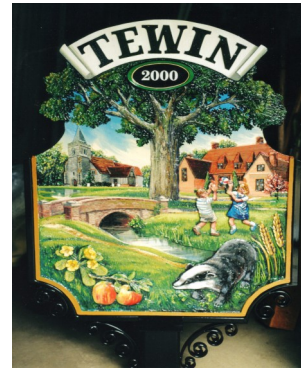




Tewin Magazine

December 2020



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Happy Christmas

Editorial Note

Welcome to our December 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover photo this month is in response to the Rev'd Susannah's suggestion (p15) that we light a candle during Advent. Our back cover celebrates the four Seasons in Tewin.

As I write this we are in the midst of a second lockdown with the potential for some kind of Christmas with our families. Details of Christmas Services are on p3 with the proviso that it is subject to change so check online for the latest information. Hopefully we will have a Father Christmas drive by (p27). The Rose and Crown are intending to deliver a Christmas menu (p30). I hope you have enjoyed the Magazine over the past year and would remind you that subscriptions are due for renewal (see below). THACS have produced a booklet of poems and prose written this year (p6) and Christmas cards are being sold in Tewin Stores in aid of St Peter's (p19).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

We are fortunate in Tewin in that we have space to safely walk in, a shop to keep us fed, the Rose and Crown to cook for us and many friends and neighbours to pass a cheery, if distanced, greeting with. I wish all our readers a very happy and healthy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. Due to the Christmas closure of the Printers the **deadline for the January 2021 issue is the 11th December.**

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Renewal of Magazine Subscriptions

The annual subscription for the Tewin Magazine is due in January 2021. The cost remains unchanged at £6 for 12 issues. Please have your money ready for collection by your volunteer distributor. Cheques can be made payable to St Peter's Church Tewin PCC.

A big thank you to all the distributors who have delivered the Magazine during this very difficult year. Especially thank you to Jackie Murphy who has managed to compile interesting articles when all events have been cancelled.

Thank you for continuing to save Target Stamps from the Welwyn Hatfield Times for Danesbury/QVM Hospitals and any used postage stamps for Moorfield Eye Hospital, particularly over Christmas.
Sue Whitbourn

**Christmas Services at
St. Peter's Tewin
PLEASE NOTE THESE SERVICES WILL NEED PRIOR
BOOKING.**

**CHECK TEWINVILLAGE.CO.UK OR THE CHURCH NOTICE-
BOARD
FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.**

Sunday 13th December Christingle

*This will be an online service. Packs to make a Christingle will be given out at school or can be collected from All Saints Church, Datchworth.
Details of how to join online will be in the packs.*

Sunday 20th December

11:15am Carol Service with Nativity
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 23rd December

4pm Zoom Crib Service
*Please note this will be online only.
Email team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk for the zoom invite.*

Christmas Service of Holy Communion

*In order to allow as many people as possible to receive Communion this
Christmas we have three Christmas Communion services.
Please only book into one.*

Christmas Eve

7pm (? – check for time) Christmas celebration of Holy Communion

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Christmas celebration of Holy Communion

Tewin Parish Council



SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Earlier in the year Herts Highways installed a speed indication device in School Lane as you enter the village. This was installed in the wrong position and Herts Highways will be re-locating it and are waiting for a new socket. It was due to be moved the week ending 6th November but it has been delayed.

DOG FOULING

The Parish Council reviewed the current dog fouling policy and agreed that no change was necessary. Parishioners may still use the existing litterbins for dog mess bags. There have been many incidents of fox and badger mess in the village, which may be confusing the issue.

VARIOUS WORKS IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council has accepted quotes to:

- resurface the footpath outside 13-19 Lower Green Cottages
- lift the lower branches in the Parish which impede mowing
- clear the cut ins in Margery Wood which help prevent flooding on Churchfield Road
- replace a manhole cover and re point some of the path to the Pavilion
- replace the Upper Green notice board which will continue to have one half for parishioners to use.

HEDGES

Now that the birds have finished nesting, Tewin Parish Council would be grateful **if all residents who have hedges on their land bordering a footpath or pavement would cut them back if they are overhanging or partially blocking the path.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 7th December 2020** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Agenda: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 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 and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Christmas Card Competition The *THACS* Christmas card competition, the first one we have organised, was very well supported by Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under Fives and some of our village residents. The standard of entries was excellent, in both adult and children's categories, causing great difficulty for the team of judges who studied around two hundred very well produced cards.

The judging panel were so impressed with the quality of the children's entries. After a lengthy deliberation, it was decided to award a first, second and third to each school year. The designs and colours were excellent and it was clear to see how much time and effort had been put into each picture. Well done to all the children who took part!

The selection of overall children's winner was finally made and awarded to the card drawn by Jessica, aged 11, from Tewin Cowper School. Her winning picture will be used in a printed Christmas card and she will be presented with a batch of the cards to use as she wishes. (In response to the current lock-down we feel this to be more appropriate than our original intention to sell the cards locally in aid of local charities).

We would have liked entries from some of our older children in the village but unfortunately no entries were received from any groups above year six. I think they are waiting for the next *THACS* show to demonstrate their skills.

The adult entries - whilst fewer in number - were excellent and the winning entry, produced by Shirley Ashby, received £20 with second prize of £10 awarded to Sylvia Brown. Pictures of all the prize-winning entries can be viewed on the *THACS* web page.

Lockdown Times and Tales *THACS* and Tewin Writers Online have produced and published a fine little booklet entitled "Lockdown Times and Tales", consisting of 25 stories and poems that have appeared on the Tewin village website this year (including the three winners of the recent writing competition). The writings give an entertaining and interesting insight into how Tewin residents have been dealing with the challenges and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The booklets are being sold for £2 each, in aid of local charities. The main charity to benefit will be the Digswell Community and Gardening Project. It provides learning activities for vulnerable youngsters in a secure environment and needs your support even more in these difficult times (www.digswell.org.uk/).

You can buy the booklets wherever you see them at local outlets, including Tewin Stores, the Rose & Crown and Datchworth Stores. Copies can also be bought by emailing THACS.sales@gmail.com with your name and contact details. Cash or online-payment can be made to *THACS*.

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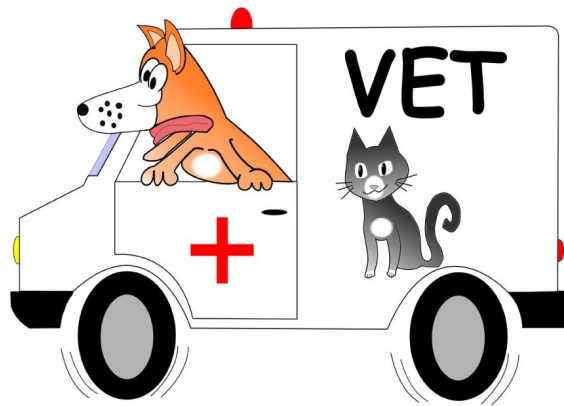
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Bowls Club Update



In common with all local clubs and institutions, the Bowls Club has had to curtail all its activities this season. However, in the hope that the situation will improve over the coming months, we've been having discussions about future events. It's too soon to detail these but we are hoping to be able to resurrect our popular Quiz Nights, and maybe our Sunday Lunches. We're keeping all options in mind and as soon as it's deemed safe to welcome visitors once again, we'll advise everyone in this magazine and on the Notice Board outside the Club. Naturally, emails will be sent to those on the Quiz Nights and the Lunches lists prior to the publication of the magazine.

In addition, please keep a look out on the Board for details of our next Open Day, at which we invite everyone to come along and try their hand at bowls.

If you are interested in joining the Bowls Club in Tewin we will be offering free membership for the first year as an encouragement.

Therefore, we hope to see you all again at the Bowls Club in the near future but in the meantime would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families and friends a happy festive season. May 2021 be peaceful and Covid free.

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

If you would like more information about the Club, just contact Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395

THACS Writers Online

The THACS Writers Online are starting a new Chapter of short stories and poems at their usual place on the Village website, [Horticulture, Arts & Crafts Society - Tewin Village](#). A new piece will be published each Sunday throughout the Winter months, some accompanied with an audio-track. (See also 'Lockdown Times & Tales' booklet under THACS on page 6).

On The Farm

October seems to have been a carbon copy of last year.....very wet. We did however, get a few dry days to finish off the drilling.

This year we are not growing peas as we try and farm on a 5 year rotation. A field of peas has now gone round the arable area so need a break this year.

This year we have ploughed in 80 acres of Winter beans. The seed beans have been spread on the surface of the field then ploughed in about 6-8ins deep. The conditions were not ideal, being very wet, and the germination of the seeds has been severely tested. We now hope that they will yield a good harvest.

The wheat crops have had a herbicide treatment to control weeds. There seems to be a huge bank of weed seeds in the soil. It is better to control them before the weed seeds grow and compete with the wheat than to have a large weed problem to control in the Spring.

We grow 1st and 2nd wheats and have a field on very light land which has grown wheat continually for 20 years. This is not normally done. 1st wheats are grown after a break crop such as peas/beans/oats/ oil seeds or left fallow. 2nd wheats have a special seed dressing which will hopefully prevent the crop from getting 'take-all', a disease of 2nd wheats.

We have sold about half of our harvest - peas, oats and some of our wheat. This will now give us some room in our grain barn. At this time of year we like to wash down our machines, grease up and check them over before putting them into Winter storage in the dry. I cannot stand to see expensive equipment standing outside in the cold and wet of Winter.

In these difficult times we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Ivor Williams

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Fri 9.30am until 13.00pm

Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

October 2020

Below are the results for the October Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	Sandra Chester, Grass Warren
2nd	£33	Susie Pool, Firs Walk
3rd	£11	Stephen Stott, Harwood Close
3rd	£11	Brian Robbins, Harwood Close

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Poppy Day Collections Report

We are delighted to report that once again the Royal British Legion Poppy Day collections in Tewin were well supported and we are grateful to the following local businesses and institutions who displayed and sold the poppies: - Tewin Stores, The Rose & Crown, The Plume of Feathers, The Country Bumpkin, The White Horse and Tewinbury Farm Hotel, as well as Tewin School and St Peter's Church.

As a result, we were able to deliver the sum of £1,353 to the Royal British Legion. This figure is down on last year's total of £1,717, but when you take into account that we were unable to make house-to-house collections, and all of the pubs and restaurants were closed for a week prior to Remembrance Sunday, this was a magnificent effort. Therefore, we wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way, and also all those who made special efforts to collect such wonderful donations. People such as Sean at the Rose & Crown, who set up a Union Jack covered table on the forecourt of the Pub and for several hours, sold poppies to passers-by – both walkers, cyclists and motorists. This was a sterling effort. In addition, the Staff at The Plume of Feathers made their own special contribution: on the night before Lockdown when the pub was hosting a number of diners - the Serving Staff donated all their Tips to the Poppy collection, even though their paydays were in danger of being curtailed due to the imminent closures caused by the Lockdown. Typical Tewin generosity!

All these special people and the various institutions who housed the collection boxes are to be sincerely thanked for their efforts, as well as all the people of Tewin, and their visitors, who bought poppies and supported this very worthwhile cause. Also of course we are grateful to the local organisations who contributed and laid wreaths at the church. Let us hope that by this time next year all the current problems and restrictions will be just a memory and we'll all be back to resuming a normal life and able to again call on our willing house-to-house collectors.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Royal British Legion – a heartfelt “Thank you”.

(Finally, we have some 2020 enamel pins left so if anybody would like one for their collection, please ring me on 01438 717551).

Keith St Pier, Poppy Appeal Organiser EEC20e, Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Team Vicar's Letter

In these uncertain times one thing is looking certain - it will be a different kind of Christmas this year.

I hope very much that our church will be open for Christmas services, but with regulations around social distancing and singing we will still need to do things a little differently than usual.

But here's a guide to how to do Christmas in Tewin this year:

- 1) From Sunday 29th November (Advent Sunday) – 6th January (Epiphany) put a candle in your window where neighbours can see it. Either a real candle if you can do so safely, or a picture of a candle. Let's remind each other in this particularly difficult year that the message of Christmas is that light always conquers darkness.
- 2) Children should tune in to the online Christingle service on Sunday 13th December. Packs to make their own Christingles will be given out at school. There will be other packs in church for anyone who would like one, with instructions on how to come to our service on YouTube.
- 3) Check out updates for our Christmas services on the village website, Facebook and the church notice boards. There is likely to be a booking system this year – and possibly some very last minute changes.
- 4) Check in with neighbours who live on their own. Give them a call, pop round a card. Some of us will be finding the isolation of this time of year particularly difficult.
- 5) Give online to a charity. Many are struggling due to the cancellation of major fundraising events this year. Add them to your Christmas list. Be generous if you can.
- 6) Remember, in your own disappointments and worries, that the Christ-child took on fragile flesh and lived amongst us. He did so to reveal that God is with us and we are never alone. He did so to enter even the places of death, so that we may forever live in his life. He did so to reveal to us – that God's light shines in the darkness and that the darkness has not, will not, can not ever overcome it.

I do hope you know the peace of Christ this Christmas. If there is anything that is troubling you that you would like to talk about, or that you would like me to pray for, then please feel free to get in contact.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
DEC 6th	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DAVID MUNCHIN	ISAIAH 40: 1- 11	2 PETER 3: 8 - 15a	MARK 1: 1- 8
		NO EVENSONG					
13th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 61: 1-4, 8 - End	1 THESSA- LONIANS 5: 16-24	JOHN 1: 6-8, 19 - 28
20th	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	LUKE 1: 26-38		
		TEWIN CAROL CONCERT	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	HOLY COMMUNION	7pm				
		MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30pm	RICHARD SYMS	ISAIAH 52: 7-10	HEBREWS 1: 1-12	JOHN 1: 1-14
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	10am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 9: 2-7	TITUS 2: 11-14	LUKE 2:1-20
27th	JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD COLIN HULL	EXODUS 33: 7-11a	1 JOHN 1	JOHN 21: 19b— End

**Please be aware that Christmas services may change at any point.
For up to date plans please check the Tewin village website and the
church notice board - or contact the vicar or churchwardens.**

ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
DEC 6th DAVID		CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE	ADVENT	DOROTHY SWANN
13th PAULINE		DITTO	DITTO	ADVENT	GLORIA KERSEY
20th		DITTO	DITTO	CHRISTMAS	ANGELA WILLIAMS LINDA MAITLAND
24th DAVID		DITTO	DITTO	CHRISTMAS	
25th PAULINE		DITTO	DITTO	CHRISTMAS	
27th DAVID		DITTO	DITTO	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS

FUNERAL

18th November 2020

David Graham Bonner

St Peter's News

The autumn colours this year have been spectacular, but now, in the churchyard, our Verger, Pete, has begun to sweep up the leaves. She prefers them to be wet as they rot down more easily, and she doesn't have to burn them. Fortunately, the rather wet October was helpful for her, even if it held up the building works on the Tower. The good news is that the builders have had a drier time in November, they have taken delivery of the necessary materials, and have been able to get on with the repairs. Hopefully, by the time you read this, they will have completed their work, and we can then look forward to having the scaffolding removed.

Following the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, Susannah streamed the next service from St Peter's, at which Nick and I took the oaths before the congregation to become Church wardens again for this year. Imagine my surprise when I got home to find two emails from former members of the congregation – Keith, who was Church warden some years ago, and now lives in France, and Margaret, who lives in Cornwall, both of whom had watched the service on YouTube, and were delighted to see that life was almost as they remembered it! The strange thing about this whole year is that, whilst in many ways the Covid Experience has been dreadful - very lonely for some, personally distressing for those who have lost loved ones or their livelihoods, very disruptive for schools and work, exhausting for those in the caring professions, in other ways, it has brought folk together. We have started to use better ways of working without long commutes, and we have used the new technology in work and leisure pursuits, and not least in enabling people, both near and far, who could not attend services, to still be part of our church community.

During November we welcomed a regular stream of visitors to our **All Souls** afternoon of prayers, when they were able to light candles for their loved ones who had died. On the same day, the Reverend Richard Syms conducted the Eucharist service in the morning. We had hoped he would be here again at the end of the month but of course since then the church has been closed for public worship, though still open for private prayer. If things go to plan, he will conduct **Midnight Mass at St Peter's on Christmas Eve**.

As expected, **Remembrance Day** was different this year. Susannah streamed a live service from inside the church at 9.30am, when she formally inducted the Reverend Liz Lavelle into the Welwyn Team ministry, and then at 10.55am, she streamed an outside ceremony by the War Memorial. We were joined by those laying wreaths for the village organisations, and others scattered around the churchyard, drive, and well apart around the Memorial. Herbert Laming read the list of those from the village who died in the two

World Wars. Many thanks to Gerry Ruddock who sounded the Last Post and the Reveille on his trumpet before and after the two-minute silence. It was a moving occasion at which Ben Roberts, probably the only veteran from the Second World War still living in the village, laid the wreath for Friends of Tewin. It was good to see children with their parents participating in this event as well.

Thank you to all those who have kindly contributed to the **church funds** for repair of the Tower and other essential parts of the church. If you are still thinking of putting something in the pot, and we should be very grateful for anything you are able to give, there are several ways you can do this: by using the button on the church pages of the village website, at www.tewinvillage.co.uk, or by leaving an envelope at the church in the box by the South Door. Cheques payable to "St Peter's Church Tewin PCC". If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please leave your name and address with your donation.

On-line banking payments may also be made to HSBC, for St Peter's Church Tewin, PCC, Sort Code 40-24-13 Account 90799718, with the reference "Repairs (your surname)".

We hope to hold a Christmas Concert instead of the Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm. As well as Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, there should be a Christmas morning Family Communion at 10am. See Page 3 for details. In any case at least one of these services will be streamed. Please be aware that Christmas services may change at any point. For up to date plans please check the Tewin village website and the church notice board - or contact the vicar or churchwardens.

We shall also have some Christmas cards available to buy in the shop in aid of the church, so please look out for them.

We hold in our prayers all those affected by Covid-19, those who have been ill, those who have died or are bereaved, those whose livelihoods have been devastated during the epidemic, and those who have family members at school or university or have returned to work.

Our clergy continue to be in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

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Tewin Tennis Club

There are many here among us who feel the second lock down, during November, unreasonably excluded tennis and golf. Previously, Tewin Tennis Club members have shown great responsibility in distancing when playing, and there's a good middle ground here, where only singles play might be allowed.

However, the decree says we must not do even that. Hopefully, by the time you read this it will only be a few days until we can be back to our old ways of carefully practised social distancing tennis.

And how pleasing it is to report the strong demand for tennis over the summer of 2020. I have been playing more than ever, not just with vigorous doubles matches but also (hopefully) upping my standards with coaching from our resident coach Ross.

Many others have been doing likewise. The online court booking system that kicked off this year has certainly helped, giving instant up-to-date access to court availability that seems to have encouraged more players to make last minute decisions about dropping down to the courts.

Christmas will soon be upon us and although it will be far from the same as usual, I hope you have an uplifting break with your family and friends.

Don't forget the courts are open all over the Christmas period, so do get down and play a match or two. It's a chance to show off your new Tewin Tennis Club gear that was bought for you through the club's website!

Peter Burgess

Intercession

Every Sunday around the world, Christians pray intercessions. Asking God to put things right. Wars, poverty, illness, famine, hardship, suffering, divisions in the church between denominations, they are all there. Do we expect God to wave a wand?

The answer must be no. Why, because most of the things we complain about were caused by us. And He did not stop us!

Okay, tectonic plates and volcanoes, tsunamis even, are not our fault. But we do not have to live in danger of them. So, if we are the cause of the problems, I imagine He expects us to be part of the solution. It is not as if His preference is a secret. Prophets and, ultimately, Jesus have portrayed His hopes and wishes.

So is there any value in intercession as an idea?

Yes. We get to think about what is wrong. We might get to imagine what we might do. We have the Holy Spirit within us to point us in the right direction if only we would listen and have courage to go there.

In a pew in St Peters Tewin, we are unlikely to have any influence on the problems in Belarus or knife crime in Brixton, but we could attempt a different relationship with that awful neighbour just down the road. Perhaps no 35 down the road could do with a bit of help.

Give it a try! Every bit helps.

Ted Sharp

Ted Sharp

After 50 years in Tewin, Ted will be moving to Wareham in Dorset this month. I have enjoyed his articles for the Magazine each month and his company in the days when we could all meet in person.

I'm sure readers of this Magazine would like to join me in wishing Ted many happy years in his new home.

Jackie Murphy

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

Christmas will soon be here and, if you're stuck for gift ideas, Tewin Stores has a selection of gifts and crafts including; Tewin Stores Preserves & Chutney, Christmas and other cards and prints and books by local authors. We also have a Tewin Stores notebook holder & pen set which would make an ideal gift. We are also holding our annual Tewin Stores Christmas raffle. This year's first prize will include a homemade Christmas cake, a selection of Tewin Stores Preserves and a bottle of wine and the runner up prize is a beautiful print. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased now from the shop.

We have installed some new Social Distancing signs in the shop. We have spaced the new floor stickers 2m apart and this means we can accommodate up to 5 customers in the shop at a time and still maintain a safe distance. We ask Post Office only customers to join the shop queue and await their turn. We understand this will inconvenience some but queuing inside will keep you out of the wind and rain. Please remember to wear your face covering when shopping.

We are very keen to extend our opening hours however we need to recruit some new volunteers to work 12.00 – 2pm. If you are interested please make enquiries in the shop.

We also need to recruit volunteers to join our management committee. If you have accountancy or retail operations management experience we would love to hear from you. Please contact Eleanor Lohr at eleanorlohr@gmail.com or Peter Miller at pjmiller17@gmail.com

Christmas opening hours

Christmas Eve	8.00am – 12.00
Christmas Day & Boxing day	Closed
Sunday 27th December	9.00am – 11.00am
Monday 28th December	9.00am - 12.00
New Year's Day	Closed

The 100 club winners are :

1 st Prize:	Jane Raine-	£41.00
2nd Prize:	Ray Keppler-	£20.50
3 rd Prize:	Susan Lewis-	£12.30

Normal Shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday:	8.00 – 12 noon,
Saturdays:	8.30 – 12 noon,
Sundays:	9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford

Bridge Cottage Surgery

Feeling lonely? You are not alone

Most people feel lonely sometimes, for many different reasons. During the current pandemic feelings of loneliness have been even more common. If loneliness is affecting your life, there are things you can try that may help even if you are not able to meet other people face to face.

- **Explore ways to spend time together**
- **Check in regularly**

Regular phone calls, messages or even writing letters are lovely ways to keep in touch when we have to stay at home.

- **Share your feelings**

Telling someone you trust that you're feeling lonely can help.

- **Do more things you enjoy**

Filling your time doing more things you like can stop you from focusing on feelings of loneliness.

- **Look after yourself**

Feeling lonely can be very stressful and can have a big impact on your general wellbeing, which might make it even harder to make positive steps to feeling better.

If you are feeling lonely you may benefit from meeting the Social Prescriber at Bridge Cottage Surgery who can offer further guidance and advice. If you would like to make an appointment with the Social Prescriber, please phone the surgery on 01438 715044. Information taken from - www.nhs.uk

Plotlands Between Marden Hill and Archers Green

Residents may be interested to know that Baron Deschauer, the mastermind behind the sale of plotlands in Tewin and other rural areas, has recently lost an appeal in the High Court. According to The Times of 10 October 2020, this latest verdict upholds an earlier one requiring his company to cease taking "covenant charges" of some £300 per year from the investors to maintain fictitious roads.

The verdict opens the way for people who bought land from Deschauer to claim back the charges they have already paid, which in many cases date back to 2012.

While this is some comfort to the affected owners, it leaves their Land Banking Victims Association still far away from recovering their sunk investments.

Friends of Tewin



NEW CHRISTMAS TREE – LOWER GREEN

In last month's edition we were delighted to tell you about a joint project between Tewin Parish Council and Friends of Tewin to replace the Christmas Tree on Lower Green. The company installing the new tree hopes to have it in place on 3rd December so please keep your fingers crossed that Covid-19 restrictions still allow this to happen. We will hang the Christmas lights on the tree as soon as possible once it's in place. I'm sure it will look magnificent and bring some much-needed Christmas cheer to us all!

FATHER CHRISTMAS – TOUR OF TEWIN

At the time of writing this article we are looking into various ways of bringing a little more Christmas cheer by inviting Father Christmas to tour the village. We know how much the children look forward to the sight of the sleigh driving around Lower Green at our Carols event which sadly, can't take place this year.

Unfortunately, we can't use his sleigh this year because it would be difficult to manoeuvre it around some of our narrow roads. If we can satisfy ourselves that a tour of Tewin can be done in a way that keeps everyone safe and if Covid-19 restrictions allow, we will do our best to make it happen.

So, if we decide to go ahead, please look out for posters around the village giving you all the details.

Finally, as we take time to look back over 2020, which has been a year like no other, we are also looking forward to the dawn of 2021 in the hope that more normal times lie ahead.

All of the Friends of Tewin Committee wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anne Hall – Chairman
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Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

By the time this Newsletter goes to press we will hopefully have emerged from the full lockdown which started on the 5th November. It was such a pity that our charity shop had to close after only two and a half months trading, but we are looking forward to re-opening.

Just prior to lockdown Georgia Shaw, the relief manager, once again excelled herself with a wonderful window display honouring all those who suffered during the two world wars.

The shop will hopefully have reopened at the beginning of December and the Friends hope to benefit from all the seasonal goodwill. Our charity in Welwyn High Street, has a great selection of inexpensive gift ideas together with a range of Christmas cards using designs created by people connected with the charity. All our cards are produced at Danesbury, so every penny raised comes straight to us. By buying anything from the Welwyn charity shop you are helping us to support the work of Danesbury and QVM. We also have a selection of festive face coverings which are locally made and donated to the shop. They have proven to be a popular item this year, having completely sold out of the Remembrance day masks that were donated to us back in October.

Since mid-October the shop has been holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Due to the lockdown we will continue running the raffle throughout the first half of December. Tickets are only £1, and all donations will be going to the Danesbury & QVM hospitals.

The Friends are delighted to report that the shop is still running at a small operating profit, augmented by eBay sales. Thank you to all our customers and donors, without you the Friends would not be able to offer such good and invaluable support to all the patients at the Danesbury Neurological Centre and the QVM hospital.

We welcome and need good quality donations. All donations are received in an area located behind the shop but space is limited so it is best to bring anything you wish to donate in the morning. The shop is open between 10am and 3pm Tuesday to Saturday so please do pop in.

Do help us to support this important local charity at a time when the NHS needs support more than ever. If you wish to become more involved with the charity, we are always looking to welcome new Trustees. If you are interested please contact danburyqvm@btconnect.com. Everyone involved with the Friends wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope 2021 will bring with it some sense of normality, as well as good health and happiness!

The Rose and Crown

The Rose and Crown are getting ready for Christmas, that time of giving and sharing especially with family. We at the Rose and Crown feel like we are part of a very special family. It's called Tewin. We are so grateful, more than you will ever know, for your kindness in take-aways, food deliveries, even mercy dashes of beer and wine! You've been so generous, thank you. For our Christmas menu, our opening times during the festive season and any other queries contact Gabriel on 01438 715757. He will give you all the information you need to view the menu and take bookings and any other questions you may have. So it just leaves us to say thank you Tewin. May you all have a safe and very merry and Holy Christmas, and a happy New Year. God bless you all.

The Rose and Crown

Ware Recycling Centre Has Now Reopened

The [Ware recycling centre](#) has now reopened. The centre is open **10am to 6pm every day** (closed Thursday and Friday) except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The new site is larger, easier to use and includes a new reuse centre (where you can pick up a new pre-loved bargain).

It is 4 times larger than the original site and includes:

- a split level design allowing the majority of waste to be deposited without the need for lifting or carrying up steps
- an internal access road to keep site users off the main road
- 38 reverse car parking / unloading spaces
- fenced off areas so that full containers can be swapped without closing the centre
- A large reuse centre with dedicated parking where residents can deposit, browse and purchase reusable items that would previously have been thrown away.

[Recycling Centres](#) in Hertfordshire, except Cole Green, remain open for essential visits during lockdown.

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