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February 2013

# Tewin Magazine



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**Tewin Village from the south-west**

The front cover picture this month is a view from the edge of Panshanger Airfield looking across towards Tewin, taken in mid-January. The view has a beautiful serenity about it. A perfectly clear sky, rolling fields, managed woodlands and an occasional property. A beautiful country scene for us all to share together. Though the winter weather isn't always as appealing as it could be, I have to admit there's nothing more invigorating than walking along a footpath or round the edge of a field when you are well wrapped up against the elements.

I hope you enjoy reading your 'Tewin Magazine'.

### Editorial

Firstly, a very warm welcome to our new regular readers of the *Tewin Magazine*. Following the generosity of Tewin Parish Council in funding a copy of the magazine to every household in the village we have had quite a few additional subscriptions.

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebration with all the village events. The Christmas tree on Lower Green looked wonderful and would have been perfect for the Carols had it not been for the wet weather.

I have a long list of 'thank you's for help in ensuring the safe arrival of the first *Tewin Magazine* last month:

- Our regular contributors of articles in a very busy month for everyone.
- Kristina Lawson and the members of the Tewin Parish Council for their support during the transition to the new magazine.
- Everyone involved in the lengthy discussions and organisation in order to reach our final magazine.
- My proof-readers.
- Kall Kwik for their advice and speedy printing.
- Sue Whitbourn and Pat Fulford for organising the distribution team.
- Tewin Stores for accepting the new subscriptions and orders.
- All those readers who have taken the time to email their comments on the *Tewin Magazine*.
- I apologise unreservedly for any omissions.

It was heart-warming to receive an email from former Tewin residents, Rosemary & Alan Davis, printed on pages 4/5, with their fond memories of Joy Barker who passed away recently.

This issue also has the first *Business Profile* of a company based in Tewin, on pages 15/16.

On page 17 we have featured a recipe from Joyce Judkins selected from 'A Taste of Tewin' cookbook to warm you through these cold snowy days.

Finally, please note the new email address for you to send your articles. Any articles sent to the old address will be forwarded automatically. If you aren't able to access a computer to send your article please do continue to pass your article to Mary Gregg in the first instance. Full details can be found inside the back cover.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's issue.

Nicky Hadley, Editor.

### Dates for your diary this month

Wed	Rose & Crown	9.00pm	Quiz Night
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall	8pm	Friends of Tewin AGM
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall	7.45 for 8pm	'Screen on the Green'
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall		Senior Citizens' Lunch

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The amount collected for *Shelter* at the recent Carols around the Christmas Tree was £245.30p. Thank you all. Unfortunately, we did have an incident before Christmas when all the lights were pulled off the tree, breaking some of them. Hopefully this did not spoil the pleasure of the tree over Christmas as the remaining lights were hastily put back up. We have now purchased more tree lights for next year.

We have recently donated £100 each to the *Friends of the Mimram* and *Herts and Essex Air Ambulance* as we felt these causes were very close to the village.

Just a reminder of the F of T AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. This year we do need someone to join our committee as Treasurer. If you might be interested or could suggest someone, please contact me by phone or e-mail as soon as possible as we cannot function without a Treasurer with all the events we put on for Tewin.

Please do not forget the Senior Citizens Lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. You should have sent back your replies by now to let us know your menu choice.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

**Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club**

Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the **December 2012** draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£61	I O'Brien, Cannons Meadow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£36	P Spring, Digswell Park Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	M Weight, Bishops Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	L Howson, Tewin Hill

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546]  
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Tewin Stores or any member of the Hall Committee

**JOY BARKER**

17th August 1918 – 24th December 2012

Joyce Helen Nutt was born on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1918, the only daughter of Lily Nutt. She never knew her father as he was killed in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War before she was born. Joy, as she was always called, was a bright child and at the age of 11 passed the 'Scholarship Exam' and went to Eastbourne High School for Girls. Her ambition was to become a teacher – she loved children.

However, her mother became ill so Joy left school at the age of 14 and went into 'service' to help support them both.

Happier days came. She met Charles Alfred Barker, known as 'Alf', and they were married two days after Joy's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. In 1941 they moved to 7 Tewin Hill when Alf became a Cowman at Tewin Hill Farm. Joy was pregnant and soon Christopher was born, and then Anne. Raymond came next and was only a few months old when, in April 1947, Anne died tragically in a drowning accident. Then, a fourth baby, Bernard, sadly died in March 1948, aged 6 weeks. Later, another baby, Geoffrey, was born.

Joy was busy with her family but was always mindful of the needs of others. She and her husband took on the care of two evacuees during the War. Later she went out to work cleaning, and frequently baby-sitting. She was a good cook and over the years helped to prepare many dinner parties in private houses in Tewin and at other venues, including the Conservative Association functions and the PTA at Tewin Cowper School. She also spent many hours helping with, and taking part in, village and Church activities, which she enjoyed.

As her family grew up, Joy continued to work. She joined the Mothers' Union and WI, and enjoyed the talks and quizzes. She was a very practical person and was skilled in making her clothes and those of her children, and she knitted for all the family. In 1970 her husband became ill and was unable to work. They moved to 22 Upper Green Road and Joy nursed Alf until he died.

When she moved to her bungalow in Grass Warren she enjoyed another of her interests. Her garden was always full of colour and a source of great pleasure to her and to others, including a friendly

blackbird "BB", a constant companion! When she was 80 she decided to "give up work" but still continued to cook for her family, friends and the Church Christmas Market. She enjoyed television, especially 'Countdown' and did the 'Daily Mail' Crossword every day!

Local outings, shopping in Hertford and a visit to the WI Market were part of her life at that time. One special event was an invitation to attend the Service of Remembrance "To mark the passing of the World War One Generation" in Westminster Abbey on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009. She loved every moment of the taxi ride to London, as well as the Service, and talked about it for weeks afterwards.

Joy's family were regular visitors to her bungalow, and her grand children and great grandchildren gave her much pleasure. Worshipping at St Peter's was also a very important part of her life from the time she came to Tewin as a young woman. Joy had a long life and, although as the years went by she became less mobile, she was fortunately able to remain independent, with help from her family and friends.

We will miss her. She is survived by her sons, Raymond and Geoffrey.

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*Rosemary & Alan Davis [formerly of Tewin Hill Farm]*

We would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs Joy Barker of Grass Warren, Tewin, who died on Christmas Eve 2012.

We have many memories of Mrs Barker, having met her in April 1968 when my husband took up a new post at Tewin Hill Farm where Alf Barker was cowman. In those days the farm owned twelve cottages so the farm staff formed a kind of enclave between Tewin Village and Tewin Wood. Mrs Barker was always very kind to us and helped us out in many ways.

She was educated and intelligent but devoted herself to supporting her husband and bringing up her children, later caring for her husband to the end when he developed a brain tumour and they

### Interested in an Allotment in Tewin?

*Tewin Allotment Association* expects to have available early in the New Year a few allotments to rent on Tewin Allotments, situated off Cannons Meadow.

The rent for a quarter plot in 2012 was £10 per annum with an additional one off payment of a further £10 for membership of the Association. Rents for 2013 are currently under review.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact:

John Sheridan, Association Chairman

Phone 01438 717407

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**Tewin Memorial Hall — Jumble Sale ..... 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Just a quick reminder that the next Jumble Sale is not far away, so if you have received any unwanted Christmas presents, or intend to have a New Year clear out, please keep the sale in mind. The people of Tewin are always generous in their support of our Jumble Sales and, once again, we would be grateful for the donation of new or nearly new items, and other surplus goods such as clothing, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac, linens, toys, books, jigsaws, electrical items, furniture etc.

As usual, collections will be made a week or two prior to the Jumble Sale but more details will be given in the next issue of the Tewin Magazine as well as in the usual yellow leaflet, which will be circulated to every household a few weeks before the sale.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please phone me on 717395.

Todd Canton

on behalf of Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee



## Community Shop

Manager: **Bev Barraclough 01438 717929**

February is the romantic month for all lovers in Tewin.

We will have a good selection of flowers, chocolates, cards and gifts for Valentine's Day - be prepared for 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Before that will be Shrove Tuesday, usually associated with eating pancakes. Again, all the ingredients you'll need are available in the shop, including fresh lemons. We will also have a few ready made pancake mixtures. January and February is also the time to make your homemade marmalade. Seville oranges and sugar are in stock now.

Happy cooking!

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**Table Tennis**

Following a successful grant bid to Sport England, and with support from the English Table Tennis Association, the Tewin Pavilion Community Interest Company (CIC), who manage Tewin Pavilion, have acquired a new table tennis table, bats and balls for use within the Pavilion.

The aim is to provide an opportunity to enjoy a game of table tennis in a local sociable environment. Table tennis is fast becoming very popular once again, can be played by adults and children of any age or standard, and is beneficial to aiding fitness and general well-being.

At a later time and dependant on the level of interest and support, the intention is to form a table tennis club.

If you are interested in coming along and having a game, or require further details, please contact me in the first instance and I will then set up a meeting at the Pavilion to discuss how we might move forward with this initiative.

John Sheridan

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moved to a house in Upper Green Road.

Joy was a member of the Women's Institute (as well as other organisations) and we would dearly have loved her to be on the team when Tewin organised a village quiz for several years but she was not one to be in the limelight. This was a great pity as she knew every answer to every question of every quiz we attended.

After we left Tewin in 1991 she kept in touch and passed on village news. She took a great interest in all that went on, and much appreciated her involvement with St Peter's Church and her attendance at the services.

I wished to mark her passing.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Davis

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**Bridge at Tewin Pavilion**

There will be a friendly *Chicago Bridge Drive* at Tewin Pavilion on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** from **2:15pm until 5:00pm**. Please don't worry about being "good enough". You will be!

Refreshments will be provided.

A charge of £3.00 per person will be made to defray expenses and to provide for a few small prizes.

If you intend to come along, either on your own or with a partner, please contact:

Steve or Kate Stott on 01438717680

e-mail: [stephen.stott@which.net](mailto:stephen.stott@which.net)

## Tewin Parish Council



### PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

#### Agenda:

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting. All Parishioners are welcome to attend and are invited to make comments at the start of the meeting.

#### Minutes:

These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

#### Newsletters/Meeting Dates:

These are published on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151

#### Herts County Councillor:

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 07909 002624

**Police Community Team** – 01707-354192 - For non-emergencies.

**Highways Fault Line:** 0300 123 40 47- For reporting potholes etc

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

**[www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)** - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.



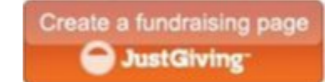
## ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield Forthcoming events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: daily from 12:00 onwards 'Snowdrop Gardens' Bennington Lordship, Nr Stevenage, SG2 7BS**

A donation from the proceeds will be made to Isabel Hospice. Free parking, Refreshments available. Sorry No Dogs. Adults £5, concessions £4 (not Sundays). Under 16 £2, Under 12 Free



**Ladies' Lunch — Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**



**Topic: 'Men I have loved: Morrisey, Martyrs & Medics'**  
**Speaker: Susannah Underwood**

Lunch will be served at **12.30pm** followed by the talk.  
Tickets at **£9.00** each, cash only please, from Pete Johnson at St Peter's Church.



**'Screen on the Green' Tewin presents ....  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.45pm,  
Tewin Memorial Hall**



**'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', 2011, Cert PG-13, [124mins]**

... starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith.

This film follows the exploits of a group of British retirees who decide to 'outsource' their retirement to a less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Enticed by advertisements for the newly restored Marigold Hotel, on arrival they find the palace a shell of its former self.

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee and biscuits - included in the price. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine - and glasses please!

Tickets £4, from Tewin Stores  
or reserve on line from [sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sotgtw@hotmail.co.uk)

## Welwyn Floral Group - 2013 Programme

6<sup>th</sup> February AGM + Sandra Barker - 'Willow'

6<sup>th</sup> March Lionel Clark - 'A Touch of Glass'



We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month in The Civic Centre,  
Welwyn at 7.30pm  
Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Contact Mavis on 01438 ??????

Do you have some spare time and want to give something back to help people affected by cancer?



Macmillan in Hertfordshire are always looking for new volunteers to help raise more funds for people affected by cancer. We have Committees and Fundraising Groups throughout the county who are always looking for new members – these groups organise exciting events and collections in their local towns and in 2012 raised over £100,000.

Moreover, we greatly need more volunteers to take up other roles including cheerers to support fundraisers at runs and local sporting events, local collections volunteers, and Macmillan speakers to help spread the word about the great work of Macmillan.

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer. We want to be there to reach every one of them and we need your help to do this. For more information please call the Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity

England and Wales (261017)  
Scotland (SCO39907)  
Isle of Man (604)

## GRASS WARREN GARAGE site development (3/12/1150/FP)

Amended Drawings for demolition of garages and clearance of associated land. Erection of 1no 4 bed detached house, 4no 3 bed semi-detached houses and 3no 2 bed bungalows.

Tewin Parish Council (TPC) is pleased that Riversmead has adopted their proposal to open up the grass area of Grass Warren and use it as a new no through road. As a result TPC is fully supportive of the amended proposal but has asked East Herts Council to take note of the following comments:

- i. TPC would like Riversmead to confirm that if for any reason the brick wall bordering the site and to the rear of 27 and 28 Grass Warren needed replacing it would be replaced with a brick wall.
- ii. Riversmead has confirmed on several occasions that they would be happy to change the window frames to white to match the surrounding properties. TPC has asked for a condition stipulating this.
- iii. Riversmead has confirmed that they could move the bins to the side of the bungalows. TPC has asked for a condition stipulating that they are moved to the side or rear.
- iv. In view of concerns raised by parishioners, and in order to protect the visual character of the area, TPC would be grateful if Riversmead would make every effort to preserve as many of the trees and shrubs on the site as possible.
- v. When TPC spoke to the Riversmead tenants of the existing bungalows, several expressed an interest in having a crossover to obtain off street parking. TPC advised them to contact Riversmead once development has started. The same may also apply to the two private residences at 14 and 17 Cannons Meadow.

## ROAD CLOSURE

Orchard Road/Upper Green, Tewin from its junction with Burnham Green Road south eastwards to its junction with Tewin Hill will be closed from 9.30am - 3.30pm for approximately 2 days on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February 2013, when signs are in place. An alternative signed route will be provided for traffic whilst the road is closed enabling the replacement of existing British Telecom poles.

## Services for Lent and Easter

**Ash Wednesday**, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm at All Saints, Datchworth  
Informal & reflective non-Eucharistic Service with imposition of ashes

**Palm Sunday**, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am at St Peter's Tewin  
Holy Communion  
Beginning with blessing of Palms at the bottom of the church drive  
and procession into church, weather permitting

**Maundy Thursday**, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00pm at St Peter's Tewin  
Holy Communion with washing of feet.

**Good Friday**, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 – 1.30pm at Welwyn St Mary's,  
Preaching and String Quartet: 'Seven Words from the Cross'  
Music by Haydn  
1.30-3pm, Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday**, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm at Welwyn St Mary's  
Easter Vigil Service

**Easter Day** 31<sup>st</sup> March, 9:30am at St Peter's Tewin  
Family Communion

**Easter Monday**, 1<sup>st</sup> April, Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

**Lent Groups** this year will explore Christian faith through music.  
Tewin Group - Wednesdays 7.30pm at 60 Orchard Road, Tewin,  
led by Ted Sharpe and Mick Simmons, 01438 798594

See pew sheet for the full list of venues across the Team.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30-11.30 am at Welwyn St Marys Church  
Saturday Morning Greek classes  
led by Rev'd Lucy Dallas

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, 2pm - 4 pm at St Peter's Tewin  
Children's Activity Afternoon

For a fuller list of services and activities across the Welwyn Team  
please pick up a booklet from church.

You can view some of my clients at [www.fpmortimore.co.uk](http://www.fpmortimore.co.uk). If you are unsure what you need, call or email me at using the details below so we can have a chat about the way forward for your business. I hope to hear from you shortly.

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### Curried Parsnip Soup

40g/1i/2 oz butter  
1 medium onion skinned & sliced  
700g / 1i/2 lbs parsnips peeled & finely diced  
1 teasp curry powder  
2.5ml/i/2 level teasp ground cumin  
1.4 litres/2i/2 pints chicken stock [using 2 cubes]  
Salt & freshly ground black pepper  
150ml/5 fl oz fresh single cream  
Paprika to garnish [optional]

- 1 Heat butter in a large saucepan and fry onion and parsnips together for about 3 minutes.
- 2 Stir in curry powder and cumin and fry for a further 2 minutes.
- 3 Add stock, bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes.
- 4 Cook slightly, then place about a third of the boiled mixture into a blender.
- 5 Return to the saucepan and adjust seasoning if required.
- 6 Add cream and re-heat to serving temperature. DO NOT BOIL.

This is a good soup to keep in the fridge to use over a few days or you can freeze it in ready-to-use lots for future cold days. It is deliciously warming, served with fresh crusty bread and good company!



## Business Profile

fp mortimore

website development & management



My name is Frankie Mortimore and I have lived in the village since 2007. In 2011 I was made redundant because the organisation I worked for was abolished due to government public spending cuts. I then began to help friends, who decided to become self-employed, by building websites and creating low-cost marketing plans. Before I knew it I was receiving enquiries from potential clients who had been recommended by friends, so I decided to set up my own business – [www.fpmortimore.co.uk](http://www.fpmortimore.co.uk).

I have over 15 years marketing experience working for large corporations such as *Orange* and *Sage*. I also spent several years working in organisations that support start-ups and small businesses. Plus, I am a Mum of three year old twins – which means I have organisational skills that are second to none!

### *Need a new website or your existing website refreshing?*

I can create a new website for your business which will not only look great but is easy to use for both you and your customers. My websites are designed so they rank highly with search engines ensuring people can find your website when searching via Google. I also provide marketing support and advice by creating low-cost marketing plans for you to follow or, if you prefer, for me to manage on your behalf. In short, you can leave your marketing to me and I will manage your website and marketing for you, letting you get on with running your business.

### *Need marketing support or advice?*

Many of my clients find that having somebody local that they can meet face-to-face to discuss ideas is a real benefit. So I always encourage my customers to pop in to chat about future projects over a coffee. Together we can create a marketing plan that you can follow or that I can manage on your behalf. I often find that people are unsure how to effectively promote their business to people in the local area. Plus, small businesses simply don't have the resources to manage their website, prepare email newsletters,



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Tel: 01438 717378

## Our News, January 2013

In December's newsletter, in the splendid new A5 version of our Parish News you will have seen a list of December's accomplishments, noting some events that were planned, but had not at that point, taken place. I am happy to report that the school Christmas dinner was great – a delicious success but that the pantomime players got stuck on the M25 and did not reach us in time. Happily they were able to visit on January 8<sup>th</sup> so the festive fun rolled on into our new school term.

The end of term Christingle service was wonderful. Mr. Le Tissier's Dragonfly class led the service to a packed congregation and it was both celebratory and poignant. Carols on the Green were damp but well attended and there was also good attendance for the St Peter's Children's Workshop on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to everyone who helped the children with their creative endeavours.

In the first week of the new term, Grasshopper class visited the church for an Epiphany workshop. They learnt about the journey made by the Magi and the significance of their gifts to the infant Jesus. They also had a very creative time, making for themselves crowns and figures of the Magi. Thank you to those of you from the Parish and community who assisted with this.

This term, Swimming lessons at Hartham pool have recommenced and our year 4 & 5 pupils will be honing their water skills - who knows - in readiness for the Rio Olympics?! 

On Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Dagmar Brook visited Dragonfly class to recount the experiences of her son in the forces, and his part in a tour of duty in Basra. For our pupils, this made real the courage and very real dangers faced by our forces in all the many conflicts and peace-keeping missions in which they are involved.

On Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> Grasshopper Class set up a '*Hats and Headgear*' Museum which featured a staggering variety of items, each with its narrative, delivered by the pupils themselves and on show to the rest of the school.

We are greatly anticipating the commencement of a brand new club on offer to our pupils, due to launch on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>. This club is to be led by Rev. Susannah and supported by parishioners. It will take place weekly in school and its purpose is to help our children learn more about the Christian faith through story-telling, art craft and drama activities. It promises to be popular and we wish those involved every success. Meanwhile our other clubs Sports, Creative, Drama, Dance, Back to Basics and Morning club are as well-attended as ever and giving pupils both a breadth of new experiences and lots of pleasure.

One of our greatest pleasures was to see the playground equipment receive a fabulous new safety surface. This has been long awaited and it is thanks to our PA for organising and funding the work. Everyone is delighted with the results and grateful for all that was involved with bringing it about.

Of course we hope that the big freeze promised us, will not inhibit all that we have to look forward to, but if it should, I'm sure our pupils will prove to be excellent snow sculptors! Either way, we hope everyone keeps well, and safe on icy roads.

May I remind you that Rev. Susannah Underwood leads our Worship **every Wednesday** in school at **10.25am** and everyone in the community is warmly welcome. There is always the pleasure of the children's delightful singing and an opportunity to join together in prayer.

The Staff Team

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Our congratulations to Elizabeth Wilson, who was presented with the Tewin Society Award at the THACS AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> January. The tremendous achievement in the production of '*The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin*' was cited amongst other contributions to the life of Tewin. As many of us know, Elizabeth has done so much more, in so many different ways, that made this award seem particularly well deserved.

Now it has come to that time of year when your churchwardens make a plea for volunteers. This year is a little different in that one warden (Mike) will not be standing for election at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 21<sup>st</sup> April. After a second stint of seven years, it would be good to have a change. We are very fortunate to have one volunteer who is considering taking up the role of deputy warden and who has already been active in helping to share the load. We are hopeful that one of you will have a quiet word with us and agree to stand as warden on 21<sup>st</sup> April. However, if you feel that you could find time for a deputy role, please do have a word with us. We really do look forward to hearing from you!

*Pete and Mike*

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### **Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital**

Last year ended with a flurry of activity. Christmas celebrations at both hospitals. A new reception for Danesbury and the arrival of a new vehicle for patients at Danesbury and QVM. The latter was put to immediate use and has been used almost every day since then.

The Friends now look forward to the challenge of the coming year. With all the changes to the NHS structure taking effect in April we anticipate new demands as a consequence of the inevitable new procedures and priorities. As always our primary consideration will remain patient welfare. If there are ways in which we can help our patients and their families we will do so.

For the Friends to be able to do this we will continue to depend on the local community's generous support. We're always delighted to receive direct donations and our shops thrive on the generous gifts of goods we can sell. Perhaps it's opportune to ask if you have any 'spare' Xmas presents? We'll find the good homes! Which ever way you can support the Friends work, be assured we will make good use of it.



## Churchwarden's Notes

Around the end of the year, we had some very sad events in the life of St Peter's. The first was our loss of Pat Ashman. Her funeral was held at St Peter's on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone seemed determined to reflect the positive and cheerful attitude which Pat brought to all around her. She was a great asset to the church, not least through her service on the PCC and her five years as a churchwarden. Our sympathies go to her family.

Then on 24<sup>th</sup> December, Joy Barker died at the grand age of 94, with a thanksgiving service on 9 January. Joy had iconic status, having been in Tewin longer than almost anyone could remember. She had very clear ideas of how things should be done and, in the most helpful way, kept the churchwardens on the 'straight and narrow'! Joy had more than her fair share of trials and tribulations in her long life but bore them bravely and carried on. She was also a very generous lady and, we feel sure, will be watching over our shoulder for some time to come.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, we held an 'Activity Afternoon' at St Peter's for children, with around 24 taking part. The success of these events can be measured in many ways but the wardens find the 'glue and glitter' a very good indicator! On this basis, it was a huge success and much decoration was added to our very handsome Christmas tree, so generously given once again by Ivor and Linda. Also many thanks to all the helpers who had a very busy afternoon. This was followed by the Crib Service on Christmas Eve when around 160 were in church for a very lively service.

Despite a very early print date, our first edition of the Tewin Magazine was ready by the time the printer closed for Christmas and was generally delivered before the New Year. This was a really great effort by so many, including our contributors, distributors, and our printers, who gave much technical advice.

Our particular thanks to our long-suffering editor, Nicky, who put in many hours and much effort to meet the deadline. We hope you all enjoy the new format and will encourage more of your neighbours to subscribe. We hope to take advertisements in the not too distant future, but meanwhile would be happy to include profiles of any business or organisation which would like to tell our readers more about the services which they offer.

## Vicar's letter

Last month St Mary's Church hosted a film evening showing 'God on Trial' which tells the story of a group of Jewish men in Auschwitz who, faced with immense suffering, stage a court where God is the accused: charged with failing to keep his covenant with them.

After the film there was the chance to discuss, with a panel of academics, some of the issues that arose. The panel was comprised of our Team Rector, a Rabbi and two Humanist professors. But this was no 'Newsnight'. Despite the differing perspectives the panel did not work on point scoring but rather showed a desire for understanding and a recognition of common ground.

The question of suffering is as old as the hills. If God is all-loving and all-powerful how can He stand by and watch human tragedy unfurl? It is a question that both Jewish and Christian traditions have wrestled with. But the Humanists on this panel also claimed the problem of suffering does not disappear if you don't believe in God. If human beings are all we have to rely on then, faced with such evil, can we really save ourselves? Although religion is commonly said to be the cause of all conflicts, Stalin, Mussolini and Pohl Pot were not men of faith.

The questions are immense for all of us whether we have a religious faith or not. But as we enter Lent I am reminded that the Christian answer to suffering is not found in an academic hall or philosophy class, but rather in a person. Jesus Christ, God with us, through his suffering, death and resurrection reveals God not removed from the suffering of the world but rather entering into it, transforming it and bringing hope to the darkest of places.

Do look at the various Lent and Easter services and activities available throughout the churches of the Team. I hope in them we may again glimpse a God who doesn't abandon us, but rather bears our own crosses as well as his own.

*Susannah*

Date	3 <sup>rd</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>		24 <sup>th</sup>
Day	<b>Candlemas, Presentation of Christ</b>		<b>Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
Service	Holy Communion	Choral Evensong	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Time	9.30am	6.30pm	9.30am	11.15am	6.30pm	9.30am
Officiating	Canon Bannister	Mick Simmons	Richard Syms	Catherine Jupp	David Munchin	Susannah Underwood
1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Malachi 3; 1-5	Haggi 2; 1-9	Exodus 34; 29-end	<i>Luke 4; 1-13</i>	Deut'omy 26; 1-11	Genesis 15; 1-12, 17-18
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	H'brews 2; 14-end	John 2; 18-22	2 Corinthians 3; 12-42		Romans 10; 8-13	Philippians 3; 17- 4; 1
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Luke 2; 22-40</i>		<i>Luke 9; 28-36, 37-43a</i>		<i>Luke 4; 1-13</i>	<i>Luke 13; 31—end</i>
Server	Trevor		Pauline & Nwachi		David	Trevor
Intercessor						
Reader	Rosemary Nodder	M Slaughter	Keith Barnfield	Ugo Rowell	Mick Simmons	Herbert Laming
Sidesmen	Clare Rawlins & Malcolm Slaughter	Gloria Kersey	David Reavill & Ruth Sharp	Nicky Hadley	Mark Swann & Pauline Spring	Graham Spring & Nicky Hadley
Coffee	Claire Rawlins		Jane Vine	J&M Slaughter		Mavis Haggar
Flowers	Elizabeth Wilson		Elizabeth Wilson	Lent — No flowers		Lent — No flowers
Cleaner	June & Malcolm Slaughter		Shirley Barker	Jane Vine		Clare Rawlins

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

### Baptisms

20 <sup>th</sup> January	Olivia Mary Hickey
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### Weddings


### Thanksgiving Service

9 <sup>th</sup> January	Joy Barker
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You are assured of a warm welcome at St Peter's at any of our services whether you are a regular church-goer or not.

Do come and join us.

