



Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Vicar's letter

It's sometimes dangerous to ask people their opinions. I have trained my husband not to be honest when I ask the question "Do I look alright dear?" two minutes before we go out. It makes for a better evening and a happier marriage. Children, however, are less predictable. "You look a bit like a Telly-tubby" said one daughter, then aged 8, as I modelled my latest purchase. "You know, that large purple one – Tinky Winky".

Sadly she was probably right. And wisely that dress never saw the light of day again. Sometimes it pays to listen to others.

Many churches across our Team and diocese are currently forming five year visions and plans. At St Peter's we are also looking at how we might engage in this task. By listening to God, our congregation and wider community, and through prayer and reflection, it is hoped that we can identify two or three key priorities to help develop our worship, discipleship and service to others - both in and outside of the church, for both young and old.

But to do that we need to find out from you and others what are the strengths and weaknesses of our church and what you feel should be the priority areas we need to be developing.

We believe that St Peter's is a church for the whole community and although you may not be a regular churchgoer we would still value your thoughts and opinions. In light of that I should be grateful if you would ponder these questions and let me know either by conversation, phone or e-mail your response:

- Do you believe St Peter's to be important to you or the wider village?
- What do we do well?
- What could we do better?
- In your opinion how could we be serving either you or the community more effectively?

As long as you're not critical about my dress sense I won't mind your being honest!

Susannah



Churchwardens' Notes

Due to the holiday period enjoyed by all, including our printers, it was not possible to report on our Christmas festivities in the January issue.

It was very good to see such large congregations over Christmas. The church was full for the Carol Service and Midnight Mass and was positively bursting at the seams for the Crib Service, when 158 people attended. The Children's Activity morning was a huge success, thanks to the 20 adults who came to help the 40 children have such a good time. They made pretty tree decorations and a lovely backdrop for the Crib, as well all the things they made to take home.

The church looked beautiful due to the hard work of the flower arrangers and our thanks go to Ivor and Linda Williams, once again, for providing the Christmas Tree.

On the whole, January has been a very quiet month with no baptisms, weddings or funerals but we are gearing up for another busy year of weddings, although not quite as hectic as last year.

I'm sure all our cleaners will be relieved to read that the old vacuum cleaner has finally been laid to rest and a new 'Vax' purchased for the use of all who do such a good job keeping our church clean. It can be found in the vestry, along with operating instructions in the box with the attachments.

We have been fortunate so far this year in that the weather has not been as severe as last winter. It is to be hoped that this will continue as the daffodils are showing above ground and the first snow-drop flowers appeared in the churchyard at the end of December. Let's hope Spring really is just around the corner.

Pete and Mike

CONFIRMATION - CHURCH OF ENGLAND

If you, or anyone known to you, has been presented for confirmation by the Rector, Priest in Charge or Team Vicar of St Peter's, Tewin, from 1991 to 2010, it would be most helpful if you would contact Mike Kersey (Churchwarden) at miglokersey@btinternet.com at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks!

'Whose Holy Land? The land where Jesus walked'

Sat 17th March, 10.30-2.30 , New Church House

Peace? Justice? Security? Oppression? Words associated with the story of Jesus, but perhaps still the same today? Come and find out.

Four of us went on a Study tour of the Holy Land in Autumn 2011. We learnt SO much. Our expectations were turned on their head. For example, the holy sites were less important than the current situation. Don't get the wrong idea - the holy sites were important and integral to our tour. They were spiritual experiences; they should be visited, but so should the Christians - the living stones.

We want to bring you the importance of what we learnt. Is peace possible? In ten years' time, will there be any Christians in the Holy Land? Richard Jones from *Biblelands* will speak and we'll share our experiences too. There are activities, worship and lunch provided. Please put the date in your diary, come and find out about the Holy Land I can guarantee you'll be challenged.

Catherine Jupp
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News from Delhi

CMS

It was good to receive a letter on 7th January from Rine and David Ingleby in Delhi, also a printed communication - or link letter - via the CMS in December telling us all the family news and giving details of their work. They are very involved with these people who live in extreme poverty, many of whom are disabled. David is busy helping to build new homes and improve others. Organising help for so many people must be a daunting task and matters have been made worse recently as the result of severe flooding in that area of Delhi.

Rine and David, with their two children, did have a week's break at Christmas and went to Mussoorie, a small hill-station outside Delhi. It was their first holiday since June and they were able to enjoy the fresh mountain air, and the children enjoyed being able to run around and have some freedom.

We hear from the family at intervals and other news items are displayed on the notice-board by the font in Church. The board was made by Ken Feakes and has been kindly given to St Peter's by Ken and Sheila.

Elizabeth Wilson, CMS contact

CMS

Lent, Holy Week & Easter in the Welwyn Team Ministry



Shrove Tuesday - 21st February at 4pm is our second Village Pancake Race starting outside St Mary's Church Welwyn, running along Codicote Road.

Whether or not you have entered a team we are looking for lots of people to come along and cheer on the various teams, to make this a really good church and village event.

Ash Wednesday - February 22nd

St Peter's Tewin has a Holy Communion at 8pm. All are welcome and encouraged to mark the start of Lent.

On **Sunday 11th March** at 6.30pm, St Mary's Welwyn has a special choral service to mark the start of Lent with appropriate readings, prayers and hymns. Do please join us.

Lent Sermons

This Lent, as many sermons as possible across the Team will follow a theme requested by parishioners via the Rector (rector@welwyn.org.uk). There will be Lent Discussion Groups over the six weeks following Ash Wednesday, meeting on various days of the week and at a venue close to each Team Church.

Church services at St Peter's Tewin

Mothering Sunday, 18th March, Family Service at 11.15am



Welwyn Team Men's Breakfast



The next breakfast at New Church House, Welwyn, will be on **Saturday, 11th February** at 8 for 8.15am

Guest speaker: **Ronald Maddox** talking on 'An Artist's Britain'

Ronald is an exceptionally talented local Artist, Illustrator and Designer, President of the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours and a regular supporter of our Breakfasts.

Tickets priced at **£6** are available from **Graham Spring (01707 375499)**



Friends of Tewin

The Carols around the Christmas Tree event was again a great success despite it raining all day during the preparation. Luckily it stopped just as Father Christmas arrived and the evening was enjoyed by the many families who came along. The raffle this year went to the charity, "Shelter" for the homeless, and raised £185. Thank you.

We have two dates in February which we hope you can attend. Firstly, our AGM will be held on Monday, 20th February 2012 at 8pm. This is a small meeting lasting just over an hour but it will give you an insight into our future plans and also where some of our money from the Classic Car Show went this year. Tea and coffee will be available.

The second date is, of course, our annual Senior Citizens' Lunch on Wednesday, 22nd February 2012. This year is very special as we are starting off the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which Tewin hopes to have during the year. By now, you should all have sent back your replies to the Senior Citizens' Lunch invitations, especially as you will have noticed there are to be three courses this year and we need to start cooking!

Both the AGM and the Senior Citizens' Lunch are being held in the Tewin Memorial Hall.

See you there,

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin



The Tewin Society Award



I am delighted to announce that the winner of the first Tewin Society Award is **Margaret Knight**.

As an active member of the Tewin Society, Margaret took on the role of Parish Tree Warden running a project that involved the planting of saplings, which are now fully grown trees enhancing the roadside landscape virtually everywhere in Tewin and the Mimram Valley. A great number of trees have been planted in the village due to her organising the working parties. Under her direction, these groups of local helpers also cleared ponds, tidied undergrowth and planted many Spring bulbs. Margaret was also closely involved with the planting of the Hundred Year Wood in 1995 and with selecting the Millennium oaks.

Her aim has always been conservation of the environment and the care and beauty of Tewin. She has excelled in this and her efforts have resulted in a truly spectacular achievement. Margaret was presented with the prizes at the **THACS** AGM meeting on Monday 16th January. The Tewin Society Award plaque had been engraved with her name and the year of the award (2011) that Margaret will have for a year. She also received a presentation crystal vase with a separate small base inscribed "*The Tewin Society Award 2011*".

Our congratulations to Margaret and our thanks to all those who helped her in this work. If you submitted a nomination for this award, then 'thank you'. If your local hero was not successful this year then we hope that you will nominate him or her again for the 2012 award.

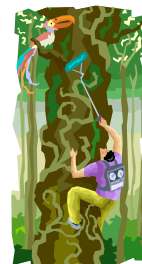
Ray Keppler, Chairman, Tewin Society Award Committee



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Our News, February 2012

Happily no repeat of our snowbound days of last year and everyone seems to be avoiding the coughs and colds that accompany such weather. It has even been mild enough to enjoy some outdoor activities such as the Woodland Walk (and clamber and climb) by Caterpillar and Grasshopper Class at the beginning of term. Its purpose was to launch their topic of study into the Tropical Rainforest, and while there was considerable contrast in temperature and terrain, there were still flora and fauna to be investigated... and a lot of fun to be had by all.



By contrast, Mrs. Wright's Ladybird class are studying Winter as their topic and have been building their own full size igloo with 2 litre milk cartons!

Thank-you to all of you in the community who have been bringing your empties to the village shop, to help supply the "building materials" for this wonderful project.

The term started with uplifting sporting success when victory was ours in our first football match of the year against Bayford, with a score of 4 - 2 to us! It was a much deserved reward for our dedicated football team and their coach, Mr. Le Tissier.

Exercise of a rather different kind was engaged in with the Parents' Association running a Zumba session on Friday, January 13th. It was well attended and much enjoyed, and our thanks go to the organiser, Mrs. Bishop.

Clubs resumed early in the term with our ballroom dancers perfecting their footwork. Our monthly Tea Dances will now resume and the first of these is on 23rd February . Please do come along - if not for the dancing then for the tea and company and to admire the children's skills and witness their pleasure. Everyone is welcome.



Our "RRR" theme of Recycling, Reducing and Re-using is getting some attention, with planned events for the future, and if you would like to help the school with this, please drop off your used postage stamps to the school office. Thank-you.

May I end with a reminder that everyone is welcome to worship with us on Wednesday of each week at 10.25am, when our assembly is conducted by Rev'd Susannah Underwood.

The Staff Team



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Our Village Pre-School

The Spring Term is in full swing now at Under Fives. Numbers are continuing to grow and we will be full by the Summer Term in both our morning and afternoon sessions.

Councillor Bryan Hammond visited the Pre-school on the 24th to see how some of the Locality Budget Scheme grant of £1,000 was spent on the play area to transform it, not only in appearance but the eco-bark means we will no longer be paying in the region of £250 per year to replace the bark mulch that had been used previously. The remainder of the grant has been used to purchase a wonderful set of resources, which includes tools to assist the children with their first steps into mathematics as well as other tools, which addresses the diversity within society demonstrating in numerous ways how everyone is not the same. We are so grateful to Councillor Hammond for awarding the grant to Under Fives which has been of immediate benefit to the children.

Our next fund raising event is 'Kids on the Catwalk' on Saturday, 25th February, 3pm at Tewin Cowper Primary School. If you have children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces, the afternoon will give you the opportunity to see some fabulous children's clothes (modelled by children from Under Fives and Tewin Cowper), which you can buy after the event. Also included in the ticket price is afternoon tea with cakes.

All monies raised will be in aid of the Pre-school. Tickets are £5 per person, and are available from Under Fives, on the door, or from Debbie Ansell on debs.martin@btinternet.com.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the December 2011 draw

1 st	£63	Audrey Walters, School Lane	2 nd	£38	Adrienne Thorpe, Firs Walk
3 rd	£12	Angela Johnson, Stevenage	3 rd	£12	Nadia Perkins, Harwood Close

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

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL - Jumble Sale Reminder – 10th March

Now the Christmas festivities are over, you may be having a clear out! If so, please remember the next Jumble Sale on 10th March. We'd be grateful for the donation of unwanted gifts or any other surplus items such as clothing, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac, toys, linens, books, jigsaws, electrical items, furniture etc. As usual, collections will be made a week or two prior to the Jumble Sale but more details will be given in the next issue of Parish News, as well as in our yellow leaflet, which will be delivered at the end of February. The Memorial Hall is a great asset to the village, but is very expensive to run, so we need to raise as much money as possible to help with its on-going maintenance. Therefore, your donations are of great importance in achieving this.



If you have any queries, please phone me on 717395.

Todd Canton, on behalf of Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

PS: Another way you can help the Memorial Hall is by being a member of its Supporters' Club. For details, please contact me, or Lisa Bove on 798546.

Welwyn Floral Group - 2011 Programme

1 st February	AGM plus	- Digswell Nurseries
7 th March	Jo Bromwich	- 'Around the World in 80 days'
4 th April	Jackie Watson	- 'Elements'



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

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Wednesday 8th February 2012 - Visit to Anglesey Abbey gardens

If you have booked to go on this visit, please remember that the coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.30am. If you are also a National Trust member, then please bring your membership card with you to ensure that you get free entry into the gardens.



Picture courtesy of The National Trust

We have now discovered that RHS members are also eligible for free entry to the gardens. So, if you have booked your place on this visit and you are a member of the RHS but not the National Trust, then please bring your RHS membership card with you on the trip to claim your free entry and refund.

Saturday 21st April 2012 – Spring Show

THACS will be holding the eleventh annual Spring Show at Tewin Memorial Hall. We very much hope that non-members as well as members will be tempted to take part in this popular village event.

The Spring Show Schedule (including rules and entry forms) will be issued to members with the next **THACS** newsletter in February and copies can be obtained from Tewin Stores or the **THACS** page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk from 1st March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn Herts AL6 0LE** by **Sunday 15th April 2012**.

Please note that we've made some substantial changes to the show schedule and rules this year, so do read them carefully before submitting your entry forms. In particular, no entries will be accepted after **12:00 Thursday 19th April** so please submit your entry forms and fees in good time.



Herts Air Ambulance



Unlike NHS emergency services the Herts Air Ambulance is a Charity providing a free life-saving Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for your County.

Accidents and illnesses happen and when they do, patients, whatever their age, circumstances or location need vital treatment fast. The speed with which our Air Ambulance Doctors and Paramedics can reach a patient, identify and administer processes to slow, halt or even reverse the effects of life-threatening injury, is crucial in helping to save the patient and return them to full health.

A large proportion of Herts Air Ambulance missions are trauma victims. Trauma is a leading cause of death among children and young adults and a major cause of disability. Our highly skilled teams of Doctors and Paramedics play an integral role in reducing disability and death from Trauma.

We hope you or your loved ones never need us but thanks to the generous support of the people of the County our service has now flown over 900 missions and remains operational.

Facts of Flight

The Herts Air Ambulance is operational 5 days a week

It costs in the region of £130,000 per month to cover all charitable costs and aircraft operations

The MD902 Explorer flies at around 150mph (138 knots)

Calling all foodies! Join our next big fundraising event, the 'Great Herts Feast', by getting your friends together over the weekend of **17th/18th March 2012** and host your own food orientated party. You can choose to entertain your friends however you wish, be it a fish and chip supper, coffee morning or a black tie dinner! Please register at HertsAirAmbulance.uk.com or call **Wendy Marcon** on **0845 2417 690**.

We can't fly without your help! If you are a local business, school, society, or individual and would like to help us raise the £130,000 needed every month to keep flying and saving lives, please call the **Fundraising Office** on **0845 504 0055** and we would be delighted to work with you.

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, The Goat Players, led by Johnny Tait, donated the proceeds of their pantomime to the Friends, having raised a princely sum of £3515.56. Johnny came to Danesbury to present us with a 'giant sized' cheque just before Christmas. He also brought along one of the cast, Lauren Kite, and Carl Storer – Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield! It turned out to be an eventful morning for us all.

This donation is very timely as a major refurbishment for QVM Hospital was given final approval to proceed the same week. As part of the overall project the Friends will be funding the rebuilding of the front of house at a cost of almost £50,000. The new layout will include a dedicated space for patients and their families. QVM Hospital has a long history of serving the community and it is heartening to see that this will continue in the future. Work is scheduled for completion early April.

Maybe it's a little late to think of New Year resolutions but if yours had been to consider how you might help a good cause, the Friends would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in the role of a trustee. Contact us and we can explain exactly what is involved and how you can help our work to support patients, their families and carers at QVM Hospital and Danesbury Neurological Centre.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

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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



Sat/Sun 17/18th March 2012 'Midnight Swim' 20.00 onwards

Choose from either Haileybury, Hertford Heath SG13 7NU or Hatfield Swim Centre AL10 0XR. The event includes the sponsored swim and Boat Race Challenge. The theme will be 'sun & surf' so dress up and join the fun! More details from Katie Robinson on 01707 382500

Sat 17th March 2012 'Quiz' Organised by North Mymms Group. More details to follow

Sat 24th March 2012 'Social Dance Evening' 19:30 - 23:15 Newgate Street Village Hall, Herts SG13 8RA

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Contact John Hankins on 01707 873894

Fri 20th April 2012 'Golf Day' In aid of Isabel Hospice, Rotary & HAD; Hatfield London Country Club, Essendon

22 teams compete for *The Marquess of Salisbury Challenge Trophy*. Entry is £500 per team, starting with coffee and bacon rolls, and ending with a Gala Dinner, Charity Auction and Prize Giving. For more information please contact John Hopley on 01707 325808

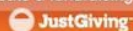
Fri 27th April 2012 'The 3 Peaks Challenge'

More details to follow....

April 2012 Flexible dates 'Coast to Coast Walk'

More details to follow

Create a fundraising page



A light hearted introduction to the String Quartet by "Anything Goes"

A musical journey through the development of the String Quartet.

Saturday 18th February: 7.30 – 9.45 pm at St Martin's Church, Knebworth

Tickets from: Tricia Blaxill 07785 371431 or triciab@ntlworld.com Adults: £12, Children £6 including refreshments (wine, juice, savouries)

In aid of 'The Healing Hands Network', a charity dedicated to the relief of suffering caused by war and disaster www.healinghandsnetwork.org.uk

Tewin Parish Council



Telephone faults

Unfortunately over the Christmas period some telephone cable was stolen in Churchfield Road resulting in a lot of houses in the village being without any telephone services. Whilst BT Open Reach has now replaced the cable there still seems to be some on-going problems such as crossed lines. BT is aware that more work needs to be done. Please continue to report all faults to your phone provider.

High speed broadband

BT Open Reach intend to install FTTC (Fibre to the Cabinet) in Tewin later this year, which would make "40 Mbit/s" broadband available. Their first planning application to site the new cabinet near the existing BT cabinet on the corner by Muspatts Farm was rejected by East Herts Council because *'The proposed telecommunications cabinet, by reason of its height and siting in a public landscaped amenity area, would be unduly intrusive in this setting within the street scene and wider rural landscape'*.

Digital switchover

Analogue television will be switched off in April 2012 and if residents don't have digital TV by the time of switchover, they will lose their TV channels. Whilst most people's equipment is already compatible and will just need re-tuning at the time of switchover there are some people that will need to convert them to digital using a Freeview box, a digital satellite service or digital cable. You can check the options for going digital in your area, and what channels will be available through an aerial, using the postcode checker at digi-taluk.co.uk.

There is also a scheme called BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme to provide everything needed to switch one TV set to digital. People are eligible for the Help Scheme if they are aged 75 or over, or registered blind/partially sighted, or receiving Disability Living Allowance, or Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or Mobility Supplement, or living in a care home (since six months or more). Please ring for free **0800 40 85 900** for more details or visit helpscheme.co.uk. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936. If you have any questions about switchover, you can call the Digital UK advice line on 08456 50 50 50 or visit digi-taluk.co.uk.

Your **'Community Volunteer'**, **Doreen Lloyd**, is contactable on 01438 715020. Friends of Tewin hope to arrange a talk about the switchover at the Senior Citizens lunch on 22nd February 2012.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meetings are to be held in **Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 6th February 2012 at 7.45pm**, and **Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.45pm**.

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.