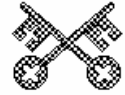




# Parish News



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Welcome to 2010. I wonder what's in store for us this year. Have you made any new year resolutions? If you have are they still intact? If ever there was a time for a new year resolution this must be it. The last year has been difficult for many, unemployment, rising debt, little or no interest on savings - small amounts carefully saved by hard working people.

## What can we do?

On Remembrance Sunday I preached on the need for true repentance underlining the fact that repentance is about a change of heart, a change of outlook. During Advent we heard the story of John the Baptist calling people to repent, to be open to God and to one another, to practise humility, it is not enough to say sorry unless change follows. I'm not sure what we can do as individuals or as small communities to rectify/improve, perhaps try in our homes, communities and workplaces to set an example, make a difference by following 5 simple resolutions:



Make the time to listen properly to others and to God

Don't assume that we are always right and the other person is wrong

Don't make hasty judgements about others without knowing the full story

Be generous with time and money

Don't fall into the temptation to undermine others behind their back

## A Prayer for 2010

*Eternal God, Creator, Son and Spirit, with your help, we would let go of the past. We would lay down our failures, guilt and shame, and lift up our eyes and look to the future.*

*Let the grace of your presence strengthen resolve, enlighten minds, clarify wills, and inflame hearts with love for you and for all people.*

*So may we live dedicated lives in peace and with courage, faith and cheerfulness, until the year's end. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

*Coralie*

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## Churchwardens' Notes

Since we went to Press for the December issue, we have had our very successful Christmas Market on 28 November. A good number of people came, contributing over £2700 towards church funds. Many thanks to Clare and Nick for organising the event and to all their "helpers"! And a big 'thank you' to all you who came and gave your support.

December had hardly started and Coralie was sleeping 'rough', spending the night outside in the wet and the cold on some steps! But it was all in a good cause, namely "Outdoor (sleepover)", a charity supporting the homeless. Coralie's efforts raised a useful sum; and our congratulations go to her.

A few days later, a good number of us had the pleasure of attending the book launch of 'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'. What a magnificent book Tewin Orchard and the Tewin Society History Association have produced. Not only is it full of interest, it is also a beautiful production. Well done indeed!

Due to the Christmas holiday, the print date for this issue is particularly early. However, by the time you read this, we will have had another of our 'Activity Days' for the children. This Christmas the event included a Christingle service. This was followed by our traditional Crib Service on Christmas eve. And this year, for the first time for many years, our Carol Service was lit by candlelight as well as our midnight service on Christmas eve.

As you know, our rector, Alan Winton, has left us to become Bishop of Thetford. The process of appointing a replacement is now underway. The first step is for the Bishop of Hertford to convene the Informal Vacancy Meeting; and this was held on 2 December. Formally, the selection is by the 'Patronage Board' which includes the bishop and representatives of the patrons of the parishes in the Team. In the case of St Peter's, our patron is Jesus College, Cambridge. However, our Team Vicar is also involved, as are two representatives from our Team Council. To put all this in place, a number of meetings need to be held, including those of each of our parish parochial church councils. It was agreed to leave these stages until the New Year. Thus very soon, the next steps will be taking place. We hope that you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas; and we wish you all the best for 2010!

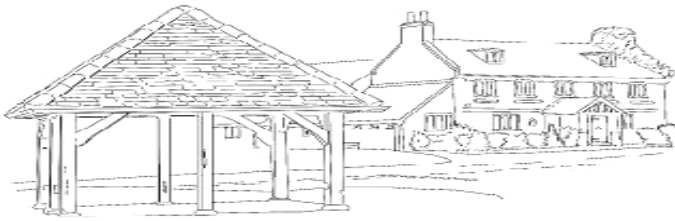
*Pete & Mike*

### Christmas Market

The St Peter's Christmas Market was once again a huge success, raising over £2,700 for church funds in the space of less than three hours. Many thanks to all of you who helped, and to the crowds of customers who attended and spent their money on the wide variety of stalls and other attractions. We are grateful, too, to those who had worked so hard in providing the host of attractive items to stock the stalls, including local hostelrys for their generous raffle prizes.

We were not able to match last year's all-time record but hearty thanks are due to Nick Whiting and Clare Cherry who master-minded the whole event once more. Particularly in the present economic situation we can all be very proud of the social and financial success of the day which, together with the money from the Harvest week-end in September, has enabled us to rebuilt reserves after they were hit by the cost of recent repairs to the church.

Graham Spring, Hon. Treasurer



## Tewin Parish Council

### AGEING WELL IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Herts County Council has published a booklet called Ageing Well in Hertfordshire which is aimed at encouraging anyone 50+ to make the most of life as they get older. It is packed full of information, helpful advice and where to find support, it includes all kinds of issues from keeping fit to preventing accidents, staying financially secure to moving into a care home. Some copies have been sent to Tewin Stores and you can also order your FREE copy on 01992-556306 or online at [www.hertsdirect.org/acs](http://www.hertsdirect.org/acs) and use the Adult Care Services publications link on the right of the page.

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Bridge Cottage Doctors surgery in Old Welwyn offer a service where you can leave your prescriptions and any money in a special locked letter box in the Rose & Crown Pub, Tewin and it will be taken to the surgery on Tuesdays and Thursday by 1.30pm and collected on Tuesday and Thursday. The drugs will be held in a locked safe in the Rose & Crown. Please ask at the bar to collect the drugs after 3pm daily.

### TELEPHONE BOX

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin and THAC's for their kind donations towards the re painting of the Telephone box and hope you agree it looks rather splendid.

### PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

Following the recent parish wide request for comments on proposals for refurbishment of the pavilion on Upper Green, out of over 600 households, the Parish Council have now received 34 responses supporting the proposal and 21 responses objecting to the proposal for various reasons.

By far the biggest reason for objecting to the proposal were fears that it might impinge on the revenues of the Memorial Hall, but the Parish Council has hopefully responded to those concerns in a subsequent meeting that was held with representatives of the Memorial Hall Committee.

Taking into account the number of responses, and the reasons for objections, at its meeting on the 7th December, the Parish Council unanimously voted to proceed with the proposals for refurbishment. Full plans will now be prepared so that planning permission can be obtained, leading to an application for the loan, and final quotes from builders.

Several parishioners have already asked how to make donations towards the project, and the Parish Council will look into this. The Parish Council is sorry that there were some mistakes on the newsletter that was sent out asking for comments, and also that there may have been some problems with delivery.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009 at 7.45pm

at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room. Other meeting dates are: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009

### 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 ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, NEWSLETTERS AND DATES OF MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting)** Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive. If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

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Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - [caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net](mailto:caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net)

### East Herts District Councillor

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

### Herts County Councillor

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

### Other Useful Numbers/Websites

**Operation Arable – 01992-533000** – For reporting motorcycles

**Police Community Team – 01707-354192** – For non-emergency purposes

**Police Control Room – 0845-3300222**

**Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321** - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

**East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)** - For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

**Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)**

**Animal Warden** Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

**Tewin Parish Council** Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.



**1<sup>st</sup> Tewin Brownies**

Tewin Brownies have been very busy this term, with District events and fun packed meetings. The term started with the annual Hertford District Brownie Sports Day, the sun shone and the Brownies competed well in all of their events. There were many traditional events such as relays and football dribbling, and many obscure events like welly throwing -“It’s hard because you don’t do it every day” and croquet. They also did very well in the relay as they were one of the smallest teams to compete so ended up running a very long way. In the end, Tewin came joint first, we are very proud of the girls who competed as it is the first time they have ever won the Trophy.

The girls also competed in the Hertford District Night Hike. They started off in Much Hadham, at around 8pm, and walked over 4 miles around the village in the dark. It was pirate themed and the girls took part in three main activities; walking the plank to put treasure in a bucket at the other end, finding map references and digging for treasure. They were the last Brownie pack to start and ended up having a very late night, but I’m sure they slept well after their long walk. They especially enjoyed the hotdogs and hot chocolate with cream at the end! They did very well to come 12<sup>th</sup> out of 21 teams, as it is the first night hike Tewin have competed in.

During the meeting the girls have been working towards their Craft and Brownie Traditions. As part of their traditions badge, they enjoyed looking through old Brownie annuals and magazines to see how Brownies uniforms and activities have changed over the years. For their crafts badge the Brownies tried some detailed origami, they all made paper water bombs, which worked surprisingly well. They decided that they would like to do more cooking, so they made gingerbread men and then decorated them. Each six had to make 10 different shapes in 20 minutes and were marked on how much mess they made. Overall it was a success, and the Brownies enjoyed eating them!

As half term drew near, the Brownies hosted a Halloween party where each Brownie brought a friend. There were many spooky outfits they had a great time playing numerous games, for instance bobbing for apples, wink murder, trying not to let the chocolate ball fall off the flour mound. Finally they ate lots of food that Brown Owl cooked and had a great time!

In the second half of the term, the Brownies have been working towards their Adventure 100 badge. This is a specific badge for the centenary of guiding, where each brownie has to gain 100 points from 10 different sections. They have many exciting activities and events to come which will help them gain this badge. The centenary year will be an amazing opportunity for everyone who is involved in guiding with many regional and some global events to look forward to.



TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL ~  
SUPPORTERS CLUB  
Results for the November 2009 draw  
1st £64 Hilary Armstrong, West Riding  
2nd £38 Tony Hagger, Cowpers Way  
3rd £13 Michael Newman, Cannons Meadow  
3rd £13 Keith Parkinson, Stotfold  
Membership forms from Peter Burleigh ( 23  
Harwood Close, Tel 715260 ) or any member of the

St Peter's Church  
was floodlit on  
Monday 7th December  
in memory of  
TERRY LONERGAN  
requested by Elke, Annelly  
and Stephany

# THACS

## News

THACS is featured in the new *History of Tewin by the people of Tewin* book with colour pictures of various activities, so please buy the book and have a look.

## Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions for 2009 expired on 31<sup>st</sup> October but some payments for 2010 are still overdue. If you are a member and have not already paid your subscription, then please do so. Under the revised Constitution, membership subscriptions must be paid before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010, otherwise membership ceases. The membership fee is £5 per person per year. Cheques should be made out to THACS and sent to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, Hertfordshire AL6 0NP.

## Forthcoming Events

**THACS Annual General Meeting and talk about the history of paper making and printing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Final reminder! The ninth THACS AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.00pm.

## Recent Events

**Photography talk at Burnham Green Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

We had a good number of keen photographers for

the photographic evening, when THACS were very fortunate to have the president of Ware and District Photographic Society, Bob Norris, who came to give us a talk and presentation of his excellent photographs.

He inspired us all to achieve greater things when taking photos, and challenged us to change them for more artistic effects. Bob showed us wonderful portraits, wildlife and landscape photos:- subjects that we could, as he said, find all around us, if we used our observation and imagination.

Many thanks to all who came and we hope to see some exciting and different photos for our coming shows.

**Calligraphy Workshop at Burnham Green Village Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Nine people enjoyed an afternoon trying out the skills of Calligraphy. Jo Cooper (who is a lecturer and judge at our Spring Show) gave us a brief, interesting history of Calligraphy and then demonstrated how to write different letters correctly on a blackboard with a squared piece of chalk, and we copied the method with a calligraphy dip pen and ink on lined paper.

We shared ideas and enjoyed a cup of tea and cake kindly provided by Doreen Lloyd and Kay Adams. We left with a sheet of diagonally lined paper with which to create a design from the letters we had learned, and we will meet again at 2.30pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010, again at Burnham Green Hall. Those members, who had previously wanted to attend the first workshop but could not make it, will be very welcome.

The Bassett Lowke Society ~  
Vintage Model Railway show  
Sunday 10th January 2010 from  
10.00am to 5.00pm  
Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green,  
Tewin  
Entrance £2  
For further details contact:  
Peter O'Kane 01992 893490 or  
Mike Green 01462 454537

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Church, Village shop or can be  
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### Open your Garden for Charity

Do you have an inspiring Garden? or do you and some of your neighbours have a collection of unique eye-catching gardens? Would you allow people who appreciate gardens to come and visit yours?

Please let us know if you have a garden that you could open one Sunday, we currently have over 18 that open throughout the county and last year raised a fantastic £30,964. British Red Cross use money from programmes such as this to deliver emergency, medical, practical and emotional care

for people in their own homes, in this local community, throughout the UK and abroad. Crisis situations happen every day, whether it is someone infirm and not able to assist themselves or someone who has just lost everything through disaster. People need the Red Cross to be there, meeting suffering with care, understanding and without discrimination, when there is no one else to turn to.

British Red Cross Open Gardens programme is dependant upon the dedication of all the garden owners that take part and the enthusiasm of attendees visiting as many as possible.

If you would like to help, either as a volunteer or by opening your own garden, please call **Sarah Amexheta or Cas Lawson on 01992 586609.**

### Operation Christmas Child ~ Tewin shoe boxes to the Ukraine

Again it gives me great pleasure on behalf of Samaritans Purse to thank those who responded so well to the Operation Christmas child Appeal this year. 252 shoe boxes, as well as several large bags of soft toys and other gifts, were picked up from here on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. The figure 252 may roll of the tongue quite easily but I have to say that to see that amount stacked up in our hall is a most impressive sight! Each box was so carefully wrapped and filled with your gifts, will quite soon be a child's whole Christmas experience and only connection with the outside world, so many miles away from their orphanage or institution that

life has places them in. Without wanting to sound dramatic, the soft toy within may represent the only thing a child has to love! We will never really know the true impact of our efforts. The Tewin School collection was also made from here that day.

Thank you again all those who participated in the scheme and A BIG THANK YOU to all those ladies who have spent hours knitting woolly hats and gloves for inclusion in the boxes. Well done!

Jackie Beadle, Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin, AL6 0LT

Tel: 01438 798247 [www.samaritanspurse.uk.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.uk.com)

### **A NEW CHAPTER FOR TEWIN**

There was an air of celebration in the Tewin Memorial Hall on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> December when the *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'* was officially launched. Over 200 people came along to hear Lord Laming of Tewin give an excellent introduction to the book. He praised its content and the quality and extended congratulations to everyone who had been involved in its production. Glasses of wine were enjoyed by all those who had come to collect their pre-ordered books or to purchase copies. Such was the interest that additional sales totalling £1,050 were made on the night! The History Book Group thank all those people who bought copies and are especially grateful to everyone who placed advance orders or made donations because without this revenue the book could not have been published. Many thanks too to everyone who helped at the launch – Roger Temple, Todd Canton, Anna Clark, Ann Lee and David Gregg – who either manned tables or assisted with the organisation.

Thanks also to Linda Crawford and Karin Borg for dispensing the wine, and to everyone who helped in the kitchen or with the clearing up afterwards. All profits from the book will be donated to the Tewin Memorial Hall and copies are now available for purchase at Tewin Stores, or via the web on [www.tewinorchard.co.uk](http://www.tewinorchard.co.uk). Alternatively, please phone either Jean Canton on 717395 or Linda Adams on 798147. The cost of the book is £25.00 (cheques to be made payable to *Tewin Society History Association* please).

Finally, our sincere thanks to Lord Laming for his invaluable contribution to the launch and to everyone who came along to help celebrate this very special occasion for the village.

*The History Book Group: Elizabeth Wilson (Chairman), Linda Adams, Jean Canton, Michael Clark, Mary Gregg, Patrick Holden, John Lee, Rosemary Nodder, Ben Roberts, Lilian Southgate, Patricia Klijn (Editor).*



## MESSAGE FROM TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL

The excitement is growing here as we are now in the special time of Advent and preparing for Christmas - a wonderful end to the term. We ended last term with our Ofsted Inspection and began this one with our Diocesan Inspection; we were very pleased with the outcomes of these and followed on by reshaping our vision and looking at how we can raise standards even further, making the learning journey an excellent, exciting experience for everyone. This term we have implemented the International Primary Curriculum which has supported us in increasing our range of topics and providing exciting, inspiring activities for the children. This has even extended beyond the school day with one class having a night walk, ending with hot chocolate and marshmallows in the Plume of Feathers garden!



In September, we introduced an additional class due to an increase in the number of children. We decided to rename the classes; instead of planets, each class has the name of a bug – Ladybirds (reception), Caterpillars (year 1), Grasshoppers (year 2), Honeybees (years 3 and 4) and Dragonflies (years 5 and 6). Our new reception children in Ladybird class settled very quickly and it is a pleasure to support them in this next step of their learning journey. We also welcomed some new members to our staff team: Mrs Cowler as class teacher and Mrs Schug as teaching assistant in Caterpillars; Mrs Davis as class teacher for this term, in Dragonflies.



One highlight of the term has been the Harvest weekend at St Peter's Church, with teddy bears parachuting from the church tower, country dancing and singing. It was a great pleasure to be involved in this community event. This was followed by our Harvest Service on the Monday morning. At the end of the same week, we participated in the Macmillan 'World's biggest coffee morning' by holding an event here.

Our International Day at the end of September was an inspiring day for us all – each class focused on a different country in the morning, then in the afternoon children changed classes to engage in learning activities relating to another country. We ended the day with a celebration assembly. The Parents Association organised our school fete on 3rd October; whilst the weather was not good, it was well supported by the community and we had a great time. A firework display was also arranged for 6th November; although that too was a very wet day, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. We are very grateful to the Parents Association for their work and support; a lot of money is raised by them to support projects in the school.



Next week, we will all be going to the Pantomime in Welwyn Garden City, thanks to the support of the Parents Association. Our Christmas Parties and Christmas Dinner will be highlights the following week, together with our grand finale: performances of 'Christmas Praise' which will involve the whole school in singing and acting.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.



Alison Simpson and the Staff Team

Calling all Senior Citizens, over 60 years of age. Your invitation to the annual Senior Citizens Lunch should arrive through your letter box in the New Year. For those who have not been before please consider coming. We also deliver to those of you who cannot get out for health reasons. Money raised throughout the year along with donations pays for you all to have a free lunch in February, so come and enjoy and meet your friends. We usually have a quiz and a little entertainment which goes well with a glass of wine.

Other dates for your diary are 15th February 2010 when we will be holding our A.G.M at 8pm in the Kimberley Room, Tewin Memorial Hall, with the Senior Citizens Lunch being held in Tewin Memorial Hall on 17th February 2010.

See you there, Linda Crawford Chairman Friends of Tewin