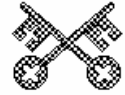




Parish News



The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

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Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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As some of you know, acting as a mediator takes up a part of my professional life. What I often say to parties in dispute, who ask me to help them negotiate a settlement, is that if the process is to be successful there is one golden rule that it's wise to bear in mind. *Both sides have to give something up.*

Ouch! For some people that's really difficult and challenging, and I can see it written all over their faces. 'You mean *I* have to give something up?' Yes. As John Kennedy used to say: *We cannot negotiate with those who say, 'What's mine is mine, and what's yours is negotiable'. Giving something up can be very painful indeed. It may require courage, or self-discipline, or frankly thinking more about somebody else's interest than I do about my own.*

Shortly we'll be entering the period of Lent - the prelude to Easter, during which we traditionally try to 'give something up'. The idea is that we are trying to follow in some way the great sacrifice of Jesus, which is the key and the heart of the Christian faith. Here was Jesus 'giving up everything' for us, and Lent is the time for making a response in our turn. The tougher our self-denial, the more valuable it is likely to be, if it enables us to get a grip on some aspect of our life that we would prefer to be different.

What might any of us 'give up' this Lent that could make a real and lasting difference to our life - or better still, to someone else's life?

With every blessing

Stephen

Churchwardens' Notes

It was good to see the church full for the Carol Service, the Crib Service and Midnight Mass and so many children and grown ups at the Christingle Service. This year the Christingle Service was immediately preceded by the Children's Activity Morning where the children made their own Christingle and painted and glittered a marvellous array of decorations for the Christmas tree in the porch. Many thanks to the army of adults who made this possible and to Ivor Williams for providing the tree.

Many thanks to Rosemary and the choir for their contribution to the Carol Service and the Choral Evensongs on the first Sunday of each month. They work so hard practicing and their voices really do enhance the services.

During the recent bitterly cold weather the heating has been on for an inordinately long time prior to each service without really making much difference to the temperature inside. All we can do now is to remind you to wear extra layers and please try to keep the doors shut as much as possible.

We had another visit from the architect in January to check up on the final stages of the work highlighted by the quinquennial inspection last year. We have decided to leave the decoration of the new plaster in the porch and the toilet until the spring, but hope to re-instate the notice board in the porch and the hand rail in the toilet sooner than that. There is still some work to be done to the window above the north door, to replace cracked panes of glass.

We have made a start on clearing out the cellar where the old heating boiler used to be and got rid of a substantial number of old heating pipes. This has provided sufficient storage space for the excess items from the Christmas Market.

One piece of late news has recently come to hand. The sum of £160 was raised by the sponsored Bike 'N Hike event held in September in aid of the Historic Churches Trust. Once again our thanks go to all those who took part as bikers, hikers, sponsors and providers of refreshments on the day.

At the time of writing these notes, the final details for the Lent Courses still have to be finalised so please watch out for notices in the porch and in the pew slips. There will be a service of Holy Communion at St.Peter's on Ash Wednesday evening at 8pm taken by Diane Whittaker to mark the start of Lent.

Pete and Mike

www.challenge2010.org

Make a difference in 2010.

The Challenge to the people, schools and churches across the Diocese of St Albans is : dare to make a difference in your lives, in your communities and in the world by living the words of Jesus.

READ a verse from the bible each day in Lent,

LEARN it, PRAY about it and then

DO something to make a difference.

Share what you have learned and what you have done.

You can register on the Challenge website www.challenge2010.org or ask Coralie, Catherine Jupp, or other leader.

The verses, which are all from Luke's Gospel and record something Jesus said, will be sent by email or by text (for a small charge) or will be available through Twitter and RSS. Alternatively the verses will be available to be downloaded from the website and you, your parish, your school or youth group can print them.

The website will give further details and ideas about how to make the Challenge a shared exercise within your congregation, class, youth group or among your friends. In particular you will be able to write comments on the website and upload short video clips, via YouTube, so that you can share with others what the verse means to you and how you are seeking to act on it.

It's simple, it's risky, it's life changing: are you up for it?

We will be responding to this initiative



Tewin Parish Council

CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROLS ON THE GREEN

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin for all their efforts which resulted in another successful event and a beautiful tree to grace the green.

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

At its meeting in early December, the Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the full-scale refurbishment of the Pavilion on Upper Green.

A number of individuals have indicated a wish to contribute to the project and consequently the Council has established "The Pavilion Refurbishment Fund". Anyone wishing to make a donation is invited to make cheques payable to Tewin Parish Council Pavilion and forward them to The Clerk, 2 Badgers Walk, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0HP.

It is our intention that the names of all contributors will be suitably recorded in the new building unless they specifically choose to remain anonymous.

PRESS RELEASE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS Re GRITTING

As from Monday 11 January Highways will be operating a reduced salting/gritting network as advised by the Government. Highways has developed the reduced network plans in consultation with the Police, Fire and Ambulance services and have ensured that the main bus depots and hospitals are part of this reduced network. Information about the change has been loaded onto www.hertsdirect.org/salting, put out by Press Release and by interview on local radio, and circulated to MPs and key partners. The duration of the recent cold weather period was a major cause of the difficulties. We have been working virtually continuously since 15th of December – twice as long as last February, and the coldest period for nearly 30 years (1981/82). Although the resupply system has been poor, and has not fulfilled the commitments made following last winter, the extent and severity of the cold weather would have caused major problems regardless of any failings in it.

Further information about the winter service operations can be found on the County Council's website www.hertsdirect.org/salting *For the time being Tewin and adjacent villages will not be included on the gritting schedule.*

PRESS RELEASE FROM EAST HERTS COUNCIL Re REFUSE COLLECTION

Waste Collection should now be running according to the current schedule available on the website www.eastherts.gov.uk and click on Alternate Refuse Collections, then click on ARC Collection Information (from Nov 09) and the click on Refuse and Recycling Schedule Street Index (Article date: January 12, 2010) Unfortunately due to the severe weather refuse, recycling or garden waste was not collected from East Herts'

homes on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Jan 6-Jan 9). Our website was continually updated last week indicating that the service had been suspended, but we were not able to provide further detail until it became clear when conditions would improve. Following an assessment on Monday morning (Jan 11), all collection services were resumed, although there will be some locations that are still difficult to access. While it is sometimes possible to 'catch up' if there is disruption for a day or two, or if only parts of the district are affected, our contractor simply does not have the resources to make the 64,000 collections that were missed last week and undertake this week's collections. This is exacerbated by the additional Christmas waste being collected meaning that resources are already stretched. The Council usually undertakes 160,000 collections per fortnight. These are carried out by a fleet of 20 vehicles and crews. Having considered all available options, collections this week will be those planned for this week only, as detailed in households' existing calendar. We fully understand residents will be disappointed that, in some cases, they will need to wait a further two weeks for their missed collection (either refuse or recycling depending upon which was missed last week). To help communicate the reasons for the delay the following 'frequently asked questions' / answers are being put on our website this week.

Q. Why can't you come back and collect my waste this week? A. Our contractor is resourced to collect every day. We don't have the resources to collect the missed four days. Any spare resources we have (for breakdowns etc) are being used to collect the excess Christmas waste.

Q. Why can't you collect at weekends? A. We are already collecting on Saturdays to catch up for the Christmas bank holidays. Waste disposal sites are not open on Sundays and we would therefore have nowhere to take the waste.

Q. Why could the refuse crews not operate during the snow? A. We have to take a view about whether it is safe for the public and staff to operate services. Vehicles weigh 26 tonnes and are lethal in icy conditions. Although primary roads were gritted estate roads and most pavements were not. Handling heavy bins and boxes on icy pavements can be hazardous for collection staff.

Q. What can I do with my waste / recycling until the next collection day? A. Your waste can be stored outside in bags and presented at the next collection day. We will collect excess bagged side waste at the next collection.

Q. Is storing my waste a health hazard? A. The outside temperatures are lower than your fridge at the moment. If possible keep the waste away from pests. If you have any concerns or have nowhere to store the excess waste, it can be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. Recyclables can be taken to your local recycling bank sites. Your nearest site can be found on our website.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ The next meeting is on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room. Other meeting dates are: Monday 12th April 2010

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. (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: Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256, Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

East Herts District Councillors 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

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 - For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 0300 123 4040 or 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.

STILL MEN ONLY! WELWYN TEAM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every few months a breakfast meeting is held at NEW CHURCH HOUSE, St Mary's, Welwyn. This is organised for the benefit and enjoyment of the men in the churches making up the Welwyn Team and their guests. An excellent cooked breakfast is provided and an invited guest speaker gives a talk on a subject likely to be of interest.

The next Breakfast will be at **8.00 for 8.15 am,**
on Saturday 6th February, 2010.

The speaker will be **Michael Harris**

"What redundancy did for me. How I found my Vocation"

Admission is by ticket only, £5.00 in advance, from Graham Spring (01707 375499)

Paul and Lynne Griggs would like to thank everyone who made the annual New Year's Eve party at the Village Hall a night to remember. It was the eighth and possibly the best so far with all the tickets sold within a week and a fantastic atmosphere on the night. Thanks to everyone who participated in Vicki's raffle for her own charity, Moorfields Eye Hospital. Over £350 was raised and special thanks to Ivor and Linda Williams for donating the star prize, and to everyone else who donated prizes.

Put a date in your diary for 31st December 2010.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the December 2009 draw

1 st £63	J E Hall, Desborough Drive
2 nd £38	D Saban, Bishops Road
3 rd £13	R Beadle, Queen Hoo Lane
3 rd £13	R Sharp, Orchard Road

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall committee

Diary Date! Next Jumble Sale – 6th March

The Spring Jumble Sale will be held in the Memorial Hall on **SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH** from 2 – 5 pm. If you have any unwanted gifts or other surplus items, we'd be most grateful if you would donate them to the sale. Information regarding collections etc will be given in the next Parish News but, in the meantime, if you have any queries, please phone Todd Canton on 717395.

THACS - Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society

THACS Shows in 2010

Here are some advanced dates for your 2010 diary. The *THACS* Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 20th March 2010** and the **Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 4th September 2010**. The Show Schedules will be published nearer the time but, meanwhile, here is advanced notification of the categories for the photographic competition.

Spring 2010	Autumn 2010
1. Winter scene	1. * Wildlife
2. * Cloud formations	2. * Holiday Memories -(to include people)
3. * Pets/ Domestic animals - (to include Farm animals)	3. Atmospheric Landscape
4. Monuments/ Statues	4. Chimney Pots
5. * Close-up of Household object	5. * Dereliction

The Adult Section consists of all ten categories and the Children's Section consists of the six categories marked with *. So now you can get your cameras working and exhibit your best ones:- go on, give it a go!



Friends of Tewin

The snow added a magical touch to the `Carols around the Christmas Tree` this year. Although it stopped a few people from attending those who did brave the wet weather enjoyed the hot mulled wine and drinking chocolate with the mince pies. The raffle made £120 and the church collected £72 for the homeless. Our new band of amateur musicians were great and played Christmas music before and after the carols despite being wet and cold. Thank you to all who came. See pictures on the web site.

The snow has not helped our band of helpers who

put leaflets through your door. If you have not received your **Senior Citizens Lunch Invitation for February 17th** please contact me or one of the Friends of Tewin committee a.s.a.p. My Chairman's letter for our **A.G.M. on Monday 15th February** at Tewin Memorial Hall has also not been delivered but a copy is available at the Village Shop or in the Church or again from the committee. Please ask for a copy and see what we have achieved this year, or better still come along to our A.G.M. which is always short and sweet and you do get a cup of tea/coffee. If there is anyone who is willing to deliver leaflets in their road 2/3 times a year please let us know.

Happy New Year to all, Linda Crawford
Chairman, Friends of Tewin

SHOP MANAGER REQUIRED

MIN 25 HOURS PER WEEK @ £7.50/HR

MONDAY - FRIDAY 08:00 – 11:00 & 15:30 – 17:30 (APPROX)

REQUIREMENTS: SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE VITAL, MUST BE COMPUTER LITERATE AND WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE TO HAVE EXPERIENCE OF AN FMCG ENVIRONMENT

APPLY TEWIN STORES : 01438 717 929 FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

The Tewin Stores Association Ltd. A community shop run by the village for the village

St Peter's Services February 2010

Date	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Day	Second Sunday before Lent	Sunday before Lent	Lent 1	Lent 2
Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion
Officiating	Stephen Fielding	Stephen Fielding	Coralie McCluskey	Stephen Fielding
Time	9.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
1st Reading	Gen.2:4b-9,15-end	Exod.34:29-end	Deut.26:1-11	Gen.15:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading	Rev. 4	2Cor.3:12-4:2	Romans 10:8b-13	Phil.3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 8:4-15	Luke 9:28-36	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-end
Server	David	Pauline	~	David
Intercessor	Pat Ashman	Linda Adams	~	Mick Simmons
Reader	Amanda Osgood	Keith Barnfield	~	Nick Whiting
Sidesmen	Pauline Brown & Clare Cherry	Mary Gregg & M Slaughter	Gloria Kersey	David Reavill & Ruth Sharp
Flowers	Gloria Kersey	Mary Gregg	Lent	~
Coffee	Pauline Spring	M & J Slaughter	K & A Barnfield	~
Cleaner	J & M Slaughter	Audrey Walters	Jane Vine	~

Wedding Emma Dougan and Matthew Clack 16th January

Ash Wednesday at Tewin on Wednesday 17th @ 8pm.

Readings are: Isaiah 58:1-12, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 and John 8:1-11.

Dianne Whitaker will preside

Said Evening prayers Tuesday Evenings at 5.00pm

Every Wednesday	Rose & Crown	9.15 pm ~ Quiz
Every Thursday	Lower Green	9.25 am ~ Walks of the footpaths of Tewin
15 th Monday	Kimberley Room, Memorial Hall	8.00 pm ~ Friends of Tewin AGM
17 th Wednesday	Memorial Hall	12.00 – 4.30 pm Senior Citizens Lunch

Views in the Parish News are not always those held by the Team Ministry or by the Parochial Council

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