over £20,000 so such monies will go towards that work.

We are still trying to agree with the diocese and other heritage organisations where we might site a new meeting room for the church. We are now working with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Historic England. Ours is a special Grade I listed building and we all want to find a solution to this which will enhance the existing building and meet the spiritual needs of the congregation and community.

Meanwhile thank you to Mr Down who kindly repaired the long bench in front of the church. It is a marvellous job which means the seat should last for many more years. We have at last found a contractor to help reseat the fallen gravestone on the south side of the church. The church clock has had the odd hiccup in its working recently – fortunately we have chaps who can deal with that. All these things keep us busy.

You may have noticed the bells ringing on days other than Wednesday -the normal practice night- or Sunday mornings. Obviously we also ring the bells for weddings and other special events. Ours is a very popular set of church bells as we have six, and other bell ringers like to visit us to ring our bells, consequently we often receive requests from other groups. Indeed, on 5 October the County Association has asked to use our bells for a teaching session at Tewin, which may last all day.

Susannah has been on her hols this month and we have welcomed other visiting clergy to lead our services. We are just about managing to cover the many jobs which Pete Johnson has gamely carried out until her move up north. Working parties will be gathering fallen leaves soon. Several trees in the churchyard need to be pruned and we have noticed that some are dying. The inconsistent weather patterns we have experienced in recent years is clearly having an impact.

In October we shall start to think about services for Remembrance Sunday and All Saints in November, and then it will be Advent and Christmas before we can look about.

If you have lost loved ones recently, or are in poor health or spirits, please remember the Welwyn team of clergy are there to give support.

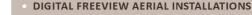
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Tewin Tennis Club

I, like others, tried to get tickets for the Oasis concerts. With maximum naivety I assumed that as long as I was ready at the allotted release time, 9am, I would be in with a chance. Ha! I gave up after an hour, but my brother kept an eye on it for six times that, only to be offered the cheapest standing seats for 250% premium. As he said, I don't like them that much, whereas I didn't like them at all back in the day. I just thought it might be fun.

Wimbledon tickets (and you may have wondered where I was going with this) are also in massive demand but all credit to the LTA, it does its utmost to ensure there's a fair chance of anyone getting to SW19 sometime during the fortnight. There are no guarantees, but full members of Tewin Tennis Club should have received an application for the ballot in late August, which had to be submitted by September 30.

Club members are automatically entitled to go into the ballot, others need to register on the LTA website to become an Advantage Plus member for £20 a year in order to enter. Act quickly.

Tewin had its very own tournament, the final of the season, on Sunday September 1. Before lunch it was the Ladies' Doubles, followed after a suitable break by the Men's Doubles. To be brutally honest, the turn out of competitors was a bit slim, just four pairs in both.

Congratulations to the ladies' winners, Helen Halliwell and Maria Yanev, who beat Hazel Lee and Eileen Doyle. The men's doubles final was suspended due to an injury but will be continued in October. Mark and Hazel Lee were 3-2 up against Steve Adamthwaite and Nick Toombs at the halt of play. Yes, Hazel gamely stepped in when we really could not find an eighth man to play.

Finally, can I just remind you to make sure you lock the gate to the practice court as open gate means footballers get in and damage our freshly repaired and painted wall.

And...put November 1 in your diary. It's our action-packed, brain tingling Autumn Quiz night in the pavilion. More details to members by email very soon.

Peter Burgess

Notes from an Apiary

September, summer is passing into Autumn and the beekeeping year goes on. The Spring crop was sparse and by July it looked like a very poor year for honey crop, then it all happened at once. It seemed like one day there was no nectar about, then it arrived and kept coming. The nectar flow coincided with the Lime trees flowering, a bit later this year. On sunny days in July, you could hear the bees on the Lime trees of Lower Green, they sounded like a swarm as they feasted on the nectar. The honey from this nectar is a light amber with a yellow, faint greenish tinge. Our crop certainly had that aspect to it. Sweet, slightly spicy, with a fresh citrus taste. It is in Tewin Stores now, get some and see what you think.

The number of bees in the colony increase through Spring and Summer, reaching a peak in August. There could be about 40 to 50 thousand bees in each of our hives at peak. The colony numbers will now decline as the Queens' laying decreases and older bees die. Bees from eggs laid in Autumn will form the hive force for next Spring, lasting through to March. They will protect the Queen through winter, forage early flowers and raise the new Spring brood before dying off. They will have done their job and passed on responsibility to the new generation.

Our responsibility is to ensure the colony remains healthy through the year. Part of this is to minimise infestation, particularly by Varroa. We treat the colonies with a thymol-based medicine to control Varroa mites, a bee parasite. Thymol is a natural substance that kills varroa mites in bee hives by binding to nerve receptors in the mites. The vapour from the thymol must be strong enough to kill the mites but low enough not to harm the bees. This is why we use a proprietary, registered veterinary medicine. Treatment will be on the hives for four weeks, to cover the life cycle of the mites. We can only maintain a healthy colony by minimising mite numbers.

Tomatoes are pollinated by "buzz pollination". Bumble bees can buzz pollinate, honeybees cannot. You won't see any of our bees on your tomato plants.

Our preparations for Winter and next Spring are starting now. Where did the summer go?

Phil



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The Hertford & Rurals PCN is a collaboration of five GP Surgeries: Hanscombe House Surgery, Lea Wharf Medical (formerly Wallace House), New River Health (Castlegate, Hertford and Church Street, Ware), Watton Place Clinic and Bridge Cottage in Welwyn. Patients outside these areas are also welcome to attend this event.

For more information, in the first instance please contact: Sachelle Mansour, Tel 07496 257518, sachelle.mansour@nhs.net

News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

As we sit waiting for October to arrive children are back at school, the nights are closing in and Autumn is well and truly with us. I am sure I am not the only one who finds that each year passes faster than the last!

Turning to happier things, in August we were delighted to be given a generous donation of £1,000 from the Welwyn Festival Committee. This was handed over to our esteemed shop manager, Brian King, at a ceremony in the Sports and Social Club on 21 August. The Friends of Danesbury are so grateful for this donation and will ensure it is put to good use.

If you walked along the High Street this summer you may have noticed our lovely summer shop window display created by our talented manager Georgia Shaw; a mermaid lounges in a deckchair surveying the scene – a gorgeous display of all things holiday related – bright dresses, swimsuits and bikinis for last minute holidays, picnic accessories and books and lots of teddies and other toys to keep little ones occupied during the holidays.

Venture into the shop and you will find an excellent selection of good quality women's clothing of all kinds including smart dresses, separates and more casual clothes and sportswear. We also have a selection of jewellery, both real and costume, generously donated to us, cleaned and for sale very reasonably priced. There are also clothes for men and for children of all ages, including school uniforms for several of the local schools. Children grow so fast and if you need something in a hurry you may well find it on our rails. For those of you who are looking for something special we now also have a separate rail of new clothes – various styles and makes, still with their labels and never worn but at a fraction of their original price.

Throughout the summer the patients of our hospitals have continued to enjoy a beautiful pond, new seating and the lovely display of plants which we have been able to provide with the funds we raise from the shop, so thank you both to those who donate and to those who buy. You are our lifeline.

Finally could I just remind you that we are still looking for new volunteers so if you have a few spare hours a week we would love to see you – just get in touch with us at info@danesburyqvm.co.uk

Jennifer Fowler Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Email: 'info@danesburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

The nights are drawing in and the cooler weather has started but we are not slowing down in the shop. Lots of new items still to come and winter favourites will start to appear.

But first the Beer Week we promised last month. We are really excited about the new beers we are going to introduce for you. The week will commence on the 7th October till the 11th. On Wednesday the 9th and Friday the 11th the shop will not close at its usual time of 4pm but stay open until 9pm to enable you to pop in for a taster and hopefully buy some really interesting beers. We expect there to be 6 different beers available. Please come and support us in this new venture which we hope to repeat with other such ideas in the future.

A new greengrocer has been found who offers us a bigger range of products so if you have something you are particularly looking for, do give us a try.

Now that Autumn/Winter are approaching you may like to think again of having a shop box made up for you to collect; it can include greengrocery items plus anything from our shelves here in the shop; and freshly baked croissants etc. Boxes are available twice a week.

Saturday lunch on October 26th will be our favourite Jacket Potatoes. Served between 12.15 and 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

The 100 Club winners for September were:

1st Prize: Bridget Keppler £42.50 2nd Prize: Paula Collins £21.25 3rd Prize: Susan Lewis £12.75

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Friends of Tewin



Tewin Classic Car and Craft Show - 18th August 2024

Weren't we lucky with the weather, it was the perfect day for the Show and with our loyal band of Classic car owners and Car Clubs arriving in their hundreds, plus some 'first timers' who we hope to welcome back next

year, the public didn't let us down either and, by mid day, we were full and Upper Green looked and sounded very vibrant.

We were very lucky to have the support on the day of Tewin's local outlets, the 'Bumpkin' with their delicious hog roast, bacon rolls etc and 'Tewin Country Weddings Bar' who kept the public refreshed. We were also pleased to welcome the 'Chicken Strip' who served a variety of Chicken dishes/wraps and chips this year. The Monday Mojo's Band were back with us again plus Frank's Ices with both vans doing a roaring trade. We must also thank Aston Martin of Hatfield for their sponsorship again this year.

We are absolutely delighted to have made a profit of £9,000 which gives us a substantial sum from within that to donate and we will be contacting local non-profit making organisations/clubs etc within the next few weeks to invite them to apply for a donation.

Again, we must thank everyone who helped in whatever way, it has become such a big event over the last few years that we have become so reliant on our lovely band of volunteers. If you haven't had time before but think this is something you may be interested in, please drop us an e-mail - friendsoftewin@gmail.com – we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Sorry to bring Christmas into the October edition but we will shortly be making plans for our Carols event and booking our regular brass band. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestion on, perhaps, a different format, again, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Shirley Chair, Friends of Tewin



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Tues	Tewin School	7-9 pm	Table Tennis	
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group	
Wed	Burnham Green	12-12.30pm	Mobile Fish Van	
Wed	Memorial Hall	7.30-9pm	Tewin Ukelele Group (TUG)	
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin	
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club	
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van	
Thurs 10th & 24th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge	
Thurs 3rd, 17th & 31st	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice	
Mon 7th-Fri11th	Tewin Stores		Craft Beer Week	
Sat 12th	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Jumble Sale	
Mon 21st	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'The Big Sleep'	
Sat 26th	Tewin Stores	12.15- 1.30pm	Lunch 'Jacket Potatoes'	

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