



## **Newsletter - Spring 2025**

Welcome to our first Friends of Tewin Newsletter.

We are sure many of you know all about us and the events that we put on in Tewin but if you are new to the Village you may have seen our name and wonder what we get up to. Well, here goes:

The objectives of the Friends of Tewin are:

- To foster community spirit for the benefit of the Parish
- To raise funds to support community projects and organisations within the Parish
- To facilitate and organise community events

Our committee is elected annually at the AGM and currently comprises 4 Officers: Shirley Sinfield, Chair, Hilary Tipping, Vice Chair, Elaine Wulcko, Treasurer, Tec Fawcett, Secretary, Roe Hill, Honorary Present and Committee Members, Catriona Griggs, Rob Kenway and Damien Redlich.

### **Community Spirit**

We hope the events we put on throughout the year bring the Village together. We are very lucky to have a good team of volunteers who we can call upon to help - mainly for the car show - and it is good to be able to work together as one big team in a cooperative and friendly way to support and stage our events and, at the same time, have fun. The positive atmosphere and goodwill our events create, makes Tewin a pleasant and enjoyable community in which to live. We always welcome more volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping at any event, please contact us on the email address below or when you see one of us in the village.

### **Raising Money**



Our biggest event is the Classic Car & Craft Show held each August on Upper Green. Last year we raised nearly £10,000 and we are now in the process of distributing the majority of this money to many of Tewin's, not for profit, groups and voluntary organisations. Some years we receive upwards of

15 applications from village groups and organisations. We have already made donations to Tewin Charities, Tewin Community Bus, Tewin Ukulele Group, SAvoce and Tewin Under 5's Pre-school Nursery. We have recently approved donations to a further seven village groups. Over the recent years thousands of pounds have been donated into the village – without our band of volunteers we wouldn't have been able to achieve this.

## **Facilitating and Organising Events in the Community**

We have already mentioned the car show, which is something for the whole village to enjoy. Beautiful cars, lots of stalls to browse, our famous home-made cakes, food outlets, and a bar – a lovely way to spend an afternoon. Some of the funds raised at the show go towards funding our other events.

In December we held the 'Carols on the Green.' Usually it takes place around the Christmas tree (also funded by Friends of Tewin) but last year the event was moved at the last minute to Tewin Cowper School Hall because of the bad weather. Despite the weather, nearly a 100 villagers came along and sang enthusiastically, accompanied by the brass band.

Recently we held the Seniors' Lunch in the Memorial Hall. An enjoyable social occasion for our villagers who are over 60 to get together for a good chat and make new friends.

## **Save the Date – Forthcoming Events**

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 10am - we will join with Tewin Cowper School when the children will celebrate May Day with Maypole Dancing on Lower Green.

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, at 2pm - VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration and Village Spring Picnic on Lower Green.

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon - Classic Car and Craft Show.

## **Other Projects**



In 2018 Friends of Tewin was bequeathed a legacy from the estate of Mr Geoffrey Malin, a former resident of Tewin, and the Committee took the decision to spend the money on projects which would improve facilities in the village. Our first project, in conjunction with the Parish Council, was to add some extra apparatus in the children's playground on Upper Green. We were then able to assist St Peter's Church when the church bells needed to be refurbished – the village missed the sound of the bells whilst this was going on but they now ring loud and clear. Our latest venture, again with the help of the Parish Council, and working with Hertfordshire Highways, we have finally been able to have 4 new signs erected at the entrances to the Village. These have been long awaited, but with the resilience of Hilary, our Vice Chair, in overcoming many obstacles, the work is now complete. Well done Hilary and many thanks.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our Newsletter and, as we said above, we are always happy to welcome new volunteers and, of course, new members on the Committee.

ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS OF TEWIN COMMITTEE

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