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A Letter from Coralie

How to say goodbye? Well actually I don't believe in saying goodbye unless there is no hope of us ever meeting again and given my Christian faith I'm not entirely sure about what happens when we've left this earthly life. Therefore this is not goodbye but a reflection based on almost four and a half years as Team Vicar in Tewin.

I remember the first Team Choral Evensong vividly, with representatives from all five churches gathered in St Peter's acknowledging that, *although we are many we are one body* called by the one God to take up our Cross and follow Christ. I am sure that I was not alone in feeling uncomfortable at that moment as we all faced a new beginning and inevitable change. Unfortunately, we now face change again but strengthened by God, as we survived then we will survive again and continue to be God's faithful servants called to minister to our friends, neighbours and the wider community.

I have so many wonderful memories of my time in Tewin; the village Fête, carol singing on Lower Green, the Friends of Tewin post Christmas lunches and afternoon teas, the Christmas Market, going to Wisley with THACS, the Harvest weekend at Church (especially the parachuting teddies) and doing a spot of volunteering in Tewin Stores.

I have made many dear friends, know where to get a great cup of coffee or tea, homemade cake, very chocolaty biscuits and of course, when you do not live in the village, I have visited many cloak rooms. There have been great joys, moments of deep sadness and memories that I will always cherish of those who have passed through this life including Peter Walters, Dilys Applegate and Don Southgate.

My dream has always been that Church and community working together for the good of all God's people in Tewin and my prayer is that you will continue to build on that relationship.

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
Amen

Coralie



Churchwardens' Notes

Farewell to Coralie

We are sure that, when we look around the world and see so many areas of deprivation and suffering, we count our blessings for living in Tewin. One particular blessing that your churchwardens have enjoyed is having Coralie as our Team Vicar. It has been a pleasure to work with her and we much appreciate all that she has done for us at St Peter's. Now the time has come to say 'goodbye' and our best wishes go with her as she faces a new challenge. Coralie will leave us as a healthier and happier church than she found back in 2004; and we are sure that in a few years time, her new parish will be able to say exactly the same. So after nearly 10 years in the Welwyn area, from Curate, through Priest-in-charge, to Team Vicar and, for a whole year, acting Team Rector, we are sure you will join us in saying a big 'thank you' and bidding Coralie farewell and God bless.

Lunch

Coralie's last service with us will be on 23rd January but we are having a farewell lunch on 16th January at 12.30pm in the church. You are very welcome to come along to say 'goodbye' but, due to the difficulty of catering in the church, lunch will be available only to those who have put their names on the clipboard at the back of the church. The list will close on 9th January (or before if numbers exceed our capacity!)

Now a word on our successful Christmas Market at the end of November. Once again, it was well attended and contributed around £2800 for church funds. Our thanks to all those who came on the day and to all the 'stall holders' and 'caterers' who worked so hard. And of course, a very big 'thank you' to Nick and Clare for organising the event.

Our thanks again to Ivor and Linda who provided a splendid Christmas Tree which was decorated by the Activity Morning group and looked most impressive in the South Porch, providing a warm welcome to all entering the Church.

Progress is being made towards the appointment of a successor for Coralie. Representatives of the PCCs of Datchworth and Tewin met with the Archdeacon on 7th December. The closing date for applications will be 7th March, with interviews on 31st March.

Now one for the diary. The Bishop of Hertford will be presiding at our morning service on 20th February. As a result we will make this our main and only service on that day. Being a third Sunday in the month, it will be at 11am as usual, but there will be no service in the evening.

Please do not forget that we still need volunteers to fill slots on our cleaning rota. Is your name on the list yet?

Pete and Mike

Editor's note



Apologies to all Tewin Parish News readers regarding with article about Sir Norman Wisdom's Tewin connections which had an incorrect author.

Apologies to all concerned.



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Sue Whitbourn

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Tewin Shoe Boxes

I once heard a speaker say that the only way of celebrating Christmas for some children in Eastern Europe is to stick used coloured toffee papers on a Christmas Tree.

Can you imagine the excitement when, out of the blue, a truck is driven into their settlement with a Tewin decorated shoebox full of presents? That will be the case for 250 children that otherwise would have had nothing. Our collection made 222 and the school collected another 58. That's pretty good going for a small village like Tewin.

On behalf of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, thank you very much indeed once again for all your efforts, not just for filling the boxes but all those knitters who have spent hours making woolly hats that the children are so pleased to receive.

Jackie Beadle, Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin. AL6 OLT 01438 798 247



Friends of Tewin

What did I say last month "we don't expect snow this Christmas" well by today's report (Dec. 15th) we do but I hope it didn't hamper your enthusiasm for the 'Carols Around the Tree'.

Our AGM this year is Tuesday, 8th February 2011 in Tewin Memorial Hall. It only takes up about one hour of your time and it gives you an opportunity to hear how we spend the money we have raised in the village and also any suggestions you have for the future. Our Treasurer Christine would very much like to hand over the reigns to a new person who can not only manage our accounts but be fit and able to help us with our many annual events during the year. If you feel this is you than please come along to the AGM.

The date for the Senior Citizens Lunch is Wednesday, 16th February 2011 (not half-term this year). Your invitations should have come through your door at the beginning of January. If you are over 60 years of age and live in Tewin and have not received an invite, please let me know.

See you at the AGM,

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL—SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the November 2010 draw

1st £62 Robert Cullen, Harwood Close 2nd £37 Alfie Morrisoe, Upper Green
3rd £12 Elvis Pile, Bishops Road 3rd £12 Kirsten Roberts, Firs Walk

Membership forms from

Lisa Bove, 39 Orchard Road, Tel 798546, Email lisa.bove@btinternet.com
or any member of the Hall Committee

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

A very Happy New Year to all our members

Monday 17th January 2011 -

THACS AGM and talk on Victorian and Edwardian photographs

The tenth THACS AGM takes place at **Tewin Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 17th January 2011**. As at previous Annual General Meetings, we have organised a talk for the evening which will be followed by refreshments.

Our talk this year will be **Victorian and Edwardian Photographs** and it will be given by Bob White who is a founding member of the Photographic Collectors Club of Great Britain. He has been collecting cameras for 50 years and has added a number of books, (including three he has written), albums, snapshots and studio portraits along the way. The subjects range from the portraits of interesting people, famous faces, people with their animals, topographical subjects from home and abroad, the earliest snapshots and transport. The talk does not include the old cameras themselves but he will include images of a few to show people what was being used to make the pictures. He also intends to bring along to the talk examples of early images e.g. Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, studio portraits, Victorian snapshot albums and albums of scenes.

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



BASSETT-LOWKE SOCIETY



Vintage model train show

Tewin Memorial Hall

Sunday, 9th January 2011 from 10am—5pm

Admission: £2 adults, 50p children

Running layouts in gauges 0 and 1 ... plus LIVE STEAM!

Static & working models will be on display together with many sales tables and a 'Bring & Buy' stall

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Our December News

Sadly the trip to the National Gallery planned for November 24th had to be postponed due to the student protest in Trafalgar Square but our Art Day went ahead and resulted in a fabulous whole school gallery of *alternative* Van Goughs, Seurats, Chagalls, Da Vinci's and Grant Woods, much admired by parents and visitors. Further art work was gradually revealed through our giant sized Advent calendar, where each day a parcel box was lifted to showcase a pupil's masterpiece.



On 1st December Rev. Stephen Fielding led a Baptism Workshop at St Peter's Church, leading Grasshopper pupils to a greater understanding of this important sacrament. It was thoroughly enjoyed and finished with sharing a most delicious Christening cake kindly made by Mrs. Du Plessis.

On 7th December our school choir performed at All Saints Church Hertford, taking part in the Hertford and Ware School's Carol Concert and making us very proud. More singing was enjoyed at the gatherings on Tewin and Burnham Green's Village Greens, when a real sense of festivity was enjoyed by all.

Ladybird class enjoyed their annual visit to Willows Farm, seeing all the animals in their winter quarters and even the man himself - Father Christmas!

On 7th December everyone went to the Pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre and watched a wonderful performance of 'Snow White'. That same week we held the first Tewin School Tea Dance. We were so delighted to host members of the village as well as the school community. This was an opportunity to showcase the work of the school's Essential Dance Club, run by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Groves. Everyone was invited to have a go and Strictly Come Dancing will have some good candidates for future series! Furthermore the Club wishes to extend a warm welcome for anyone to join in on the last Thursday of every month. *Please* pencil it in your diaries and *do* come along, 27th January will be the first in the New Year.



Every year Tewin School holds a Christmas Story Writing Competition and each year is faced with the hugely difficult task of selecting winners. This year our congratulations go to Lily Ansell, Emily Moss and Ted Corper for their wonderful winning entries.

Our Christmas Nativity production, held on Wednesday December 15th and the evening of Thursday 16th December was both magical and spiritual, and many thanks should go to Mrs. Wright who produced and directed it, as well as to the children who made us so proud.

Finally... this year we hope to have begun what we should like to establish as a new Tewin School tradition, with a Christingle Service held at St Peter's Church. Our youngest class-the Ladybirds, led the service beautifully and happily there were no health and safety issues with all those lit candles, only awe and wonder. It was a very special close to a very busy term and left us in just the right frame of mind to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

Many people helped in many different ways to make the children's Christmas time at school an especially happy one, parents, friends and members of our wider community. Please accept grateful thanks from us all, and we wish you all a Happy New Year.



The Staff Team





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Our Village Pre-School

As our term comes to a close, we can't believe how much we have fitted into a few weeks.

Our Christmas parent/child craft morning was a great success, although the Mums and Dads spent the rest of the day trying to remove the glitter from their clothes!

We had the pleasure of a visit from our Vicar, Coralie on 8th December when she kindly took the children through the Nativity Story and allowed them to play with her beautiful nativity model (thankfully no breakages).

Our end of term party was loved by the children and their singing for the parents meant there wasn't a dry eye by the end.

As we enter the New Year, our first fundraising event of 2011 is our **Quiz Night** on Friday **21st January 2011** at 8.00pm at Tewin Cowper School. Tickets are £10 (incl food). Please email us if you wish to buy tickets or have any donations for our raffle.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

By the time you read this the new Day Room at Danesbury Neurological Centre will be completed and in daily use. This major project has been funded entirely by donations and money raised from our shops in Welwyn and Knebworth. The new facility provides a purpose-built communal space for the benefit of patients, their visitors and the staff. Many of our rehabilitation patients are with us for some time and they will now have a delightful place to pass the day between treatments. With windows on three sides it's bright, airy and overlooks the garden. Volunteers, patients, staff and the press celebrated the official opening with a reception in the new building.

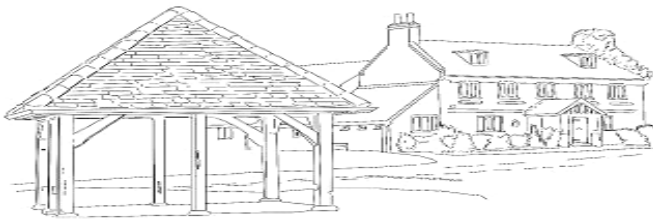
As reported last month Alan Toms retired in November 2010 as Chairman and Trustee after 18 years tireless service. At the AGM he was thanked and presented with a farewell gift by Heather Moulder, Chief Executive of the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust. Alan's successor is Roger Huggins who has a long-time connection with the Friends. Roger is newly retired and was a book publisher, notably of B T Batsford and, most recently, executive director of Anovia Books.

We continue to seek new volunteers for our shops. If you have some spare time and energy we would love to hear from you. Just call into either Welwyn or Knebworth shop or contact the Friends' office at Danesbury and we'll be delighted to explain how you can help. It's a great way to make a real contribution to our community.

There is always a need for volunteers to help in a variety of ways at both QVM hospital and Danesbury Neurological Centre. We now have a large number of rehab patients who really benefit from, and welcome, contact with enthusiastic "Friends". If you would like to know more do call us.

Wishing all our supporters a happy and peaceful 2011.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
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Tewin Parish Council

Tewin Pavilion

The Tewin Pavilion is now finished and is open for bookings. Full details of rates, facilities and contact details can be found under "Tewin Pavilion" on www.tewinvillage.co.uk

The Parish Council has obtained quotes for sympathetically enlarging the car park on Upper Green by removing some scrub and renewing the gravel surface to accommodate approx 30 cars. The cost can be met by using remaining unspent funds from the Pavilion refurbishment.

Tewin Christmas Tree & Carols

The Parish Council would like to thank the Friends of Tewin for all their assistance in arranging the Tewin Christmas Tree and Carols on the Green.

Precept

In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Parish Council has unanimously agreed that the precept should remain at the current level of £24,800 for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2012.

Upper Green Pond

The Parish Council has unanimously agreed to support Cllr J.Sheridan and the Friends of Tewin on their proposal to restore the pond at the back of Upper Green. This will involve clearing the area around the pond of unwanted materials, fallen branches etc. and planting lilies and wild flowers. There would also be provision for the attraction of water flies, frogs, birds etc.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is in Tewin Memorial Hall on: **Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.45pm**

Future meeting dates are:

Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.45pm

Monday 4th April 2011 at 7.45pm

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 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. NEWSLETTERS AND MEETINGS DATES ARE PUBLISHED on www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting). Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall & bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

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Cllr Linda Haysey Tel: 01992-582151

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Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

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Police Community Team – 01707-354192

For non-emergencies:

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321

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East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555

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Playground - please report damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438798969