



# Parish News



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Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Christmas is done and dusted and if you burdened the credit card with the Christmas shopping that too should be a thing of the past, on the other hand, it may have become a problem. The beginning of 2009 has been a difficult one for many with redundancy not just a threat but a reality.

Tim Adams writing in the Observer on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, said that, "A new year is usually a time for hope. But today many of us are full of doubt. The financial crisis has brought wave after wave of bad news, replacing the old certainties with a sense of dread and insecurity. And then there's terrorism, climate change and social breakdown... Are our nightmares based in reality or are we the victims of a very modern kind of mass hysteria? Out with the old... in with a new age of **anxiety**".

As I write this in mid January familiar household companies are folding, unemployment is rising and house repossessions soaring. Where is the hope? Don't ask me but Barak Obama, is President of the United States (his grandparents would have been ostracised by the white American community he inhabits), Guantanamo Bay is to be closed and we still have one another, our families and friends, those people we often overlook, as we race to meet the next deadline or target.

Writing in the Church Times this week, Bill Bowder suggests, that as yet there is no vision of how the UK will look as it emerges from the recession. We do know that it will affect all aspects of society including families, social attitudes and public service sectors. The Archbishop of York writing in the report, *The implications of the financial crisis and the recession*, (to be discussed in General Synod) states that "we need a big vision ... the church is well placed to contribute to this".

Congregations in some areas have during previous periods of recession run schemes that can make a difference; debt counselling, youth projects, food banks and community larders in London; the parish asset development programme in Portsmouth and the Farm Crisis Network.

So where do we go from here, that's up to us but if you are interested in finding out more or have a great idea please do contact me.

*Coralie*

Views in the Parish News are not always those held by the Team Ministry or by the Parochial Council

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## Churchwardens' Notes

### Prayer List

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened.  
'Matthew 7: 7,8

### **In February your prayers are asked for**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** Our churchwardens, Pete & Mike

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Our clergy, Alan, Coralie, Diane & Stephen

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** The sick and those who care for them

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Bramfield Road

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Back Lane

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** The Tewin Under Fives Group

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Archers Green

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** The Baptism of Grace Rose Kirby

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** The churchwardens at St Mary's, Mike & Jane

and deputy churchwardens Rod & John

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** The Friends of Tewin

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Our Church Bell Ringers

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Our flower arrangers

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Upper Green

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Our readers Catherine, Mick, Usha & Colin

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Our Family Service

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Margery Lane

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Churchfield Road

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** The churchwardens at All Saints, Datchworth, Anne & Peter

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Grass Warren

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Our organist, Rosemary

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** Our neighbours in Lower Green

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** The churchwardens at St Michael's and St Peter's, Jane, Roger and James & deputy churchwarden, Christine

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Our neighbours in Harwood Close

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Our Gardeners and Helpers

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Our Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Our Lent Group

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Cannons Meadow

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** Our neighbours in Desborough Drive

Coralie and Clare ran another successful Activity day on 20<sup>th</sup> December attended by nearly 30 children. This resulted in a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the porch and a most attractive painting on the east wall of the porch. It was great to have so many children; and many thanks to the helpers who managed to keep the glitter under control (just!)

Following the enjoyable Carol service on 21<sup>st</sup> December, a suggestion has been made that we should use candlelight for this service as well as for the 11.30 service on 24<sup>th</sup>. The candles we are now using appear much slower burning (with the odd exception!) and should last for two services. It is some years since we used candlelight for the Carol service but we hope to reintroduce this for 2009.

During the very cold weather, it has been difficult to bring the church up to a comfortable temperature. The heating has been switched on at midnight and has therefore been operating for over 9 hours before our Sunday service. You can help greatly by closing the porch doors (both inside and out) as soon as possible and, of course, by coming prepared with several layers of clothing! In approximate terms, it is costing around £30 to heat the church for each service; and our treasurer tells me that we have used 2500kWh units in the five weeks from the end of November!

We hope that you saw the crib, but it is a little out of the way, especially for the crib service, when the children want to see all the action. The intention for next year is to place it on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.

Now that Christmas is over for another year, the cleaning, coffee and flower rotas can be seen again in the porch. As mentioned last month, we always welcome volunteers – please do consider lending a helping hand or, if already involved, taking on another slot if there are still empty slots on their list.

Many of you will have noticed that the sound system has been misbehaving recently. In fact the speaker in the chancel has not been working at all; and some of the connections elsewhere have made some painful noise! The supplier has visited recently, and hopefully has rectified the situation.

Talking of improvements, you have probably not noticed that we have removed the 13v large aluminium light fittings from high level in the nave and chancel. These have been replaced with modern light fittings and lamps, giving a reduction in electrical consumption from around 2kWh down to 0.3kWh i.e. a reduction of nearly 85%. We are told that the lamps could last for 10years before needing replacement!

*Mike & Pete*

# Tewin Parish Council



## **DOG FOULING**

The Parish Council has received several complaints about dog-fouling in the Parish and would like to remind dog owners of their obligation to clean up after their pets. The whole of the East Herts Council's Area is designated for the purpose of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This means all land that the public have access to is "poop scoop" area. If a dog fouls on designated land it is an offence if the person in charge of the dog fails to pick up the mess. Land includes pedestrian areas, footways, verges, play areas and highways within a speed limit less than 40 mph. Dogs are banned from children's fenced play areas. *The Parish Council would also emphasize that designated land being "land that the public has access to" also includes village greens, common land and Public Rights of Way (e.g. footpaths and bridleways).*

The Parish Council endorses the following advice published on the East Herts Council website

Be a responsible dog owner and carry disposable bags to ensure you can clean up after your dog, keep your dog under control at all times, keep your dog out of dog restricted areas, and do not allow the dog out alone.

Use a poop scoop or a suitable bag and dispose of deposits at home in the dustbin or in any Council litter or "doggie" bins. In the interests of hygiene, always please tie the neck of used bags. Dog fouling is a nuisance and can also be a danger, particularly to young children, as it can lead to serious illnesses such as toxocariasis.

Failure to clean up after a dog in your charge will lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice for £50, or prosecution, which may lead to a fine of £1,000 plus costs. It is not an acceptable defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions or that you did not carry means to dispose of the fouling at the time. Report irresponsible dog owners to the Animal Warden, Environmental Services at East Herts Council by telephone on 01279 655261, by using the online Dog Fouling Notification Form on [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk) or by email to [operations@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:operations@eastherts.gov.uk). Please provide as much information as possible about the dog, dog owner, and the times and locations the owner regularly walks the dog.

## **BENINGTON WIND FARM**

East Herts Council Development Control Committee refused permission for three 390ft wind turbines at Bennington.

East Herts Councillors agreed with the planning officer's recommended refusal - due to the site harming "the landscape character of the surrounding area" and being "prejudicial" to the East Hertfordshire Local Plan as it is within the Green Belt.

## **POLICE ADVICE**

Our Police Community Support Officer ("PCSO") Karen Broad has asked to remind parishioners to keep their sheds locked at all times.

She also has ultraviolet/permanent marker pens available for parishioners who want to mark any of their property. She strongly advises as many people as possible to do this as if their property gets stolen and is recovered by the police the property can be returned to its rightful owner.

She also suggested looking at the [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) website which allows you to create a FREE private and secure portfolio of all your personal property. If it is then lost or stolen, use Immobilise to tell law enforcement, your insurer, and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property.

Benefits of registration:

Immobilise helps UK police forces to identify the owner of lost & stolen goods

Loss & theft updates you make are immediately available to the Police nationwide

Combat the sale of stolen property, alert the second-hand trade and the publicly checkable stolen goods database "CheckMEND" if an items goes missing

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Karen Broad, Police Community Support Officer can be contacted on 01992-533671 or by email: [karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk)

## **DOCTORS SURGERY DISPENSARY**

The Parish Council has been advised that the dispensary at Bridge Cottage Surgery, Welwyn will continue to dispense medicines.

## **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**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 OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). (They do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting)**

Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive. If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256

Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - [caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net](mailto:caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net)

**East Herts District Councillor**

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430 South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

**Herts County Councillor** Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

**Other Useful Numbers/Websites**

**Operation Arable** – 01992-533000 – For reporting motorcycles

**Police Community Team** – 01992-533671 – For non-emergency purposes

**Police Control Room** – 0845-3300222

**Highways Fault Line:** - 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

**East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)** - For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

**Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)**

**Animal Warden** Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

**Tewin Parish Council** Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.

**Tewin Village Web site**

Please send any items you have for inclusion in the Tewin web site to [feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk](mailto:feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk) or contact Linda Adams

**WELWYN TEAM MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Every few months a breakfast meeting is held at NEW CHURCH HOUSE, St Mary's, Welwyn. This is organised for the benefit and enjoyment of the men in the churches making up the Welwyn Team and their guests. An excellent cooked breakfast is provided and an invited guest speaker gives a talk on a subject likely to be of interest.

The next Breakfast will be at 8.00 for 8.15 am, on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
- ample parking behind The Wellington in the High Street up to 11.00 a.m. by kind permission of the proprietor. The speaker is **Dr Edward Eastwood PhD, CBIol, FZS**

Curator of the Clinton Baker Pinetum at Bayfordbury  
who will speak about his personal experiences of the question

**"No Conflict between Science and Religion?"**

Admission is by ticket only, £5.00 in advance from Graham Spring (01707 375499)

## Tewin Society March 2009

### AGM & talk Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2009

The AGM will start at 7.30 pm., and finish at 8pm

We have vacancies for a Chair, and we also need someone with computer skills to edit the newsletter and keep the membership spreadsheet up to date. Merralyn Sanderson and Gail Elliot are willing to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

#### Talk: Owls in our area

At 8pm Peter Wilkinson will be talking to us about Owls.

He is the local specialist recommended by the Herts and Middsx Wildlife Trust.

*We will have a break for our annual refreshments of wine and nibbles* - a great opportunity for members to network and meet new people.

**The book committee** continues with its work and the Book of Tewin is now taking shape thanks to their commitment and enthusiasm. Don't forget to order your copy before April, to get a discount on the price.

#### Planning

We have taken up some local issues with the District Council and continue to get informative and positive feedback as a result. Larger planning issues have taken a back seat - presumably due to the economic downturn.

Tim Hills who came to speak to us in October, has invited us to visit the reservoir at Great Amwell in the Spring or summer. We will be judging interest for this at the AGM.

Proposals for joint visits are under consideration, but there is a need for a willing person to organise them.

I look forward to meeting you on March 13<sup>th</sup>, please come along and enjoy the benefits of your membership!

Rosemary Nodder 01438 798705

### FRIENDS OF TEWIN

Christmas seems ages away but I just had to mention the `Carols around the Christmas Tree` event because it was such a great night and so well attended by you all. Father Christmas seems to get more popular each year and we must thank Mick Lloyd for bringing him along on his sledge pulled by the tractor which is almost as popular! Thank you also to the Rainbows and Brownies for individually joining in with their singing.

The collection taken by the Church for `Shelter` came to £137. The raffle prizes won were all collected on the night. For a full account of this event and others during the last year, please come to our A.G.M on Monday 9th February 2009 at Tewin Memorial Hall, commencing at 8pm. This is a very informal affair which lasts only about a hour and tea and coffee are served.

Just a quick reminder, have you sent in your Senior Citizens lunch invitation back? If for some reason you have never received one, ring 01438 717538.

See you there,

Linda Crawford Chairman Friends of Tewin

### Brownies

Tawny Owl ( Ann Kevis) to all the Owls, Brownies and their parents. Very many thanks for my leaving get together on 14th January 2009 and the many kind gifts I was given for my retirement from Brownies, after many many many happy years.

Yours Ann

## MESSAGE FROM TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone from us all at Tewin Cowper. We had a wonderful end to our long Autumn Term, with our Christmas production of 'Sheikh, Rattle and Roll' which related the journey of the Three Kings to find the newborn King. It was lovely to have senior citizens from the village in the audience for our dress rehearsal on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a matinee performance on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, to which Tewin under 5's were invited along with any parents and carers who were able to come during the day. Then the main performance was during the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> and the hall was packed! As well as singing and acting, the evening included performances from flautists, recorder players and brass instrumentalists. We also heard the stories read of our two prize winners in our annual Christmas story writing competition: Lewi (KS1) and Sarah (KS2).



Gill Forrest and Rachel McCreith continued the Tewin Cowper tradition of making Christmas cakes with the Year 4's. This involved three sessions - one to make the cakes, one to marzipan and the last to ice them. It was an excellent learning experience for the children and hopefully a wonderful eating experience for their families! They certainly looked fantastic when they had finished making them.



The Spring Term began with a very cold, snowy start. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Jupiter (years 3 and 4) and Saturn (years 5 and 6) classes had a special science / design and technology day, with an organisation called Setpoint organising activities linking in with the Ancient Greece topic.



Hillary Morfill, one of our parents, has now taken on the organisation of our Walking Bus on Wednesdays. We are very grateful to Mairi Snow for all her hard work in setting up the Walking Bus and taking a lead in developing our Travel Plan last year.

Alison Simpson and the Staff Team

### Seasons of Renewal

Across the churches of the Welwyn Team Ministry we are going to be following the course 'Season of Renewal'.

The course is designed to run for five weeks before Easter with one final session after Easter, which could be structured around a shared meal. Each session includes creative and practical elements as well as a focus on Scripture and some time of prayer. The weekly themes are:

Seasons of change

Praying with Jesus

All things new - growing as individuals

Depending on the Holy Spirit - resourcing the church

Made new for mission - reaching the community

Celebrating the Kingdom

The course material is contained in a main booklet with an accompanying member's booklet containing brief notes and a pattern of spiritual exercises for each member to follow during the week between meetings.

Details of the times and locations of the groups will be available shortly in the notice sheets and on the website. Do please think about joining one of the Lent Groups this year: it looks to be an engaging and challenging course.

Alan Winton

## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

### Jumble Sale Reminder

Please note that the next Jumble Sale will be held in the Memorial Hall on **SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** from 2 – 5 pm. If you have unwanted gifts or any other surplus items, we'd be delighted to have them – we want to make this sale a really bumper one. Details will be given in the next Parish News but, in the meantime, if you have any queries, please phone Todd or Jean Canton on 717395.

### Supporters Club

Results for the December 2008 draw

1<sup>st</sup> £62 Carol Pullen, Upper Green Road 2<sup>nd</sup> £37 Adrian Hill, Tewin Hill

3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Paul Griggs, Lower Green 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 Lynn Farr, Upper Green

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh ( 23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260 ) or any member of the Hall committee.

Paul and Lynne Griggs would like to thank everyone who came along to the Annual New Years Eve Party at the Village Hall. It was good to see some new faces along with the regulars.

The raffle was generously supported and £370 was raised for our daughter Vicki's charity "Moorfields Eye Hospital" and a big thank you to Neil at the Rose and Crown for supplying the main prize.

Please put the date in your diary for next year's party on 31st December 2009.



*This article should have been in the January 09 issue but because of printing deadlines for December missed it. Sorry  
Helen*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - TEWIN SHOEBOXES In these times of uncertainty, the residents of Tewin did not overlook the plight of poverty-stricken and orphaned children in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. Once again they gave generously to the shoebox appeal this Christmas. Although numbers were slightly down on last year we collected 235 boxes as well as bags of large soft toys and other gifts. These were collected from here on Tuesday 25th November. It is a marvellous result and I do thank you on behalf of Samaritans Purse for your help. The enthusiasm for the scheme is most impressive; for example one keen supporter said to me as I was thanking her for yet another box "When I walk the dog I'm looking all the time for rubber bands dropped by the postman ....you see your bug is catching!" That sums it all up really for me and there are many other people who appear again and again bringing armfuls of boxes. I was told a story on collection day which I thought worth passing on and that happened during a shoebox distribution to an orphanage last year. One little girl saw that another child didn't have any pencils in her box. She immediately gave the other child one of hers. In these situations there does seem to be a sense of sharing. Thank you again for all that you do. Jackie Beadle, Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin, AL6 0LT Tel: 01438 798247

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