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Christmas Lunch at Tewin Stores



Nativity at the Horns

Welcome to the February 2025 edition of the Tewin Magazine.

Our cover sunset was taken by Deborah Hoare and our festive photos on page 2 by Graham Spring.

I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to tewinmagazine@gmail.com.

Events this month:

Tewin Stores are serving a Cottage Pie lunch on 22nd (p29). Screen on the Green is showing 'East of Eden' on 17th (p10), the Technology Advice Sessions are on 6th and 20th (p30) and Messy Church is on 16th (p8).

The ever popular Senior Citizens' Lunch is on the 18th (p9) and the Friends of Tewin AGM is on the 25th (p9).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

Were you baptised or married at All Saints Church, Datchworth? If so, you are invited to a special celebration on the 15th (p21).

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



CHRISTMAS TREE

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin who arranged the decorating of the Christmas tree on Lower Green.

PRECEPT

At their meeting on 2nd December 2024 the Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2026 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously agreed to increase the precept from £38,000 to £43,500 to accommodate inflation rises and contingency against ongoing annual parish tree works.

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 3rd February 2025

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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https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to -report-a-crime/ Our East Herts Rural Team contact is: PCSO Sally Brooks.

WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

The Herts Connected system delivers Hertfordshire's police crime alerts. Registered local residents can receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing in your area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make their local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in their area and tell us what matters are causing local communities harm.

The more residents that register, the better informed and safer our communities will be. We would encourage everyone to sign up:

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Our friendly volunteers in their bright yellow jackets will welcome and support you all the way.

Everyone is welcome!

The Hertford Pantry

On behalf of The Hertford Pantry I would like to say a really big thank you to all the residents of Tewin who kindly donated food.

Every single item will make a huge difference to the local families we support.

We really appreciate your kindness.

Kindest regards Shelley & The Hertford Pantry Team

We would also like to thank everyone for making Christmas a much better time for those who are struggling. Your donations were extremely generous.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Bert and Cheryl x



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Friends of Tewin

Here we are in February already and you will, by now, have received a copy of the Friends of Tewin Annual Report so you will all have seen what we were up to last year.

You will also have received an invitation to join us at this year's Seniors' Lunch which we are hosting on TUESDAY, 18th February in the Memorial Hall. We do hope that those people who are eligible have now returned their reply slips and we look forward to you being with us for what will be a very happy and sociable afternoon. Our thanks must go to Todd Canton and his delivery team for all their hard work on our behalf in this regard, especially as the weather conditions were pretty icy and cold.

Following the success of last year's car show, we were again able to send out our Application Form to the Village Clubs, Groups etc to enable them to apply for a donation towards equipment, or perhaps an item connected to a specific project. The closing date was the 31st December so we have been busy looking at all the requests received and hope to be in position to advise the outcome of our discussions by the end of February.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2025

Please note that our AGM is on 25th February. It will commence at 6 pm in the Parish Room, Tewin Memorial Hall and you are all welcome. The agenda will be on display in Tewin Stores 21 days prior to the meeting.

Shirley Chair, Friends of Tewin Committee

Screen On The Green

On Monday 17th February we will be showing *East of Eden (1955)* starring the legendary James Dean in his first starring performance.

Directed by Elia Kazan this is one of the great film classics, based on the second half of John Steinbeck's novel of the same name. Dean plays Cal Trask, a mixed-up kid who, while trying to find his identity, seeks approval from his father against his favoured brother, thereby retelling the story of Cain and Abel. Julie Harris, Raymond Massey, Burl Ives and Jo Van Fleet provide a great supporting cast with Jo Van Fleet winning an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

Dean's Method acting techniques and uninhibited performance made him controversial to the old guard and a beloved idol to the younger generation of his time. Seven months after the film opened James Dean died in that fateful automobile accident.

Coming up:

17th March Breathless / A Bout de Soufflé (1960) French

14th April To be confirmed 19th May Ex-Machina (2014) 16th June Chinatown (1974)

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

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.

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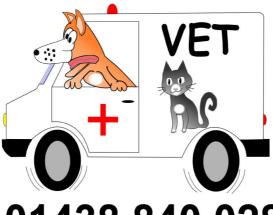
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<u>TEWIN JUMBLE SALE – 8th MARCH</u> WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS PLEASE!

Yes, it's almost Jumble Sale time and once again, we are calling on your generosity to make the sale a success. We rely entirely on your donations so if you have just one item to donate or if you've had a New Year clear out and have lots of items, please remember us.

If you have already got some items to donate, please ring Jim Hall on **01438 718505** or Todd Canton on **01438 717395** to arrange to drop your items off at the Memorial Hall.

Large items very rarely sell at the Jumble Sale and after previous sales we have had great difficulty in disposing of them. Therefore, if you have a large item which will not fit into an average Estate Car, it is too large for the sale and we cannot accept it.

Donations such as: Clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, bedding/linens, books, jigsaws, toys, unwanted gifts, small household and electrical items are always needed and welcomed.

Please note, for the safety of our volunteers and customers, we cannot accept broken items.

We cannot accept items such as: Large wooden furniture, laptop monitors, bulky televisions, corded telephones, 3-piece suites, wardrobes, sideboards, children's car seats, crash helmets, duvets, gas/electrical appliances such as cookers, freezers or refrigerators.

A team of residents have very kindly agreed to collect items during the week of the sale. Their contact details will be printed in the March edition of the magazine and on the yellow Jumble Sale flyer which will be delivered to every house in the next couple of weeks. Spare copies will also be available in Tewin Stores.

We are looking forward to seeing you on 8th March and hope you pick up a bargain!

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All profit from the Jumble Sale goes towards the upkeep of Tewin Memorial Hall.

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Tues 9.30am until 12.00 pm Fri 13.30pm until 4.00 pm

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

Here are the results for December's draw.

1^{st}	£47	Deborah Newton, Hertford Road
2 nd	£28	Anthony Powell, Harwood Close
3 rd	£9	Myra Chapman, Lower Green
3 rd	£9	Alexandra Batten, Harwood Close

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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Application forms and more information available from:

- Lisa Bove on <u>personal@lisabove.com</u>
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

The doctor can see you on Saturday 8 February at 12 noon in St Mary's church

.... But he probably will not be bringing his stethoscope since he retired from being a GP in St Albans more than five years ago! But that's no reason for YOU not to get along to see HIM!

Dr Julian Godlee, the bass-baritone, will give a recital with his pianist partner Brenda Blewett in St Mary's, Welwyn on 8 February as part of St Mary's *Second Saturday Recitals* series.

As a youngster Julian was head chorister at King's College Cambridge under Sir David Willcocks. During this time he took part in tours of Europe and Africa, and, of course, featured in the famous broadcasts of the Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols from King's.

He studied singing with Sir Peter Pears, and sang with The Taverner Consort under Andrew Parrott, and The Academy of St Martin in the Fields with Sir Neville Mariner.

After a long career in medicine Julian retired to concentrate once more on his first love – singing. Since then he has performed as soloist on Classic FM and BBC Radio 3, and his many CD recordings for Cambridge Records include Schumann's *Dichterliebe* and Schubert's cycle *Schwanengesang*.

Julian will be partnered for this recital by the pianist Brenda Blewett. Until September 2019 Brenda was Head of Accompaniment at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, alongside an active performing career. As a recitalist, her performances have taken her to major venues and festivals throughout the UK, Europe, Los Angeles and New York; and she has given live broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

The main work in their programme will be Robert Schumann's great song cycle 'Liederkreis' Op 24. Intriguingly, their programme will end with songs by Schubert, Eva Cassidy and Sting.

The concert starts at 12 noon and lasts for one hour. All are welcome and the concert is free to attend, no tickets required. There will be a retiring collection afterwards to cover artists' fees and support the church's work to introduce youngsters to singing and music generally.

By Stephen Foster, Director of the Second Saturday Recitals

Team Vicar's Letter

A few years ago the Cabinet Office did some research into job satisfaction. Being a vicar came out top! I'm not surprised. Not only do I get to be part of loving church communities I also get to journey with members of the wider community in key moments of their lives. Over the last thirteen years in these parishes, this has provided some of the most uplifting, privileged and thought-provoking parts of my ministry.

There's the joy of meeting with parents who would like their children baptised and having conversations about the reasons why raising their children with a knowledge of God's love is important to them.

There is the utter delight in helping those getting married plan for their wedding day. The wedding itself is always an occasion of great joy, but also I just love hearing about their lives and helping them think a little about how taking vows in a sacred place might add a deeper dimension to the love and commitment they already share together.

Then there is the part of my ministry where I am asked to journey alongside those coming to terms with the loss of a loved one, and help them plan a fitting tribute to say goodbye. Funerals are by their nature a sad event, but also in these moments of sitting with families or individuals there is often deep thanksgiving and laughter amidst the tears. Hearing whole life stories and sitting with families where love is palpable is the most extraordinary privilege.

In all of these encounters I get to see how the Christian story of new beginnings and an eternal love speaks into lives today as much as it always has. It is in these conversations, as much as it is in church, that I sense God to be very close indeed.

If you would like to explore with me what your Christian journey could look like, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
FEBRUARY 2nd	CANDLEMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		MALACHI 3:1-5	HEBREWS 2: 14– End	LUKE 2:22-40
9th	4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ISAIAH 6 : 1-8	1 CORIN- THIANS 15 : 1-11	LUKE 5 : 1-11
16th	3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am		HOSEA 10 : 1-8,12	GALA- TIONS 4:8-20	
		MESSY CHURCH EVENSONG	3pm 6.30pm		JEREMIA H 17 : 5-10	LUKE 6 : 17-26	
23rd	2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		GENESIS 2:4b-9, 15-End	REVELA- TION 4	LUKE 8: 22-25

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

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FEBRUARY 2nd DAVID	SPIKE NICHOLSON	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	MARY GREGG	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	ANGELA WILLIAMS
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16th	PAULINE BROWN	MARK SWANN			
23rd PAULINE	ELAINE FOWLER	DI BRADLEY ELAINE FOWLER	QUEENIE SIMMONS	JANET ROBINS	SUE WHITBOURN

FUNERAL

8th January 2025 Hilda Frances Tyler

St Peter's News

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

February already! The year is rushing by. Looking back at Christmas, the church was full for all the Christmas activities. On Saturday 21st we welcomed the Hertford Chamber Choir for a delightful candlelit concert at St Peter's. This is the first time they have given a concert here and it was extremely well supported and much enjoyed. Thank you to Sabine Stanley for organising this event.

The following morning we were much entertained by children from Messy Church and Tewin Cowper School as they performed a Nativity play for the congregation. I am awarding special praise to the inn keeper whose sleep kept being disturbed, and to the young lady who was the star in the east who kept her arms aloft for minutes on end to enable the shepherds and kings to find the baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph. It is so important for our young people to know the story of the birth of Jesus and to be involved in the life of the church.

Our other Christmas services - the candlelit Carol Service, the Crib service, the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the family service on Christmas morning - were all well attended, and it was also good to see old friends who were visiting Tewin at this time. Our collections at the main Christmas Services, totalling £522.00, will be split equally between two charities – *The Children's Society* and *Embrace the Middle East*.

Despite the dreadful high winds on New Year's Eve, if you opened the door for a short while, it was possible to hear the bells ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

Storm Darragh also brought down a part of the drainpipe on the church tower. Hopefully this will be repaired soon. Our services in February have returned to normal with Messy Church taking place on 16th February.

You may notice that we keep the crib and the Christmas tree in the church throughout January, until Candlemas. This is traditionally the time when we celebrate the presentation of Christ in the temple, which this year is on the first Sunday in February.

Now a word about the churchyard. We no longer have Pete Johnson who was our Verger and who came almost daily to keep the churchyard spick and span. So please, if you come to care for a grave, will you take any dead flowers or other material away with you. If you walk your dog in the churchyard please remember that you should keep it on a lead and respect the graves of those who lie here. If you stop to enjoy a coffee and sandwiches, please take your rubbish home with you. And if you can help with tidying the churchyard, we have a regular working party from 9am on a Saturday morning every couple of months. Please contact Gerry Murphy or David Rawlins if you can help. gerry.murphyjag@btinternet.com and drawlins31@gmail.com. I hope this year will be a happy, healthy one for us all but we all know that realistically that cannot be. The winter can be hard for many of us. If you need support at this time of year, have lost loved ones recently, or are in poor health or spirits, please remember the Welwyn team of clergy are always there for you.

Contact: The Rev'd Susannah Underwood team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk 01438 817183

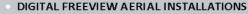
All good wishes Linda Gilley Churchwarden alannio@btinternet.com 01438 717385 / 07803 248423

Were You Baptised Or Married At All Saints, Datchworth?

If so you are invited to a special celebratory service on Saturday 15th February 3pm. Followed by fizz and cake, and activities for children. To find out more please contact The Rev'd Susannah Underwood: team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk 01438 817183.

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Tewin Tennis Club

The big news is that the Tennis Club AGM is just a few weeks away. There has been plenty going on with the club that we'd like to share with you. As you probably already know, there will be the traditional refreshments and plenty of time to catch up with other members - and to meet new faces if you have recently joined. It's a friendly occasion, so we do implore you to find the time.

The date is Friday 14 March, 7pm for a 7.30pm start, in the Pavilion next to the tennis courts. One year ago, at the 2024 AGM, our Chairman of 15 years, announced that he was to retire in 12 months. Well, we are 11 months into his notice period and we have been searching for a new Chairman since last March! If you'd like to put yourself forward, or can suggest a likely candidate, please do get in touch with David, or any committee member, prior to the AGM.

On a slightly lesser level, we would love to have a new member or two on the committee. We have meetings every two or three months in the Plume of Feathers, and the job isn't onerous. It would be especially helpful to have a parent who might have some better ideas than we have about children's tennis.

Also under discussion at the AGM will be the format for our own tournaments and how we could make them more attractive to a wider number of members, so any ideas you have would be most welcome. We are planning an Open Day in April, as well as a summer party and a quiz in the Autumn.

So please put Friday 14 March in your diary now, and the committee look forward to seeing you in the pavilion from 7pm onwards.

Peter Burgess

Safeguarding in the Church of England and in the Welwyn Team Ministry A statement from the clergy of the Welwyn Team

You will have heard in recent weeks of major failings within the Church of England, with regard to safeguarding practice and the care of victims after disclosures of abuse. It has been a time of deep shame and sorrow, and although painful to face, we hope will be a catalyst for greater transparency and accountability in the future. Our prayers are particularly with those who have suffered abuse at the hands of those who were trusted.

As clergy in this Welwyn Team of churches we want to pay tribute to the diligent and energetic work of our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs), PCCs and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team who support us in our commitment to ensure that these churches are places of safety and accountability. We realise that much of their work is unseen and thought at this time it might be useful to outline to you, our congregation and wider community, some of the procedures we have in place to help protect those in our care.

- We have five Parish Safeguarding Officers and three Safer Recruiters who, with the clergy, share the responsibility of the oversight that safeguarding procedures, training and DBS checks are up to date.
- Safeguarding training is compulsory for clergy, Readers, churchwardens,
 PCC members and those who work/volunteer with activities with children and vulnerable adults.
- Every PCC has a Safeguarding policy that is displayed in our churches
 and on our websites, along with contact details of the Incumbents, PSO
 and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Safeguarding is a standing item at
 all of our PCC, Team Council and Ministry Team meetings.
- We follow the national church guidelines with regard to safe practice.
- Volunteers are provided with a Code of Conduct of expected behaviour whilst working with children and vulnerable adults, as well as clear details of how to report concerns about a child or the behaviour of another volunteer or member of the clergy.

Policies and procedures have their place, but most importantly, we believe, is the building of a culture in all our churches where every person feels an equal responsibility to ensure the safekeeping of others and can share concerns with the knowledge they will be handled appropriately. We are committed in promoting this.

Finally, we want to say thank you to all who take an active role on behalf of the church in caring for children, young people, the frail and housebound and those vulnerable in other ways. Theirs is good and valuable work. We are grateful for every ounce of their care and commitment.



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Tewin Website Annual News Bulletin For year ending December 2024 www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Despite the increasing use of social media, the website's statistics for 2024 show that the site is well used and busier than ever.

The website group has met 5 times to monitor and update the website. Most of the year we concentrated on the "Guide to Tewin" which forms a large section of the site. The guide contains information about Tewin and also give details of local education and medical facilities. As part of our review, we contacted village groups to ask if the details shown on the website were still correct, then updated the entries as necessary. We also amended the sub-headings in the Guide which we hope has made it more accessible and user friendly.

The homepage shows a link to the "Tewin Chat" Facebook group, which was set up in 2019 at the start of the first Covid-19 lockdown. The page now has over 1,300 members and continues to give Tewin residents another option for sharing information. This Facebook group is complementary to, but completely separate from, the village website.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings. Anne Hall takes notes and is the Tewin Webmaster and Felix Green is our Technical Advisor. I want to thank all the members of the Website Group for their contribution and friendship this year:

Felix Green for her technical help, updating the Home Page and freely giving her time to help any of us that needs it; Malcolm Allen for convening our meetings and updating the Guide to Tewin pages. Malcolm has also spent much time updating THACS pages to reflect the mothballing of the Society; Jean Fawcett for updating the Pavilion's Hire Calendar and the Guide to Tewin pages; Linda Gilley for updating the Screen on the Green and St Peter's Church pages; Doreen Lloyd & Caroline MacFarlane for Tewin Parish Council; Jackie Murphy for the Tewin Magazine; Michael Bennett for updating the Tewin Stores page; Terry Brand for updating the Banner and main photograph on the Home Page. I, Anne Hall, have updated the Business pages and the Friends of Tewin pages.

Our meetings are always lively and fun but new ideas and expertise are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Tewin Village Website Group, please talk to any of us listed above, or send an email to: tewin.village@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Tewinvillage.co.uk is viewed by a wide variety of people living both locally and further afield and as such is an excellent advertising medium for our village businesses. If you live and trade in Tewin and want your business included on the Business page, please email: tewin.village@gmail.com.



Tewin Stores and Cafe

At last the cold weather is on its way out (well at the time of writing at any rate); but we have kept warm in the shop and our customers have been able to enjoy their visits to us with hot drinks and food. Just to remind you, there are home-made soups available, which we could heat up for you with a roll to keep the chill at bay; or there are tins of soup if you would prefer.

Last month I mentioned the need for volunteers; well, we really do need someone on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours to help our Jacquie. Saturday has proved to be really popular in the shop and is very busy. No cooking is required and possibly not even working the till if you are unhappy to use it; but generally clearing of tables, some washing up and replacing stock would be a help, please.

The next monthly lunch is on Saturday 22nd February and will be 'good old' cottage pie - always a firm favourite. Time is between 12.15 and 1.30, at a cost of £6.50; pudding and drinks are extra.

The 100 Club winners for February were:

1st Prize:	Andrew Whawell	£43.00
2nd Prize:	Martyn Perkins	£21.50
3rd Prize:	Jetta O`Kane	£12.90

Normal Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4pm Saturday 8.30am - 12 Noon Sunday 9.00am - 12 Noon





News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

By the time you read this we will be well into 2025 and the holidays will be behind us. It may be cold but hopefully the snowdrops are in flower and spring is beginning to look possible.

The Friends of Danesbury and the QVM hospitals continue to be so grateful to all our supporters, both those who donate and those who buy in our High Street shop. The figures for last year show that shop sales averaged more than £10,000 a month and sales on EBay more than £2,000. As we buy nothing new this is a brilliant achievement made entirely possible by the kind people who donate their good quality clothes and other goods and the generosity of those who buy in the shop. Of course none of this would be possible without our talented shop manager and her deputy and staff and all our volunteers. I would also like to acknowledge and say thank you for £8,000 in cash donations mainly from patients or relatives of those who have benefited from treatment at either of the hospitals.

I am very pleased to say that the Friends were again able to provide Christmas parties in both the Danesbury and QVM hospitals with small gifts, food and festive entertainment by a lovely singing group. There were Christmas trees and in the Danesbury hospital the patients themselves made beautiful decorations. At the end of last year the Friends were also able to help the patients at QVM by buying and installing a new TV in the day room and equipment for the staff kitchen and the patients at Danesbury benefited from several pieces of new equipment.

Finally, may I make another plea for new volunteers to work in our High Street shop. If you could spare just three hours a week, either morning or afternoon, we would love to see you. There is a friendly atmosphere and you will be helping a very worthwhile cause - please email info@danesburyqvm.co.uk if you are interested.

Jennifer Fowler Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

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Mon	Rose & Crown	10.30am- noon	Knit and Natter
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 6th & 20th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 6th & 20th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sun 16th	St Peter's, Tewin	3-4.30pm	Messy Church
Mon 17th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'East of Eden'
Tues 18th	Memorial Hall	12-4.30pm	Seniors' Lunch
Sat 22nd	Tewin Stores	12.15pm- 1.30pm	Lunch 'Cottage Pie'
Tues 25th	Memorial Hall	6pm	Friends of Tewin AGM

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Watton Place Clinic, Watton-at-Stone	01920 830033
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