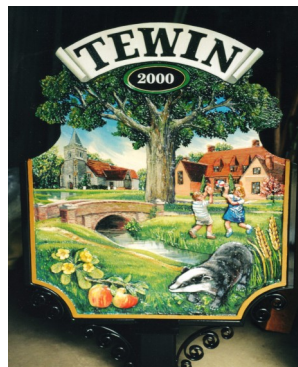




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Welcome to the April 2025 edition of the Tewin Magazine.

Our cover photo shows one of the new village signs commissioned by Friends of Tewin. See page 9 for details of how it all came about.

I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine. Please send to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com).

**Events this month are:**

Tewin Stores are serving a lunch of Sausage and Mash on 12th (p29).

Screen on the Green is showing '*Shakespeare in Love* on 14th (p10), the Technology Advice Sessions are on 3rd and 17th (p30).

There is no Messy Church this month but there is an Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th (p3). Easter Services are detailed on p6.

Further afield St Mary's Church, Welwyn are hosting their lunchtime recital on 12th (p16).

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

BEAM in Hertford are exploring the idea of bringing live professional shows to villages in East Herts. Would you like to see live entertainment in Tewin? All residents, aged 12+, from Tewin and the surrounding area are invited to a meeting in the Memorial Hall on 10th April to hear the proposals and to air their views (p28).

Have you noticed an increase of rubbish in the village? Damien has and is looking for help to clear it up. Can you help? See p24 for details.

**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](mailto: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



### **BIN COLLECTION CHANGES from 4 August 2025**

There will be a change to the frequency of bin collections: mixed recycling, cardboard and paper, and non-recyclable waste will be collected on a three-weekly cycle.

**Your bin collection days may change, and East Herts Council will send out more information nearer the time.**

#### **The changes to your bins will be:**

- A new, weekly, food waste collection. You will have a brown outside food waste caddy and a kitchen food waste caddy.
- You will have a new purple-lidded bin for non-recyclable waste.
- Your black-lidded general waste bin will become your mixed recycling bin.
- Your blue-lidded bin will become your cardboard and paper bin. The new bins will be delivered from May; the food waste caddies will be inside the purple-lidded bin. Please do not use the bins until we have communicated details on when to switch as they won't be collected.
- You will be able to put plastic bags and plastic wrappings loose into your black-lidded, mixed recycling bin.

#### **The service changes will:**

- Make it easier for residents to recycle
- Help East Herts Council achieve government targets to recycle 60% of our household waste
- Help East Herts Council meet new government requirements to collect and recycle food waste and cardboard and paper separately
- Deliver a more efficient and sustainable service

### **TEWIN COMMUNITY BUS**

The bus runs on Saturdays only leaving at 9.30am from the Rose & Crown to Welwyn Garden City (via Welwyn North if requested) and stops at LIDL, Morrisons and Sainsbury's and then returns from Welwyn Garden City at 11.45am. You can be picked up and dropped off at any safe location on the route so just notify Ann when making your booking. For more information and to book your seat please contact: Ann Kevis on 01438 717473

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For Emergencies please call: 999

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 starting at 7.45pm** at Tewin Memorial Hall and will start with the annual Parish meeting and be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://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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## **Holy Week and Easter at St Peter's**

**Good Friday Noon** Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 3pm - 4:30pm** Easter crafts and Egg Hunt

**Easter Day 9:30am** All Age Eucharist

**Easter Monday 8:30am** Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans, starting at St Mary's, Welwyn with breakfast. Dogs welcome!

## **St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Full Revision 2025**

A full revision of the church Electoral Roll will take place this year and anyone wishing to come onto or remain on the Roll may do so by returning a completed Electoral Roll form before the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The forms and the box to which they should be returned can be found at the back of the church until the closing date.

David Rawlins (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **Churchyard Workparty Report**

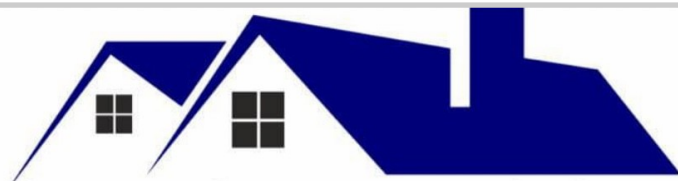
Six people got to work on a sunny Saturday in St Peter's churchyard.

- The grass was cut in the memorial garden (David R);
- The Grimston grave was tidied and surrounding leaf-piles cleared into the far corner (Alan B, David, John G);
- Bench works were undertaken, including the repair of the broken south bench (John & Andrew S);
- The war memorial was cleaned and pressure-washed (Nick W & Gerry M).

Many thanks to all involved. The next work-party is likely to be **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May (second Saturday in May)**.

Gerry

PS: and very well done to those who couldn't be there as they were otherwise engaged at the Jumble Sale - tidy profits of c £4K were made.



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## Notes from an Apiary

I am sitting here, overlooking a foreign city in a very different world to Tewin, wondering how our bees cope with harsh winters? Wondering how they are doing just now? How was the weather this week in Tewin? Will they be out foraging the early spring flowers? Snowdrops in sheltered sunny spots in the garden have been in flower for some time and the Witch-hazel seems to have come and gone. Both species are a joy to see and provide early pollen. Pollen is an important source of protein for honeybees, essential for feeding and rearing broods at this time of year.

Spring is on its way. It is moving South West to North East at an average rate of 1.8 mph. So Tewin is some two days ahead of Norwich. This is faster than 125 years ago when the rate of spring arrival was estimated at 1.2mph. Some species have faster or slower spring arrival rates than others. Overall, we can say Spring is arriving faster these days. Bees are aware of the changing season, with longer days, responding accordingly. Bees have an internal clock, just like us. They have a circadian rhythm. Interestingly, just like humans, they also get jet lag. Bees flown from New York to San Francisco will continue to forage on New York time until they re-set their internal clocks.

We need to think about our plans for March. Looking for a fine warm day to have a first look at the colonies. That first inspection is always tinged with a little anxiety. Do we have a strong colony - then the joy of seeing the bees happy and thriving, or we hope not, but the sadness of a weak or perished colony. In preparation we will remove the protective nets over the hives and the mouse guards. We will start to think about changing the brood boxes, the part of the hive the bees build their nests in. We swap out the “old” box for one that has been fully cleaned down. This is a way of keeping infestation and disease at bay. Start the season with a spring clean!

Fun fact, did you know honey bees can count to four!

As we move into Spring there will be plenty for the beekeeper to do as the bees get busy. I hope you have enjoyed reading this and if you like honey then Tewin Stores still has supplies of local Tewin Honey from last summer. Buy some and enjoy the taste of a summer day.

Phil

## Friends of Tewin



Well, we have some new Boundary Signs! I am sure you will all have seen the new signs that have recently been erected in the village and I hope you all approve.

As some of you will remember, about 7 years ago Friends of Tewin was left a bequest and, at the time, we took the decision to spend the money for the benefit of the Village. Amongst other things (which we managed to achieve quite quickly) we decided we would like to upgrade the boundary signs. Hilary Tipping took on this task and Terry Brand kindly sketched a logo for the top of the sign which would have a connection with Tewin – as you will see, the Church and the lovely Cedar of Lebanon tree that stands proud on the skyline.

After many discussions with Hertfordshire Highways about colour, shape, design, what we were allowed, or not, we slowly moved forward. Little did we know it would take this long but Hilary persevered and, with the help of the Parish Council, the task has now been completed. Maybe next spring there will be some pretty bulbs popping their heads up around the new signs to welcome everyone to Tewin.

As I said in last month's magazine, February was a busy month for us with the Seniors' lunch - some of you may well have seen your picture in the Welwyn Hatfield Times – and our AGM. I am pleased to report that, following our AGM, our Friends of Tewin Committee remains almost the same. Sadly, we lost our Hon President but, happily, gained another. Anne Hall, who has been a stalwart of the Committee, our Chair for many years, and Hon President since 2023 had previously advised us of her intention to stand down at the meeting. Her advice and knowledge will be missed but I know that Anne will still be there at our side to help us through our forthcoming events. We are, though, delighted to say that Roe Hill has accepted our offer to stand as our new Hon President and she was appointed to that position at the meeting. Again, as many of you will know, Roe was a member of the Committee for many years, only standing down in 2023, so it's lovely to welcome her back.

### **Forthcoming Events**

The annual **Tewin Maypole dancing** on Lower Green which will be on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Following the recent announcement by the Government that there will be a 4 day event in commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, we are working hard to arrange a **Tewin Picnic** on Lower Green on the Bank Holiday Monday.

## Screen On The Green

This month's film is “*Shakespeare in Love*” (1998), showing on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

Starring Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow and a host of other stars (including Judi Dench as Queen Elizabeth I), this is a light-hearted and clever imagining of how William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* came to be written and produced.

Directed by John Madden and written by Tom Stoppard and Marc Norman, several of the characters are based on historical figures and there are numerous references to lines and plots from Shakespeare's plays. With a witty and intelligent script and beautiful period costumes *Shakespeare in Love* is a delight on all levels.

*Shakespeare in Love* won an incredible seven Oscars and many other accolades. So come along for an enjoyable evening out at your local village film club.

Coming Up:

19<sup>th</sup> May    *Ex-Machina* (2014)

16<sup>th</sup> June    *Chinatown* (1974)

### **MONDAY 14 APRIL**

**Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall.**

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Marie St Pier



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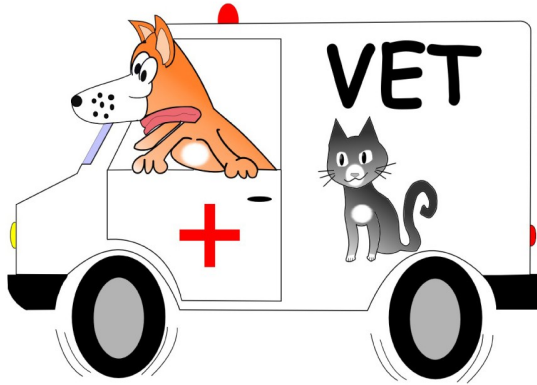
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## **JUMBLE SALE REPORT – 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

The day of the jumble sale dawned bright and sunny. We were so lucky with the weather and well before the sale started, a very long queue of good-natured bargain hunters had stretched all the way up to the Rose & Crown!

It was great to see so many people browsing the stalls and many also stayed to enjoy food from the barbeque, which had been set up in the car park. The weather definitely played a part in the friendly atmosphere throughout the sale. All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

The initial takings for the sale amounted to £3,934.55, this may change slightly once the accounts are finalised. The money raised is all thanks to the generosity of everyone who very kindly donated their unwanted items to the sale. All the profit will go towards the upkeep of Tewin Memorial Hall.

We had a great team of helpers on Friday afternoon and on Saturday to sort through the donations so that by 2pm, we were ready.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped to make the sale such a success. It is a big team effort and whether you served on a stall, served refreshments to the customers or kept all the helpers going with tea and biscuits, we thank you!

Our thanks also go to Todd and his team for delivering the jumble leaflets and to the collectors who picked up donations around the village during the weeks leading up to the Sale.

The Tewin jumble sales are a big part in village life, long may they continue.

The next Jumble Sale is on 11<sup>th</sup> October but we are happy to accept donations at any time of the year. Please contact Deirdre to make arrangements by telephoning:

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Jumble Sale Group.

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### **Burnham Green Village Hall Post Office Open:**

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Fri 9.30am until 13.00pm

### **Tewin Stores Post Office Open:**

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

### **Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:**

Tues 9.30am until 12.00 pm

Fri 13.30pm until 4.00 pm

## **Tewin Memorial Hall Draw**

Here are the results for **February's** draw.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£46</b>	<b>Claire Morrisroe, Orchard Road</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£28</b>	<b>Sheila Feakes, West Riding</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Amanda Woodward, Upper Green</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Susanne Stevens, Warwickshire</b>

The Supporters Club is now closed and here are the results for the final draw which took place in **March**.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£46</b>	<b>Ivor Williams, Back Lane</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£28</b>	<b>Deborah Newton, Hertford Road</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Sue Haden, Godfries Close</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>Gary Morrisroe, Orchard Road</b>

**Cambridge Chamber Ensemble to perform exquisite  
Bach and Mozart in  
St Mary's Welwyn  
on Saturday 12 April**

The **Cambridge Chamber Ensemble** return to Welwyn on Saturday 12 April for a '*Second Saturday Recital*', with Alice Dilley on clarinet, Anastasia Matkovskaia on piano and Stephen Foster playing viola. The programme opens with Bach's Cello Suite No 3, performed on viola. The six Suites for solo cello by Bach have, since they were composed three hundred years ago, remained at the summit of the cello repertoire as sublime works. Some will recall the performances of these works by Yo Yo Ma at the Proms – one man and his cello mesmerising an audience of 5,000 over two consecutive evenings.

After the Bach there will be two lesser known pieces: Glinka's Viola Sonata in a single movement, and Widor's 'Introduction & Rondo' for clarinet and piano.

The concert ends with Mozart's '*Kegelstatt Trio*' for clarinet, viola and piano. 'Kegelstatt' is German for skittle alley and the story goes that Mozart composed this 20-minute work in his head while playing skittles. He was the first to use the mellifluous combination of clarinet/viola/piano and this has, for 240 years, remained the finest work written for this combination.

Stephen Foster, as violinist and viola player, is well known to Welwyn audiences as the organiser of the '*Second Saturday Recitals*' which he initiated three years ago.

Alice Dilley graduated with a First from the Royal College of Music in 2024, having studied with the esteemed clarinettist Richard Hosford. Since then she has been teaching, and playing in the orchestras of the English National Opera and English National Ballet.

Anastasia Matkovskaia has been a member of the Cambridge Chamber Ensemble since she graduated from the Royal Academy of Music three years ago. She is of Ukrainian-Russian heritage (three grandparents from Odessa) and, before settling in London, studied at the Junior Department of the Moscow Conservatoire.

**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.**

## Team Vicar's Letter

One of Tilly the Rectory dog's favourite and most irritating games is sneaking into the hen coop, when I am cleaning it out, and removing an egg. At first she would carefully carry these eggs in her soft muzzle and deposit them in hard-to-be-found parts of the garden. More recently she has learned that if the egg is dropped, or perhaps if she clamps her jaws a little harder, then out pours the delicious golden goo that is just waiting to be lapped up.

Eggs will be in abundance this month, largely of the chocolate variety, also deposited in gardens for the excitement of a hunt. The tradition of decorated eggs predates Easter and in many cultures represents the coming of Spring. An egg, as a symbol of new life, then became an obvious symbol for Christians to adopt for the celebration of Easter.

But Tilly is correct. The egg is to be broken. Whether it is a new chick cracking the shell so that life can begin, or the smashing open of a chocolate egg on Easter day so the sweetness of celebration can be tasted and consumed, the symbolism is of a breaking.

During Lent we may have considered certain habits or behaviours that would best be broken. Some of us may have succeeded in this discipline, others of us will just have been reminded that there are things in our lives that we still need to crack. Sometimes things do need to be broken in order that new ways of living may begin.

But the good news of Easter is that, despite our efforts, it is the risen Christ who has done the ultimate breaking; bursting open the tomb, revealing a love of God that is uncontainable, unstoppable and everlasting.

So parents, I'm on the side of your children. Don't keep those eggs sensibly wrapped and rationed in the hope of saving teeth and healthy diets. Smash them open. Eat the lot. Celebrate the feast that has broken death. Taste just how good it is!

Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
APRIL 6th	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 43: 16-21	PHILIPPI- ANS 3: 4 - 14	JOHN 12: 1- 8
13th	PALM SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION WITH DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS	9.30am	WILL ELLIS	LUKE 19:28-40	PHILIPPI- ANS 2: 5 - 11	LUKE 22.14 - 23 end
18th	GOOD FRIDAY		12 noon	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
20th	EASTER DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	WIL ELLIS	ISAIAH 65: 17-end	ACTS 10:34-43	LUKE 24: 1-12
27th	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ACTS 5:27-32	REVELA- TION 1: 4 - 8	JOHN 20: 19 - End

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm— except on Bank Holidays N.B. Easter Monday**

**The Church was floodlit on 13 March 2025 in loving memory of Richard Crawford, from Linda and all the family.**

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SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
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18th		VOLUNTEER NEEDED		LENT	
20th DAVID	PAULINE BROWN	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	GERRY & JACKIE MURPHY	EASTER FLOWERS	DI BRADLEY
27th PAULINE	ELAINE FOWLER	MARK SWANN ELAINE FOWLER	LINDA GILLEY	EASTER FLOWERS	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>

## FUNERALS

**20th February 2025 Stephen Wasnock**

**4th March 2025 Audrey Eva Walters**

**6th March 2025 Ian Newton**

## St Peter's News

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

At last some beautiful spring weather! The winter has been grim with overcast skies and it's been so cold. It really is joyful when the sun shines and the sky is blue. Once again thank you to the working party who have tidied the churchyard this month, including cleaning up the railings around Lady Anne Grimston's grave. It was Jumble Sale day in the village but they still managed a couple of hours in the churchyard which is great.

I am pleased to report that contractors repaired the downpipe on the clock tower and the leaks in the spirelet on the roof during February, and the PCC accepted an estimate from another contractor to tackle the damp in the north wall. Hopefully this will be done soon. We have permission from the Archdeacon of St Albans for this work to be carried out, and both the Parish council and the Friends of Tewin have kindly agreed to support this financially. We also have Dorothy Swann to thank for enabling us to obtain the offer of a grant to help pay for these essential repairs from the National Churches Trust.

In February we celebrated the life of Christine Sharpe who, with her sunny smile and quiet ways, was a regular member of the congregation at St Peter's for many years. We also welcomed children from Tewin Cowper School for a service on Valentine's Day, postponed from earlier in the term. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Anthony Williams came with his whole family from the charity *Christians Against Poverty* to address the congregation about the valuable work that this organisation does across the UK to help people coping with all kinds of issues related to financial hardship.

The Bellringers have been hard at work training new ringers during the past month and were particularly in evidence at the funeral of Audrey Walters on 4 March. Audrey and her husband Peter were both keen bellringers. Audrey did so much in the church and the village, having lived here since 1959. The church was packed for the celebration of her life, the flowers, arranged by our own flower arrangers, were truly magnificent, the congregation sang lustily, especially *Jerusalem* as she was a dedicated WI member and the bells rang out.

Sadly the same week, the funeral of Ian Newton was also held at St Peter's. Ian also lived into his 90s and a full church spoke volumes of the affection he was held in by his family and friends.

Lent began the previous day with the service for the imposition of the ashes led by Susannah. We have followed the Lent course across the Welwyn team at various locations each week, including here in Tewin. We also had the benefit of a booklet from the Church of England called *Living Hope* for further study during this 40 day period of reflection. The final service in the month was for Mothering Sunday, more of this next time.

Now we look forward to Easter in the church with the start of **Passiontide on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Palm Sunday service follows on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Both services will be at 9.30am.** Susannah will lead the **Good Friday service at noon on the 18<sup>th</sup>**, and there will be a special service at **9.30am on Easter Day (20<sup>th</sup>)**. All are welcome. On **Easter Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>)** we shall have our usual afternoon of crafts and fun for children in the church and churchyard. This will be instead of Messy Church this month. Look out for posters and notices on WhatsApp for details about this.

It has been a long hard winter; many of us have had viral infections which seem to have gone on forever. We have lost others in the village than those I have mentioned above.

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

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## **Tewin Tennis Club**

It's a big welcome to our new Tewin Tennis Club chairman, Mike Purser. Mike has been intimately involved with the club for many years, both as a player and as a committee member. So he knows what makes it tick and, as a passionate player, he knows how to get people onto the court. With a club record of 167 members, tennis in Tewin is thriving.

Mike takes over from David Room who stepped down at our AGM in March after 15 years of dedication to the Club. He was only our fifth chairman. David threatened to recap the whole 15 years in the speech but thankfully didn't!

There were some notable points over the last year or two, though. The response to the Tiger Turf playing surface has been universally positive, with just a single morning lost to frost, a big contrast to the situation with the previous Tarmac. We also spent money on making our practice court more serviceable, so don't forget to make use of it.

The Monday evening matches the club plays in the Datchworth League from May to August are low-key, good fun, but as a club we are hampered by the number of ladies prepared to join in. So here's a plea to get in touch with Keith Duerden ([k.duerden@ntlworld.com](mailto:k.duerden@ntlworld.com), 07770 681920) if you'd like to play in the Datchworth or the Ladies Orchard League in the summer.

Coaching continues to be an important part of the Club for many players, but here's a reminder that it is open to all. There are sessions for children after school on Thursdays and, shortly, from 6pm there will be an adult group session after that. Booking details are available on the website. Plenty of players also have individual coaching from our excellent team, details also on the website.

Rounding off the financials, our club is in rude health and thus the committee decided to keep the fees at the same level as last year, keeping Tewin as the most affordable tennis club you are likely to find anywhere. Just remember to pay before 30 April to take advantage of the stupendous discount!

You can read a full account of the AGM on the club's website. Meanwhile, the clocks have gone forward and the courts are crying out to be used. Have a great summer's tennis.

Peter Burgess

## **What A Load Of Rubbish**

I'm not sure about you, but since moving to our lovely village, I notice that there is more and more rubbish appearing at the side of some of the roads in and around Tewin. It does not seem to be picked up by the council, and appears to be getting worse.

I have spoken to a number of others and propose to set up an informal group to have an occasional tidy up of the roads in and around Tewin. Dates and times etc can be set up once the group is in place, and I would assume once the main areas are tackled, it would be something that could be tackled on an ad-hoc basis, when needed.

The more the merrier, and I think that as most people want to continue to live in a neat and tidy area, if enough people are willing to help, it will take no time at all, and might even be fun.

I have spoken to East Herts Council, who will provide "Hi Viz" vests, litter picking arms, and bags, to be left at the side of the roads and picked up by their lorries, once filled.

Initially, I would like to see how many will help-please don't leave it to everyone else.

I will set up the group on WhatsApp, and communication between us will be from there.

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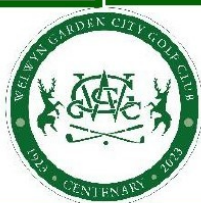
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## **Devolution And Local Government Reorganisation In Hertfordshire**

In December 2024, the government published the English Devolution White Paper which sets out proposals for major changes to the way local government is structured and run.

The ambition is for:

- all areas of the country to be covered by an elected Mayor – [devolution](#)
- all 2-tier areas, like Hertfordshire, to be reorganised into single tier unitary authorities – [local government reorganisation](#).

Our priority is to ensure that any changes benefit Hertfordshire's residents and businesses, and maintain our excellent local government services.

### **Local government reorganisation in Hertfordshire**

Hertfordshire currently has a 2-tier system of local government with:

[Hertfordshire County Council](#) providing countywide services such as social care, highways, and education.

[10 district and borough councils](#) delivering local services such as planning, leisure, housing, and waste collection.

Government has asked all 2-tier areas to submit interim proposals for how the reorganisation could work by 21 March 2025 – and full proposals by 28 November 2025. [Letter to Hertfordshire \(GOV.UK\)](#)

Hertfordshire also has 124 parish and town councils. The government is not currently proposing any changes to these.

### **Next steps**

All 11 councils in Hertfordshire, with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, are working together to develop our response. This is at an early stage and it will be essential to get the views of residents, businesses, local government partners, colleagues, and other stakeholders across the public and private sectors.

Whilst proposals are developed, there won't be any immediate changes to services provided by Hertfordshire County Council or the district and borough councils.

[Sign up for updates](#)

### **Impact on County Council elections**

[Hertfordshire County Council elections](#) are going ahead on 1 May 2025.

Unlike some areas, Hertfordshire County Council did not ask government to delay this year's elections, nor apply for a fast-track devolution priority programme. We decided this would:

- allow as much time as possible to gather information to develop proposals.
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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Easter is nearly here and chicks and bunnies with eggs inside are now in Tewin stores - but selling fast. Also, Katies' lovely hot cross buns will be available again; you can order in advance to guarantee your own. Times of opening during Easter are at the bottom of this page.

Despite changing the date by 24 hours, the pancakes were well received again and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mary Rouse for making 60 pancakes.

We are beginning to struggle with the lack of volunteers for the shop, so please consider if you could manage a couple of hours one day a week. We have holidays coming up and our numbers are diminishing.

Thank you to those who have joined our 100 club; the prizes have gone up a little, but they could grow further with more members! Remember: monthly prizes are directly related to the number of members in the club.

Lunch at the shop is on Saturday April 12th and will be Sausage and Mash.

Our AGM is scheduled for July 1st 2025. Make a note in your diary now!

The 100 Club winners for March were:

1st Prize	Raymond Cattermole	£45.50
2nd Prize	Gloria Kersey	£22.75
3rd Prize	Julie Grimwade	£13.65

Easter opening hours for Tewin stores will be:

**Good Friday: Open until 12 Noon.**

**Easter Sunday: Closed.**

**Easter Monday: Open 9am - 12.00 Noon**

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## **News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals**

By the time you read this article spring will be with us and after a long and dreary winter we should have fresh leaves and spring flowers and with luck some sunshine.

The Friends of Danesbury charity has been particularly active since I last wrote. The beautiful electric piano has been installed and is proving very popular as it is fully automated and does not need a pianist to play it although it also works in the traditional way.

We have also been able to authorise the purchase of an expensive and very worthwhile piece of equipment for the physiotherapy department which would not have been available from the NHS. This is an Xcite 2 electrical stimulation device which cost nearly £32,000, all paid for by the Friends. This device provides electrical stimulation to help patients practice the repeated movements which are key to recovery for many spinal cord injury patients as well as stroke patients and those with other neurological diagnoses. It will stimulate many different movements and can for example encourage patients to stand from sitting, reach and grasp and feed themselves. The device is simple to use and can do much more than the existing electrical equipment available to the physiotherapists.

I am sure you will agree that we are very fortunate to be able to fund support on this scale and this is of course entirely due to the generosity of all those who support us. Thank you to our shop manager and staff and our volunteers and of course to all those who generously donate their pre-loved clothes and other items and those who buy them.

Finally could I put in an urgent plea for more volunteers. As I have said before our High Street shop is a really friendly place to be and we would be most grateful for some more help. Volunteers are our life blood so if you have a morning or afternoon free please do get in touch at [info@danburyqvm.co.uk](mailto:info@danburyqvm.co.uk). Thank you.

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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 3rd& 17th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 3rd& 17th(tbc)	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Thurs 10th	Memorial Hall	7-8.30pm	BEAM Meeting
Sat 12th	St Mary's Welwyn	12noon	Lunchtime Recital
Sat 12th	Tewin Stores	12.15pm-1.30pm	Lunch 'Sausage and Mash'
Mon 14th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Shakespeare in Love'
Sat 19th	St Peter's	3-4.30pm	Easter Crafts & Egg Hunt

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