



# Tewin Magazine



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## Shrove Tuesday



## **Editorial Note**

Welcome to our February edition. Our front cover is a reminder that the season of Lent begins on Wed 10th (Ash Wednesday) of this month and Shrove Tuesday ( Pancake Day ) is on the 9th when Tewin Stores will be selling pancakes (p25). For details of Lenten activities see p19.

Friends of Tewin hold their AGM on 8th (p27) and the Senior Citizens' Lunch is on the 17th (p27). Our film this month is 'Manon des Sources' on the 15th (p14).

I have been contacted by a concerned resident of Orchard Road regarding the number of bags of dog poo found in their boundary hedge. The bags are not biodegradable and this makes hedge cutting a very unpleasant task. Dog walkers please take your dog poo and dispose of it at home or in bins provided around the village.

Please continue to send articles for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

## **New Year's Eve 2015**

Paul, Lynne and Vicki Griggs would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our thirteenth New Year's Eve Village Party. It was a great night which included a proposal of marriage (thankfully accepted) and, despite her health problems, an appearance from Julia in time to see in the new year.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for Vicki's raffle especially Ivor and Linda Williams for providing the top prize. Thanks to a last minute single donation we raised £600 for Moorfields Eye Hospital. A special mention to two very important members of the team, Alan and Sue Bonds.

## The Reverend Paul Betts 1931-2015

The funeral of Paul, who was the vicar of Tewin and Datchworth from 1979 to 1996, took place at Broadclyst, Devon on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 where he had been living for a few years in a house for retired clergy.

Paul did his national service in the Navy after having gained a degree in mechanical engineering at Battersea Technical College. Brought up in a very evangelical background, he told me that in the Navy he was known as Bible Betts. This must have sent many of his fellow servicemen scurrying for cover, of which there is not much in a ship. He remembered this with evident amusement.

After ordination, following training at Oak Hill, he served as curate in parishes in Plymouth and Cheltenham, before being appointed vicar of St Paul's Finchley, very much within the evangelical tradition. Over a period of time, he saw that the certainties of that tradition left inadequate space for doubt and questioning to be explored. He told me of the effect on some of his congregation of their loss of the certainty and the feelings of failure and unworthiness which could result from that. During his time there, he trained as a counsellor and therapist with the Westminster Pastoral Foundation and moved towards a more liberal churchmanship.

In 1976, Paul became the warden of the St Columba Centre in Cambridge, putting into practice full-time his counselling and therapy training and experience. Paul then became the vicar of Tewin and Datchworth in 1979. His desire for people to stand on their own feet as much as they were able extended to include a more involved role for the laity in matters of faith and belief than was perhaps usual at that time.

Occasionally, this created confusion for some of his parishioners. If, as happened during one of the early Lent meetings at our house, Paul was asked to tell us authoritatively what we believed or ought to believe, he would feed the question straight back.

During his time with us, when he was so capably and charmingly supported in his work by his wife Ann, I believe that he encouraged a lasting maturity amongst the congregation. His brother, also an Anglican vicar, said that in the end Paul's strong faith was that "God is Love".

Although we were not aware of it during his time here, Paul wrote a number of beautiful hymns which speak to the heart. The words and music were both his, and his poetry writing was in the same vein.

Sadly neither Paul nor Ann enjoyed good health in retirement but, whenever we went to see him, he remained cheerful, positive and encouraging.

Ted Sharp

## **Tewin Parish Council**



### **LOWER GREEN - ONE WAY SYSTEM**

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

### **SUPERFAST BROADBAND - Bulls Green - Update**

Fibre broadband is now available to Bulls Green/Tewin Wood residents. Please ask your internet service provider ("ISP") for a fibre broadband service.

### **PLEASE USE OUR POST OFFICES**

Just a gentle reminder that your local post offices which are located at Tewin Stores and Burnham Green Village Hall offer a wide range of services: they sell stamps, send your parcels and you can also pay in and withdraw cash from most banks, pay bills, purchase your road tax, phone top ups and your Euros for your holiday. We know you may have got out of the habit of using a local post office when it was not available but after a lot of hard work both Tewin Stores and Burnham Green have restored the service so please support the Post Office.

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## **SIR OLIVER HEALD QC MP SURGERY IN TEWIN**

Sir Oliver Heald is holding a surgery in Tewin on Saturday 6th February 2016 at Tewin Village Memorial Hall from 9.30am until 10.30am where he and East Herts District Councillor Linda Haysey will be pleased to discuss any matters of concern to you.

For an appointment please ring 01462 486074 or alternatively you may write to Sir Oliver at The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or email : [oliver.heald.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:oliver.heald.mp@parliament.uk)

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Mon 1st February 2016 followed by Mon 7th March 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](http://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](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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# **TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**

## **SPRING JUMBLE SALE**

We are pleased to confirm that the next Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, so if you're having a New Year clear-out, please keep this in mind. The success of our Sales relies entirely on your donations, and so we are again calling on your generosity.

Re collection and delivery, we now have a number of residents who have kindly offered to make collections in and around the village, and details of their names, telephone numbers, and the specific areas they each cover, will be given in a yellow flyer which will be put through your door shortly. All you'll have to do is just phone up the person who is covering your road and they will collect. Alternatively, if you are able to deliver direct to the Storage Hut behind the Hall, it would be helpful, but needs to be done at a mutually convenient time and, again, details of contacts for this will be advised in the flyer.

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The Memorial Hall Committee

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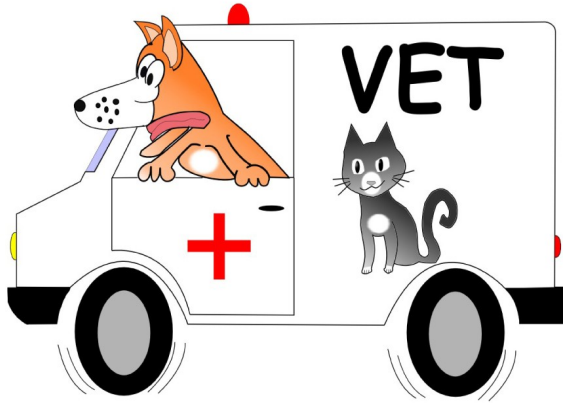
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## **CMS Church Mission Society - A Letter From Delhi**

Just before Christmas we received a letter from David and Rine Ingleby and their children Sem and Joanna in Delhi. It was good to read all this news following their visit to the UK last summer. They write:-

‘Frankly speaking, arriving back in Delhi in early September was difficult. We had so many problems with disintegrated household equipment and small electric fires, and it took us a while to get back to rights. I sometimes think that Delhi is the sort of city that would revert to being a jungle very quickly if all the humans suddenly upped and left! Everything seems to be crumbling at a rapid rate and in the extreme climate the rate of fungal/vegetation growth is impressive.

When we were with you we expressed our concerns about the air pollution levels. Things do not seem to be getting any better and they are much worse in the winter when Delhi gets the terrible smogs. In our little flat we feel OK, but outside in the ubiquitous heavy traffic jams it’s quite horrible.

Part of the problem in Delhi is the huge number of diesel trucks which are banned during the day but allowed onto the Delhi roads at night. An estimated 80,000 come through every night. It is unlikely that anything will be done about it because the government gets good revenue from these trucks.’

Before David left for the UK he had been a volunteer for the Leprosy Mission, TLMTI, for a few weeks and once back in India he began working for them. He writes:-

‘In order to get to work I take a cycle rickshaw, then a metro train, and then it’s a short walk round the side of the Indian Parliament building. Since we’ve been back I’ve been working hard in the office. Most days there is a calm atmosphere as people just get on with work in a focused manner.

TLMTI runs 14 leprosy hospitals in India, meeting leprosy and general medical needs. As you can imagine, these hospitals are not cheap to run and there is no government funding! If a vital machine or piece of medical equipment breaks down or becomes out of date, it is a very expensive business to get a replacement. I’ve been working on various applications for new equipment for a number of hospitals, trying to get interest from some of the Foreign Embassies and Consulates in India. Rine’s work at Sugandh is continuing well. There have been a few major activities since the summer. The Vacation Bible schools were very well received and, since then, we have had our usual programmes such as the tuition club, school, women’s savings and training. In the last couple of weeks we also took advantage of the cooler weather and had our annual day out for the SGH women and the Khadar school children on separate trips. The highlight for the children was the huge park by India gate, where they had all the space and freedom to play on the swings and slides without being told off. There are, of course, no parks near the slum where they can play. Incidentally, one image that really struck me recently on a visit to the slum in Khadar was watching the daughter of one of our SGH ladies. The girl was probably older than Joanna but so much smaller. She was playing on the rubbish sorting heap, going through the filthy plastic in search of treasure. She seemed pretty pleased with her finds, a foul smelling pencil case with a picture of a shining blonde Barbie and two half used tubes of Vaseline lip gloss.’

The complete letter from David and Rine, can be found on the CMS noticeboard at the West end of the Church, near the Tower.

Elizabeth M. Wilson

## **THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

### **The THACS Committee needs your help!**

We need a new secretary if we are to continue operating effectively. Could that be you?

The administrative aspects of the role consist of taking minutes of meetings, arranging the AGM, record keeping, dealing with correspondence and being a co-signatory of *THACS* cheques. You will also be actively involved in all of the committee discussions and decisions, so you will have significant influence on *THACS* activities.

If you would like to join the committee as Secretary or are just curious about it, please phone the Chairman Ray Keppler 01438 717545 or the current Secretary Jim Hall on 01438 718505.

### **Hertfordshire Health Walks' Award Success**

Hertfordshire Health Walks have won the 2015 Excellence in Public Health Award!

The competition was open to any organisation that improves health and wellbeing in Hertfordshire.

Hertfordshire County Council, in partnership with most district and borough councils, Hertfordshire's Public Health Service and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group coordinates a countywide programme of walks called Hertfordshire Health Walks. The walks are free, short and regular, providing the opportunity for people to get outdoors, increase their activity levels and reap the many benefits associated with walking. Different from other guided walks, they are led by trained and insured volunteers, and are focused on improving the health and wellbeing of all who take part.

Walking can help to reduce the risk of a range of health conditions including diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease and cancer. It's also a good way to maintain general wellbeing and helps with self management of, and rehabilitation from, various illnesses. Walking in a group is a sociable activity which helps to increase independence and confidence while combating loneliness, depression and anxiety.

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## **Impressive Results For Hertfordshire's Secondary Schools**

Hertfordshire County Council has praised the hard work and dedication of students and staff at the county's secondary schools after the Government's latest performance table shows they chalked up some impressive results. Hertfordshire has maintained its high standards, with 65.1 percent of young people achieving 5 or more GCSEs A\*-C grade including English and Mathematics. This is above the national figure of 57.3 percent and puts Hertfordshire in the top fifth of all local authorities in the country.

David Williams, Hertfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Education and Skills, said: "We are immensely proud of our children in the county, as well as our teachers who have helped them be successful in their recent tests and assessments.

"It really is a credit to everyone involved in education in Hertfordshire that our secondary schools continue to outperform the national average."

For more information about the performance of Hertfordshire's schools visit:

**[http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/geo/la919\\_all.html](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/geo/la919_all.html)**

## **Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club**

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### **Tewin Memorial Hall Draw**

#### **December 2015**

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# Tewin Cowper School

Winter finally arrived in January – fortunately we are warm and snug as our boiler is fully operational again. Sycamore Class (Years 1 and 2) had a wonderful trip to Kidzania at Westfield in London, with lots of opportunities for learning through role play.

We have our new screen installed in the hall, thanks to the PTA. It is amazing and we are looking forward to the increased opportunities this gives in our learning. Our hall is looking fantastic with our new ‘Values Tree’ and maths displays.

Our Year 4 and 5 children are attending their swimming lessons at Stevenage Pool on Friday afternoons, to extend their deep water swimming skills.

Every Monday afternoon, if you are out and about, you might spot a line of little people in their wellies and warm outdoor clothing as they head up to the woods for ‘Muddy Monday’ and some fun outdoor learning. This week they looked for signs of animals; sadly the snow had melted by this time but they discovered lots of footprints in the mud.

We are looking forward to our Pancake Lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> February, before Lent begins. This is soon followed by our half-term break in the middle of February.

The Staff Team

## Screen On The Green

February’s film is the sequel to – *Jean de Florette*, shown in January, based on a novel by Marcel Pagnol. *Manon des Sources* takes place ten years after the death of Jean de Florette. Also made in 1986, its photography has been described as sublime and the direction paced to suit life under the scorching sun. Yves Montand and Daniel Auteuil give quality performances. I think we can promise you another memorable evening.

French with English subtitles

**MONDAY 15 February.** 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.

I look forward to welcoming you

Linda Adams

## Team Vicar's Letter

I have been following the British astronaut Tim Peake on Twitter and have been struck by the incredible photographs he posts as he gazes down on Earth. Earth looks both magnificent and small. Photographs show lightning over Egypt, the snow of the Alps and the sun peeping over the curve of the world as people wake for Christmas morning. There is a very beautiful picture of the white and yellow glow of city lights, and the myriad of stars above, including the constellation of Orion. It makes a wonderful photograph. Except those of us here down below, know that the greater the lights that crowd the streets, the less of the stars you can see in the sky; that greater perspective of universal light gets hidden by the smaller, manmade creations.

In a poem called *Lent*, Jean. M Watt describes Lent as a stripping away of those things that stop us gazing into eternity. "Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf, barer than blackthorn in its winters sleep, all unadorned" she begins. Watt contrasts the glitz of Christmas, with its light decorated trees, to the Lenten bare winter branches which, stripped of foliage, allow us to gaze into the darkness beyond and see, for ourselves, the stars.

During Lent churches are left bare, without flowers or unnecessary decoration. They are a visual reminder to see beyond the fuss and frivolities that fill our lives and minds, to push them aside for a time so we can gain a greater perspective. Lent encourages us to look ahead, not just to immediate desire and need, but to eternal desires and needs – those things which often get outshone by the temporal glitz in this life, yet shine still, if we would look, with a much greater beauty.

So perhaps there are things you could put to one side this Lent, to give you space to look to the eternal perspective instead. Or perhaps you might make time simply to wrap up warm and spend some time out under the stars. The stars have made people ponder the mysteries of God for millennia. In the words of King David:

"When I look at the sky that you have made, the moon and the stars which you set in their places – what are human beings that you think of them, mere mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8)

I wish you all a holy and star-filled Lent.  
Susannah

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
FEB 7th	NEXT BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	EDWARD CARDALE	EXODUS 34: 29-End	2 CORIN- THIANS 3: 12-4: 2	LUKE 9: 28-36
		CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30 pm	MICK SIMMONS	EXODUS 3: 1-6	JOHN 12: 27-36a	
10th	ASH WEDNESDAY	HOLY COMMUNION	8.00pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 58: 1-12	2 CORIN- THIANS 5: 20b-6: 10	JOHN 8: 1-11
14th	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	JOHN & MARGARET COTTON	DEUTER- ONOMY 26: 1-11	ROMANS 10: 8b-13	LUKE 4:1-13
21st	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			LUKE 13: 31-End
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	GENESIS 15: 1-12, 17-18	PHILIPPI- ANS 3: 17-4: 1	LUKE 13: 31-End
28th	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 55: 1-9	1 CORIN- THIANS 10: 1-13	LUKE 13: 1-9

### BAPTISM

**January 10th**

**Thomas Robert Mackay Pepper**



## ROTAS

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21st PAULINE	ROSEMARY NODDER	CLARE RAWLINS  ROSEMARY NODDER	MAVIS HAGGAR	LENT	CLARE RAWLINS
	PAULINE BROWN	RUTH SHARP  KAREN SHAW			
28th KEITH	MARY GREGG	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	SHIRLEY BARKER	LENT	SUE WHITBOURN

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

## St Peter's News

As we move into some more seasonally cold weather in January, we look back over a very mild but wet Christmas period.

The poor little lambs that had become separated and lost in Tewin, eventually managed to find their way to St Peter's in good time for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. They took up their positions by the stable with the help of some of the children who attended the service. The Church was packed for this very special service to the extent that many had to stand as we had run out of chairs. Thank you to everyone who 'hosted' a lamb at their house whilst they were looking for the Church!

On January 6<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany – pupils from the school came along to celebrate the visit of the wise men to see the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The service began with a special traditional Epiphany blessing being put on the West Door and was followed by a procession of Kings behind the star. Sycamore Class led the service with story, songs and prayer.

We now look forward to Lent, which begins on 10<sup>th</sup> February and will be marked by a Holy Communion Service at St Peter's (and shared with Datchworth) at 8.00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday.

Various Lent groups will be running within the Team and details of these will be made available shortly. All are welcome and do please ask about the arrangements if you have any questions.

The PCC held its first meeting of the year on 12<sup>th</sup> January and we were looking ahead to the various events which are being planned. This is the year of our Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and I am sure there will be lots of activity in the village, some shared with the other community organisations. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in April. If you think you would like to help out on one of the many rotas, then do speak to the Churchwardens (Nick and Pauline) – your assistance in any way would be much appreciated.

In the meanwhile, a special thanks to all those who helped out during the busy Christmas period and ensured that everything went to plan.

PB

## **'Little Lambs' for Pre-Schoolers and their Carers**

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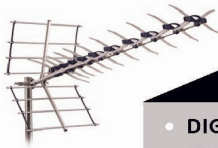
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## **Lent and Easter Activities**

For all Lent and Easter activities across the churches of the Welwyn Team please pick up a booklet from St. Peter's.

Mark the beginning of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at St. Peter's on February 10th at 8pm.

Stop, Pray, Work, Play and Love! Those are the themes of St. Peter's Lent group reflections this year. We will meet every Monday evening in Lent. New faces always welcome. Please call Mick Simmons for more details on 01438 817510.



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## Tewin Tennis Club

The tennis courts will be undergoing some maintenance work this month. We've been advised that the courts are basically in a very sound condition, which is good news as the cost of repairs can be kept in check. There's a tree root in one corner that will be ground out and then the courts will be washed and moss killed, using a herbicide that takes a couple of weeks to penetrate right through. The courts will then be painted in March when the weather (in theory) improves and is drier. Naturally there will be some disruption in play over this period but the net (ha!) result will be wonderful. At the same time new, stronger fence posts are to be installed where they have bent and we will be extending the new netting right around the courts, together with two new gates. Please remember that annual membership fees will be due in April, and you won't get the updated code for the court padlocks until you have paid.

The tennis club committee is still very proud to keep our membership fees at the lowest possible level, so if you are not already a member, please do think about joining, as the financial commitment is small. Contact our membership secretary, Val Winfield, for more details: 01992 582451, [valwinfield@ntlworld.com](mailto:valwinfield@ntlworld.com). Look, too, at the club's website: [www.tewintennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tewintennisclub.co.uk)

Finally, put the date for the tennis club's AGM in your diary: 11 March at 19.30, at the pavilion on Upper Green. Members get entry into the ballot for Wimbledon tickets, but they **must** be present at the AGM, or arrange a proxy who is there in their place.

## **Register To Stay Safe**

Hertfordshire County Council is reminding people to register all new or second hand appliances which are under 12 years old.

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## Tewin Stores

It has been a busy month as usual in the shop. After the Christmas and New Year break, all our local suppliers of sausages and bacon, quiches and pies and cakes are filling the shelves again. And have you noticed our special Artisan loaves and pastries which come on Fridays, including sourdough and walnut breads? Very naughty but nice!

Welcome to all those of you who are new volunteers in the shop and thank you for stepping forward.

I am STILL looking for a new Treasurer, so if you have skills in that area, the shop needs you. The role includes updating our budget records from till read-outs and paying the monthly bills. Our main book keeping is done by our accountants and they also do the payroll. The shop committee is a friendly team: do come and join us.

We are gearing up to do some more redecorating in the shop as the kitchen, toilet and office spaces need to be done. Please look out for the dates and volunteer to help if you can. All hands make light work of it all!

**Our Special Lunch event in February is Pancake Day on Tuesday 9th February from 10am to 3pm.** Last year we served 80 pancakes to eager visitors so come and enjoy a pancake with your neighbours.

The AGM will be in early March. Date and venue still to be set so please look out for notices and letters about that. All are welcome although only shareholders can vote in the elections or for any resolution.

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)

Linda Adams

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As in previous years, we held a raffle at the Carols around the Christmas Tree. The raffle raised £168 and this money was donated to Shelter. The prizes were donated by Friends of Tewin and our thanks go to members of St Peter's Church who came on the night to sell the tickets.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM is at 8pm on Monday 8th February in Tewin Memorial Hall and the meeting is open to anyone who lives in Tewin. Tea and coffee will be available.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

I hope by now, those of you who are 60 or over have returned your invitation reply slips. The lunch is held in Tewin Memorial Hall and starts at 12.00 noon. Last year we had 90 guests in the Hall and it may be by the time you read this, that we are already full! If you would like to come and you haven't completed your slip please do so straight away. If you have lost the invitation that came through your door, you can get another at Tewin Stores. But hurry, this is a very popular event!

If you are new to the village or if you haven't been to the lunch before, we serve a 2 course lunch with wine and chocolates. The afternoon is a great way to catch up with old friends and to make new ones.

### **FRIENDS OF TEWIN PRESIDENT**

Many of you will know our President, Ben Roberts. Ben celebrated a very special birthday last month, his 90<sup>th</sup>. He has been an essential part of Friends of Tewin for many years and helps at all our events. Ben continues to play a very active role on the committee and his local knowledge is invaluable. Long may he continue to be part of our group!

We wish you a belated Happy Birthday Ben.

Anne Hall – Chairman  
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No less important are a host of 'bits and pieces' used by the Occupational Therapists to enable patients to cope with the everyday tasks which we take for granted but which can present a major challenge to those with even minor disabilities.

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## Isabel Hospice

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To make an appointment contact any participating solicitor quoting 'Isabel Hospice Make a Will Week'. Book as early as possible as some solicitors are only able to offer a limited number of appointments. A list of all participating solicitors are on our website: [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk).

## Dates for your diary this month

Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
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 1st	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Mon 8th	Memorial Hall	8pm	Friends of Tewin AGM
Wed 10th	St Peter's Church	8pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs 11th & 25th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 11th & 25th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Mon 15th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'Manon des Sources'
Tues 16th	Tewin Stores	10am-3pm	Pancake Day
Wed 17th	Memorial Hall	12 noon	Senior Citizens' Lunch

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