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## Frosty Days

Just looking out of the window on a bright, crisp day in winter makes you feel glad to be inside in the warm doesn't it?

The deciduous *Robinia* tree in the picture above looks just as beautiful in winter with its bare branches covered with a layer of frost as it does in the summer with its exquisite lime green leaves. It reminds us that the spring is approaching and as the sun increases in its intensity and duration each day we'll soon be watching the spring bulbs pushing their way through the cold, hard earth with their lush green leaves soon giving rise to their beautiful blooms and fragrances.

## Editorial notes

Welcome to another packed issue this month with lots of news and things to do in March. There are events for all ages this month stretching into Easter with a handy list on page 23.

Thank you to Tewin Stores for now stocking the *Tewin Magazine* and helping to get village information out to as many people as possible.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Wilson on being awarded the *Tewin Society Award*.

We have another *Profile* article this month about the veterinary services provided by Chris Wearne from his surgery in Tewin.

We have the first of our *Jumble Sales* this month and you should have received your flyer recently for this event.

I hope you enjoy reading your '*Tewin Magazine*'.

Nicky Hadley  
Editor

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### TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

#### **JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH : 2 – 4.30pm**

As mentioned in the last issue of the *Tewin Magazine*, we would be grateful for the donation of unwanted gifts, clean clothing, linens, bric-a-brac, toys, books, furniture, photographic equipment, electrical goods etc. Computers and printers are also welcome, as are modern televisions but, unfortunately, certain items are not saleable, such as *old beds, old bulky television sets and second-hand underwear*. However, everything else would be most welcome and will result in a successful Jumble Sale, therefore contributing to the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

**Please note that electrical goods of any kind will be required by THE MORNING OF MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH, so they can be PAT tested in advance – we can collect these on FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH by arrangement. Other jumble can be collected throughout the day on THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> and FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March, although heavy**

### Dates for your diary this month

Wed	Rose & Crown	9.00pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall	2-4.30pm	Jumble Sale
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	47 Bishops Rd	10am-4pm	Creative writing workshop
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall	7.45 for 8pm	'Screen on the Green'
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall	8pm	Tewin Memorial Hall AGM
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Church	2-4pm	Easter Activity Afternoon

### Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **January 2013** draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£61	Joanne Allen, Bishops Road
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£36	Susanne Stevens, Desborough Drive
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Patrick Holden, Lower Green
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Ann Daley, Firs Walk

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546]  
or [lisa.bove@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.bove@btinternet.com)  
Tewin Stores or any member of the Hall Committee

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which made a fascinating an eye opening display. The display was further developed for the Millennium celebrations and was again a huge success. An archive of material became safely housed in Tewin Memorial Hall and was added to over time by residents and others, ready for further viewings.

The village residents gave these displays such a positive reception that this led to a desire to record the history of Tewin in hard copy. Elizabeth and Ben recruited eight other Tewinites, who shared the writing, compilation, checking, etc and who tirelessly steered the project over three years to its conclusion. The rest as they say is history, OUR history. *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'*.

Elizabeth's talent and determination have inspired many, and the book has a worldwide circulation. It is enjoyed by residents, ex-residents, children and grandchildren and probably great-grand children! In this book, we have a lasting reminder of our local heritage. To quote from one of her proposers:-

*"Elizabeth, as dynamic leader, is to be applauded for this project... a project that a large town would be proud of producing. Its worth will endure for decades."*

I was delighted to present the award to Elizabeth. The Tewin Society Award plaque had been engraved with her name and the year of the award (2012) and she will have it for a year. She also received a presentation crystal vase which comes with a separate small base inscribed with *"The Tewin Society Award 2012"*.

Our congratulations go to Elizabeth and our thanks to all those who helped her in this work.

Ray Keppler, Chairman of the Tewin Society Award committee

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**TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

*( Tewin Memorial Hall – registered charity number 308158 )*

**Annual General Meeting**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 8.00 pm  
in the Parish Room  
All welcome to attend**

goods, such as large furniture items, can only be collected on the evening of **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

***If you wish to arrange for a collection, including electrical goods, please phone Todd Canton - 01438 717395***

However, if it's possible for you to deliver to the Memorial Hall on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, from 7.30pm – 9pm**, or on the **Saturday morning, before 12 noon please**, that would be helpful.

*As always, we need as much help as possible at the Jumble Sale and would be most grateful if you were able to **spare some time to sort out the contributions on the Friday evening and Saturday morning, or help man a stall on Saturday afternoon. In addition, we always need help setting out tables etc.** Please ring Todd or Jean on 717395 if you can help in any capacity.*

Many thanks

Todd Canton, on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



**Tewin Stores**

Manager: **Bev Barraclough 01438 717929**

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We recently promoted Shrove Tuesday and Valentines Day in the shop. All day on Shrove Tuesday Mary cooked pancakes which proved to be very popular. Thank you to those who came and bought the pancakes with a hot drink.

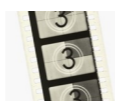
Now the chickens are laying again we have jumbo, large and medium eggs from Tewin Orchard for sale.

Valentines Day had lovely arranged flowers in pots and bags, home made cards, lavender bags, chocolates and the very popular heart shaped frying pans of which we sold out of.

Pop in soon for our Mothers Day and Easter promotions. It seems the right time to mention *Trussell's* the Butcher again who visits the shop every Friday from 3pm. They of course have a good selection of meat but most importantly all their Beef comes from Aberdeenshire in Scotland. For good quality meat you can do no better than using your local butcher.



**'Screen on the Green' Tewin presents ....  
Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm,  
Tewin Memorial Hall**



**'The Third Man' 1949, Cert A, [104 mins]**

... a thriller with Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton and Alida Valli.

The film follows novelist Holly Martin's travels to post-war Vienna and finds himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, black-market opportunist Harry Lime.

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee and biscuits - included in the price. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine - and glasses please!

Tickets £4, from Tewin Stores  
or reserve on line from [sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Catch up on plans to improve the Mimram - David Cheek**

There are 32 separate projects planned to improve the Mimram and seven already underway – Whitwell, Singlers Marsh, Digswell, Poplars Green and Panshanger. Full list and progress at: <http://www.beaneandmimrampartnership.org.uk/index.php/mimram/mimram-catchment-management-plan>

Right now Affinity Water and the Environment Agency are forward planning for the next 25 years affecting how much water is taken out of our river in the years to come.

Find out more at the free *Friends of the Mimram Open Evening* on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30 pm in the *Tewin Pavilion, Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX*. Speakers include Tony Rook, (recent history of the Mimram), Affinity Water (2015 Water Planning progress), Friends of the Mimram (What we need to do next).

Concerns about the future of our rare chalk streams are increasing. Click the link to see the recent Adjournment Debate in the House of Commons about chalk streams <http://www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk/index.html>. Good progress - but we still have a long way to go. If you want to get in touch, please leave a message through our website.



#### **Tewin Society Award**

The presentation of the Tewin Society Award took place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January, immediately before the THACS AGM.

Mavis Haggar started the presentation by putting the Tewin Society Award into its full context. She described the formation, achievement and ultimate demise of the Tewin Society and explained that a modest amount of money was passed to THACS by the Tewin Society when it closed. This was for the purpose of honouring one local resident a year for continuing to uphold the ideals of the original society.

A new Tewin Society Award (TSA) committee was formed to manage this, consisting of Mavis Haggar, Linda Adams and David Gregg, under the chairmanship of Ray Keppler. This committee established the rules governing the award (essentially referring to the Tewin Society principles) and drew up ten criteria for evaluating a nomination based on the aims of Tewin Society. The criteria include:- unpaid work done to preserve our local heritage, to enhance the environment, to conserve Tewin's natural resources; unpaid work that is an inspiration to others and involves others, with lasting effects.

Once this groundwork was done, nominations could be invited from anyone (except the committee) and marking would follow a set formula. Of course the greater the proof, the more marks gained. Based on these criteria, selection can be made, impersonally and fairly. This process was used for the first award in 2011, leading to Margaret Knight's name being the first on the Tewin Society Award plaque.

The same approach was followed for the 2012 award and, as a result, the winner of the Tewin Society Award for 2012 is Elizabeth Wilson. She was nominated for the award based on her excellent work leading the production of the book *A History of Tewin* by the People of Tewin.

To commemorate VE day in 1995, Elizabeth and Ben Roberts shared with the village a collection of facts and details about Tewin,

Thank you to the website group for their work this year:  
Derek Adams for the Home page  
Felicia Green for her technical help  
Julia Tizard and Rod Frayne for the Memorial Hall and Screen on the Green  
John Ling for photos and video content  
Doreen Lloyd for the Parish Council and Friends of Tewin  
Nicky Hadley for the Tewin Magazine (was Parish News)  
Lia Parkinson for material for the Church  
Linda Crawford for updates from the shop and Carline MacFarlane with a watching brief for material for young people.  
I do the Calendar, Business pages and Directory pages.

All in all we try to cover life in our community. Please help us to keep the information up to date by e-mailing any changes to us. Please also remember we are all volunteers.

Happy surfing  
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About 30 people attended our AGM. We now have 2 new committee members replacing those who stood down. Full details will be published on the website soon.

The Senior Citizens Lunch will have taken place, more on this next month.

The next date for your diaries is **3<sup>rd</sup> May** when the children of Tewin Cowper School dance around the Maypole on Lower Green – let's hope for better weather this year. We have also made other dates for the rest of the year, which are:

- 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Coach outing (destination not agreed yet)
- 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Classic Car & Craft Show
- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September** – Scarecrow Week-end
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

## **TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** **(Tewin Memorial Hall – registered charity number 308158 )**

**Lynn Farr our dedicated Secretary is leaving us!**  
After over 12 years of loyal service to your Hall, Lynn Farr is handing over the reins as our Secretary from April 2013. Her catering business has truly taken off and she can no longer spare the time needed. If you haven't already tried her range of quiches sold in our village shop you are depriving your taste-buds of something very special!. On behalf of the Management Team and yourselves I would like to convey our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Lynn for her tireless effort and outstanding contribution towards the upkeep of our much cherished Hall.

**So, a New SECRETARY is Required for The Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee.** Our search is for someone willing to attend monthly meetings at the Hall in order to produce and circulate meeting Minutes. No previous experience is required and you will be supported by a very friendly and dynamic team of local volunteers. Many people will know that Lynn took on far more than this such as crucial grant bids that have helped finance much of our recent refurbishment work. Although we would be delighted if a volunteer came forward prepared to participate in this additional work it is not obligatory or expected.

**In addition to the above we have a Vacancy for a new role as Marketing Officer.** Having now completed a major refurbishment project for the Hall it is has become far more attractive to potential hirers e.g. weddings, business/social meetings, family/ children's parties, exhibitions etc . We need to build on this by ensuring that we have the ability to market the Halls facilities in the most effective and professional manner. So we can continue to match the finances required to maintain your Hall for future generations. If you have the skills and are willing to advise and/or drive a Marketing Strategy for the Hall then please make contact as below.

**David Laming** at [drlaming@gmail.com](mailto:drlaming@gmail.com) T:01438 940935 or  
**Lynn Farr** [lynnelfarr@aol.com](mailto:lynnelfarr@aol.com) T:01438 798307

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU NOW!**

Your Chairman, David Laming

## Tewin Parish Council



### PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.45pm** in **Tewin Memorial Hall**.

#### Agenda:

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting. *All Parishioners are welcome to attend and are invited to make comments at the start of the meeting.*

#### Minutes:

These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

#### Newsletters/Meeting Dates:

These are published on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

#### Queries: Please contact:

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Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969

E-mail - [caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net](mailto:caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net)

#### East Herts District Councillors - North Ward:

Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

#### East Herts District Councillors - South Ward:

Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

#### Herts County Councillor:

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 07909 002624

**Police Community Team** – 01707-354192 - For non-emergencies.

**Highways Fault Line:** 0300 123 40 47- For reporting potholes etc

**East Herts District Council:** 01279-655261 or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)

- For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, fly-tipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Entry fees remain unchanged at 25p per entry for members, 50p for non-members and 10p for children. However, there will be free admission to visitors in the afternoon.

So go on, take a look at the categories and have a go. You never know, you could be a winner! Ask your friends along to see the show in the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Tewin website news Feb 2013** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

The website group has met six times this year. There have been 26364 hits on the site, an average of 2197 per month mostly in June, July, August and September probably due to interest in the Classic Cars event, but astonishing nevertheless.

No very dramatic changes have been made this year to the site. We have altered the way events are shown on the calendar, to try to highlight special occasions from the regular weekly and monthly activities.

The Photo Album has a clearer structure with village events in one section, pictures submitted by Tewin residents in another and our lovely Tour of Tewin in a third area. We have now included video material, especially for the new "Screen on the Green" page, enabling us to show trailers for the next film to be shown, and other special events.

As Webmaster I continue to receive interesting e-mails from people wishing to use the Memorial Hall for parties, the Church for weddings and information on family history. I was very excited a few weeks ago to receive an e-mail from a lady who says she is related to Lady Cathcart, the 18<sup>th</sup> century owner of Tewin Water House, who had a very colourful life. And she wondered if she could see her gravestone.

I recognise the importance of ensuring the calendar accuracy since I noted people at the Carols of the Green, who accessed the website via their mobiles for the start time of the event. Oh dear! It said 5pm instead of 6 – Apologies to all for this error. I do try to ensure what is there is correct.

## **THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Creative writing workshop**

Following last autumn's successful writing workshop, there has been a request for another and Frances Wilson has kindly agreed to return on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The format will be much the same as before with exercises to get our creative juices flowing, followed by an opportunity to write in prose or poetry form about something of our own choosing or inspired by our exercises.

The course will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm and will be held at Joanne Allen's home. Frances will take between 4 and 10 participants, the cost being somewhere between £10 and £25 for the day depending on numbers. Last year we had a wonderful meal, so please bring something (which does not have to be homemade) to share for lunch.

For those who have expressed an interest in returning, we hope you can make the date, and we know there are newcomers who are interested. Please contact Joanne if you would like more information or to book your place.

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Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 0NP.  
Tel. 01438 798749  
e-mail: jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 -THACS Spring Show**

The THACS Spring Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall. The show schedule (including rules and entry form) can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk) from 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

Entries must be taken to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day. Exhibitors must leave the hall before judging takes place later in the morning. The show will be open to the public at 2.15pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm.

### **Senior Citizen's Lunch**

The Parish Council made a donation of £100 to Friends of Tewin towards the Senior Citizen's Lunch.

### **Seven Acres Development Update**

Two properties are now complete and one property has been sold and is due to complete in the first quarter of this year. Works on the shared ownership units will commence during February and demolition of Seven Acres will start once the mains services are disconnected.

### **Hertfordshire Highways**

Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond is responsible for the Highways Locality Budget ("HLB") which amounts to £90,000 pa and is split into 2 portions: the capital section and the remedial portion - the split is usually 60/40. Unfortunately Bryan Hammond is standing down in May and as a result any new proposals for the Highways Locality Budget are subject to approval by the new Herts County Councillor. Currently the remainder of the patching works on Orchard Road is scheduled for the next financial year, 2013/2014. Tewin Parish Council agreed to propose reinstatement of the kerbing along the northern edge of Lower Green to Bryan Hammond as small remedial works under the Highways Locality budget for the next financial year.

The Parish Council expressed concern at the lack of action in repairing potholes despite many of them being reported online many times and being extremely hazardous. Bryan agreed to investigate and advised the Parish Council and parishioners to continue to report them online.

### **May Pond Green**

A review of the trees on May Pond Green has been completed and the Parish Council agreed to accept the quote from Kirkham Contracting to fell the dead horse chestnut tree.

### **Transport**

The 388 bus has been very unreliable recently and several complaints have been received and passed on to the HCC Passenger Transport Unit and Centrebus. The Parish Council has been advised that they are looking into the situation and will respond in due course.

## Over 50's Club

The club has now been running for one year and we continue to meet every Thursday between 2pm and 4.30pm in the Kimberley Room. Most recently enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch in the meeting room and plan to mark Mother's Day in March with a lunch at the Rose & Crown.

During our first year, representatives from local branches of national organisations have visited to speak with us including:

Diabetes UK, University of the Third Age, Age UK, NHS Choose & Book Service.

Madelane Carmichael, a Physiotherapist, based in Hertford and her colleagues gave much support and guidance to help establish chair-based mobility exercise sessions. The sessions have evolved over the past few months and now provide us with 10 minutes of laughter amid much stamping of feet, throwing and catching of sun-dry balls and stretching elastic bands.

We are grateful to Andrew and Sylvie; Andrew for his monthly quiz and Sylvie for hosting Beetle Drives and Horse Racing—every visit generates much mirth.

We continue to enjoy tea and cakes, Bingo and a weekly raffle to raise money for the rental of the Kimberley Room.

Please join us - £5 membership for a year and 50p for each visit.

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### Welwyn Floral Group - 2013 Programme

6<sup>th</sup> March Lionel Clark - 'A Touch of Glass'  
3<sup>rd</sup> April Florists, Sindy & Sam - 'Perfect Moments'

We meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month,  
The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm

Visitors and new members are always welcome.  
Enquiries 01438 815599 — Visitors £5



When you buy flowers always unwrap them and trim about 1 or 2 inches off the stems, give them a good drink of water and some space. Put flower food in the water if you wish, or a few drops of bleach – sounds odd but it works! Remember to remove the leaves that will be below the water level.

The roses that we buy in the shops invariably come from places like Kenya and have had their stems treated before their long journey. Take them out of their wrapping, trim the stems, stand them in a good size vase of water and let them 'breathe' and drink. Some people suggest that for roses and chrysanthemums, after trimming the stems, they should be dipped in very hot water for a moment and then placed straight into cold water. If your roses go limp after a short time, and the heads drop down, re-trim the stems and put them in a tall vase or container with water up to their necks, say overnight, usually they make an amazing recovery!

Daffodils excrete a substance that is poisonous to other flowers (even handling of the stems can give some people a rash) and therefore, preferably, should not be mixed with any other flowers in a vase. However, they can be soaked first for 1-2 hours, rinsed and put in a vase of clean water, hopefully, others flowers will not react adversely to them. When trimming the stems of spray or single carnations, do not cut just below the leaf notch, but just above – they enjoy their drink a little more!

Finally, a quote from a book called 'Old Wives' Lore for Gardeners' by Maureen and Bridget Boland:

*"All flowers will last longer in water if foxgloves are incorporated in the arrangements. If their presence is not considered suitable for a particular artistic effect, add foxglove tea to the water:- pour boiling water on a handful of foxglove leaves or flowers and leave them to steep overnight. For delphiniums and larkspur add sugar: for daffodils and narcissi add charcoal or camphor. Wrap the stalks of tulips, as soon as they are cut, in newspaper and stand them for several hours up to their necks in water".*

Happy flower arranging!

Elizabeth Wilson





## Business Profile

Tewin Mobile Vets was founded in September 2012 by Tewin residents Chris and Alexandra Wearne.

Chris and Alex moved to Tewin in 2011 shortly after returning to England after a 3 year residence in Australia. Tewin has such a strong community spirit that it was felt a local vet would be well received in the village.

Tewin Mobile Vets is very much '*your local vet*' in every sense of the word. Chris knows every client and every patient on the books and takes delight in feeling a valuable part of the community. For the elderly or less mobile residents of Tewin a mobile vet is of particular benefit. All consulting is done in people's homes without the cost associated with a home visit. Excellent quality veterinary care at an affordable price is the guiding principle behind Tewin Mobile Vets.

The contact details of the practice are:

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3 School Lane  
Tewin  
AL6 0JR

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Email [enquiries@tewinvets.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tewinvets.co.uk)  
Website [www.tewinvets.co.uk](http://www.tewinvets.co.uk)



## Food for Thought and Flowers

At last we should soon see some flowers growing in our gardens and a few daffodils in a vase always brighten up the house and say "Spring is here"! But these days we also have the wonderful choice of flowers from many parts of the world, which we can purchase at the Florists and Supermarkets throughout the year. Some of these cope with our homes and central heating well – others do not – so here are a few suggestions to help the flowers we pick or buy live a little longer.



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email: [admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk)

Tel: 01438 717378

## Our February News

Since last writing we suffered the severe weather requiring school closure for a single day, but was enjoyed by pupils who tell us that they created all sorts of snow sculptures in their gardens!

**Bible Club** launched on January 25<sup>th</sup> and has been very well attended and much enjoyed. Each week some magnificent art work is produced and displayed in the school hall thereafter. Thank you to all those concerned with its running.

On Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> Honeybee class will attend an Eco workshop at **Mitsubishi** in Hatfield. Our School Council and Eco-Council attended this last year and it initiated a real enthusiasm amongst our pupils to make our school more Eco-friendly. The school's **Eco Council** meet regularly and have supported campaigns such as *Goodbye Standby*, encouraging us all to switch off lights, computers, electrical appliances etc, when they are not in use. For this we have been awarded a bronze medal. Meanwhile a new initiative has been launched to ensure we use as many rechargeable batteries in school as possible. Different classes are taking on specific projects and the list includes a *Bug Hotel* for bio-diversity, litter collections, school pond and garden redevelopment and the collecting of postage stamps for charity.

Equally busy is our **Parents Association** who now publish regular Newsletters updating us with their successes and endeavours. The first of these reminds us just how much fundraising they achieved last year and the range of events they organised. This is hugely helpful, indeed essential in these times of cuts and claw backs and we are always so pleased with the support they give us. On this note may I ask that you put a date in your diary for **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, when they will hold the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**.

We finish on an alarming note!!! **Caterpillar Class**, who have been studying the Fire of London, will soon be holding their own inferno on the school playground with models of Tudor houses which will be made up into streets and set alight from Pudding Lane, demonstrating *most effectively* that fire spreads, especially if

building materials are combustible and homes built too close together. What we lack is the dry season experienced in 1666, which made London the tinder box that created such disaster. So when conditions are right and the local fire brigade can afford us the time to attend, the **Great Tewin School Inferno** will take place.

May I remind you that Rev. Susannah Underwood leads our School Worship **every Wednesday** at **10.25**. Everyone in the community is very welcome and the pleasure of the children's delightful singing and an opportunity to join together in prayer.

The Staff Team

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### St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision 2013

This year marks the six-yearly full revision of the church Electoral Roll. Regular church members wishing to come onto, or stay on, the Roll may do so by completing an Electoral Roll form which will be posted to existing members on 18<sup>th</sup> March. At that time, additional forms will be available at the back of the church for members wishing to join for the first time.

With the forms you will find a letter addressed to existing members explaining the implications of membership; for example, the right to attend the annual church meeting, but also the impact member numbers have on the financial contribution the church makes to the Diocese. Whilst we would encourage regular attenders to complete a form, those who would not normally attend the annual meeting, or who are not regulars attenders, may feel that their names do not need to be included on the new Roll as it undergoes its revision.

Submission deadline for completed forms this year is 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

David Rawlins, Electoral Roll Officer



The next **Men's Breakfast** at **St Mary's**  
is on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
in **New Church House** at **8.00 for 8.15am**



**Steve Thompson**, son of Keith Thompson, Scriptwriter for Stage and TV, will talk about his life in this interesting line of business, so now is the time to put the date in your diary!

### BOX CLEVER – AND GIFT AID IT – A WINNING COMBINATION

Most members of the St Peter's congregation give their financial support by one of two methods – bank standing orders or the weekly Free Will offering envelopes. Both these arrangements provide an opportunity for you to make your regular gift to St Peter's, whether or not you attend a service each week or month. After all, the church's costs continue week by week even if you're not there yourself!

Standing orders have the advantage of regular *automatic* payments throughout the year whereas the envelopes allow users to adjust their giving more easily to changing circumstances.

New boxes of envelopes have been ordered to start in April and some extra boxes for anyone who attends St Peter's and would like to start supporting it financially in this way. We have welcomed a number of new people to St Peter's and it would be wonderful if they were to join this weekly envelope scheme.

**Gift Aid** tax recoveries continue to be a valuable source of income, boosting our regular giving income by about £8,000 in each of the last two years, that's almost 25% extra thanks to the Government, at no cost to the individual. So if you pay tax on any of your income, please make sure your giving to St Peter's is tax efficient with a *Gift Aid* declaration or by using the special yellow *Gift Aid* envelopes. These envelopes are specifically for Gift Aid donations by tax-payers; so please only use them if you are a tax-payer and fill in your name and address.

If you would like a box of weekly envelopes, bank standing order form, *Gift Aid* declaration form, or just some help on any of these subjects, please speak to me in church or give me a call. I shall be happy to hear from you. All details of giving are kept strictly confidential.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to all who have given to St Peter's over the past year, whatever the method used and whatever the amount involved. We couldn't flourish without you.

Graham Spring, Hon. Treasurer (01707 375499)



## Churchwarden's Notes

Lent began on Ash Wednesday on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Once again there will be Lent Groups meeting across the Welwyn Team. Our local group is to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings at Ted and Ruth's, 60 Orchard Road and led by Ted and Mick Simmons. Details of other Lent groups, Holy Week and Easter services can be found in the Welwyn Team leaflet at the back of the church.

Sally Owen always makes a wonderful job of decorating our church for Easter, but at this time of the year flowers are scarce and expensive. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers then the churchwardens or Graham will gladly pass on any funds to Sally.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm and 4pm a Children's Activity afternoon will be held in church. There will be lots of exciting things to do and make and culminates with an Easter egg hunt.

Our thanks go to Stuart Kirkham who has recently cut the inside of the hedge. It makes such a difference to the overall look of the churchyard. Our snowdrops are magnificent once again and even now the hawthorn shoots are bursting open to reveal fresh green leaves. Spring cannot be that far away. Undoubtedly we would rather forget about all the wet and snow, but a word of warning here is important. Beware parking at the bottom of the drive on the west side. Several cars have had to be towed out, each time making the holes deeper. Please take care.

We look forward to seeing you all in church over the Easter period.

*Pete and Mike*

<p>St Peter's Church was floodlit on 29<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>In memory of Jim Moon's birthday</p> <p>From Ron &amp; all the family</p>	<p>St Peter's Church will be floodlit on 2<sup>nd</sup> March</p> <p>In memory of Freda &amp; Claude Owen</p> <p>From Val &amp; John Hills</p>
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## Vicar's letter

Perhaps the worst thing in my wardrobe is an unworn item, an 'I ♥ Butlins' T-shirt. A present from my husband brought back from a weekend he shared with friends which, thankfully, church duties rescued me from. For a man who loves fields, quiet and real-ale pubs he went sulkily, but surprised himself by having a good time – returning armed with T-shirts and mugs bearing the same logo [the handles fell off a week later]. Sometimes when we have a good experience, we want to share something of it with those we love.

I have a rather nicer present brought back from New Zealand by my mother-in-law. It's a Paua shell – a large, ugly, rough exterior but bearing the secret of an exquisite interior – a blend of iridescent colours, all the rainbow shades which glimmer and shine in the most beautiful of manners. I love this shell, because it speaks to me of my experience of resurrection, of hidden joys, unseen potential and beauty found in an unexpected place.

Despite excited tales from my husband of multi-ride water parks and mother-in-laws endless photographs – their experience is not mine. The joy they gained from their trip will never be fully possessed by me in the gift of a shell and tacky T-shirt.

It is similar with my experience of resurrection. We can tell the story, examine it cerebrally, but to truly grasp its beauty and power it needs to be touched, tasted, and gazed upon. It needs to be something we travel into ourselves and understand deep within our core. Thomas, a disciple, demonstrated this in his need to touch Jesus' wounds. Personal experience is the key.

So this Easter I would encourage you to search out the story for yourselves. Find its clues in the hidden treasures of springtime, notice joy in the most unexpected places, know hope and potential in your own life and of those you love. To hear, feel, touch and taste Christ's beauty and life in worship.

You may not be able to bring back a T-shirt for your friends, but perhaps through your own experiences they can glimpse Easter themselves.

I wish you every blessing this Easter.

*Susannah*

Date	3 <sup>rd</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>		24 <sup>th</sup>
Day	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Service	Holy Communion	Choral Evensong	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Time	9.30am	6.30pm	9.30am	11.15am	6.30pm	9.30am
Officiating	J&M Cotton	Lucy Dallas	TBA	David Munchin	Susannah U'Wood	Susannah Underwood
1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Isaiah 55; 1-9	Genesis 28; 10-19a	Exodus 2; 1-10	<i>John 12; 1-8</i>	Isaiah 43; 16-21	Liturgy of the Palms
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	1 Corin' 10; 1-13	John 1; 35-end	2 Corinthians 3; 12-17		Philippians 3; 4b-14	Liturgy of the Palms
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 13; 1-9</i>		<i>Luke 2; 33-35</i>		<i>John 12; 1-8</i>	<i>Luke 19; 28-40</i>
Server	Pauline		David & Nwachi		Pauline	Trevor
Intercessor	Trevor Land		Mick Simmons		Ted Sharp	Linda Adams
Reader	Nicky Hadley	Linda Adams	Karen Shaw	Ruth Kearns	Mick Simmons	Rosemary Nodder
Sidesmen	Ivor & Linda Williams	Di Bradley	Mavis Haggard & Karen Shaw	Pauline Brown	Mary Gregg & Nicky Hadley	Keith Barnfield & Linda Adams
Coffee	Shirley Barker		Queenie Simmons	Pauline Brown		Pauline Spring
Flowers	Lent — No flowers		Lent — No flowers	Lent — No flowers		Lent — No flowers
Cleaner	Sue Whitbourn		Bellringers	Elizabeth Wilson		Sheila Feakes

Date	28 <sup>th</sup>
Day	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
Service	Holy Communion
Time	8.00pm
Officiating	Susannah Underwood
1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Exodus 12; 1-4, [5-10], 11-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	1 Corinthians 11; 23-26
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>John 13; 1-17, 31b-35</i>
Server	David
Intercessor	TBA
Reader	Pauline Brown
Sidesmen	TBA
Coffee	N/A
Flowers	Lent — No flowers

Date	31 <sup>st</sup>
Day	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Service	Holy Communion
Time	9.30am
Officiating	Susannah Underwood
1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Acts 10; 32-43
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	1 Corinthians 15; 19-26
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 24; 1-12</i>
Server	David
Intercessor	Nicky Hadley
Reader	Mary Gregg
Sidesmen	Clare Rawlins & Mary Gregg
Coffee	Marie St Pier
Flowers	Easter Flowers

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

**Baptisms**

10<sup>th</sup> Feb Libby-Mae Doocey

**Funeral**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Helen Jane Henebury

You are assured of a warm welcome at St Peter's at any of our services whether you are a regular church-goer or not.

Do come and join us.



Cleaner Amanda Osgood