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Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **February 2013** draw

1 st	£61	Audrey Walters, School Lane
2 nd	£37	Sabine Stanley, Harwood Close
3 rd	£12	Rosemary Nodder, Digswell Road
3 rd	£12	Deborah Newton, Hertford Road

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546]
or lisa.bove@btinternet.com

Tewin Stores or any member of the Hall Committee



April 2013

Tewin



Price 60p



Fox cub

The fox cub pictured above was born last Spring and made 'friends' with my cat who was quite uncertain of the little bundle on his territory. Obviously the mother of the cub had omitted to explain how the cat terrorised the abundance of local adult foxes.

The cub came regularly to the chain link fence in search of the new 'friend' in a bid to play. The cub became oblivious to humans as I was only a foot or so away when I photographed it with just a 2 metre chain link fence to separate us!

By early July the cub was much wiser to me and stood its ground baring its teeth the final time we met in the garden.

Editorial notes

Welcome to the April 2013 issue of the Tewin Magazine.

With the onset of British Summer Time let's hope Spring is not far away we look forward to the *THACS* Spring Show at the end of this month. An opportunity to see the best horticultural, culinary, arts and crafts from members of the village. Always a colourful and fragrant event not to be missed.

* I would like to draw your attention to the phone number for Bridge Cottage Surgery which has reverted to its previous number.

Finally, this will be my last issue as Editor and I would like to thank you all for your comments and support over the last 3 years.

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

Nicky Hadley
Editor

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Another great Jumble Sale!

Cold weather didn't stop people turning out for our recent Jumble Sale and, as a result, takings amounted to just over £2,855, a record for a Spring sale!

So, many thanks to all those who contributed in any way - the people who generously donated goods and our army of helpers who always ensure we have a successful day. They lived up to their usual hard working standard, with people turning up on Friday afternoon and evening, as well as throughout the day on Saturday. Their age range is worth noting, starting with 14 year old Edward, to several others in their 80s - who we won't name! They all did a splendid job. And it wasn't just people from Tewin Village who came along - we had others from Tewin Water, Welwyn Garden City and Digswell, plus a gentleman from Oaklands, who worked for us all afternoon and evening on the Friday and again all day Saturday. So a big 'Thank You' to him and to everyone else who joined our team. And of course, many thanks to all our

Dates for your diary this month
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Tue	Pavilion	7.30-9.30	Table Tennis
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 20 th	Memorial Hall	2.15-4pm	THACS Spring Show
Fri 3 rd May	Lower Green	10.30am	Maypole dancing

Useful Phone Numbers

Bridge Cottage Surgery, Welwyn	01438 715044*
Castlegate Surgery, Hertford	08448 151224
Hanscombe House Surgery, Hertford	01992 582025
Wallace House Surgery, Hertford	01992 550541
Watton Place Clinic, Watton-at-Stone	01920 830033
Moors Walk Surgery, Panshanger, WGC	01707 335151
Tewin Stores & Post Office	01438 717929
Tewin Memorial Hall	01438 717581
Tewin Pavilion	01438 715020
Burnham Green News	01438 798112
Rose & Crown Public House	01438 717257
Plume of Feathers Public House	01438 717265
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STOP PRESS - TEWIN TENNIS CLUB needs YOU!

For those who missed the AGM on 15/03/13 the tennis season is springing into action, why not racquet on down to our beautiful courts?

Club Nights
start 09/04/13

Open Day
05/05/13

See you
there!

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Saturday 20th April 2013—THACS Spring Show - Tewin Memorial Hall

There is still time to enter the THACS Spring Show. If you enjoy cooking, painting, stitching, photography or gardening then you already have the skills needed to exhibit at the show. The key thing you need is enthusiasm! The show is a friendly light-hearted way of showing off your skills and talents and enjoying a chat with friends and neighbours.

You can get a copy of the show schedule from Tewin Stores or the THACS page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk. Entry fees remain unchanged at 25p per entry for members, 50p for non-members and 10p for children. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by Sunday 14th April 2013.**

Entries must be taken to the Hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day of the show, after which exhibitors should leave the Hall so that judging can take place. The doors open at 2.15pm and admission is **FREE**. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon and the prizes will be presented at 3.30pm. So please come along and support this village event.

THACS also organises a variety of outings throughout the year such as visits to gardens or art galleries. We also run calligraphy and creative writing workshops which are enjoyed by everyone who takes part. So if you haven't already joined, but would like to, then you can join at the show or you can get a membership form from our Treasurer Malcolm Allen (phone 01438 798749 or email m.allen47@gmail.com)

regular Jumbler, who toiled tirelessly, as they always do. There are far too many to name in this report, but we sincerely thank them all for everything they did, whether it be delivering our leaflets, sorting, putting out tables, manning stalls, serving hot drinks, clearing up, and so on. We also thank the three gentlemen, who helped collect the heavy goods throughout the week, and came to our rescue by bringing along their vehicles to help with collections and last minute transportation to the Hall.

The Memorial Hall Committee is grateful to all the above because, without our Jumbler there would be no Jumble Sale, and therefore no important contribution to the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. So, to everyone who played their part, please accept our heartfelt thanks for all your efforts, and please note that the next Jumble sale is on **Saturday, 12th October** - so please don't plan to go away at this time – Tewin needs you!!!

Todd Canton

on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee

Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis Club has been formed in Tewin and meets in Tewin Pavilion every Tuesday evening between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Players of all ages and standards are most welcome to join us. The club provides bats and balls.

There is no annual membership fee, only a charge of £2 per night to cover hiring costs etc. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided and included.

A warm, friendly welcome awaits you, just come along and join us.

For further information please contact:

John Sheridan, Tel. 01438 717407 or johnchris1@talktalk.net

April Bridge at Tewin Pavilion

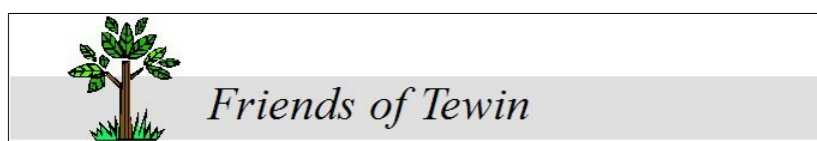
The next **Chicago Bridge Drive** at Tewin Pavilion will be on **Thursday 25th April** starting at 2:15pm, finishing at 5:00pm with refreshments provided.

A charge of £3 per person will be made to defray expenses and provide a few small prizes.

If you are coming, on your own or with a partner, please contact:

Steve or Kate Stott Tel: 01438717680
e-mail: stephen.stott@which.net

Please do not worry about being "good enough". You will be!



74 people sat down to dinner at the Senior Citizens lunch last month and we took 5 meals out to those unable to attend.

It was good to see new faces, with two people attending being over 90! The meal of chicken and leek pie or haddock in a creamy watercress sauce, followed by pavlova or sticky toffee pudding was enjoyed by all. After sherry and wine the results of the table quiz and another teaser were given. During tea/coffee our Community Police Officer advised on how to keep safe in our homes. Raffle prizes were handed out and everyone went home at 4pm.

We now have a little rest until 3rd May when, weather permitting, the children from Tewin Cowper School will dance around the Maypole. If, unfortunately, the weather is bad it will not be cancelled but held in the School Hall. The Maypole Dancing is due to start at 10.30am on Lower Green. Bring your own garden chair if you need to sit. Teas, etc, will be available from the Village Shop before, during, and after the event.

The destination for the 16th July coach outing has now been agreed - we are off to Brighton! A small deposit will secure your seat.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin (717538)

Welwyn Floral Group - 2013 Programme

3rd April Florists, Sindy & Sam - 'Perfect Moments'
1st May Nick Grounds - TBA
5th June Fiona Franklin - 'Something Old, Something New'

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

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



'Screen on the Green' Tewin presents
Monday, 22nd April at 7.45pm,
Tewin Memorial Hall



'The Incredibles' 2004, Cert U, [115 mins]

... *The Incredibles* is a fun animated adventure from Pixar directed by the man behind 'Ratatouille'. Genuinely funny for all ages, this critically acclaimed film revolves around a former super-hero, who has not-so-successfully settled into suburban life with his super-hero family. When not trying to fight small-time crime undercover, he muddles through life as a paunchy, emotionally unsatisfied insurance claims adjuster. But then something happens to get him back in the game...

Bring your children, grandchildren, dads and mums - this one will be fun for all.

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

Football Tournament and have reached the semi-finals of the Hope Cup Tournament. We wish then all the best in the forthcoming final.

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

The Staff Team

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New Post Office service

From 12/3/2013 there will be a service in Burnham Green village hall on **Tuesdays 13.00 until 16.00** and **Fridays 09.30 until 13.00**.

Datchworth Parish Council are contributing towards the hall rental enabling the service to go ahead. This is a "use it or lose it" situation. The service will be reviewed in 1 year by the Council.



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Help needed for Church Spring Cleaning!



Please put your name on the form
at the back of the Church

or contact **Pete Johnson 01707 332579 (evenings)**
to let her know what help you can give and when

Friday 17th May 6.30pm onwards

Able bodied volunteers to clean beams, windows,
move furniture, kneelers, etc

Saturday 18th MAY from 8.30am

Volunteers needed to help scrub floors
and polish woodwork

Scrubbing 8.45am; Polishing 10.30am;

Restoring order 12.30pm
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Tewin Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next meeting is the **annual Parish meeting on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm** at Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the Parish Council meeting at **7.45pm**.

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. 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

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E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

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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

- 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.

Lower Green

The Parish Council is aware of widespread concern about the damage to the edge of Lower Green. The last repair was ripped out in a matter of days. Various options and funding for a permanent repair are being investigated. We are also aware of concern about the damage to Upper Green, and again are investigating appropriate options.

Roadworks

The Orchard Road junction with Harmer Green Lane southwards to the Lower Green junction were closed for approx. 2 days, between 20th and 27th March 2013, enabling highway maintenance works to take place.

Seven Acres Development Update

One property on the site has been sold and is due to complete shortly. Works on the shared ownership units are under way and the demolition of Sevenacres house itself has commenced and is expected to take approx. 4 weeks. Increased traffic may occur, although all contractors are well aware of the restrictions.

Riversmead Development Update

3/12/1150/FP - Garage site to rear of: 17 - 28 Grass Warren, Tewin. Amended Drawings for demolition of garages and clearance of associated land. Erection of 1no 4 bed detached house, 4no 3 bed semi-detached houses and 3no 2 bed bungalows. The main change is to provide access to the new bungalows and the four bed house via a new road between the existing bungalows and to sell the 4 bed house on the open market.

TPC supportive with comments re retention of brick boundary wall, white window frames, bins to be located to the side of the bungalows and preserving the visual character of the area by retaining as many trees and shrubs on the site as possible.

Various details on the plans have been amended as requested, including correct marking of the site boundary and correct marking of trees to be retained in line with the arbori-cultural report. This planning application was granted approval by East Herts Council on 27th February 2013.



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
email: admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01438 717378

Our March News

No sooner did we return to school after the half term break than we were off again! Frustratingly two days were lost awaiting the arrival and installation of a vital part to the school's boiler. Meanwhile room temperatures had fallen well below the County guidelines. We were able to set up some work on the school's shared computer system, and were delighted to find pupils logging in and engaging in home study. A big thanks to parents, whom we are well aware would have had to make special childcare arrangements.

On February 27th a *Calculation Evening* was held and was very well attended, giving parents the chance to understand the ways in which their children are taught calculation strategies in school. Many found it very interesting to discover how differently things are done these days and went home pleased to feel better equipped to help their children.

On Friday March 1st Honeybee class visited St Peter's to learn about St David. Of course this was appropriate on St David's Day, and everyone found it enjoyable and informative.

To celebrate World Book Day on March 7th a good many of our pupils arrived at school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies to be read a bed time story by their teachers - similarly attired! This was followed by hot chocolate and was such a great success that we look forward to repeating it in the future.

We returned to St Peter's for a Service to be led by our youngest class, the Ladybirds, on Friday March 15th to celebrate our families. This coincided with Red Nose day so, with our inside out uniform and red painted noses, it wasn't a case of looking our "Sunday best" but our pupils were keen to support both the fun and the fund-raising purpose of this national event and Susannah was happy to join in the fun.

But to end on a real high point, we are **enormously** proud of our Football Team who won a Hertford and Ware Small school

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

As Spring approaches we are making plans for the gardens at both QVM Hospital and Danesbury. Our gardeners, Mick and Doug, have plenty to do throughout the year but the tasks now begin to multiply. They take great pride in ensuring that the grounds always look their best and now, as we see more colour appearing, it is a challenge to keep up. This year the plans for a sensory garden are moving forward. A great deal of thought has been given to this project and we look forward to seeing the results this summer.

We are planning to organise more entertainment for patients in the coming months. There were a number of very successful performances last year and new dates are being agreed with the singers. Occasional fish suppers have been organised by the Friends for patients at Danesbury which have been very much appreciated. We hope that we will be able to organise the same for the patients at QVM too. It is a real help for patients to have something to look forward to in what can be a long hospital day.

Earlier this year the Friends were sorry to receive the resignation of their current longest serving Trustee. Ann O'Brien was manager of the original Danesbury Home and when the new building was completed in 1993 she was a key member of the team organising the move. She ensured that all the residents were properly cared for – right down to organising fish & chips for their supper! After one year had passed she retired and joined the Welwyn shop volunteers and became a Trustee of the Friends in 2000.

Her fellow Trustees will greatly miss her experience and knowledge, but wish her, and husband Stephen, every happiness in the future.

**Danesbury Neurological Centre
School Lane
Welwyn
Herts AL6 9SB
01438 840514**

E mail: friends@danburyqvm.co.uk
www.danburyqvm.co.uk

388 Bus

The Parish Council has received several complaints about the unreliability of the service. These were forwarded to HCC Passenger Transport Unit and Centrebus, the 388 operator, has advised that the several occasions when the bus has been delayed or cancelled were due to circumstances beyond the operator's control.

Footpath 11 – Hundred Year Wood

The Parish Council has obtained a quote to extend the easy access surface of FP11 running from the northern end of the foot path which runs round the Hundred Year Wood as it is extremely boggy and difficult to walk through. A grant has been applied for to cover the works.

In memory of Bertha Banks

'O blest are they, without pain or fretting, In the sun's light that knows no setting' – R.S. Thomas



On Saturday 9th March 2013, Bertha Banks passed quietly away in the Isabel Hospice after losing a particularly difficult and painful battle with cancer, which she had borne with extraordinary stoicism and bravery.

When I first met Bertha during the Easter vacation from university in 1976, I was not yet a bell-ringer myself but had been taken along to the Tewin bell-ringing practice by my then boyfriend (now my husband) Graham, who was already a Tewin ringer. Bertha was clearly one of the cornerstones of the band and had already been ringing at Tewin for about 25 years. She told us that before she started to learn to ring permission had to be sought from her father – how glad we are that he gave it! Apart from anything else, it was a wonderful way for Bertha to express the love that she had for Tewin church and for the village. When she first started ringing she was the only young lady in the band and always thought that the gentlemen spoiled her!

She was born in Tewin on 26th May 1935 and, although she moved

out of the village after marrying her beloved husband Alan Banks in 1956, she continued to spend a great deal of time at Tewin, visiting her family, supporting village events and worshipping and ringing at the church. She was elected a member of the Hertfordshire County Association of Change Ringers in 1956 and was elected a Life Member in 2006 in recognition of her 50 years' membership, something of which she was extremely proud. For many years she did not venture beyond ringing some of the simpler methods, although she did like to hear the bells struck perfectly and would wince at the slightest trip or clash. She was eventually persuaded to learn some of the more difficult methods and was delighted to be able to extend her repertoire.

She was always keen to ring for weddings and particularly enjoyed those where there were lots of lovely hats to be admired! She rang in several quarter-peals over the years, some of which are commemorated on boards in the tower, as well as in District and County striking competitions with the Tewin band.

Bertha loved being a part of the close-knit group that is the Tewin ringers and for her, as for all of us, the ringers became an 'extended family', a source of love, support, fellowship and practical help. Characteristically, Bertha was always one of the first to offer help but the last to ask for it. She always contributed wonderful cakes and salads to the many social gatherings, bell-ringers teas, church bazaars and special occasions, when you could guarantee to find her up to her elbows in suds, washing up at the kitchen sink – her favourite job!

When it was the bell-ringers' turn to clean the church she insisted on the job being done very thoroughly indeed as she had been taught to do it by her mother when she was very young – we dare not leave a single cobweb. She had a lovely sense of humour and always enjoyed a giggle. I spent happy days every year in her company, preparing flower arrangements for, and subsequently decorating, the bell-ringers' allocated corner of the church for the Harvest Festival, one of her favourite times of the year.

Bertha had for many years been a real stalwart of the Tewin ringers' band, ringing for every service, every Sunday, and since, last August, when her illness made it impossible for her to continue

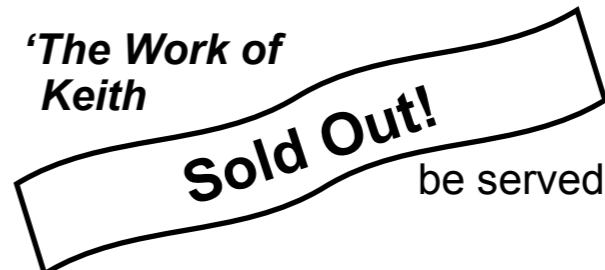


Ladies' Lunch — Saturday, 13th April



Topic: *'The Work of
Speaker: Keith*

**Mercy Ships'
Stott**



Lunch will be served at 12.30pm followed by the talk.

be served at 12.30pm followed by

Tickets at £9.00 each, cash only please, from Audrey Walters or Pete Johnson at St Peter's Church.



The next **Men's Breakfast at St Mary's** is on



Saturday 18th 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!

St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Revision 2013

Submission deadline for completed forms this year is 5th April 2013.

Regular church members wishing to come onto, or stay on, the Roll may do so by completing an Electoral Roll form. Additional forms are available at the back of the church for members wishing to join for the first time.

David Rawlins
Electoral Roll Officer

to ring, her absence has left a very large gap among us. She was one of the kindest, most warm-hearted, loving, giving people I have ever met and I count myself privileged to have been her friend. She will be laid to rest within the sound of the bells she loved so much and I know I speak for all of the Tewin ringers when I say that every single one of us mourns the loss of such a dear and loyal friend.

On a cold Easter Monday evening six of our local ringers rang a quarter peal for Bertha at St Peter's. Quarter peals are ringing the bells non-stop for about ¾ hour to ring over 1250 changes and are used to mark significant events. We rang Grandsire Doubles, which was Bertha's favourite method. Special effort was made with the striking (the spaces between the bells sounding) as it needed to be "immaculate".

The band was David Rawlins, Julie Grimwade, David Hall, Mark Hall, Graham Lay (conductor) and Jill Rudd. We hope this is an appropriate tribute for our friend who is much missed.

God bless, Bertha.

Pat Lay

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last twelve years. We much appreciate her skill and commitment – long may it continue!

This is now the fourth edition of the Tewin Magazine. We have had our fair share of teething problems but, thanks to our editor, Nicky, it has always come out on time. Our main challenge now is to increase the circulation. If you know of someone who may be interested in subscribing, please do try to 'recruit' them!

Finally, after around fifty 'Churchwardens' Notes' over the last seven years, it is time to 'move over' and let others have a turn. Pete, fresh back from wrestling husky dogs in Alaska, will be carrying on as usual, much to the benefit of us all! We have great hopes that a new churchwarden to work with her, will be elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7.30 pm in the church on 21st April. All parishioners, and all on the church electoral roll, are welcome.

Pete and Mike

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<p>St Peter's Church will be floodlit on 27th April In loving memory of Peter Walters</p>
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<p>We are sad to tell you that Grace Petty passed away on 28th March 2013 at the age of 99.</p>
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<p>The funeral was at St Peter's Church Tewin on Thursday 4th April at 10:30 am followed by burial in the Churchyard.</p>
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<p>David Laming</p>



Churchwarden's Notes

In March we had the very sad news that Bertha Banks had passed away after a considerable fight with her illness. Bertha was baptised in St Peter's and could remember, as a small girl, helping her mother to clean the church. Thus her association with St Peter's lasted over 77 years and included singing in the choir; and bell-ringing from the early 1950's. A lifetime of service for which we can all give thanks.

At the PCC meeting in March, it was noted that the church electoral role was subject to a full renewal by 5th April. Thus anyone wishing to be on the new role, including those on the current roll, must apply before that date. To qualify, you must be a resident of Tewin or a non-resident who habitually worships at St Peter's. Our electoral role officer, David Rawlins, noted that it increases our payment to the diocese by around £160 for every additional name on the roll.

Our church Spring-clean this year will be on 17th and 18th May. As we all know, many hands make light work, so we really do need your support. Please come along from 6pm on the Friday evening and/or from 8.30am on the Saturday morning, when there are a number of 'timed slots' for cleaning, scrubbing, polishing etc. We are all busy but this is a very worthwhile effort, even if you can spare only half an hour. For details, contact Pete.

We have had some very welcome visits from the school during the month, both for a class workshop and for a school Family Service, lead by Ladybirds. Then came the School Easter Service. In addition, the after school Story Club, which meets on Friday afternoons, had a number of its members at our Sunday Family Service on 17th March when they performed a joyful enactment of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, with much cheering!

Our congratulations to Rosemary, our organist, who has been awarded the Certificate of the Royal College of Organists. As many of you know, Rosemary comes all the way from St Albans each Sunday (sometimes twice), plus of course usually also playing for weddings and funerals. Rosemary joined us in the first half of 2001 and must have covered a considerable mileage in the

Vicar's letter

As I write I'm watching the inauguration of Pope Francis 1 on the BBC. In two days time Justin Welby takes up his throne as Archbishop of Canterbury. Sandwiched between the two will be the budget. So I'm left reflecting on the relationship between faith and economics. Pope Francis 1 has spoken about his desire for the church to be on the side of the poor. Justin Welby himself was one of many Anglican bishops, including our own, who have spoken out against reforms in this country, which would push more children into poverty.

Of course, the church speaking out about matters of economic policy leaves it open to accusations of meddling and getting involved in that which is none of its business. Yet the Christian faith, along with others, has at its heart an imperative to care for the poor and speak out against injustice. The bible has more than 2,000 references to this.

Christian Aid, Oxfam, UNICEF and many other UK based aid and justice organisations, are asking people to join the *IF* campaign which is concerned with global poverty and hunger. Currently, although the world produces enough food for everyone, certain political and economic factors mean one billion people go hungry each day.

The *IF* campaign has identified 4 factors that contribute to perpetuating world hunger. With this they have four aims;

- *to ensure large companies pay tax which is due to the countries in which they make large profits*
- *to make sure governments keep to their promises of aid to the most desperate peoples*
- *to help protect the rights of small landowners who are often forced off their land in order to satisfy the need of big business*
- *to make governments and international companies transparent in their decisions which impact on the fair distribution of food*

In June the leaders of the World's 8 most powerful countries will meet in Britain. If you want to encourage them to put food fairness on the top of their agenda then visit www.enoughfoodIF.org for more details.

Another way to make a difference is to help *Christian Aid* in their work with some of the world's poorest communities. *Christian Aid week* runs from 12th-18th May.

Susannah

Date	7 th		14 th	21 st		28 th
Day	2 nd Sunday of Easter		3 rd Sunday of Easter	4 th Sunday of Easter		5 th Sunday of Easter
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	Catherine Jupp	Susannah U'Wood	Susannah Underwood
1 st reading	Exodus 14;10-end	Isaiah 53; 1-6,9-12	Zephaniah 3; 14-end	<i>John 12; 1-8</i>	Genesis 7; 1-5, 11-18, 8;6-18, 9;8-13	Genesis 22; 1-18
2 nd reading	Acts 5; 7-32	Luke 24; 13-35	Acts 9; 1-6 [7-20]		Acts 9; 36-end	Acts 11; 1-18
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>John 20; 19-end</i>		<i>John 21; 1-19</i>		<i>John 10; 22-30</i>	<i>John 13; 31-35</i>
Server	Trevor		Pauline & Nwachi		David	Trevor
Intercessor	Di Bradley					
Reader	Mavis Haggar	Pauline Brown	Debbie O'Neill	Ugo Rowell	Nick Whiting	Chris Payne
Sidesmen	M Slaughter & Gloria Kersey	David Reavill	Ruth Sharp & Graham Spring	Mark Swann	Pauline Spring & Nick Whiting	Ivor & Linda Williams
Coffee	Janet Thompson		Mary Gregg	Di Bradley		Pat Fulford
Flowers	Sally Owen		Pauline Spring	Christine Sharpe		Weddings
Cleaner	Pete Johnson		Ruth Sharp	Volunteer needed		Alison Barnfield

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

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.

Funerals

26 th March	Bertha Emma Banks
4 th April	Grace Mary Petty
9 th April	Ernest [Sonny] Tyler

