



Parish News



September 2011

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 50p

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A Letter from Susannah, our new Vicar



It is a somewhat cringe-worthy process having to write an introduction to ourselves in a way in which a) those of you who don't know us find remotely interesting and appealing b) those of you who do know us don't snigger as the 'polished' version of the Underwood's is presented. I'll leave you to surmise which version I've opted for.

Bob and I are both locally raised and have lived, in the main, in Welwyn for most of our childhood and adult lives. Bob attended Oakland's School and then Sir Fred's. I went to Welwyn St Mary's and Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School. A certain Mrs Jupp taught me for my 'A' level RE (warning: look where that can lead...)

Bob and I met whilst members of 2nd Welwyn Venture Scouts. Bob is a hardy outdoor type, having walked the coast of Britain in his younger days - and now a man in love with his mountain bike. I was a reluctant Venture and still moan if it rains.

Bob is a cabinetmaker and works in Harpenden in a workshop, which is well placed behind a pub: a great position to be in those winters where they have been snowed in. We have two daughters, Rebecca 18 and Annabel 13.

Before ordination I juggled raising children whilst studying for a Theology degree, child-minding and working at St Mary's school as a teaching assistant. I continued my work with children as I studied part time for ordination with the Eastern Region Ministry Course, starting an MA through that and undertaking my practical training with Alan Winton at St Mary's. For me this was a really good way to train; it rooted my studies in practical issues and helped cement my belief that faith is and must be relevant to 'real' life. Young people and children have remained central in my ministry. I was ordained with Diane Whittaker at St. Albans Cathedral in 2008.

Since Ordination I have served my curacy in the parish of Holy Trinity, Stevenage, where the churches work really hard to serve their communities. During this time I also acted as Chaplain to the UK fundraising office of Mercy Ships which provides free surgery to people on the West coast of Africa. Last year I was privileged enough to visit the charity in Togo and see the ship, crew and patients first-hand. It was amazing - maybe some of you might like to join me in visiting it again in the future - it really is good news to the poor.

We are so very excited about beginning the next phase of ministry in Tewin and Datchworth and the wider Team.

We come with one cat (Mr Bigglesworth) and the promise of a dog for Annabel (we're still open to suggestions of breeds - medium sized, not too smelly or barky). I am looking forward to immersing myself in village life once more: Bob is looking forward to sunny summer afternoons watching cricket on one of the greens: Annabel is looking forward to a bigger bedroom: Rebecca is looking forward to a utility room (yes that is truly what she said).

Can't wait!

Susannah



Churchwardens' Notes

The good news this month is that our new Team Vicar will soon be with us! Susannah has already moved into the Datchworth rectory with her family and will take up her new post following her licensing service at 8pm on 7 September at St Mary's. Susannah hopes to be at our Harvest Lunch on 18th September after her first service at St Peter's. To give a better opportunity for more of our congregation to have a chat with her, she has generously offered to have an 'Open Rectory' on Sunday, 2nd October between 2.30 and 5 pm when you are invited 'to pop in for a cup of tea! If you would like to make a cake for the occasion or help to serve the tea, please give your name to Pete.

As our 'Vacancy' comes to an end, we give our great thanks to David and the members of the Ministry Team, including the Readers, for all the help and support that we have received over the last seven months. Not least of course is that we have always been covered on the rota for all of our scheduled services, plus of course a good number of weddings and funerals.

Last month we noted the intention to reduce the height of the northwest hedge alongside the churchyard. This was cut on 18th August by Jeff Skidmore who also cleared all the high level obstruction in the vicinity of the drive gateway. This took a number of hours but he would accept no payment and we are most grateful for this generous gesture. Then the next day Ivor Williams arranged the trimming of the hedges and very kindly reduced the height of the northwest hedge still further, down to the level at which the hedge was last laid. Ivor has these hedges cut every year, including both sides of our long drive, and makes no charge to the church. Many thanks Ivor, for your long standing and on-going support for St Peter's!

Please remember the Bike 'n Hike on 10th September and support it in any way that you can, either by helping on the day or by sponsoring those taking part. See the board on the pillar at the back of the church.

The last Summer Evensong is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 4th September at Ayot St Peter, when David will preach on George Herbert.

And finally, welcome back to Pete who has been on a well earned holiday to visit her daughter in Alaska. There is one churchwarden very pleased to see her back!

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Harvest Lunch
Sunday, 18th September 2011, 12.00 for 12.30pm
Tewin Cowper School, Canons Meadow, Tewin AL6 0JU

Choice of main meal options: Shepherd's pie, Chicken Carbonnara or vegetarian quiche

Served with vegetables, side-salad, French bread & butter

Choice of assorted donated desserts

Tickets at **£5** per adult

Available from Pauline Brown or Nicky Hadley

Margaret Barnes

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Margaret Barnes towards the end of last month.

Margaret, who moved to Tewin soon after her marriage to Mac (short for MacArthur) in 1960, died in West Wittering, Sussex on Sunday 24th July. She was cremated in Chichester on 1st August, on which day a service of thanksgiving for her was held in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, West Wittering.

Her ashes will be interred with Mac's, in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Peter's, Tewin, sometime in the early autumn. She had many friends and neighbours in Tewin who continue to remember her with affection, and who may also wish to give thanks for her friendship and contributions to the community.

Therefore, a service of thanksgiving will also be held in St. Peter's. Details of this will be published in due course. In the meantime we continue to hold Lesley, Stephanie, and all members of Margaret's family in our prayers.



Jazz Night in Tewin

Monday, 26th September - Tewin Memorial Hall

An evening of Jazz, Swing, Ballads and Blues with the
Lawrence Lewis/Stewart Curtis Quintet:
featuring

Lawrence Lewis on Tenor Sax and multi-instrumentalist
Stewart Curtis, on Saxes, Clarinet and Flute

Doors Open: 7.30pm

Music: **7.45pm** (1st Session)

Music: **9.30pm** (2nd Session)

9 – 9.30pm Fish & Chip Supper (Please bring your own drinks, glasses and corkscrews)

Tickets: £10 (including Fish and Chip supper)

Available from **Charlotte** on **01438 798680**

Licensing of Susannah Underwood

We are hoping for a good turn-out from St Peter's to celebrate the licensing of Susannah as our new Team Vicar on **7th September**. Due to the numbers of people expected to attend, the service will be in **St Mary's Welwyn at 8 pm.**, after which **refreshments** will be provided in **New Church House**. It is vital from a catering point of view that we know the numbers involved, so those who wish to participate have been asked to place their names on the list in church. In common with people from other Team churches, those who wish to stay for refreshments are asked to donate **£2 per head** towards the costs involved. The money should please be handed to **Mike Kersey, Pete Johnson or Graham Spring by Sunday 4th September**.

Thank you.

Treasurer's Topics

Stewardship and Regular Giving

Again, I would like to thank all those who, following Stephen Fielding's sermon and subsequent letter, have reviewed their levels of giving to St Peter's. I hope that others are still planning to do so and I look forward to seeing their response in the near future.

Graham Spring



Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast - Advance Notice

The next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on **Saturday, 12th November**. Details of the speaker and his subject will appear in next month's Parish News but book the date in your diary now!



The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal 2011

The Bishop's appeal this year is to support the inspirational work of the Cambodian Hope Organisation (CHO). The CHO is striving to enable desperately poor families to earn a living and thereby to send their children to school and beat the cycle of poverty that has plagued the area for decades. In the Poipet Region, North West Cambodia, on the border with Thailand, many families earn less than £1 per day. Bishop Alan says:

Dear Friends

'Harvest is a time to give thanks, a time to recognise the rich, life-giving, colourful, joyful provision of God. The gift of abundance that we so wonderfully receive is also a gift that needs to be shared generously and freely.

This year, for my Harvest Appeal, I am inviting you to join with the Cambodian Hope Organisation as they restore the lives of many vulnerable Cambodian families.

By Living God's Love in partnership with CHO, we can share God's gifts and bring dignity, hope and self worth to people in Cambodia.

Will you join me in seizing this opportunity?'

Alan, St Albans

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at St Peter's on Sunday, 18th September. The cash collections on that day will go to the Bishop's Appeal, as will the contents of all envelopes marked "Harvest". So please give generously to the Bishop's special appeal for the people of Cambodia – and if you are a taxpayer, please use the yellow Gift Aid envelopes, filled in and marked "Harvest", so that we can further increase the value of your gift.

Thank you.

Graham Spring, Treasurer.



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
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 Tel: 01438 717378

Our August News

School has been as busy as ever with preparations being made for the new school term, the absence of pupils giving a brief interlude for resources to be audited and sorted, and for new classroom re-arrangements to be made.

Caterpillar class are in for the biggest changes with building work having started to extend their space in readiness for a larger class intake. Mrs. Corlass, whose work space is to be absorbed, has decamped back into another area, helped by the decorating and carpentry skills of our caretaker, Mr. Morgans. Grasshopper class await the delivery of new furniture for pupils who are growing ever taller and require junior sized desks and chairs.

Meanwhile the Summer Camp organized by Mrs. Wright is in full swing with an excellent uptake and lots of fun had by all. Arts, crafts and out-door activities, along with picnic style lunch, is enjoyed each day. The swimming club is also being well attended and gives plenty of opportunity for meeting friends and cooling down.

In September we will be welcoming Mrs. Andrea Alfieri on to the staff, working in Teaching Assistant capacity alongside Ladybird Class. When Mrs. Wright leaves us to have her baby in October Mrs. Diane Burman will join us and we wish her a warm welcome. We should also like to take this opportunity to express our good wishes for Mr. and Mrs Wright as they await their family addition.

Finally, may I remind our pupils of the THACS Autumn Show (Saturday, September 3rd) in which we are very much hoping Tewin School will greatly feature. The categories this year are especially inviting and should prove to be great fun to do. Good luck to those participating!

The Staff Team



Friends of Tewin

Despite the really awful weather at the beginning of the weekend of the Scarecrow Competition, 29 scarecrows appeared in the front gardens of Tewin. Several people were seen braving the rain to see them on the Saturday morning but I am glad to say it cleared up about 4pm and the Sunday was dry. Thank you to all the scarecrow-makers, who not only made fantastic scarecrows but had to put them out in the rain. The winners chosen by the public vote were:

- 1st - Flower Pot Men }
- 2nd - Scarecrows on Holiday } all of whom received book tokens.
- 3rd - Mad Hatters Tea Party }

At the time of going to press we are preparing for the Classic Car and Craft Show. More about that next month but we have purchased the 'Classic Car I-spy Books' (do you remember them?) initially to be used by families during the event but ideal for any child who likes looking at cars, available from me on 01438 717538.

Our next event is a coffee morning on **Thursday, 13th October**, which replaces the usual tea afternoon. We plan to have a "Bring-and-Buy", so watch this space or the Village Shop for more information nearer the time.
 Hope you all had a good holiday.

Linda Crawford
 Chairman, Friends of Tewin

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the July 2011 draw

1st £61 Pat Boyd-Carpenter, Churchfield Road 2nd £36 Audrey Walters, Tewin Close
3rd £12 Bill Boardman, Firs Walk 3rd £12 Joanne Childs, West Riding

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or lisa.bove@btinternet.com
or any member of the Hall Committee



Next Jumble Sale – Saturday, 8th OCTOBER

The next Tewin Jumble Sale is fast approaching and we'd be grateful if you would start thinking about donating unwanted gifts or any other surplus items. Further information and details of collections will be given in the next issue of the Parish News, as well as in our usual yellow leaflet, which will be delivered to you at the end of September.

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee



Do you remember Mabel Nash?

Mabel will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on October 2nd 2011, with her many friends and family, in the village of Stockcross, near Newbury. There will be a service at St Johns Church followed by a Birthday tea at Stockcross village hall.

All are invited to this special occasion, and if you wish to join us in the celebrations please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below.

Mabel was born and grew up in Bullsmill, moving to Stapleford in 1948. Mabel was married to Frank Nash (Dick) for 50 years and was involved with many local organisations, most notably St Mary's Church, Stapleford and the Women's Institute. Mabel still remembers many of her friends from the area and lots of her family still live here, including 8 of her 11 Great-Grandchildren.

Mabel left Stapleford around 1992 after Dick died so she could be near to her daughter, Pauline.

We are hoping to arrange a coach to travel down for the celebrations and should you wish to join us, or would like to have any more information, please call me on the number below.

Elaine Barling on 01992 581524



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2011

You will never know their name. You won't even know where they are but you will know that you have transformed a child's life and, with your help, a generation of children will grow up knowing that someone, somewhere, thinks that they matter. That may sound far fetched but when you have nothing to call your own, the gift of a shoe box means everything!

I am therefore asking you again to respond to this year's appeal for Christmas decorated shoe boxes (box and lid to be wrapped separately) and filled with a selection of recommended suitable gifts for either boys or girls in different age groups. A cheque or postal order for £2.50 is also required to help cover the costs, and by using the gift aid envelope, tax can also be reclaimed, thus helping further. You can also gift aid securely and conveniently on-line at www.samaritanspurse.co.uk.com Boxes should be in by mid-November.

If you are interested please contact me for a leaflet giving further details. I have a few boxes this year but after several appeals to shoe shops have not been able to procure a plentiful supply. For health and safety reasons apparently they are unable to store any overnight.

Therefore when you next go shopping for ladies shoes (medium size) please save the box!

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





THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY



Saturday, 3rd September 2011 - THACS Autumn Show

The Autumn Show will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall and will contain exhibits in flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. It is a great showcase of local skills and abilities in all of these categories, so please come along and support your village show!

Doors open to the public at 2:15pm. Entrance is 50p for adults, but exhibitors and children under 14 get in for free. Refreshments will be available throughout the show. The presentation of the prizes will be at 3:30pm, followed by a sale of produce by auction.



Saturday 29th October 2011 - Quiz night

THACS is holding a quiz night, run by our local distinguished quiz master, Andrew Whawell. It will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall starting at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm).

A supper of fish or chicken, or veggie burger, and chips will be available and served during the interval at about 8.30pm. Alternatively, you can bring your own food and just pay for the entrance to the quiz. In any case, please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The price for this event is £8.50 for members and £9.50 for non-members, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members.

Teams of eight will be formed on the night, but please let us know if you have already organised your team. Those of you who came last time will remember how much fun we had, so to secure a place, please complete the booking form as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishop's Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 15th October 2011.

You can get the booking form from the **THACS** page on the web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).



Welwyn Floral Group — Programme for 2011

7th September Daphne Grant, 'Serendipity'
Competition - 'Autumn Days'

5th October Gillian Poulain, 'Déjà Vu'



We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre, Welwyn at 7.30pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

As reported in our last newsletter, Danesbury Neurological Centre held its first Volunteer Appreciation day in July. Our organiser, Jill Burman (a volunteer herself), was delighted with the response on the day and is even more pleased by the number of new volunteers who have registered to join the team. New helpers are provided with the information and training to enable them to genuinely make a difference to our patients. Under the direction of the Centre's professional carers, volunteer activities are now organised as part of a patient's care plan. If you feel you can help do please contact Jill (jburman@hchs.nhs.uk) or call 01438841841.

We are sad to report that one of our Trustees, Nancy Holder, died in July after a long illness. Nancy had a long time connection with both Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and Danesbury. She was Senior Sister at QVM for many years and a very active member of the League of Friends. When the Friends of QVM amalgamated with those of Danesbury she became a Trustee of the new body. All those who knew her will miss her greatly as a friend and colleague.

All the goods sold in our shops have been donated to the Friends. Indeed, the charity depends on the generosity of our supporters in order to raise the funds required to help both QVM Hospital and Danesbury. If you have anything which you think we might be able to sell do please drop it into your nearest shop and we will do our very best to make sure it is used to good effect.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

E mail: danburyqvm@btconnect.com www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



SEPTEMBER

Thu 1st Sept 2011 Ladies Golf Day 09:00 - 16:00 Ladies Golf Day at Panshanger Golf Complex, WGC, Herts.

A 4 Ball Betterball Stableford competition. Entry £110 per pair includes coffee on arrival, green fee, summer buffet lunch and hospice donation. Contact Jan Leggetter on 01438 716079.

Tue 6th Sept 2011 Annual Meeting 19:30 Van Hage Garden Centre

Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting.

Sat 10th Sep 2011 Midnight Walk 23:55

Our first ever Midnight Walk, with an 80's theme so grab those leg warmers, deely's and glow sticks for a night to remember! Entry £15 adults & £12 per child (over 12's only). Includes free t-shirt, warm up session and entertainment. Registration from 9pm. BBQ, hot & cold drinks available. Start and finish from Hartham Common, Hertford SG14 1QR. Help us to break the record for the longest conga line. Register by email to: katie.robertson@isabelhospice.org.uk

Sun 18th Sept 2011 Chain Walk Re-Vamped! 09:20 - sponsored by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

Due to the immense popularity of many of our walks, we are planning to offer the top 10 popular walks for our annual Chain Walk. With an exciting new format ensuring no-one misses out on the other 9 walks we have historically run (more information to come). So, join us on one of our 10 guided walks through the East Herts countryside, with a pub lunch half way! For more information, email katie.robertson@isabelhospice.org.uk

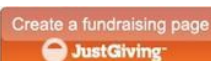
Sun 25th Sept 2011 The Garden City 10 10:30 - 12:30 - sponsored by Roche

10 fast, traffic free miles around Welwyn Garden City. Incorporating the Hertfordshire County 10 mile Senior and Road Runners Club 10 mile championships. Electronic chip timing, under ARC rules, drinks stations, extensive prize list, medals to all finishers, goody bags and spot prizes. Starting at Sir Frederic Osborn School, Herts Lane, WGC AL7 2AF. Email to: remeredith@btinternet.com

OCTOBER

Sat 1st Oct 2011 Jazz Evening, Memorial Hall, Welham Green, AL9 7PG 19:30 - 23:00

Enjoy a Great Jazz Evening with Trudy Kerr and her musicians, featuring Ted Beaumont on piano. Tickets at £17 including supper. Please call 01707 658531 or 01707 656640. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.



Tewin Parish Council



Footpath 30 from Tewin Wood to Queen Hoo Lane

The landowner has provided an alternative route so that the driveway to Bramble Lodge does not need to be crossed. The Countryside Access Officer from Herts County Council is fully aware of this and has advised the landowner that the historic definitive line of the path must remain open and available.

Litter Bin on Lower Green

The Parish Council has agreed to replace the broken litter bin in the middle of Lower Green.

Dog Fouling on Upper Green

In view of the number of incidents of dog fouling the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a dog fouling sign to go on Upper Green.

Classic Car Show

The Parish Council would like to thank the Friends of Tewin for organising another successful Classic Car Show.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 5th September 2011 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL 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.**

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings, newsletters and dates of Parish Council meetings are published on the Tewin website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk). The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting. Minutes are also displayed at 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 Councillors

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

Police Community Team: 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes

PCSO Karen Broad - 01992 533671

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: 01438-737321 - For reporting potholes, flooding etc

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 and Tree Preservation Orders.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or **www.hertsdirect.org**

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