



Tewin Magazine



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Editorial Note

Happy New Year to all. I wish you a healthy and happy 2016. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who do so much to make Tewin such a very enviable place to live. There is always something going on and someone who will help. Now it's your turn if you have financial skills, or are willing to learn. Both Tewin Stores (p25) and Friends of Tewin (p27) are in need of a Treasurer.

After all the bustle and excitement of December, January is a quieter month. The spring term starts on the 4th at Tewin School (p14) and the THACS AGM is on the 11th (p10). The shop lunch is on the 16th (p25) and our film this month is 'Jean de Florette' on the 18th. You are invited to wear a woolly hat to tea on 29th (p9)

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.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Can You Help Protect Older People From Fire?

This winter Hertfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service is asking people to keep an eye out for older people by helping to spot fire risks in their home.

There are simple things to look out for

- Not having smoke alarms, or smoke alarms that don't beep when tested
- Overflowing ashtrays, or burn marks on clothing, furniture or carpets
- Smoking in bed
- Hoarding and clutter
- Unsafe use of fire sources open/portable fires
- Frequently leaving cooking unattended
- Unsafe use of candles and other flames
- Overloaded plug sockets

If you see these signs, please let us know. We carry out free Home Fire Safety Visits where we check for potential fire risks, help residents develop an escape plan and can provide expert advice and discuss specialist equipment to help keep vulnerable older people safe. You can request a visit for yourself or someone you know at www.hertsdirect.org/firesafety or by calling 0300 123 4046.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2015 TEWIN SHOE BOXES

Another big thank you to the Tewin donors who gave generously of their time and money again this year to buy presents and to fit them into shoe boxes. A special thank you to all those who steadily knitted woolly hats throughout the year.

The number of decorated and filled shoe boxes collected this year for Operation Christmas Child was less than in previous years. However, ninety three were picked up from here on 25th November and three others were purchased online, which is still a very good number. I understand that seventy-two were also collected from the school.

I was very disappointed with the new leaflets as they were quite misleading and I hope this didn't put some people off from contributing this year. I rang the organisation to complain about them, explaining that the list of what to include was confusing. I was told that my comments would be passed on to those concerned. I hope that they will. Others, I understand, telephoned as well.

Anyway, I do hope that those children who are receiving our boxes this year will have as much pleasure, and probably more, in opening their gifts as we had in putting the boxes together.

Thank you again.

Jackie Beadle, Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin
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That's Life

It was a perfect summer's day—the sun was shining, a breeze was blowing, the birds were singing and the lawnmower was broken.

Perennials are the ones that grow like weeds, biennials are the ones that die this year instead of next and hardy annuals are the ones that never come up at all.

Hardware is the part of the computer that can be kicked.



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 to organise the carol singing event. They would also like to thank Mr. V. Murray for kindly PAT testing the tree lights for us.

Precept

The Council reviewed the precept options for the financial year ending 31.3.2017 and, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council, the Council unanimously agreed that the precept be increased by 1.75% from £28,500 to £29,000 in line with inflation.

Bus Service

If anyone would like to provide us with feedback on the new bus service, its usefulness and/or reliability, please contact the Clerk for a form. All feedback forms will be forwarded to the Passenger Transport Unit at Herts County Council.

Upper Green Tennis Courts

The Parish Council is consulting with Tewin Tennis Club about repairing the wind damage to the fencing.

Lower Green

We would be grateful if parishioners would participate in the one way system around Lower Green at school times in order to alleviate traffic congestion.

Highways Roadworks

Tewin Parish Council has complained to Highways about the confusing signage for the recent road closure in Upper Green Road.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 1st February 2016 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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TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE

Once again we are delighted to report that our November Book Sale was a great success, producing takings of £560.35p, eclipsing the previous Autumn Book Sale total of £394.80. The event attracted many visitors who enjoyed sorting amongst the hundreds of books available, as well as jigsaws and other gifts on offer. We once again thank everyone who made donations.

The twice-yearly Book Sales have now become an established social event, with people having time to meet up and chat whilst browsing. As always, we keep back many of the unsold books for future Book Sales, Jumble Sales and Classic Car shows, but if, after many outings, books remain unsold, we pass them on to the Book Rescue company, who then recycle them on to many charities, so be assured that your book donations are well used and valued.

We are therefore delighted that we are able to continue with this popular event and thank Linda Crawford and her team for organising it on behalf of the Hall as well as the additional volunteers who came along to help put out tables, set up, and clear away afterwards, not forgetting of course all those who came along to make purchases. We are grateful to them all and look forward to seeing everyone again at our Spring Book Sale. Thank you.

Keith St Pier (Vice-Chairman)
Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Note: The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday, 12th March, so if you are having a New Year clear out, please keep this in mind. (Full details will be given in the next issue).

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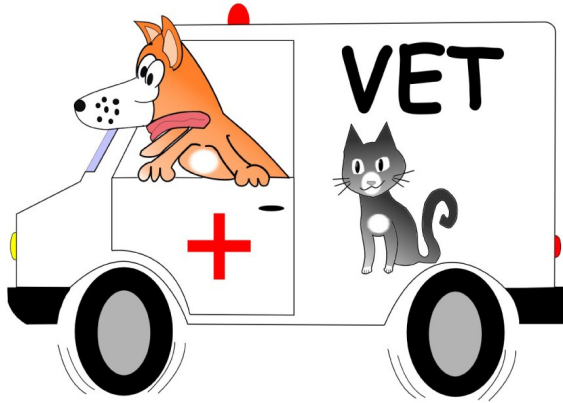
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LINDA ADAMS @ 01438 717385

AGM on Monday 11th January 2016

The fifteenth *THACS* AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on **Monday 11th January 2016 at 7:30pm**. The evening will start with the AGM and then there will be refreshments (including wine) followed by a talk from our guest speakers, Mike and Anna Clark. Their talk is entitled *From the Buchart Gardens in Vancouver to the Orchards of Washington State*. They visited old friends in Canada and Washington State where they stayed on Vancouver Island and in the extensive Yakima Orchards to the east of Seattle over three weeks, celebrating Anna's birthday with visits to the beautiful Buchart Gardens and several fruit growing centres. Their illustrated talk will show the diversity of flowers and fruit as well as a remarkable Folk Museum. Staying in the foothills of Mt Baker at Glacier, in a log cabin next to rapids, they also toured Mt Ranier and Salt Lake Island where an organic orchard featured red flesh apples.

There is no admission charge for the evening and no booking is necessary. This is an important meeting for *THACS* and all members are urged to attend. The committee would particularly value members' input to the programme of events for 2016. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote on society issues. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Thirty spokes share the wheel's hub;
It is the centre hole that makes it useful.
Shape clay into a vessel;
It is the space within which makes it useful.
Cut doors and windows for a room;
It is the holes that make it useful.
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Tewin Tennis Club

January 2016 Newsletter

We've had a little trauma over the past month. Strong winds got hold of the new fencing and tilted it at an unwanted angle. Previously we'd fitted some screens high up on the fence, which were supposed to release in such circumstances. Unfortunately the failsafe attachments didn't function as they should. The fencing will be repaired

shortly with reinforced posts.

The warm December weather meant that there were plenty of playing days available towards the tail end of the year. Please remember that tennis is a year round game and that winter can still provide some great opportunities for a match.

Of course, the limited daylight hours are an issue, but there are groups from the Tewin Tennis Club who play at the Gosling indoor tennis centre in Welwyn Garden City several times a week. Additional players are always welcome. Please get in touch with David Rawlins if you'd like to know more: rawlins31@btinternet.com

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

October 2015

1st	£63	Julie Grimwade, Grass Warren
2nd	£38	Susie Stefanou, Tewin Water House
3rd	£13	Tom Brown, Godfries Close
3rd	£13	Sue Angus, Upper Green Road

November 2015

1st	£62	Michael Brady, Harwood Close
2nd	£37	Derek Saban, Bishops Road
3rd	£13	Catriona Griggs, Lower Green
3rd	£13	Doreen Lloyd, Grass Warren

Want to see your name here?

Please join the Club and help us reach 300 members and monthly prizes totalling £150 every month.

Application forms and more information available from:

- Lisa Bove Tel. 01438 798546 or personal@lisabove.com
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

Tewin Cowper School

A message from Tewin Cowper CE School

A wonderful ending to the Autumn Term for us, with the nativity and school play and the inevitable Christmas parties. The final week was very special, as we had our Mulled Wine and Mince pie evening as a 'thank you' to all our parents, carers, neighbours and friends for all their support and encouragement throughout the year. Entertainment was provided by the choir and some of our musicians and the hall looked truly amazing with our 'Journeys to Bethlehem' art display, reflecting the excellent creativity of our children. Our Christingle Service at St Peter's Church was the highlight of the final day, led by our Years 5 and 6.

We return on 4th January, full of renewed energy and anticipation for the new term. Our first big event is our Epiphany Service at St Peter's Church on 6th January, complete with kings and camels in procession. Our value for January is 'confidence' which is a great focus for a new year.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope there are lots of good things in store for 2016.

The Staff Team

Screen On The Green

We begin 2016 with the first of two French movies – *Jean de Florette*, starring Yves Montand and Gerard Depardieu. This delightful drama made in 1986 will be followed in February by its sequel – *Manon des Sources*.

Jean de Florette is an adaptation of Marcel Pagnol's novel *L'eau des Collines* and has been described as a magnificent tour de force, capturing the change in seasons and the unique atmosphere of Provence. Gerard Depardieu plays a hard working farmer in a family feud with his next door neighbours. If you haven't seen this, you really should, and if you have, you will love to view it again on the big screen. French with English subtitles.

I look forward to welcoming you

MONDAY 18 January. Doors open **7pm for 7.45pm start.** Complimentary teas and coffees beforehand. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Linda Adams

Team Vicar's Letter

My favourite quote from last year comes not from a poet, politician or priest but rather from a passer-by who witnessed the stabbings at Leytonstone station in December. The event, filmed on a mobile phone, records the voice of a young man who sees beneath the religious veneer of the attacker and says simply "You ain't no muslim, bruv".

2015 was a year of increasing violence and terror, often using the name of Islam to claim some justification. I suspect a lot of us enter into 2016 with an amount of trepidation about what may lie ahead.

But while we have little personal control over the extremism of a minority, we do have a contribution to make in how we allow that minority to affect our outlook on others. Of course there is the temptation to join the rhetoric which says religion is the root of all wars; an argument that is fuelled equally by the far-right 'ban the burka' campaign, to the seemingly liberal (but actually deeply judgmental) words of John Lennon's Imagine. Both of these appear with some regularity on my Facebook feed after any terrorist incident and both, it seems to me, argue for the same thing – if we could just strip people from religious belief and behaviour then we'd all live in peace.

The argument of course doesn't stand up; the great despots of the last century Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Pol Pot, Mao were not religious men. The terrorism of today may use religion as a powerful weapon, but is largely built on a hatred for Western policy in the Middle East, the struggle for control in collapsing nations, and, I suspect a very human blood-lust that gives a thrill, sense of power and purpose.

But more so I am disturbed by such an argument because it seeks to create further division amongst peoples: proclaiming to neighbours near and far, whatever their faith, that something at the core of their identity, something deeply meaningful and personal, would best be annihilated.

I'm not denying that God's name has been used to justify hideous atrocities. This has certainly been the case. Religious leaders have great responsibility in these times to acknowledge where their traditions can hurt or heal, and to walk in ways that promote reconciliation and peace. But this too is a responsibility for all of us, of faith and of none, to sift intelligently through the headlines, to abstain from scapegoats, to refuse to blame unfairly those who are different. Imagine if that were a resolution for the New Year?

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JAN 3rd	2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JEREMIAH 31: 7-14	EPHESIANS 1:3-14	JOHN 1:1-9, 10-18
		EVENSONG	6.30 pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	1 SAMUEL 1: 20-End	1 JOHN 4: 7-16	
10th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 43: 1-7	ACTS 8: 14-17	LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22
17th	2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	TBC	JOHN 2: 1-11		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	TBC	ISAIAH 62: 1-5	1 CORIN- THIANS 12: 1-11	JOHN 2: 1-11
24th	3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	TBC	NEHEMIAH 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10	1 CORIN- THIANS 12: 12-31a	LUKE 4: 14-21
31st	4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	TBC	MALACHI 13: 1-5	HEBREWS 2: 14-End	LUKE 2: 22-40

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17th DAVID	MILLIE BOOKER	CLARE RAWLINS MAVIS HAGGAR	SHEILA FEAKES	SALLY OWEN	DI BRADLEY
	MICK SIMMONS	LINDA ADAMS KEITH BARNFIELD			
24th PAULINE	ALICE GREENWOOD	DI BRADLEY	JANET GLADWIN	ELIZABETH WILSON	LINDA CRAWFORD
31st KEITH	ALISTAIR BUCHANAN	RUTH SHARP KAREN SHAW	CLARE RAWLINS	ELIZABETH WILSON	MALCOLM & JUNE SLAUGHTER

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

St Peter's News

The run up to Christmas is always a busy time for us all but this year the end of November and the beginning of December has been quite eventful for St Peter's. We had a very enjoyable Christmas Market on the 28th with superb contributions from all our stall holders. Despite a slight drop in attendance the takings were much as last year, once again raising over £3,000. Importantly, the atmosphere was as good as in any of those in the past. Local companies such as the pubs and Bulls Green Nursery have been very generous to us and for that we are particularly thankful. Of course you are the real backbone of the market with all your many donations to the various stalls.

Another project which has been quite to the fore is the extension of the churchyard. The strip of field on the north side is being brought into the churchyard and has now been fenced off thanks to the efforts of Stuart and Ted. On December 5th seventeen volunteers braved the gales to plant a hedge round the new perimeter. There were over 430 whips to go in, each with its protective collar. It took the team only three hours to finish the job before relaxing with a mug of hot soup from the makeshift kitchen. It was a splendid effort and we all look forward to seeing the mature hedge in a few years time. At the moment the next step is the sowing of grass seed but that will have to wait until the spring.

Now the year is drawing to a close and by the time you read this Christmas will be well over, so I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and fruitful 2016.

NW

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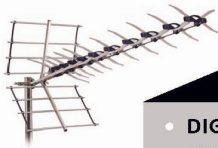
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We hope you have enjoyed the wide variety of articles which have appeared during 2015 and will continue to do so in 2016.



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The River Mimram

Memeran, the earliest recorded name of our beloved chalk-stream, dates from the beginning of the 10th century. Thereafter its name appears as Meren (c. 1000), Maeran (c. 1100), Mimeran (c. 1130), Memeran and Memaran in the 12th and 13th centuries, Marran and Memmarran in the 16th century, Maran from 1728 and Mimram from 1790. The last two were both in popular use as recently as the 1930s. The origin or derivation of the name remains unclear.

The Mimram is one of the eastern group of Hertfordshire's wildlife-rich chalk-streams which drain south eastwards from the dip slope of the Chiltern Hills to flow into the deeper slower flowing lowland River Lea at Hertford. Prior to its depletion by water extraction, the originating source of the river was a series of springs emerging from the Lower Chalk above King's Walden. Now, the river bed above Whitwell remains dry with much of it having been converted to arable farming. The potential for the river's full recovery was, however, evident during the unusually wet spring of 2000 when water again flowed from the springs above King's Walden, scouring the original river bed, and flooding its original course across Lilley Bottom Road near its junction with Church Road, King's Walden.

The present source of the river is now to be found near Stagenhoe Bottom a mile NW of Whitwell. From there to Welwyn it receives water from a series of small springs and side streams, and from the artesian bores that feed the watercress beds at Whitwell and Kimpton Mill. The accumulation of silt due to the reduction in flows, mainly as a result of the ever increasing demand for water to supply the continuing post-war expansion of the county's towns, has caused much shallowing. Many living residents remember swimming in depths of four or more feet of water at various points between Digswell and Poplars Green as recently as the 1970s.

Entering the parish at the west end of Tewin Water, the river currently flows along the north side of its floodplain through Tewin Water, Tewin Bury Farm (and its former domestic mill, Tewin Mill House), and Archer's Green. Along its course it loses height, passing over a number of weirs, eventually leaving our parish at Poplars Green where it enters the Panshanger Estate. Hertfordshire was once the national centre for cultivating watercress. Within our parish watercress beds existed at Tewin Bury, on the site of Tewin Fish Farm and at Archer's Green. Production lasted from before 1836 until 1972 when Mr Ginger, who farmed the last two sites, sold up and retired.

Extracted from The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin

Keep Your Little Ones Safe From Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a mild viral infection, which means it cannot be treated with antibiotics or antiviral medication. The disease isn't usually serious, and goes away without treatment after a few days, but it can be unpleasant, particularly in younger children.

Typical symptoms of HFMD include:

cold-like symptoms, such as loss of appetite, cough and a moderately high temperature of around 38-39°C (100.4-102.2°F)

a non-itchy red rash made up of spots or small blisters, which usually develop on the hands and feet (also sometimes on the knees, elbows, groin and buttocks). The blisters can become painful

painful mouth ulcers

If a parent is concerned that their child may have HFMD, they should monitor them carefully and encourage them to rest. Swallowing may be uncomfortable, so provide soft food, such as mashed potatoes and soup, and make sure they drink plenty of water or milk, avoiding acidic drinks like cola or orange juice. Medication, such as child safe ibuprofen or paracetamol (not aspirin), can help ease symptoms too.

There are simple steps that parents, nurseries and schools can take to reduce the risk of HFMD, including:

washing hands before meals, after going to the toilet or handling nappies etc. Avoid getting discharge on hands while coughing or sneezing

covering the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing and throwing away the tissue

cleaning children's toys frequently with diluted household bleach then wiping or rinsing them with clean water

keeping children who are ill away from school and other overcrowded places until their fever and rash have subsided and scabs have dried. Stay in touch with the school.

Anyone concerned about a baby should visit

www.babycentre.co.uk/a1614/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease or speak to their pharmacist. HFMD very rarely causes problems during pregnancy, but pregnant women should seek advice if they develop any type of rash during pregnancy or think they might have HFMD.

A useful guide for parents can be found at

www.nhs.uk/conditions/Hand-foot-and-mouth-disease

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Tewin Stores

Happy New Year from Bev and all the shop management committee. A special thank you to all our volunteers who keep the shop open through all weathers and most days of the year. And thank you to all who have supported the shop by buying raffle tickets and Christmassy goods during December. Please continue to support your local shop in January, which can be a lean month after all the festivities.

We had a very good response to our leaflet requesting more volunteers for the shop. Thank you to everyone who has now stepped up to help. But as you know, we always need new volunteers, so if you fancy making new friends, meeting lots of people and doing something useful for the village, please do think about helping in the shop. I am STILL looking for a new Treasurer, so if you have skills in that area, the shop needs you. The shop committee is a friendly team: do come and join us.

At the time of writing we are still waiting for the new signpost for the shop to be erected on Lower Green. Meanwhile, Friends of Tewin have very kindly agreed to pay the associated costs for this, so many thanks to them. If you would like to become a shareholder, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary Doreen Lloyd (01438 715020), or speak to Bev at the shop (01438 717929)

Our Special Saturday Lunch in January is on 16 January from 12 noon to 3pm and is going to be a TOAST lunch – come and enjoy something on toast – beans, eggs, cheese and so on.

Linda Adams

Normal shop opening hours:

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Thank you if you joined us for the Carols event on 17th December, it was lovely to see the children (and adults) so happy and excited! St Peter's Church organised a raffle and donated the proceeds to Shelter.

Would you like to join us and become part of our group? We are looking for someone to be our new Treasurer and maybe that's you? We are a very sociable group and joining us is a good way to make new friends. Please

ring Anne on 01438 718505 for more information.

Our AGM is on 8th February 2016 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 edition.

It will soon be time for the Senior Citizens' Lunch, an event we know many of you look forward to. The lunch is on 17th February in Tewin Memorial Hall. We have already planned the details, from the menu through to the quiz! As long as you are 60 or over, you are invited. Our team of volunteers who very kindly hand-deliver the invitations to every home in Tewin, will start delivering soon. We hope to start deliveries around the 6th January so look out for the invitation coming through your letterbox. When you receive the form, decide what you would like to eat from the menu choices and return the slip to us as soon as possible and by 31st January at the latest please. If you misplace your form, you can pick up another copy at Tewin Stores. So, come and join us at the Memorial Hall on 17th February for a really great afternoon. At last year's lunch we had about 90 guests so you can imagine what a lively time we had!

The Friends of Tewin Committee wish you a very Happy New Year.

Anne Hall

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Within the QVM building there is a courtyard area which provides some natural light to the surrounding rooms but little else. We imagine that the original intention was to use this space to the benefit of patients but this has not happened – at least not for a generation or two!

Having discussed with the QVM team how this space might be better used a scheme has been devised which will enhance the overall appearance and importantly provide an easily accessible outdoor area for patients and their visitors. Naturally it will be wheelchair friendly.

The details have been agreed and building work will be completed ready for the coming of spring. The Friends' funding for this project will be in the region of £10,000.

In the run up to Xmas the shop team in Welwyn held our first Christmas Fayre. Despite it being a bitterly cold and very windy day many supporters helped to make this a great success. In the coming year we plan to run some similar special events so look out for posters in the shop.

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Isabel Hospice

Postal Quiz

Return by 29th February 2016

This postal quiz, run by Neville Mizen and Marian Stringer, has raised thousands of £ for the Hospice over the years. If you would like to take part, print off the sheet from the web address below and send it off with your entry fee to the details outlined on the document.

<http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/Resources/IsabelHospice/Documents/isabel-hospice-postal-quiz-play-your-cards-right-2015.pdf>

Good Luck quizzers!

Dare2Detox Challenge 2016

From 6th—15th January 2016

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Once you've signed up for the challenge you will receive a sponsor form. Why not take it down the local pub, your next social event or take to work.

Brassed Off Theatre Production

Thurs 14th January 2016 at 8pm

Barn Theatre, Handside Lane, WGC

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Dates for your diary this month

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Tues	Tewin Stores	4-4.30pm	Fresh Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Mon 4th	Tewin School		Spring Term Starts
Thurs 7th & 21st	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 14th & 28th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Mon 11th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	THACS AGM
Sat 16th	Tewin Stores	12 noon-3pm	Toast Lunch
Mon 18th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'Jean de Florette'
Tues 29th	30 Godfries Close	10.30am-12.30pm	Woolly Hat Day

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