



Tewin Magazine



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Happy New Year

Editorial Note

Welcome to our January edition and a very Happy New Year 2015. New year, new resolutions or perhaps a renewal of old ones. Is your resolution to de-clutter? Then have a look at Furniture Friends on p3. To get fit? Check out The Year of Walking on p9. To have more time for hobbies? The Vintage Model Railway Show is detailed on p12.

Our film this month is 'Moon' on Mon 19th (p11) and we have the Tewin Society Award Presentation and THACS AGM, followed by a talk on Panshanger Park, on the 12th (p6). Other Dates for Your Diary are on p32.

Many of December's events took place after the magazine deadline of the 15th Dec and we look forward to hearing all about them next month.

Please continue to send your contributions for future editions to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Finally, our front cover image of St Peter's Church clock was taken by Gerry Murphy.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Changes to Opening Hours for Recycling Centres from 5th January 2015

Stevenage

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

All year 10am - 6pm. Saturdays (April-Sept only) 8am - 6pm

Cole Green

Open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Winter (Oct-March) 8am - 4pm, Summer (April-Sept) 10am - 6pm

Full details of the new opening hours and days, and information about alternative centres can be found at www.hertsdirect.org/wasteaware If you have any questions about the changes email

hertshwracs@ameycespa.com or call 0300 123 4051.

FURNITURE FRIENDS

“Everyone should have a bed to sleep on, a table to eat at, a chair to sit on”

This All Saints Church, Datchworth and community project collects locally recycled furniture and other household items and delivers them free of charge to where they are most needed.

Over the past 3 years a team of volunteers has collected and delivered hundreds of items like beds and bed linen, tables and chairs, cots and high chairs etc. to families and individuals facing financial hardship or other extreme difficulties.

Through the project, good quality items, many of which may have otherwise ended up at the dump, have been delivered to homes where they have made a real difference.

Furniture Friends is a special type of recycling scheme as it doesn't need to make money or ask for money for the items it passes on. The project tries to take items from donor to recipient as efficiently as possible, matching up referred needs (from local health visitors, social workers, children's centres etc) with items offered. Those involved in the project are very grateful for all the items donated by friends in Datchworth and other local villages and for all the support they have received.

Furniture Friends are currently in need of additional dry, clean storage as they have recently moved out of a previous storage barn. If you have any local storage which is accessible by a van, or know of anyone else who may be able to help, they would be really grateful if you could contact them.

Storage is vital, and although Furniture Friends have recently needed to take a break from collecting and delivering, they plan to restart in the New Year.

Contact Jackie Fowler: 07702 021981 furniturefriends@live.com

DON'T BIN IT, RING FURNITURE FRIENDS

Tewin Parish Council



New Boundary Wall at Sevenacres.

The new boundary wall has recently been completed by the side of the show house at Sevenacres. The course of the wall follows the original Sevenacres property line. It stands somewhat in front of the old Sevenacres garden wall, but part of the

grass in front of that wall always belonged to Sevenacres. The boundary in this area has a definite zigzag caused partly by the outline of the original May Pond which used to lie in this vicinity. When the Taylor Wimpey sales hut is removed, the area behind the wall will become part of the garden of the show house. The village green outside the wall will be re-instated.

Gulleys on Lower Green

Following on from the camera inspection of the gulleys along Lower Green on 29th October, District Service Agent, Raj Goutam, confirmed our original report that there is a break in the pipe which will require remedial works. Their works programme is currently full until the end of April 2015 so works will be arranged in the next financial year.

Cobbling on Lower Green

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept a quote from Morris Gordon to install four sq meters of granite sets in 200mm concrete on the point of Lower Green closest to Tewin Memorial Hall.

Flooding on Churchfield Road

The Parish Council has agreed to raise the issue of flooding on Churchfield Road near the junction with the B1000 with Herts Highways.

Christmas Tree and Carols

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin for beautifully decorating the Christmas tree this year and for helping organising a fantastic carol singing event. They would also like to thank Mr. V. Murray for kindly PAT testing the tree lights for us.

Tewin Pavilion

The Parish Council would like to thank both John Sheridan and Steve Stott for all their time and effort they kindly donated in setting up the Tewin Pavilion CIC and helping run it successfully over the last 4 years.

Repair Works to Upper Green Car Park

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the quote to infill the potholes, distribute and compact 20mm shingle over the affected areas of Upper Green car park.

Precept

The Council reviewed the precept options for the financial year ending 31.3.2016 and, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council, the Council unanimously agreed that the precept be increased by 1.8% from £28,000 to £28,500 in line with inflation.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

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 can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

Minutes: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Newsletters/Meeting Dates: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Monday 12th January 2015 – Tewin Society Award Presentation, THACS AGM and Talk About Panshanger Park

There will be a full, varied and interesting evening at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 12th January 2015, starting at 7:30pm. No booking is necessary and admission is free, so please resist any temptation to hibernate, grab your coats and come along!

The presentation of the Tewin Society Award will start the evening. The deadline for submitting nominations for the Tewin Society Award has passed but, at the time of writing this, the evaluations have yet to be made. If you want to find out who won the award this year and why, then come along to the announcement and presentation.

The presentation will be followed immediately by the THACS AGM and members have received information about that already. This is an important meeting for THACS and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote.

After the AGM there will be a break for refreshments followed, at about 9pm, by a talk about Panshanger Park. Our guest speaker is Kate Harwood and her subject will be *The Evolving Landscape of Panshanger Park - Past and Future?*

Kate Harwood is one of the founding members and officers of the Friends of Panshanger Park (FPP) and the Conservation & Planning Officer for Hertfordshire Gardens Trust. In both roles she has been closely involved with Panshanger Park for many years. As a garden historian she has researched and helped formulate the FPP ideas for the future of the park.

Panshanger has a fascinating history going back to prehistoric times but the park as we know it evolved during the 18th century. Both the leading designers of the day, Capability Brown and Humphry Repton, worked on Panshanger Park and made it into a glorious English landscape park. The renowned art and architecture historian, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, called it “one of Repton's most perfect schemes”, the queen in his string of pearls which are the estates along the Mimram valley. The Victorian era gave us interesting water management technology and grand formal gardens around the house, but the 20th century saw decline and exploitation. The FPP hope the 21st century will see it somewhat restored to its former splendour and opened to all. The evening should end at about 10pm. In summary, it's a free evening full of items of interest to Tewin residents, in a comfortable local venue:- well worth coming along to.



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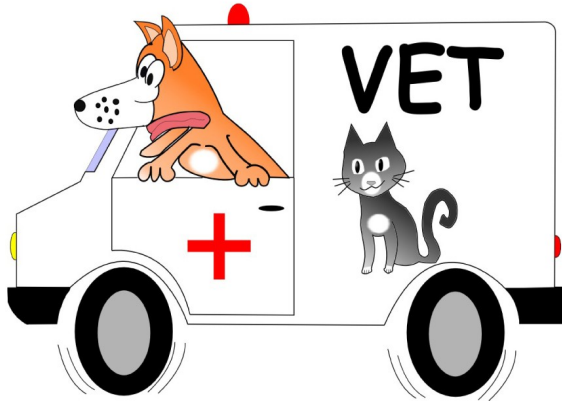
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Hertfordshire Year of Walking 2015

As many of you will know 2015 will be the Hertfordshire Year of Walking. The aim of the campaign is to highlight the many opportunities that exist in the county to get more active by walking—whether that’s for fitness or fun.

If you’re looking for a way to burn off the mince pies, or want to kick start those New Year’s Resolutions to take your first steps towards a healthier lifestyle, join Hertfordshire Health Walks.

Hertfordshire Health Walks is part of Walking for Health, England’s largest network of health walk schemes, run by Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support. Walking for Health aims to provide everyone with access to short, free and friendly walks within easy reach of where they live, helping them to become and stay active.

Public Health Hertfordshire commissions the Countryside Management Service to deliver the Hertfordshire Health Walks initiative, in order to promote physical activity as a means of improving health and wellbeing in the county.

Teresa Heritage, Cabinet Member for Public Health, said: “Walking in the crisp, clear air is a wonderful way to keep active in the winter months. Although walking is very straightforward, the benefits are endless. It’s good for your health, it lifts your mood, it’s a sociable activity you can do with family or friends and a great way to meet new people.

“You don’t have to be fit already to try the walks. Everyone is welcome, and the range of graded walks is a great opportunity for those who’ve been thinking about getting active to take that first step.”

Ramblers chief executive, Benedict Southworth, said: “There’s nothing quite like wrapping up warm and heading out with family and friends to explore Britain at its wintry best. All walks are free, fun and open to everyone, so put on your hat and scarf and join us as we head out to enjoy the season the way we know best, on our feet.”

For more information on guided walks in the county go to www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org or www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore. And remember our local guided walks which take place every Thursday at 9:25am starting from Lower Green. Just turn up ready to walk.

BOWLS CLUB THANKS



The Bowls Club wishes to thank the people of Tewin for their recent support. In particular, they are very grateful to the Friends of Tewin, who have kindly donated funds for the repair of a flooded toilet at the Club. As previously advised, the Club is fully financed and maintained by its members but they don't have additional funding to cover any unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditure, such as the need for refurbishment of the toilet. So the Friends of Tewin have the gratitude of all the Club members - and especially the male members, since it was the Gentlemen's toilet which flooded!

Our second expression of thanks goes to all those people who came along to our Christmas Fayre. This was held on the same day as the Book Sale in the Memorial Hall, so we were delighted to welcome people who had been to the Sale, then came along to enjoy some home-made soup and bread at the Bowls Club, and browse around our stalls. We are always pleased for people to come along and visit the Club, whether it be for one of our winter social events, such as our recent successful Quiz Evening, or to learn more about the game of bowls. Therefore, if you'd like to know more about any of our activities, please phone either Robin Kenway on 07552780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395. Meanwhile, thank you again for your support and we wish you all a very happy and successful New Year.

Fred Goodege (Chairman)
Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club

Extra Help To Get First-time Buyers On The Housing Ladder

First-time buyers in Hertfordshire can now borrow up to £250,000 with just a five per cent deposit with support from the County Council's Local Authority Mortgage Scheme.

Hertfordshire's Local Authority Mortgage Scheme is available in branches of Lloyds and the Leeds Building Society. Alternatively, visit:

www.hertsdirect.org/firsttimebuyers

Screen On The Green

The January film is a 2009 sci-fi movie called “**Moon**”. It’s about an astronaut who is nearing the completion of his three year solo stint on the dark side of the moon, working alongside his computer, GERTY, and sending back to Earth parcels of a resource to help diminish our planet’s power problems.

The film won a BAFTA for Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer, and received 22 other awards. It stars Sam Rockwell as the astronaut and Kevin Spacey as the computer.

Described as “one of the best films of the year” for 2009, “Moon” is an engrossing, intelligent sci-fi thriller that ranks with genre classics like “2001 – A Space Odyssey”.

MONDAY 19 JANUARY. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start.

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For further information contact Peter Beale 01438 717323

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

BOOK SALE SUCCESS

The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee are delighted to report that another successful Book Sale was held on the 22nd November. Our takings on the day were £394.80, which is a welcome addition to the Hall maintenance funds. In addition, we feel that our twice-yearly Book Sales offer an important service. Not only do they enable people to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy some refreshment together, but also the redistribution of books helps the environment and we always ensure that many of the unsold books are passed on to charity shops or are sent for recycling via a company called 'The Book Rescuers'.

Therefore, the Hall Management Committee thank all those who made donations and to everyone who came along to make purchases on the day. In particular our sincere thanks go to Linda Crawford and her team for organising the event on behalf of the Hall.

We are very grateful to them all and look forward to another successful Book Sale in the Spring on a date to be advised in a later issue of the Tewin Magazine.

Thank you.

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Keep Warm and Well This Winter

Top tips for staying healthy this winter:

- Have the flu vaccine – it's free for over 65s, pregnant women, two and three year-olds, those with existing health conditions and carers – contact your GP or practice nurse. If you don't fall into one of these groups you can get one for around £10 at lots of supermarkets and pharmacies locally.
- Heat your home to at least 18C to minimise the risk to health, if heating your whole house is a problem heat your living room during the day and your bedroom just before you go up to sleep.
- If you can, get up and move around. If your mobility is more limited, do some chair exercises to help you stay warm and active.
- Layer up – wear a few layers of thin clothing rather than one thick layer.
- Good grips – if you need to go outside wear shoes with slip resistant, good grip soles.
- Eat hot food and drink warm drinks.
- Stock up on store cupboard basics such as soup, tinned fish and long life milk and medicines like paracetamol and ibuprofen in case you can't get out of your home for a couple of days.
- Undertake energy efficiency improvements to your home, or encourage your landlord to do so.
- Insulate water pipes and protect them from the cold.
- Get your boiler serviced by a registered engineer.
- Keep a list of useful and emergency contacts by your phone and add local organisations and charities who support older people.
- Look out for older friends and neighbours, those with existing health conditions and young children.

Herts Healthy Homes, a free information and support service that helps you stay healthy and safe in your own home, can help you stay healthy throughout the year by providing support with:

- A home visit to give advice and practical assistance to help you stay well and active.
- Advice on paying your bills and budgeting.
- Draught proofing, emergency heaters, fire safety and home security checks.

If you, or someone you know, needs help or support to stay healthy and well at home call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 and quote 'HOME 1'. Calls are local rate and cost no more than a national rate call to an 01 or 02 number.

Lines open Mon - Fri 8am to 6pm. Alternatively visit the HertsHelp website -

Team Vicar's Letter

From would-be-popstars in TV talent competitions, to ex-politicians eating bugs in the jungle, everybody, it seems, is going on a journey these days. But while it is perhaps an over used and seemingly clichéd phrase the image of a journey has been a meaningful picture in the Judaeo-Christian life since the earliest of times.

The Hebrew Scriptures map the travels of Abraham, Moses and the Israelites looking in search of a physical, but also deeply spiritual homeland. In Advent the words of the prophets from their time have cried out into ours, for paths to be made straight for the coming of God. In Datchworth people have literally been invited to journey with Mary and Joseph as they have travelled from household to household, looking for people to invite them in.

And now this month we look to the journey of the Magi, that exotic bunch of travellers (who incidentally the bible never specifies were kings, or three, or indeed all men) moving in search of the new king they had seen in the stars. The spiritual tradition of pilgrimage mirrors this pursuit; of moving closer, in small steps, towards the place where God is found.

A New Year is a time many of us might reflect on how well we are travelling in our own lives. Whether we resolve to eat less or read more it is good, from time to time, to take stock of the way in which we are heading and perhaps tweak our direction. Yet the Magi teach us there is a destination even more desirable than trim bodies and ordered lives.

On Wednesday the 21st January there is an invitation to attend a special evening Pilgrimage at St Albans Abbey. We journey in cars to the Cathedral to begin with refreshments, then a member of the Abbey community will lead us on a pilgrimage tour of the Cathedral. The tour will be reflective and prayerful, looking at how physical elements within the building mirror the steps in the journey of faith. We then close the evening with Compline in the Quire. Places are limited and so please contact me soon or add your name to the list in church if you would like to come with us.

The New Year now lies ahead. I pray that whatever path it takes for you, you will know the peace of Christ who travels by your side.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JAN 4TH	EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 60:1-6	EPHESIANS 3:1-12	MATTHEW 2:1-12
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	COLIN HULL	ISAIAH 60:1-9	JOHN 2:1-11	
11th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 1:1-15	ACTS 19:1-7	MARK 1:4-11
18th	EPIPHANY 2	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	LUCY DALLAS and USHA HULL	JOHN 1:43-End		
		BCP HOLY COMMUNION	6.30 pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	1 SAMUEL 3:1-20	REVELATIONS 5:1-10	JOHN 1:43-End
25th	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	DAVID MUNCHIN	JEREMIAH 1:4-10	ACTS 9:1-22	MATTHEW 19:27-End

FUNERAL

December 15th Thomas Warehand

MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 19th Colin Huntley

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
JAN 4TH PAULINE	NICKY HADLEY	EILEEN FOWLER PAULINE BROWN	ELAINE FOWLER	CHRISTMAS	NICKY HADLEY
	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	DI BRADLEY NICKY HADLEY			
11th KEITH	MAVIS HAGGAR	MAVIS HAGGAR ROSEMARY NODDER	ANNA CLARK	SALLY OWEN	VICKY DE NAEYER
18TH DAVID	UGO ROWELL	MYRA WALKER CLARE RAWLINS	SHEILA FEAKES	SALLY OWEN	DI BRADLEY
	MICK SIMMONS	MARK SWANN LINDA ADAMS			
25th PAULINE	ELAINE FOWLER	KAREN SHAW PAULINE SPRING	JANET GLADWIN	ELIZABETH WILSON	LINDA CRAWFORD

Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm

St Peter's Church was floodlit on Christmas night in memory of Irene, Duncan and Jim Fish and all their wonderful Christmases together.

Much love from Gerry, Graham, Gemma and Suzie.

St Peter's News

As I write this we are well into that period of anticipation: buying presents and cards, decorating trees and houses and making arrangements for the big day hoping that everything will turn out alright. For many, Christmas is no more than the great midwinter feast that it probably was in pre-Christian times. In our multicultural and multi-faith society there seems to be a wish to remove the Christian element even further. This year it was hard to find a Christmas card in John Lewis that made any reference to the nativity or contained any pictures of angels, wise men or the like. We seem to be careful to respect other faiths and traditions but careless of our own. At St Peter's there has been no shortage of traditional Christmas observances! The Mid-Hertfordshire Wives Fellowship held a special carol service in the church. It was very well attended and the proceeds from the collection were split between the church and St Christopher's Hospice. We will have our big carol service on 21 December and I am sure there will be no shortage of angels or wise men on that occasion! That will be true too I expect for the children's crib service on Christmas Eve.

We should congratulate the St Peter's team on getting an honourable third place in the Datchworth Christmas Tree Festival for which there were many entries. Their decoration theme was "Heaven and Earth". Well done all of you. Moving to another kind of tree, we are giving the big Irish yews in the churchyard their periodic trim this month. We need to do this to keep them neat and able to cope with the gales and snow. Work will begin around the middle of the month and we hope it will not be an inconvenience to anybody.

On the last Saturday in November we held our annual Christmas market in the village hall. It went very well and seemed to be enjoyed by shoppers and sellers alike. A big "thank you" to all of you who helped make it a success.

As it will be January when this is read there is no point in my wishing anybody a happy Christmas (although I do) but I will wish everybody a very happy and peaceful New Year.

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Treasurer's Topics

Christmas Market

Firstly I would like to express huge thanks to all those who made the Christmas Market such a success. We had the impression that there were somewhat fewer people attending this year but those who were there obviously had more room to move from stall to stall and spend their money - all in a very good cause! As a result the Market made over £3,000 – the second highest figure on record. Well done, everyone.

Friends of Tewin and the Churchyard Extension

As many of you will know, we are extending the churchyard so that it can meet the needs of the local Tewin community for both burials and the interment of ashes for several decades to come. To delineate the new area adjacent to the present graveyard we shall be planting a hedge with suitable rabbit-proof fencing along its length. This work has had to be put off until 2015 because of planning delays and, now, the winter crop in the field; but it will go ahead as soon as it is possible and we are extremely grateful to Friends of Tewin for a donation of £860 towards the associated costs.

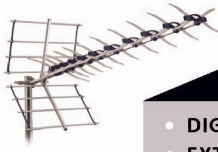
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoebox Appeal

Thank you again for responding so well to the shoebox appeal on behalf of Samaritan's Purse. We collected 148 boxes this year (that includes 21 that were done on line). There may of course have been others who paid for a box to be made up on their behalf. If so would you please let me know. I understand that Tewin Cowper School did really well this year so congratulations to them.

The joy that these gifts bring should never be underestimated and the charity is constantly amazed to hear how often shoeboxes containing certain presents are of special significance to the child that receives them. An example of this is of a boy named Miroslav with special needs being brought up in the orphanage system after he was abandoned by his parents. He found in his box a pencil case full of pens and coloured pencils. He loves to express himself through his artwork. He was overjoyed.

Thank you again and do please keep collecting shoeboxes!

Jackie Beadle.



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Tewin Wood - From Forest to Prestigious Housing Development **(Cont'd)**

Last month we read about the early days of the area known as Tewin Wood. How it became part of the estates of 7th Earl Cowper in 1870 providing timber and fuel for Panshanger House and good game hunting. It then passed through marriage to Lord and Lady Desborough in 1913, to be sold by them in 1925 to a 4-man consortium. Three of the four, all named Brown, were timber merchants and felled and extracted much of the timber. On the 1st January 1932, the Browns sold their shares in the Estate to the 4th member of the consortium, Edward Elsmore, who set up the Homeland Garden Estates Limited with the intention of selling plots for residential use. The agent for the estate was Albert Bishop. On the 7th January 1932 the title to Homeland Garden Estates Limited passed, on one part to his sister-in-law, Sarah Susan Innes Bishop, and the other part to Mary Edith Bishop, her daughter. At that time, both ladies lived in Maida Vale, London. Sarah Susan Innes Bishop died intestate on the 20th March 1944 and her share passed to her daughter Mary who now became the sole owner.

Due to the economic depression of the 1930's and the threat of a new European War, sales of plots came to a standstill until after 1946 when a few were sold. In 1952, being unable to service the loan originally obtained to purchase the Wood, the Title of the remaining plots of a total of about 40 acres, was transferred to Barclays Bank Limited.

Miss Mary Edith Bishop, who had moved to No.7. Firs Walk in about 1950 sold, on behalf of Homeland Garden Estates Limited, a few more plots until 1963 when all those remaining were sold to the property developers, Prowtings, who rapidly built large houses on them. New roads were built and the original tracks metalled. These remain private with occupants holding one share, (of Tewin Wood Roads Limited), per household, paying twice a year a sum for maintenance based on the rateable value of the properties. During the Second World War, a Canadian Forestry Corps cut out the fir trees to replace lost timber imports, the stumps of which can still be clearly seen. In more recent times, due to the removal of so many splendid trees, a Tree Preservation Order was placed and strictly applied. During that War, Tewin had one of the two village First Aid Posts with volunteers and an ambulance driver. An air raid siren on a tall pole was at the "T" junction of Desborough Drive and Cowpers Way. A red public telephone box also occupied this position for many years until its removal in about 1964. The only wartime "incident" was during the night of the 15th November 1940, when a single 250 kg high explosive bomb fell in the back garden of 12, Desborough Drive without causing serious damage.

“Tewin Wood Estate” included all the wooded land fronting the south side of Burnham Green Road, almost reaching to Bulls Green, and both sides of Orchard Road.

A sale document of a three quarters of an acre site, listed as Plot 21, in the South Western corner of Tewin Wood, was sold to Mr John Alfred Haggis on the 5th November 1925 for the total price of £135. The Vendor is recorded as Edward Charles Elsmore on behalf of the Homestead Garden Estate.

Considered to be an exceptionally pleasant area to live, and with the rapid increase in house prices nationally, the value of the houses in Tewin Wood have “rocketed” with some prices passing the £1m mark. Large plots were sub-divided and some smaller or older houses, purchased just to obtain the building site, were demolished and larger houses built.

Ben Roberts..

WELWYN FLORAL GROUP

Programme for 2015

- 5th February*** ***AGM + Social Evening***
4th March ***Barbara Collins – Brighter Days are Coming.***
1st April ***Sonthaya Rose – This is the way I like it.***
6th May ***Nick Grounds NATIONAL – A Gentle Plea for Chaos.***
3rd June ***Nadira Burki – Dream Weavers***
1st July ***Margot Cooper – Floral Friends***
August ***No Meeting***
2nd September ***Daphne Grant – These are a few.***
7th October ***Jackie Watson – Movies from the Mansion.***
4th November ***Playtime & Fun evening with a Christmas Theme.***
2nd December ***John Chennell NATIONAL – In Festive Mood***

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The Post Office is up and running and has been well used in the run up to Christmas. The ladies running it have settled in well and are already enjoying serving in our friendly shop. Please continue to visit the Post Office in the New Year, Monday from 1.30 and Wednesday & Friday from 9.30 for 2 hours.

If you visited our Café during the latter part of December you will have been offered a FREE mince pie with your hot drink, as a `thank you` for supporting us.

We hope to continue our monthly lunches during the year, so on Saturday January 17th lunch will be served as usual from 12 noon till 2 pm with the shop staying open that day only until 3pm. The main ingredient will be TOAST. So come and see what we have to offer with toast.

Improvements to the shop have been made during the course of 2014 and we have more ideas for next year. One of the things we plan to do is paint the inside of the shop in January, so if there is anyone out there who could help us one weekend towards the end of the month, please let us know.

Before the year is over we would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan our `Paper Boy` for delivering our papers in all weathers. He is also responsible for ordering and marking up the papers, a valuable member of the volunteer team.

Normal shop opening hours

Mon-Friday 8.30am—4.30 pm Sat 8.30-12 Sunday 9 till 12 noon.

Bridge at Tewin Pavilion

There will be bridge at Tewin Pavilion on **Thursdays 8th and 22nd January 2015** starting at 2:15pm and finishing at 5pm. There will be a charge of £2 per person to defray expenses. If you intend to come along, either on your own or with a partner, please tell Steve Stott tel: 01438 717680
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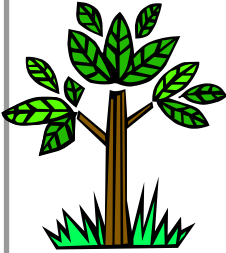
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Friends of Tewin



As I write this in early December it's hard to imagine that Christmas will be almost over by the time you read this article. Thank you to those of you who braved the elements and joined us for the Carols event on 18th December. It was wonderful to see the children so excited and looking forward to Christmas.

Our next event is the Senior Citizens Lunch at the Memorial Hall on 18th February. We are already busy planning the details, from the menu to the quiz! We have a team of volunteers who very kindly hand-deliver our invitations to every home in Tewin, so watch out for it coming through your letterbox.

If you haven't heard about the lunch before and you aren't sure if you are eligible, as long as you are 60 or over, then the invitation is for you. When you receive the form, decide what you would like to eat from the menu choices and return it to us as soon as you can. The form gives you 3 different locations around the village where it can be dropped off.

If you have misplaced your form don't worry, you can pick up another one at Tewin Stores.

So please come and join us at the Memorial Hall on 18th February for a really great afternoon. At last year's lunch we had around 90 guests so you can imagine how lively a time we all had!

Our AGM will be held on 9th February 2015 in Tewin Memorial Hall, if you wish to come along and meet the committee you are most welcome. I'll give more information in the February magazine.

I wish you a very Happy New Year from all the Friends of Tewin Committee.
Anne Hall

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A Very Happy New Year

As always the past few months have been particularly lively in our Welwyn shop and it has been a challenging time for our managers and the volunteers. We are very fortunate to receive a steady flow of donations, which after being sorted by our stalwart volunteer helpers, are swiftly on sale in the shop. It all seems so easy but, no surprise, nothing is quite as it appears. Suffice to say that at the end of the day, thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the hard work of the shop team, the Friends receive the funding needed to continue the work of the charity. So, please keep those donations coming as we will put them to very good use.

Cash is always good but we also get benefit in various other ways. At Christmas time we bought new decorations for both Danesbury and QVM Hospital some of which were paid for by using Target stamps from Welwyn Hatfield Times. We have funded many past purchases in this way so if you have any spare please think of us.

We now have a new Relief Manager in the Welwyn shop. David Jubb will be providing welcome support to Brian and Heather. David has been an enthusiastic volunteer for some time and we are delighted that he has joined us in this new role. He will be in the shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays so if you have a chance do call in to meet him.

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Isabel Hospice

Friday 9th January
Simon Balle School, Hertford

7.30pm

Hertford Mayor's Quiz

£10 pp includes fish/chicken supper

Tickets: 01992 552885

Friday 30th January

Isabel Hospice Quiz

Raising funds for their Iceland Trekkers

Wodson Park, Ware

7.30pm

£15 pp includes fish/chicken supper

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Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

Registered Charity No. 308158

Memorial Hall Draw October

1st	£61	Rod Frayne, Lower Green
2nd	£37	Sylvia Brown, Godfries Close
3rd	£12	Carole Oliver, Lower Green
3rd	£12	Sabine Stanley, Harwood Close

Membership forms are available from Tewin Stores, the Hall, Lisa Bove (lisa.bove@btinternet.com or 798546) or any member of the Hall Committee)

Dates for your diary this month

Tue	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Rose & Crown	9pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Wed 14th and 28th	Lower Green	2.15-3.45pm	Mobile Library
Thurs 8th and 22nd	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Sat 10th and Sun 11th	Memorial Hall	10am—5pm	Vintage Model Railway Show
Mon 12th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	Tewin Society Award Presentation, THACS AGM, Panshanger Park Talk
Sat 17th	Tewin Stores	12 - 2pm	Lunch
Mon 19th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on The Green - 'Moon'

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