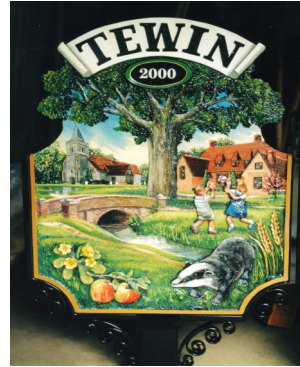




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*Happy  
Easter!*

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our April 2021 edition of the Tewin Magazine and Happy Easter to all our readers. Our lovely photos on the back cover this month were taken by Byron Sinfield

Details of the Easter Services can be found on page 19 together with information on where to find the children's Easter Trail.

THACS are running both a photography and a writing competition (p6)

**Trussells Butcher's Van** is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance. **Phil's Fish Van** is in the village on Monday evenings. Call 07513 142536 for details.

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

## Increased Opening Hours For Largest Recycling Centres

Three of Hertfordshire's largest and busiest recycling centres, at Ware, Stevenage and Waterdale (North Watford), will be open seven days a week from mid-May as Herts County Council respond to a high number of visits to the sites under lockdown and anticipated increased on-going demand.

Currently Hertfordshire's recycling centres are open during lockdown for essential visits only.

Find details of site opening times, and check details of queueing times, container capacity and view the live webcams at

<https://tinyurl.com/y5uyp83b>.

## Putting Pen to Paper

Write someone a letter ... (Spring 2021)

Dear readers,

Putting pen to paper : We have maybe all at some time suffered from email or social-network fatigue. Well, Tewin Writers would like to recommend for you a dose of the (almost-forgotten) art of hand-writing a letter to someone near or dear.

It's quite easy, you can:

- use a couple of sheets of writing-paper
- or fold/cut an A4 printer page in half,
- or buy one of the hand-painted local scene letter-cards from Tewin Stores or Tewin Bury Farm-shop.

Next, you can start writing to someone who you think may appreciate the surprise and interest of a friendly letter through their letter-box. [*What a nice change from bills, junk-mail or Council-Tax*] They might be an older or younger family-member, friend or neighbour - near or far.

By post - or hand-delivered - you may just find that you'll then receive one or more yourself. That should help divert you from the flurry of emails that blink at you from your computer, tablet or phone. Go on, give it a try ...

Yours sincerely - Gerry Murphy, Tewin Writers

*PS: We're sure you don't need it, but you can see some top tips for writing a fine letter (courtesy & copyright ©Country-Life Magazine of Feb 2021) at Tewin Writers Online web-page (under THACS) or at Tewin Stores advert-board.*

## **Tewin Parish Council**



### **PROPOSED NEW FOOTPATH ON HERTFORD ROAD**

Thank you to everyone for your comments on this proposal. Due to the cancellation of the Parish Council meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the discussion/decision will be postponed to the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### **LAND OFF HERTFORD ROAD, Tewin 3/21/0104/FUL**

Change of use of land, erection of stable block & fencing, creation of an exercise yard and hard standing with 3 car parking spaces and internal access way. Tewin Parish Council has submitted an objection to the application raising concerns over the openness of the green belt, safety concerns re the access, lack of screening and the importance of the ditch on the site in reducing flooding at Lousehole Bottom.

***This application has been withdrawn by the applicant as they were advised that it was going to be refused by East Herts Council on the basis of Green Belt, Highway and other issues.***

### **CAPTIVE BIRDS**

Please be aware that England is still on lockdown in reference to captive birds as Bird Flu is still at a high level. Anyone with birds of all types, including chickens, must keep them in enclosed housing with a roof.

### **CHARGING FOR GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**

As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 East Herts Council will be introducing a chargeable garden waste collection fortnightly from your existing brown bin. The annual cost will be £49.

You will be able to subscribe/opt in to this service from mid February via the East Herts Council website.

For more information please visit <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/garden-waste-service>

### **WATER SUPPLY ON LOWER GREEN**

The Parish Council has agreed to install an underground water connection on Lower Green in order to water the Christmas tree. Affinity Water will be completing the connection and a separate contractor will be installing a manhole.

### **LITTER BIN COLLECTION**

East Herts Council empty the litter bins in Tewin and they have had temporary staffing shortages due to Covid which have meant that the bins have not been emptied on a weekly basis as per usual. The service should be back to normal soon.

### **REPLACEMENT OF 388 BUS SERVICE**

The 388 Centrebus Welwyn Garden City to Ware bus service has been replaced by the 879 Reg's Coaches Welwyn - Presdales School which has been rerouted via Burnham Green and Tewin.

The timetable is available to view on [www.regscoaches.co.uk](http://www.regscoaches.co.uk) and annual, termly, half-termly and weekly tickets can also be purchased through their website.

A Saver card can be purchased online from Hertfordshire County Council ([www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)) for £20 pa for 11-19yr olds in Hertfordshire and it provides half price bus travel in Hertfordshire.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next Parish Council meeting is at **7.45pm on Monday 12th April 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall

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

### **Photography Competition**

This photography competition is open to adults and to children of all ages. It's free to enter and you don't have to complete any entry forms.

The photographic categories are: -

1. Arches
2. Floating
3. Machines \*
4. Village Scene \*
5. Nature \*

Exhibitors are limited to one entry per person for each category. All five categories are open to adults, whilst the categories open to children are the three marked with \*.

All exhibits should be in the form of a digital photograph files in .jpg format (which is the default format for most smart phones, laptops, tablets and digital cameras). Each file should be sent as email attachment to [thacs.chair@gmail.com](mailto:thacs.chair@gmail.com) by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure that your covering email contains your name, telephone number and the number of the category you are entering. If you are under 18 years old, then please also let us know your age so that we can put your photograph in the appropriate age group for judging.

For adults, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> prize certificate in each of the five categories with an additional certificate awarded to the photograph selected as best in show by the judge. For children, there will be an exciting, small, age-appropriate 1<sup>st</sup> prize for each age group in each of the three children's categories, with a bonus prize certificate awarded to the photograph selected as best in show by the judge. The winners will be announced and all entries will be displayed on the *THACS* page of the Tewin Village website as soon as possible after the judging.

### **Writing Competition**

We are running a competition for all creative writers (aged 16 and over) and would like entries of no more than 500 words – that's an A4 page or less. We are keen to encourage both established and budding writers. The subject is "*The Colour of Hope*".

Please submit your entry by email to [thacs.chair@gmail.com](mailto:thacs.chair@gmail.com) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and ensure you include your name and telephone number.

The judge will award first, second and third places and the authors will be notified of their success (and any corresponding comments from the judge) by 10<sup>th</sup> May. Once that has been done, the winners will be announced and all entries will be displayed on the *THACS* page of the Tewin Village website.

Ray Keppler  
*THACS* Chairman

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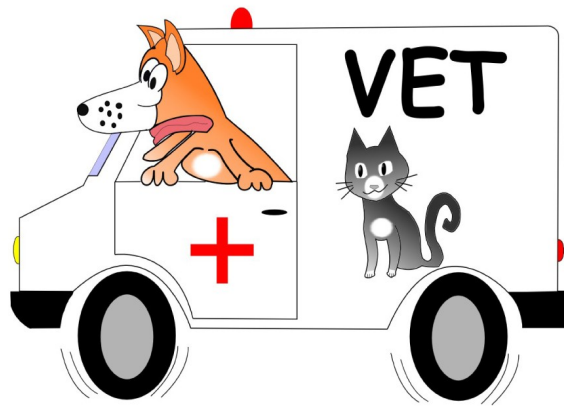
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## Maundy Money



Every Maundy Thursday, The Queen distributes special Maundy money to local pensioners in a service which commemorates Jesus' washing of the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper.

The Maundy Service happens each year on the Thursday before Easter Sunday. In normal times, The Queen travels to a different cathedral or abbey each year to give gifts to local people. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the gifts were sent by post in 2020 and will presumably be distributed the same way this year.

During the service, The Queen distributes gifts according to the number of years she has lived. In 2021 she will distribute 95 pence worth of Maundy money to 95 men and 95 women in recognition of their contribution to the community and to the church.

The service dates back to 600AD and these special coins have kept much the same form since 1670. They still bear the portrait of Her Majesty designed for her coronation in 1953, even though the image on ordinary circulating coinage has since been changed four times.

The coins come in 4 denominations: a groat (4p), threepence (3p), half-groat (2p) and a penny (1p).

Each recipient of Maundy money is given two small leather purses by The Queen, one red and one white.

The first contains a small amount of ordinary coinage which symbolises the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. The second purse contains Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age. The coins are legal tender but recipients normally prefer to retain them as a keepsake.

## On The Farm

As I write this it is March, the month when things start to warm up and we put the clocks forward. The days become longer, the soil temperatures warm up and the dark, cold days of Winter are in past. As long as the ground is fit to travel with machines, fieldwork can resume.

Michael Gove says we have 30-40 harvests left in England on our land. What rubbish! Farmers are very aware of the need to look after our soil and soil health is paramount in all that we do on the land. We mix in the chopped straw stubble to enrich the soil. We had an acre of peas last year. After the peas had been harvested, we chopped and disced the residue into the soil for the next crop. Peas are a nitrogen fixing crop.

After a walk through the fields with my Agronomist, we assessed the crops for their growing potential. He commented that our crops have come through the winter very well. The first wheats are always a bit further forward than the second wheats so they have a little nitrogen and sulphur put on them now. After another very wet Winter, I'm lucky to have a gravel subsoil which acts as excellent drainage, but it can dry out very quickly in the Summer. If you have a farm with heavy clay you have to have it drained to take the water out of the soil into ditches.

By the time you read this in April, I should have given my wheat crops a fungicide treatment as there is a threat of Yellow Rust about. As our weather changes so much - too cold, too wet, too dry - disease pressure is always around. I have to spray to control the disease and in the spray will be plant food to keep the crop healthy through to the next growing stage.

The old saying goes that 'March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion'. The first few days of March this year were calm. We will have to see if it goes out like a lion!

Ivor Williams

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**Tewin Stores Post Office Open:**

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

**Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:**

Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

### Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

**February 2021**

Here's confirmation of the draw results for February

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£55</b>	<b>Peter Bove, Orchard Road</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£33</b>	<b>Nigel Bullivant, Firs Walk</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Paul Barker, Upper Green Road</b>
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- [www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club](http://www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club)

### **New Year? Oh, No It Isn't! Oh, Yes It Is!**

Not the Calendar New Year of course but the Tax new year starting from 6<sup>th</sup> April. The tax year is the period for which St Peter's reclaims tax on all its Gift Aided donations, including almost all the standing order donations that so many of our supporters use, whether monthly, quarterly or yearly. The next claim for 2020-21 will also include all those generous donations which were made over the last year towards the cost of repairs to the church tower and other brickwork; and for the maintenance of the churchyard too.

Tax recovered under our next claim will be invaluable in helping our funds in what has been a very difficult period – no wedding fees and few normal services at which Gift Aid envelope and other donations have been forthcoming.

Standing orders have been a wonderful support over the years; but because they continue automatically, they are often forgotten about rather than regularly reviewed.

If you have a standing order that has remained unchanged for a long time, now might be an excellent time to up-date it; that can be done through on-line banking or by asking me for a bank standing order form to complete ([graham@grogery.co.uk](mailto:graham@grogery.co.uk) or 01438 416071).

Of course, if you would like to start a standing order for the first time, that would be extremely welcome. Just let me know and I will give you the necessary details.

Finally, if anyone completed a Gift Aid declaration when they were a taxpayer but no longer pay any tax they should please tell me about the change so that our tax reclaim is submitted correctly.

Very many thanks to all our generous supporters.  
Graham Spring, Stewardship Officer

## Team Vicar's Letter

We've waited a long time for hope - but with the vaccines and the re-opening of businesses and the chances to meet again with family and friends we see it coming.

The Easter story is all about hope fulfilled. When it seemed to Jesus' friends as if there was no hope left, the grave was broken open and life sprung again. It's no coincidence that Christians choose to celebrate this season when new shoots are bursting through the ground all around us.

It's not always easy to see hope. The Easter story takes sorrow and grief, betrayal and hatred very seriously. It does not deny the reality or pain of any of these things. However, what it does say to us is this: Love is stronger than hate, death is not the end and God will never abandon us.

The congregations of All Saints, Datchworth and St. Peter's, Tewin have written a booklet on where they have found hope in this last terrible year. It contains short thoughts, experiences and prayers that have helped sustain them in difficult times.

The booklet is free. Just pop into church and pick one up. I hope through it we will encourage one another that love and goodness and God are never far away even in difficult times.

You would be very welcome to join us at any of our services over Easter. We are still needing to adhere to government guidelines so facemasks/social distancing and limited singing is still in place. However the ancient story of fear and sorrow transformed, is as relevant as it has ever been.

I wish you a very blessed Easter.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
APRIL 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	Noon	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
4th	EASTER DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ACTS 10:34-43	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11	MARK 16:1-8
11th	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ACTS 4:32-35	1 JOHN 1:1-2:2	JOHN 20: 19 - End
18th	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	CATHERINE JUPP	LUKE 24: 36b - 48		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	ACTS 3: 12-19	1 JOHN 3: 1-7	LUKE 24: 36b - 48
25th	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD  MICK SIMMONS	ACTS 4: 5-12	1 JOHN 3: 16 - End	JOHN 10: 11-18

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



ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
APRIL 2nd	TBC	CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE		
4th DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	EASTER FLOWERS	
11th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	EASTER FLOWERS	LINDA CRAWFORD
18th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	LINDA WILLIAMS	AMANDA GLEW
	TBC	DITTO			
25th DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	CLARE RAWLINS	DI BRADLEY

**St Peter's was floodlit on March 13th for Richard Crawford who died last year. Sadly missed by Linda and all his family and friends.**

## St Peter's News

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

After two months of streaming services online, at long last we were pleased to welcome people back into church at the beginning of March. It was strange to hear the Reverend Edward Cardale, who was leading the service for us on 7<sup>th</sup> March, remind us that the last time we were in church for a service was at Christmas. Suddenly the Spring is with us, and it is as if Winter never happened. Looking back at the same time last year, we seem to be in a more positive frame of mind now. Last year we had just gone into lockdown and were setting up support for people who were unable to go out, keeping the shop open, continuing to give to Food Banks, and clapping for our carers. This year, at least the number of people diagnosed with Covid-19 is reducing, many have had their vaccination jabs, and our young people are back in school.

Thank you to those who have contributed personally to services in March – those who decorated baskets and made posies for Mothering Sunday, those who sang for us when the congregation could not do so as a whole and our clergy, who are so delighted to see people coming through the door! It has been a hard year for us all and it is not over yet. We continue to stream services every Sunday for those who cannot attend, and we have continued to hold the Lent Course on Zoom. The Lent Course, designed by colleagues in the Diocese of Norwich, has been challenging, covering six key issues for our time entitled home, work, waste, food, neighbour, and nature. For example, we have discussed the importance of “home” to us all and hence, homelessness. Under the issue of “work”, we thought about modern slavery, while under “waste” we confronted again the issues around plastic and clothing waste products. It has been an excellent course including short videos and some very well documented topics.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who have lost loved ones during this year from whatever cause. We pray for those whose liveli-

hoods have been devastated and for those who have felt the pain of loneliness during the epidemic. Please light a candle at home each evening to remember those who have died and those who grieve their loss.

Our clergy are in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

Alternatively, please contact, by email or phone,  
*The Rev'd Susannah Underwood*  
*team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk*  
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Stay safe, stay well.

Linda Gilley

### **Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1st, at 8pm (at All Saints, Datchworth)  
Holy Communion

**Good Friday**, April 2nd, Noon (at St. Peter's, Tewin)  
Stationary Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**, April 3rd, 9pm (St. Mary's, Welwyn)  
Easter Vigil

**Easter Day**, April 4th, 9:30am (at St. Peter's, Tewin)  
All age Holy Communion

### **Children's Easter Trail**

St. Peter's Church has an Easter trail in the churchyard for children and their families. Come at any time and discover together the story of Easter. Just follow the signs!



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## Tewin Tennis Club



There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel. Many of us will already have had our first Covid-19 jab, and there are promising signs that sport, and especially tennis, will resume this summer. The Lawn Tennis Association has announced its calendar of tournaments for 2021, beginning with the Nottingham Open on June 5, followed by Queens Club, the Birmingham Open and the Eastbourne International.

June is rounded off in the usual spectacular fashion with the start of Wimbledon fortnight. The big question for all these events is what level of spectating will be allowed, and that's something we'll only find out nearer to the time. The LTA remains "cautiously optimistic" that fans will be able to be present at all its summer events this year.

As far as Tewin Tennis Club play is concerned, the future is bright! The LTA has gone through the government road map, concluding:

- Outdoor tennis courts will be able to open from 29 March. This will mean recreational tennis will be able to resume, including singles and doubles social play, 1:1 coaching and formally organised activities for groups. This includes group coaching
- Indoor courts are to remain closed until later in the road-map
- Tennis in schools can resume from 8 March

The court booking page has reopened on [www.tewintennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tewintennisclub.co.uk), and we are expecting a lot of pent up demand.

Sensibly, that doesn't mean responsibilities have changed one bit: "Social distancing has to be maintained before, during & after all outdoor tennis activity". So no high fives, and we'll have to wait another two weeks before we can retire for a relaxing drink outside the pub. It seems almost touchable.

Peter Burgess



### **Stress Awareness Month**

April is Stress Awareness Month. Most people feel stressed sometimes and some people find stress helpful or even motivating. But if stress is affecting your life, there are things you can try that may help:

- Prioritise your health
- Get a good night's sleep
- Practice deep breathing
- Stay hydrated
- Eat for wellbeing
- Get moving to combat stress
- Adopt a positive mind set
- Master your time
- Don't be a slave to tech
- Learn to say no

There is a lot on this list so perhaps concentrate on two or three to start with.

- do not try to do everything at once – set small targets you can easily achieve
- do not focus on the things you cannot change – focus your time and energy into helping yourself feel better
- try not to tell yourself that you're alone – most people feel stressed at some point in their life and support is available
- try not to use alcohol, cigarettes, gambling or drugs to relieve stress – these can all contribute to poor mental health

Information taken from [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [stress.org.uk](http://stress.org.uk).

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

Our AGM took place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting included a presentation on the plans to develop the cafe, facilities & shop. Minutes of the meeting will be available to view on the website. We will publish updates on progress of the development project on the Tewin Stores website.

We are pleased to report the software problems with the shop's till and scales have been resolved and both are now working properly.

With Easter in mind, if you're planning egg and toy hunts for your little ones, Tewin Stores have handmade bunnies and chicks and a selection of mini chocolate eggs including Cadbury's Creme Eggs and Kinder Eggs for you.

Step 2, of the Government's easing of lockdown measures means that from 12th April we will be able to reopen the cafe. We expect the Government to republish the rules relating to the hospitality sector and we will remind you of these when you visit the cafe. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a full menu but you will be able to enjoy a coffee with a bacon butty again! We will continue to offer takeaway teas and coffees.

Look out for our new Tewin Stores branded bags to help you with your shopping!

**The 100 club winners in March are:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Cheryl Robinson - £42.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Simon Newton - £21.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Roland Swift - £12.60

**Easter opening hours:**

**Good Friday** 8.30am - 12.00 noon

**Saturday** 8.30am - 12.00 noon

**Easter Sunday** Closed

**Easter Monday** 9.00am - 12.00 noon

**Normal Shop opening hours are:**

**Monday – Friday:** 8.00am – 12 noon,

**Saturdays:** 8.30am – 12 noon,

**Sundays:** 9.00am – 11am

Linda Crawford

**Tewin Website Annual News Bulletin**  
**[www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)**  
**for year ending December 2020**

The website group met once during 2020 before the Covid-19 restrictions halted our face-to-face activities. However, that doesn't mean the website hasn't been reviewed or kept up-to-date during the year by members of the Website group.

The Home Page was re-designed to better reflect the needs of the community during the pandemic. We gave prominence to the services provided by Tewin Ladies Group and East Herts Citizens Advice. Information about Tewin Stores opening hours and the valuable services it provides was given centre stage.

The homepage also links to the "Tewin Chat" Facebook group, which was set up at the start of the first lockdown to give Tewin folk another way of talking to each other, and sharing information. This Facebook group is complementary to, but completely separate from the village website.

The Events Calendar which is usually situated at the top of the Home Page was moved lower down as all events were cancelled due to Covid-19.

The Banner photograph at the top of the Home Page is now changed quarterly with a seasonal image of Tewin.

There were 5,513 hits on the website during 2020. The average number of visitors to the site each month is 4,594, peaking in February at 9,929.

Malcolm Allen continues to convene our meetings. Anne Hall takes the notes and is the Tewin Webmaster and Felicia Green is our Technical Advisor. Friends of Tewin own the domain name and fund the registration costs every two years.

I want to thank all of the website group for their contributions and friendship during this extraordinary year:

**Felicia Green** for her invaluable technical help and updating the Home page.

**Malcolm Allen** for convening our meetings and working with Felicia Green to continue restructuring the THACS pages.

**Jean Fawcett** for updating the Pavilion's Hire Calendar.

**John Ling** for updating the Memorial Hall, Screen on the Green and the Over 50's pages.

**Terry Brand** for updating the Banner photograph on the Home Page.

**Caroline MacFarlane** for Tewin Parish Council.

**Jackie Murphy** for the Tewin Magazine.

**Linda Gilley** for updating the pages for St Peter's Church.

**Eleanor Lohr** for Tewin Stores.

I, **Anne Hall**, have updated the Friends of Tewin pages.

New ideas and expertise are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Tewin Village Website Group, please talk to any of the people listed above or email: [tewin.village@gmail.com](mailto:tewin.village@gmail.com).

Happy surfing - Anne Hall, Tewin Webmaster

## Friends of Tewin



As I write this, we are still at Step One of the Government's plan, designed to return the country to a more normal footing following on from the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, this means we still have no events to offer you but we are hopeful that within the next couple of months we can get busy planning once again.

So, watch this space!

Anne Hall – Chairman  
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Even though the shop is closed, we felt that it was important to ensure that the shop looked at its best over Easter to give a bit of cheer to anyone who might be passing by on their daily exercise outing or shopping for food or medicines. Our sincere thanks go to Georgia Shaw and her husband for the wonderful seasonal display.

Given the pressures now on the infrastructure of the NHS, the work of the charity is, arguably, more important than it ever was and, with this in mind, the Trustees were not daunted by the current strictures and ‘met’ for their monthly meeting via teleconference. One of the topics that we discussed was how we could support NHS staff during this challenging time. We asked our contact at Danesbury and the immediate answer was ... hand-moisturiser. They have all been scrupulously washing their hands so often that they are chapped and sore. Moisturiser was duly ordered and delivered to the two hospitals. We will, of course, continue to liaise with staff at all of the medical units that we support in order to see how we can support them.

Whilst the charity is in a fortunate position to have adequate reserves to call upon, the loss of income from the shop and the increased demand on our resources come as a ‘double whammy’ and, if you feel you would like to assist us in our work, please do visit

**<https://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk/donations/>**

Please find time to remember staff and patients at Danesbury and QVM in your thoughts.

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<b>29th April 1913</b>	Gideon Sundback patented an improved zip
<b>25th April 1956</b>	<i>Heartbreak Hotel</i> became the first American Chart topper for Elvis Presley
<b>23rd April 1964</b>	First decimal coins (5p and 10p) appeared in Britain ahead of full introduction three years later
<b>21st April 1983</b>	£1 coins replaced the Bank of England paper £1 banknotes

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