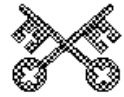




# Parish News



September 2010

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

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## A Message from Coralie

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.* Psalm 104:14-15

The Church has always played an important role at this time of the year in connecting all God's people, the land and the food that it produces through Harvest. There is a growing interest in food production and cooking. The media has got in on the act with a vast array of glossy magazines weighing down the shelves of newsagents and a proliferation of foodie and gardening television programmes. There is too an increased demand for allotments or, as they are sometimes called, leisure plots.

Fair Trade is important in developing countries and many church congregations have pledged to use only fairly-traded tea, coffee and chocolate.

This year Harvest Festival coincides with British food fortnight (18<sup>th</sup> September-3<sup>rd</sup> October). The aim of the campaign is to raise our awareness of the diverse and delicious food that Britain produces and the benefits, not least the reduction in air miles, and pleasure of eating quality, fresh, seasonal and regional produce. It also hopes to encourage us to buy locally produced food where available and to support the British market.

At St Peter's Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at 11am, *Family Communion* and 6.30pm, *Evensong*. Following the morning service there is a Harvest Lunch at the school. There are lists at the back of the church to sign up and further details in this Parish News.

I do hope that you will join me for one of the services and the harvest lunch as we give thanks for our good harvest and all that is good in our lives.

Best wishes, *Coralie*



## Churchwardens' Notes

After the last edition went to press, we had the pleasure of Tewin Cowper school Leavers' Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Stephen took the service and played the organ (now that's multi-tasking!). As always with the children, the church seemed very alive and we look forward to the school's next visit.

July ended on a lower note with yet another attempted break-in. Again the West Door was targeted, with the outside handle being damaged and the top bolt fixing pulled out of the inside wall. Despite substantial force, this time the door remained locked shut. However, repairs take time and money. As if that were not enough, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, two panes of glass in the large north windows were broken and the lead work damaged necessitating removal of the damaged panel to the workshop. An act of mindless vandalism again causes great inconvenience and is very costly. Please be vigilant and telephone either of the Churchwardens if you see anything suspicious.

On a much brighter note, August has seen the beginning of the '**Sunday Club**' our 'open air Sunday School' (but a gazebo is put up to provide some cover in case the elements are unkind!). We are most grateful to Richard and Debbie, Mavis and Angela, for both the idea and organising the Club on several Sundays in August. This has made Coralie even more determined to create a space at the church so we can have similar activities throughout the year.

Again on a brighter note, Terry Brown has worked extremely hard in the churchyard and the whole of the eastern end is looking very tidy. Many thanks, Terry! Other work proceeding included the inspection of our whole electrical system for which we obtain a certificate every five years. Those of you so used to seeing Pete working in the churchyard but missed her recently, have no fear, she should be back from her well earned holiday by the time you read this.

Now for some future events. On 5<sup>th</sup> September, the last of the Summer Evensongs will be at St Peter's at 6.30pm, when Coralie will conclude this series which has been on 'Journeys'.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, we have our Harvest Lunch, for which the school is kindly allowing us to use their hall. Lists are at the back of the church for tickets, at £4 each or £10 for a family ticket [2 adults & up to 2 children]. Tickets from Gloria or either of the Churchwardens. Please sign the appropriate list to donate a dessert or to help in any other way.

And finally, a new venture for us. Helen, who was married to Gerald at the time of our Harvest Festival last year, has achieved the allocation of a '**Community Day**' for us by her employer, Bovis Lend Lease. Scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we hope to have a number of volunteers from that organisation to help with some of the heavy work in the churchyard. A big thank you to Helen for thinking of us!

During August, we have been very pleased to welcome two children for baptism, Samuel Alexander Penstone-Smith on 8<sup>th</sup> and Ashley Hookway Owens on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pete and Mike



St Peter's Church, Tewin



### "The Charpentier Consort"

This highly talented group are back at St Peter's to perform:

**A late summer evening concert of English choral music**

### "From Byrd to the Blue Bird"

This concert is a performance not to be missed!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010, 7:00 pm**

**Tickets: £10 each or £25 for a Family (2 adults and up to 2 children)**  
available from:

**Ted & Ruth Sharp, 60 Orchard Road, Tewin, Tel: 01438 798594**

**or by email [edward.sharp@dslpipex.com](mailto:edward.sharp@dslpipex.com)**

Cheques should be made payable to **St Peter's Church Tewin PCC** please



*'The Charpentier Consort' will also sing during the  
9:30am service on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October*



**Welwyn Floral Club** invites you to a demonstration on **October 6th**, by **Gloria Bacioc**.

The title, "**PEDESTALS**", might be of particular interest to those who help to decorate our Church so beautifully throughout the year.



The club meets on the **first Wednesday** of each month, at **Welwyn Civic Centre**.



Demonstrations start at 7.30pm with a charge for visitors of £5.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## Bike 'n' Hike 2010

*Help save the Past for the Future*

**Saturday 11th September 2010**

from **10am to 6pm**

**Raise funds for St Peter's Church, Tewin**

Can you help please? I'm looking for volunteers to help man the check-in station at St Peter's for the **Bike 'N' Hike**?

If you can spare an hour or two that day between 10am & 5pm please ring David Rawlings [01438 717552] to be put on the rota.

Details & sponsorship forms at the back of the church or from David Rawlings (01438 717552)

**P.S. The Parish News Editor and son[s] will be cycling between the 5 Team Churches. We would welcome any sponsors to sign our bright yellow form at the back of the Church, by the font.**



## Tewin Bell Ringers Outing

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July saw us set off for our annual outing, this time to Ashbourne in the Peak District. The Hotel, built in 1901, still had many old features and a very friendly welcoming atmosphere. Altogether 18 of us arrived, with David and Mark making it to ringing practice at Brassington.



The following morning we set off to the first church in Rocester village with a ground floor ring of eight bells. We were met here by Bill and Eileen, [Marion Meads' son and daughter-in-law], and Alan and Wendy, [Audrey's son and daughter-in law], who live in the area. From Rocester we went to Alton (of Alton Towers fame), where Alan and Wendy live. This was another eight bell ring with a short climb to the ringing balcony. The last church was at Ellastone. We always have an unforgettable tower, this was it! The bells were a 13cwt six and hard going! The climb to the ringing chamber was very steep and the tread of each step quite high. The redeeming feature was a small door in the tower ringing chamber that opened into the main church and an amazing view of the rafters.

We left Ellastone, Staffordshire, on into Derbyshire, and the village of Osmaston. *'The Shoulder of Mutton'* was our base with lovely lunch, and more than generous portions.

First ring of the afternoon in Osmaston, an upstairs ring of six weighing 16cwt where the person due to meet us failed to show, but we found a phone number for the Bell Captain who let us in! Though the bells were heavy they were lovely to ring. We were allowed access to the church and the vestry was to die for ... hexagonal design with a wooden raftered ceiling and a working fireplace. Next was Brailsford, where we had an impromptu hand bell practice in the churchyard attracting an audience from the nearby fete. Inside Church, another upstairs ring of six bells with lovely kneelers including some with the bell ringing method lines on them! Last ring of the day was at Muggington on a hilltop with beautiful views, and a ground floor ring of six. Interesting features were a bell wheel and clock mechanism on view in church, outside was an extremely old, hollow yew tree.

On Sunday where else could we go but Alton Towers! We deposited the usual birthday cake in a locker while the younger generation went off together for their own rides.

The more adventurous adults went on *'Rita'*, a ride that catapults you to 100 kmh in 2.5 seconds followed by the *'Rapids'*, guaranteed to soak you, and it did! The average age in our *'Rapids'* boat was 55 years. The bravest went on to *'Nemesis'*, the less brave on a cable car over to the *'Nemesis'* entrance where we met up. The fearless adults went on a ride called *'Air'*, which gives you the feeling of flying. When we'd completed as many rides as we could manage we headed for a café but the combination of a complex order, a warped tray, milk in a jug flask and a wind blowing out the candles on the birthday cake left us in peals of laughter. We all had a lovely outing, the weather sunny but not too hot. We arrived home in good time despite the exit from the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Where next year you ask? Well the hotel seemed to like us as they are happy to have us back and Alan said we can go to Alton Towers again if we like ..... we shall have to see.



For a lovely selection of photographs of the outing do have a look at the display on the notice board in the bell-ringing area at the back of the Church.

*This article was extracted from a piece written by Susan Hall*

## SALES OF '*The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin*'

**Good news!** Sales of the history book, including advance sales and those made at the Book Launch on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009, together with subsequent sales, now total 636 copies.



On behalf of the Book Group and the Editor, I should like to thank everyone for their wonderful support, especially all those who have purchased copies for themselves and for friends and relatives. Tewin Stores Post Office has sent books all over the country and across the world and we have heard a number of stories about those who've received a copy. For example, The Reverend Blamire Brown (St Peter's Church, Tewin from 1958 - 1975), was given a copy by his daughter, Jane, for his 80+ birthday, which gave him immense pleasure. Another book was given to Stanley Darton, the Village policeman in the 1970's and 80's, by his daughter on his birthday. Stanley, now in his 80's too, was thrilled with his gift.

We owe a special 'thank you' to Tewin Stores, who have sold 55 copies of the book since the beginning of January. In addition, Tewinbury Farm has sold 3 copies, Tebbutts Stores 2, and the remainder have been sold by members of the Book Group. We still have a number of books available, so more customers are very welcome! All the profits from the sales are given to the Tewin Memorial Hall for its maintenance fund. To date, we have been able to give the Hall £4,000.

Finally, I should like to thank my fellow members of the Book Group - Linda Adams, Jean Canton, Michael Clark, Mary Gregg, Patrick Holden, John Lee, Rosemary Nodder, Ben Roberts, Lilian Southgate, and Patricia Klijn (Editor), who, from our first meeting in March 2006, gave freely of their time over the following 3½ years to produce '*The History of Tewin*'. They were always happy and fruitful meetings - sometimes fortified by 'a little something' to celebrate a birthday (or some other excuse) - and everyone then went home to do more research and more writing for their allotted chapters. We are pleased so many folks are enjoying our efforts and that the Memorial Hall - and therefore the village - now benefits.

Elizabeth Wilson, Chairman of the History Book Group



*Tewin Stores still has stocks of the book, but if that's not convenient, please phone either Linda Adams on 798147, or Jean Canton on 717395, or order on-line at [www.tewinorchard.co.uk](http://www.tewinorchard.co.uk)*



## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Please note new contact for Club Administration

Results for the July 2010 draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£62	Mrs Barker, Grass Warren
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£37	Gerry Morrisroe, Upper Green
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Michael Cates, Harwood Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Kim Weight, Bishops Road

Membership forms: Lisa Bove (39 Orchard Road, Tel 798546) or any member of the Hall Committee



### IYENGAR YOGA CLASS

This is a village class held during term time  
in Tewin Village Memorial Hall

on Monday mornings and Thursday evenings

Beginners always welcome

More details from Eleanor Lohr on 01438 717709

New Term starts w/c 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Meditation classes** are held from time to time at my house.

The next session will be on Friday, 10 September 12.30-1.30pm.

Please telephone me, Eleanor Lohr, on 01438 717709 if you are interested



## Friends of Tewin

We are now resting after organising two events close together. The Barn Dance on 24th July was well supported and it was nice to see some Tewin families joining us as well as some foreign visitors who had never been to a Barn Dance before. We managed to make a profit which will go into our funds for future projects. The weather was indeed kind to us and we were able to sit outside and cool off when we needed a rest from dancing or to eat our supper from 'Roastaholics'. The weather seems to have taken a turn for the worse as I write so we hope it brightens up for Classic Cars event. More about that next month.

Friends of Tewin recently purchased a bigger and better coffee machine for the shop so we hope you will pop along for a coffee and scone. Our next date for your dairy is Wednesday, 20th October 2010, from 2pm - 4pm when we hold the annual 'Tea Party' in Tewin Memorial Hall. This FREE event is open to all Tewin residents and we hope some young mums will pop in for a cuppa before picking up their children from school. The children from the school usually offer to come and sing for us, so really it is a very pleasant afternoon for folks of all ages. Any offers for homemade cakes are always welcome.

P.S. On a personal note to those people who have booked to go to the Christmas Show at Thursford - the rest of the money is due now.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

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

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010:- THACS Arts & Crafts Fair**

23<sup>rd</sup> October sees the return of the **THACS Arts & Crafts Sale**. Formerly in Burnham Green Village Hall over two days, we have moved to Tewin Memorial Hall for one day only. There will be over 20 stalls selling locally produced arts and crafts including painting, photography, ceramics and horse-shoe craft, traditionally made teddy bears, knitted gifts, silver jewellery and home-made preserves. There will also be demonstrations of jewellery making from 'Homebeads' of Knebworth and face painting for the children. So there's plenty for everyone to see and do!!!

Refreshments will be served all day and entrance is free.

Doors open from **10am to 4pm**.

Come and join us and get that Christmas shopping done early!

### **THACS membership**

If you are not already a member of *THACS*, you can join now and get a good deal on your membership fee. *THACS* membership costs £5 per person per year. The annual membership runs until 31st October but we provide additional value to ensure that you get full benefit from your initial membership payment:- if you join after 30th June in any year, then your membership fee will cover the period until 31st October the following year.

You can get further details about joining *THACS* from the Hon. Treasurer, Pat Fulford (telephone 798717) or go to our website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk) then click on *THACS*.

### **Next Jumble Sale – Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Please note the date, and if you have any unwanted gifts or other surplus items, we should be most grateful if you would donate them to the sale. Towards the end of September you will be receiving our usual yellow leaflet giving further information and details of collections but if you have any queries in the meantime, please phone Todd Canton on 717395.

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Dennis and Wyn Carlton would like to say a very big thank you to all friends and neighbours in giving us a very warm welcome on our recent visit to Tewin. We managed to slot in as if we had never been away! The fete was excellent, along with the weather, and our congratulations to the Hall Committee for all their hard work.



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson  
email: [admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk)  
Tel: 01438 717378



While the school are enjoying their summer holiday we shall be catching up with the news, forthcoming activities and events with the children and staff from Tewin Cowper School in the next issue of the Tewin Parish News.



### ISABEL HOSPICE—Welwyn Hatfield



We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice.

#### **Thu 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Annual Meeting 7.30pm**

Once again the Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting will take place at Van Hage Garden Centre.

#### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

##### **10th Anniversary Chain Walk 10am - 3pm**

2010 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Isabel Hospice Chain Walk. This year there are 2 new walks added to the already 17 strong walks which form a chain around the area in which we care for people. Each led walk is circular with a break at a pub for lunch. Walks are between 8 and 12 miles in distance.

A new shorter route will start at the Crooked Chimney in Lemsford. Unlike the other routes, lunch will be at the end of the walk. Distance – Approx 3.5 miles.

For more information, please call **Maria Alexander** on **01707 382500**

#### **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Jubilee Singers**

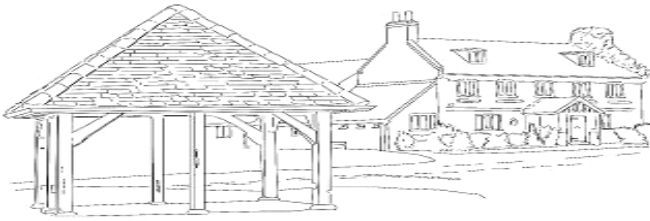
At Cottered Village Hall in aid of Isabel Hospice. Times to be confirmed.

#### **Thu 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Brocket Hall Charity Golf Day 8am—6.30pm**

In aid of Isabel Hospice. Entry Fee £400 for a team of four, including breakfast, lunch and Shotgun Start, Melbourne Course, Team Stableford Competition. For more information please contact **Julie North**, Corporate Fundraiser on **01707 382547**.







## Tewin Parish Council

**PAVILION REFURBISHMENT: PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE WITH DOGS AND CHILDREN AROUND THE PAVILION DURING THE TIME OF THE REFURBISHMENT. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE SITE IS SECURE.**

### **HERTFORD URGENT CARE CENTRE**

**Hertford Urgent Care Centre** is a new "walk-in" service based at Hertford County Hospital which treats patients with an injury or condition which is severe, but not immediately critical or life-threatening. This includes accidental injuries, minor medical emergencies, diagnostics, treatment for wound stitching, sprains and minor fractures.

No need to book an appointment - just turn up and you will be seen promptly by either a doctor or nurse in the Hertford Urgent Care Centre.

#### **Opening times**

8am to 8pm Monday to Sunday  
(including Bank Holidays and weekends)

**Hertford Urgent Care Centre  
Hertford County Hospital  
North Road  
Hertford SG14 1LP**

**Website: [www.hertfordurgentcarecentre.nhs.uk](http://www.hertfordurgentcarecentre.nhs.uk)**

When the Centre is closed please call:  
**NHS Direct for medical advice.**  
**Tel: 0845 4647123**

**GP Out of Hours service for GP assistance.**  
**Tel: 03000 33 33 33**  
**or 999 for an emergency ambulance.**

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The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.45pm** at the **Tewin Memorial Hall.**

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.45pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at 7.45pm

**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:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256

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 road damage

**East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or**

**[www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)** - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, 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)**

### **Tewin Parish Council**

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