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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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So here we are – approaching the season where we remember all those who have gone ahead of us with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls – and also remember those who have died during the two world wars on Remembrance Sunday.

When I was a child living in Coventry - no more than five years old, I remember the excitement when the new Coventry Cathedral was finally finished and dedicated. As a child I had no concept of the great symbolism built into it - the themes of destruction - of the old Cathedral and rebirth - with the new cathedral rising from the ashes of the old - dedicated to furthering the work for peace throughout the world - I just knew that it was beautiful.

A few years ago I revisited the Cathedral. Its beauty stunned me - the design and furnishings have more than stood the test of time. Even more than that, I was deeply impressed by the work of reconciliation, which has been carried out by people from Coventry Cathedral ever since the ending of the Second World War. Out of the horror of the bombing and destruction of Coventry came a marvellous determination to work for peace.

But what are we achieving with our annual Remembrance Sunday services and parades? Do you know that since 1945, there's only been one year that there have been no deaths in the armed forces? Our remembering of the two World Wars has been added to by the other more recent conflicts.

So what are we doing with our Remembrance Sunday Services?

I believe that we can make sure that people remember that war is not glorious. We can pray for peace and reconciliation and we can remember all those who have sacrificed their lives and health to fight evil when it became necessary.

Diane

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

There was very good attendance of members of the Welwyn Team at St Paul's Cathedral on 19th September for the consecration of Alan Winton as Bishop of Thetford. This was followed in the evening by the party at St Mary's Church House, with a variety of entertainment followed by supper, and of course the appearance of Alan in his new cope and mitre, our gift from the parishes. A very good day; and our best wishes go with Alan and his family, although of course we have great regret at 'losing' him.

At the same time, it being Michaelmas, our new bishop of St Albans, Alan, was inaugurated at the Abbey. So now we once again have a bishop on seat in St Albans.

We now have a 'final' figure of the sum raised for the Children's Society by all those brave teddies who parachuted from the tower at our Harvest Festival on 20 September. It is a grand total of over £580!! Well done, the teddies (and of course their sponsors.) Although the weekend was not intended as a fund raising event, the two days also raised about £2500 towards the current £20,000 of repair work taking place. A great help financially; and also a great occasion with so many visitors. Thank you for coming!!

The Camerata Chamber Orchestra visited us on 10th October at St Peters. There were twelve members of the orchestra including the conductor Bob Gould; and it was a very enjoyable evening. As an added benefit, although admission was free, the retiring collection raised over £100 for the Church.

You may have noticed the abundance of red berries on the yew trees in the churchyard this year. Whilst this makes the trees look very attractive, it does cause some mess under foot. But more importantly, please remember that these berries are poisonous and care should be taken to ensure that children do not attempt to eat them.

By the time you read this, we hope that the windows in the north wall of the nave will be back in place. The plaster is being replaced in the south porch on either side of the door. This will be followed by redecoration. We have had a new ladder installed for access up the tower and we hope that this will enable us once again to arrange 'tours' to take place.

Finally a reminder of our All Souls service on 1st November at 6.30pm; and our Remembrance Day service at 10.50 for 11am on 8th November.

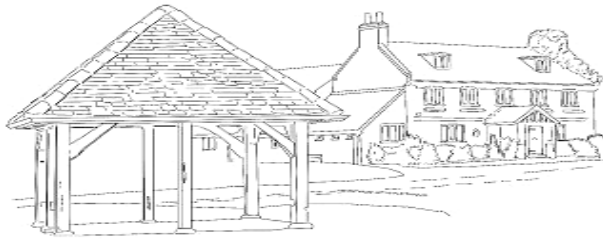
Pete & Mike

ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING,
1st NOVEMBER AT 6.30pm

This is a special service of evensong on the
Sunday nearest to All Souls Day
when our loved ones departed are especially
remembered. You are invited to add names to the
list which is at the back of the church

TEAM ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
29TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 6.30 pm
ST MARYS WELWYN

All WELCOME



Tewin Parish Council

CAR SHARING

The purpose of this article is to promote www.hertsliftshare.org. This website enables individuals to search for lifts and/or advertise that they are willing to offer others a lift in their car. The software marries up requests for a lift with people willing to provide the same. It is then up to both parties to ensure that they are mutually happy to car share. The website uses commercial software and is supported by Herts County Council as they originally encouraged their staff to car share when travelling to work, both as part of their target to reduce carbon emissions and as a way of reducing the increasing traffic congestion on the county's road network. The incentive for car sharers is that they save money and also contribute to the green agenda. A number of other organisations in the county e.g. the University of Hertfordshire have adopted the scheme.

BURGLARIES

There have been several burglaries within the Parish recently and the PCSO would ask that everybody is extra vigilant at the moment.

NEW HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

The new contacts for Tewin are Eralp Yucelt, Assistant District Manager and Vicki Leggett, Area Engineer.

LITTER BINS

Parishioners are reminded that litter bins are not for household rubbish. A car driver was recently observed depositing a bag of bottles into a litter bin on Lower Green. This of course easily fills a bin up, and makes it unavailable for its normal use. Note that litter bins are usually emptied on Friday each week.

BRAZIERS DAIRY MILK DELIVERY-

This is now being done by The Milk Company and the contact is Terry 07771 892658 or 01707-371771.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are: Monday 7th December 2009 Monday 1st February 2010

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. (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

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 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes Police Control Room– 0845-3300222

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

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

CHURCH RECORDERS

Are you interested in local history and the arts? Would you like to become involved in learning more and helping to preserve the heritage of local churches? If so church recording could be right up your street.

The Welwyn Garden branch of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) has a band of volunteer Church recorders who make detailed inventories of church furnishings. Everything from the organ to the candlesticks on the altar is recorded in great detail. Photographs are taken, drawings made and research done into the history and provenance of the objects. The end result is a book for presentation to the church with copies made for the national archives.

Church records are being compiled all over the country and have proved invaluable in cases of

vandalism or theft, and for insurance purposes. They are also a record for future generations of the history of a church and its parish and a fruitful source of research for genealogists and social or art historians. The work is totally absorbing and the learning process is fascinating and never-ending.

St Peter's Tewin was the first church recorded by the local group in the mid 1980s but many churches in the area have been completed since then.

If you think you might like to join this valuable and interesting work you could go to one of the recording sessions and find out more about it.

Anyone interested should contact the leader of the local group, Joyce Wallis (01707 850803) or Graham Spring (01707 375499)

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service urge residents to celebrate safely

As the nights draw in, many people will have already started thinking about Halloween, Bonfire Night, and Diwali celebrations.

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service want people to enjoy the celebrations and is reminding people of a few simple steps to help them stay safe at this time of year.

- Never leave candles unattended, always use a suitable holder and place on a stable, heat-resistant surface
- Keep decorations away from naked flames and heat sources
- When buying Halloween costumes and wigs, look for a flame-resistant label

Fireworks are safe if used properly and the Fire Service has issued some guidance to help people enjoy Bonfire Night safely.

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop to make sure that they conform to British Standards. This means that they should have BS

7114 written on the box.

- Stand well back and never go back to a firework once it has been lit
- Sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil; always wear gloves when handling sparklers, and never give one to a child under five
- Follow instructions carefully
- Keep pets indoors
- Figures have shown that more children than adults get hurt by fireworks; always follow the Firework Code and make sure children are aware of the dangers of fireworks
- Bonfires should always be built in the open and should not be positioned under trees or overhead cables
- Keep a bucket of water close by

If a fire gets out of hand, call the Fire and Rescue Service immediately by dialling 999.

For fire safety advice call 01438 737399 or log onto www.hertsdirect.org/fire.

Dilys Applegate

We would like to thank every one who showed such kindness and generosity to our mother during her illness, both at home and whilst she was in the hospice. She had so many visitors and we are very grateful to you all. We were overwhelmed but the support we received at her funeral on 15th September and in your cards and messages beforehand and since. Thank you also for your donations to the Isabel hospice.

Jane & Ann

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Forthcoming Events

THACS Annual General Meeting and talk about the history of paper making and printing on Monday 18th January 2010

The ninth THACS AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 18th January 2010 at 8.00pm. The AGM will be followed by a talk, before refreshments.

The talk will be "The history of paper making and printing" and it will be given by Mike Creasey who is a fifth-generation printer. This is a topic of local relevance to us, since Hertford had the first paper mill in the UK! Mike will cover a brief history of paper making and then deal with the history of printing from Guttenberg to the present day.

This is an important meeting for THACS and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote. The committee is looking forward to seeing you on the night!

Recent Events

Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church on Sunday 20th September 2009

THACS took an active role in the recent harvest festival, running a stall in association with the Tewin allotments. We sold fruit, vegetables, juices and preserves. The stall was very popular and we gained a few new members. Thanks to everyone who helped with the manning of the stall and contributions of produce.

Robin Cole, Hon Warden of the Wildlife Trust's Tewin Bury Nature Reserve, researched the water flow in the River Mimram a decade ago and has been very concerned that the proposed bore hole would adversely affect the wildlife and environment as a whole in the Valley. He has now written:

'The Environment Agency (Miles Morgan) phoned me yesterday to tell me Veolia have finally abandoned the idea (of the Tewin Bore Hole). Apparently they hadn't wanted to pursue the compulsory purchase path because of the local opposition. They are due to discuss other options shortly, including importing water from outside, although a borehole somewhere else is still not out of the question.

'He had tried to tell me last Friday but I was at Tewin Bury. It's a pity he missed me then as I have just spent the weekend writing another long letter to the MP about it, to forward to the Environment Agency, on the topics you touch on in your email. (about the affects on Great Crested Newts in the pond below the proposed bore hole site that Dave Green had raised concerns about). I sent it anyway. 'Fingers crossed that the decision is final'.

We owe a big debt of thanks to Robin for all his efforts on behalf of the Parish to protect our beautiful river and valley.

Michael Clark (Hon Warden, Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust's Tewin Orchard Nature Reserve)

Thursday Evening Badminton Club Tewin Memorial Hall, 8 p.m.

***We are a friendly club of mixed age and ability [with modest subs] and
need some MEN players to join us. Please consider coming to view us, you'd
be welcomed !***

Just arrive or contact 01438 798611



St PETER'S

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

12 noon - 3pm

Tewin Memorial Hall

delicious light lunch available

Come along to buy your Christmas presents and decorations

lots of fun for children and adults

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE STALLS

Christmas Gifts for adults and children, Crafts, Christmas Decorations, Good quality Books DVDs & Videos, Good quality Bric a Brac (no jumble please), Jewellery, Toys, Homemade Cakes Sweets and Preserves, Plants, Raffle, Tombola,

please contact Nick Whiting 717230 or Clare Cherry 715601

TEWIN – THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER RECORD SALE!

The October Jumble Sale realised record takings on the day of £1,959. 62. This sum, together with generous donations of £119.10, took us over the elusive £2,000 figure to an all-time record total of **£2,078.72**. This is a wonderful result and the Memorial Hall Committee wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way, whether it be through the donation of so many saleable items, or by giving of time and effort to help.

The Tewin Jumble Sale has grown to such an extent that we need more and more help to run it, and thanks to so many willing people, we were able to get items sorted quickly on the Friday evening and Saturday morning, with all stalls fully manned by the time the doors opened at 2pm to admit the waiting queue. We thank all those who helped, including everyone who collected jumble or set up tables and the marquee beforehand, as well as the 7th Cavalry who arrived at the end of the sale to help clear up. By that time, we were all very tired but their efforts enabled us to have everything cleared away before dusk. However, whilst acknowledging our wonderful helpers, we must mention two of the most dedicated members of our team who are no longer with us - Dilys Applegate and Don Southgate - we missed them, but know they'd have been proud of the way everyone rallied round to make this such a successful day. Many, many thanks to you all.

Todd Canton ~ on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



Friends of Tewin

Wednesday 14th October was the day of our free Annual Tea Party. This year it was open to all Tewin residents regardless of age and pleased to say we had about 8 new people join us. All enjoyed the home made cakes, scones with jam and cream and as much tea/coffee as you could drink. The children from the school came across and sang for us and then mingled with the folks and chatted. How confident they are in their singing and social skills. It is a credit to both teachers and pupils.

Our next event will be the `Carols around the Christmas Tree` on Monday 21st December 2009, more details later. In the meantime we will help the Memorial Hall with the Book Sale on Saturday 7th November. Happy Halloween,

Linda Crawford Chairman Friends of Tewin

FOR SALE - SECOND-HAND BOOKS AND BRAND NEW GIFTS

We're holding another bumper second-hand Book Sale at the Memorial Hall on **Saturday, 7th November, from 10.30am – 4pm**. For this sale we will have a great many newly-donated books in all categories, and there will be a dedicated stall for **railway enthusiasts**. In addition - due to the generosity of a Tewin resident who has kindly given us a selection of brand new toys and other items – **we'll also have a gift stall**, so suggest you arrive early if you're looking for Christmas presents!

As always at our book sales, we will stack them high and sell them cheap! So do please come along and bring children too as there will be plenty of suitable books for them - Entrance is free, you can browse at your leisure and enjoy some refreshment too if you wish.

If you have any queries, please phone any of the following:

Linda Crawford 717538, David Gregg 717544. Todd Canton 717395

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

"Thank you to all villagers who used the green tokens in Waitrose for the benefit of the Hall during September. We have just been advised we will receive the magnificent sum of £531.00. Thank you again."

SUPPORTERS CLUB ~ Results for the September 2009 draw

1st £64 Simon Newton, Hertford Road, 2nd £38 Sandra Chester, Grass Warren, 3rd £13 Ray Keppler, Upper Green Road, 3rd £13 Anne Horsman, Harwood Close.

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