



Tewin Magazine



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Merry Christmas

Editorial Note

Welcome to our December 2019 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I'd like to wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Magazines over the past year. Subscriptions are now due in order to continue receiving the Magazine from January 2020. See below for details. I'd like to thank all who have been involved in the Magazine over the past and many other years,

Events this month are THACS Arts and Crafts Fair on 7th (p6), Datchworth Christmas Tree Festival on 6th/7th (p22), the Tewin Nativity on 8th (p19), Carols by Candlelight on 15th (p3), Bel Canto on 15th (p6), Carols Round the Tree on 19th (p27), Kevin's Crazy Christmas Quiz Supper on 20th (p9) and The New Year's Eve Party on 31st (p3).

Tewin Stores' Lunch this month is 'Something Fishy' on 14th (p25) and The Screen on the Green is showing 'The Greatest Showman' on 9th (p14).

Please make sure to check out the times of the Christmas Services at St Peter's on page 3. The Christmas opening times for Tewin Stores are on page 25.

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p31).

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Reminder

Annual subscriptions for the Tewin Magazine of **£6 for 12 issues** are due from January 2020. **PLEASE have your subscription money (cash or cheque only please) ready for collection in order to help our 23 distributors.** Our distributors are all volunteers and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have willingly delivered the Magazines over many years and in all kinds of weather. Please make it easier for them.

Also, please continue to save Target Stamps from the Welwyn Hatfield Times to help the Danesbury/QVM Hospitals charity. Any foreign or commemorative stamps are welcome too. There are boxes in Tewin Stores. A big thank you and good wishes for 2020.

Sue Whitbourn

Come and Celebrate Christmas at St. Peter's

Sunday 8th December

4:30pm Tewin Nativity *(no admission without a ticket)*

Sunday 15th December

11:15am Family Service with pop up nativity

(Come dressed as your favourite nativity character and take part in our play!)

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service *(especially suitable for children)*

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am All-age Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Party

8.00 PM. Carriages 12.45 AM.

New Year's Eve is fast approaching and now is the time to get your tickets for the party at the Memorial Hall. They'll be on sale at Tewin Stores from 1st December and cost £20 for adults and £10 for children 10 years and over.

The band - Shaken, not Stirred - has a great mix of music and will have your feet tapping and wanting to dance from the outset.

Bring your friends and family and some drink and food to share with them. It is possible to reserve tables of up to 8.

If you are interested you can contact us for further information on 01438-798749 or at jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk.

We hope you are planning to come, and we look forward to seeing you there. But don't delay in getting your tickets as there will be only 85 on sale and some are spoken for already!

Best wishes for the festive season, Joanne and Malcolm Allen
on behalf of Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Tewin Parish Council



HERTFORD ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Tewin Parish Council agreed to support the Tewin Drivesafe Team's proposal to Hertfordshire Highways for a 20mph speed limit along Hertford Road. The proposed limit is to run from the village sign, past the shop and along the north and south sides of Lower Green. It does not include the west side that links School Lane and Upper Green Road.

The Tewin Drivesafe Team have done a survey of residents living on the roads bordering the proposed area. There was overwhelming support and with just a couple of houses not yet surveyed, not a single person disagreed.

HEDGES

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

PLAYGROUND

The Parish Council hopes that everyone is enjoying the playground and its new all weather surface.

OBSTRUCTIVE PARKING

Please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary on the non emergency number **101** or online at <https://www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report> with as much detail as you can e.g.:-

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- Make, model, colour of vehicle and registration number.
- Details of any suspected local owner/registered keeper of the vehicle.

There is a car parked in my road which I do not recognise, and it hasn't moved for some time. Who do I contact?

Firstly, you should check with your neighbours, to see if they know who owns the car. Failing this, there are a number of things you can do:

If the car has been stationary for some time, and appears abandoned, you should report it to East Herts Council 01279-655261.

If you think the car may be stolen, due to damaged locks / ignition or being left insecure please ring 101 or report online at <https://www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report> and the Police will conduct checks on the vehicle.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 2nd December 2019, at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Kimberley Room then Monday 3rd February 2020.

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk—

Agenda: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores three working days before the meeting.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.

Minutes: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Arts & Crafts Fair

Tewin Memorial Hall

Saturday 7th December
10am-4pm

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Christmas with Bel Canto
Sun 15th December 2019 at 5.30pm
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BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Merry Christmas



Although the outdoor Bowls season has closed, the Club continues to be very active. Apart from regular activities, such as Carpet Bowling, the Monday Art Group, and hosting fortnightly meetings of the Tewin Bridge Club, it has recently hosted some very delicious home-cooked Sunday lunches, as well as Kevin's Crazy Quiz Suppers.

It was lovely to welcome so many Tewin villagers to lunch on Saturday, 9th November, during our Autumn Fayre, when many folk stayed to chat and visit the Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery and Craft Stalls, which helped to make the Fayre such a success.

Our next big event will be Kevin's Crazy Christmas Quiz Supper on *Friday, 20th December at 6.30pm*. If you wish to come please contact Todd Canton on 0438 717395 (Toddcantan39@gmail.com), or Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 – but hurry, the list is nearly full!

Finally, everyone at the Bowls Club wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year in 2020.

Meanwhile, if you would like more information about the Club, just contact one of the following - Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)



Victoria and Rebecca Polydorou singing at the Rose and Crown at the recent event to mark the fact that Michael and Anna Clarke, have spent 50 years as volunteer wardens at Tewin Orchard.

Congratulations to Michael and Anna.

The Weather on the Farm

Things have not altered much on the farm since last month. At this time of year the farmers take stock of the countryside. You may have seen the very level cut hedges around our village and the Church drive. We clear away the fallen trees and branches. The farmer tidies up the countryside and is very much controlled by the weather. And yes, we do moan that there is not enough rain or it's too windy to spray or it's too wet on our fields to sow the new seeds. At the moment sowing is the problem. It has been a stop/start affair with about 50% sowed to date. You cannot take or drive a tractor on wet fields as it leaves deep ruts which fill with water. This is not what we want and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the rain will stop and we will finish our drilling soon. We have had 150ml of rain so far as we write this in November. Some of our wheat has been sold and you might have been saying a few choice words when stuck behind one of those 44 ton grain lorries heading up to Muspatts yard. Some has been sold through a merchant to a WGC company for pet food and some of the best sold to Heygates Mill. We also grow Naked Oats. During combining the husk falls away, thus why it is called Naked Oats. The natural groat is nutrient dense giving high energy and is marketed through the Superioats brand to various end users. It is processed for bird food, dog food, poultry food and horse feed with its versatility reaching as far as cosmetics, being used in, for example, lipsticks!

We also grow Daytona Peas. Our climate produces the best 'Blue' peas in the world. The blue refers to the even colour retention. Daytona has consistently delivered good samples for the human and micronising pet food market. Much of the crop is exported to the Low Countries, especially Holland, where it is used in a traditional dish of ham and pea broth.

Ivor Williams

Advent

Advent is the New Year of the Christian Church and the church season leading to Christmas Day. It begins four Sundays before Christmas on Advent Sunday, which this year is December 1st. It is a countdown to the birth of Christ. The tradition of Advent calendars arose in Germany in the 1800s and quickly spread throughout Europe and N. America.

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw**October 2019**

Below are the results for the October Supporters Club draw:

1st £56 Chris Parkinson, Godfries Close

2nd £34 Rosa Powell, School Lane

3rd £11 Alan Warehand, Lower Green

3rd £11 Linda Gilley, Godfries Close

Want to see your name here?

Please join the Club and help us reach 300 members and monthly prizes totalling £150 every month.

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- Lisa Bove on personal@lisabove.com
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

Christmas Crackers

Christmas Crackers were invented by Thomas Smith in 1846 after seeing the ‘bon-bon’, a sugared almond wrapped in a piece of paper with a twist at each end, on a visit to Paris. His bon-bons sold well at Christmas but not at other times of the year. In the early 1850s he added a simple love poem. In about 1860 he added the banger, two pieces of chemical impregnated paper which made a loud noise when pulled apart. They were originally called ‘cosaques’ but soon became known as crackers.

Screen On The Green

Our December film this year is *“The Greatest Showman”* (2017), a musical biographical drama, telling the story of P. T. Barnum's creation of *Barnum's American Museum* in mid-19th century New York. Starring Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya it was directed by Michael Gracey in his directorial debut. Initially the critics were lukewarm but audiences loved it and it is the third-highest grossing musical worldwide.

This is a great movie and guaranteed to put you in a good mood for the rest of the week. To get you into the Christmas spirit we'll be serving mince pies and mulled wine before the show.

Here's a look at what's coming up next year:

20th January: *Calamity Jane* (1953)

17th February: *Green Book* (2019)

16th March: *The Commitments* (1991)

20th April: *The Post* (2018)

18th May: *Hugo* (2011)

15th June: *Stan & Ollie* (2018)

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. A complimentary drink beforehand. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Marie St Pier

Welwyn Garden City Orchestra and Chorus

The Welwyn Garden City Orchestra and Chorus Christmas Concert will be held at St Francis' Church, Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm.

The programme will include R. Strauss: *Der Rosenkavalier* Suite,

Conradi: *Overture: Berlin wie es weint und lacht*,

J.S.Bach: *Scenes from Christmas Oratorio*,

Rheinberger: *Abendlied* plus Carols for Audience, Choir and Orchestra

For advance tickets (£14, or £5.00 for students) please go to the website: <http://www.wgcms.org.uk> or call 01707 391224 or pay at the door.

Team Vicar's Letter

I'm not sure which one of us put an election on our letter to Santa but it seems that's the one delivery that is guaranteed this year. So as well as the jingles for High Street stores we'll find ourselves surrounded by political promises, and as well as Christmas cards dropping through the letter box, we'll be picking up communication mail from our local candidates.

Some might feel this is a bit of a spoiler on the season, however I think there are good reasons this political stance could provide a more authentic Christmas experience, should we give it some thought.

Politics shapes the Christmas story as we know it. Luke's gospel tells us Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem precisely because Quirinius, governor of Syria, was commanded by the Roman Emperor Augustus to conduct a census for the purpose of taxes. Before we meet the child Jesus Matthew's gospel is keen to establish his credentials as a descendant of King David, and to acknowledge the political exile of Jesus' ancestors to Babylon. The wise men cause a threat to the political order with the news of a newborn king so that King Herod plans to kill the child. Mary and Joseph flee and live as refugees in neighbouring Egypt. Meanwhile, fuelled by the desire to cling to political power, Herod orders all young children in and around Bethlehem be slain.

The Christmas story is about God entering our world. The baby Jesus finds his life shaped by the political stage around him from before he leaves the womb. The politics of the world with its competing factions, impact his life from his birth until his final breath on the cross.

Politics too shapes all of our lives. It has profound effects on the lives of those who are very similar to us and those who live in very different circumstances. The bible is clear that our concern should never be just for our own standards of living but rather for those who are particularly vulnerable or in need. Perhaps we could see our vote as a Christmas present to our neighbour as well as a desire for ourselves.

So if you want to add that authentic dimension to Christmas this year, make sure you visit your local polling booth. Oh, and also, do take a mince pie to those good people who'll spend the day volunteering so you can cast your vote.

With best wishes for you and your loved ones this Christmas,

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
DEC 1st	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 2: 1-5	ROMANS 13: 11-End	MATTHEW 24:36-44
		ADVENT TEAM CAROL SERVICE	6.30pm				
8th	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DAVID MUNCHIN	ISAIAH 11: 1-10	ROMANS 15: 4-13	MATTHEW 3: 1-12
15th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MAT- THEW 11: 2-11		
		TEWIN CAROL SERVICE	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
22nd	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CATHERINE JUPP	ISAIAH 7: 10-16	ROMANS 1: 1-7	MATTHEW 1: 18—End
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	CRIB SERVICE MIDNIGHT MASS	3pm — 11.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 52: 7-10	HEBREWS 1: 1-12	JOHN 1: 1-14
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	10am	JUSTIN LEWIS- ANTHONY	ISAIAH 9:2-7	TITUS 2: 11-14	LUKE 2: 1-20
29th	1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DOMINIC HOLROYD- THOMAS	ISAIAH 63: 7-9	HEBREWS 2: 10-End	MATTHEW 2: 13-End

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
DEC 1st PAULINE	PAULINE SPRING	DI BRADLEY CLARE RAWLINS	QUEENIE SIMMONS	ADVENT	GLORIA KERSEY
8th DAVID	PAUL CROTTY	NICKY HADLEY PETE JOHNSON	PAULINE SPRING	ADVENT	PAULINE SPRING
15th DAVID	LINDA GILLEY	PAULINE BROWN	PAT FULFORD	ADVENT	DOROTHY SWANN
		MARK SWANN GRAHAM SPRING			
22nd PAULINE	MARY GREGG	LINDA & IVOR WILLIAMS	PAULINE BROWN	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS
24th DAVID	LINDA GILLEY	MAVIS & MYRA NICKY & DI		CHRISTMAS	
25th PAULINE	PAULINE SPRING	GRAHAM SPRING PETE JOHNSON		CHRISTMAS	
29th DAVID	KAREN SHAW	ELAINE FOWLER PAULINE BROWN	MARIE ST PIER	CHRISTMAS	NICKY HADLEY

St Peter's News

A church at the heart of the village, with space for all

By the time you read this we will be contemplating Advent and Christmas and we will have had our Annual Christmas Bazaar, in which we hope you will have enjoyed taking part. Thank you to everyone who donated goods for this and who helped on the day. This is the most important fund-raising event for the church during the year, so it is good to see that it is so well supported. We will have contractors with us next year to carry out essential repairs to our church for which such funds are always needed.

During November we welcomed many folk to St Peter's to celebrate the loss of loved ones, at the evening service for All Souls. Often people drive a long way for this service, and it is good to know they want to come here at this time. Our service of Remembrance was well attended, and we sold many knitted poppies this year in aid of the Royal British Legion.

In December the holy family will be moving around the village to stay the night in a different household every night until the Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve. This is a delightful Mexican tradition called Possada and makes us mindful that Mary and Joseph were themselves homeless refugees.

Do come to see the Tewin Nativity play on Sunday 8 December starting at the church at 4.30pm, moving down the hill to Muspatts Farm where Ivor Williams has kindly agreed once again for us to use the barn for the Nativity scene, and afterwards for mulled wine and nibbles. As usual, with the actors, we shall have a real baby, real donkey and real sheep. It is a real treat!

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm. Thank you to all those people who have expressed an interest in joining the choir. Please keep coming forward – we particularly want people of all ages to sing at the Carol Service.

On Christmas Eve we shall celebrate Midnight Mass by candle light at 11.30pm, and on Christmas Day at 10am there will be a family Holy Communion service.

We wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.
LG

THE TEWIN NATIVITY
A PLAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Wrap up warmly and come join us at St Peter's Church, Tewin. A lantern procession will follow Mary and Joseph to the barn. A memorable experience for young and old as we bring the true meaning of Christmas to life

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
4.30 – 5.30pm

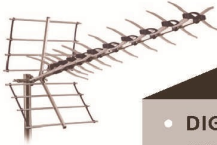
Please stay on for hot drinks and mince pies in the barn afterwards! Entrance is free but you will need to have a ticket to enter. Tickets will be available either at the Tewin Stores, St Peter's Church or Tewin Cowper School. Any donations will be gratefully received and all proceeds will be going to Oxfam.

Join our Facebook page for more information or if you would like to help us with this event. Look up - The Tewin Nativity

**TEWIN BELL-RINGERS RING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTOR
NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) marked its 40th anniversary as a registered charity on Sunday 6th October. MND causes the messages from the motor neurones gradually to stop reaching the muscles, resulting in progressive muscle wastage, affecting the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. Professor Stephen Hawking was a high-profile sufferer from MND. In the case of some people, all they have left is sight and sound, and for this reason the MNDA have called the campaign to mark their 40th anniversary "Sight and Sound – It's all I have left".

They asked bell-ringers all over the country to link into the 'Sound' aspect by requesting that as many towers as possible should arrange some ringing at, or as near as possible to, 7.00pm on Saturday 5th October to raise awareness of this disease and to recognise the 40 years of fundraising and research to help all those affected. They also asked for public buildings to be lit up in blue and orange (the MNDA colours) as a visual reminder. Six members of the Tewin band of ringers rang for 20 minutes at 6.30pm on 5th October with several members of the band having a particular interest in supporting this cause. The Lay family would like to dedicate this ringing to Graham's brother, Colin Lay, who died in January 2012 from this dreadful disease. Whilst this was not a direct fund-raiser for the MNDA, there is a Just Giving page if anyone feels they wish to make a donation <https://www.justgiving.com/mndassoc>.



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Autumn News 2019

We are delighted to have received a £500 Grant from Cllr Ken Crofton's Locality Fund. Ken said he was very pleased to be able to support our excellent initiative. We are also very pleased and grateful for further financial support of £500 from the Parish Council and another £500 donation from Friends of Tewin which will all help to keep the wheels going round. East Herts Council also continue to support 50% of our running costs.

Our passengers have been so appreciative of the weekly Saturday Minibus service and delighted with the 'Special Outings' which this year have provided enjoyable trips to Ayletts Garden Centre near St Albans and the Dutch Nursery in Brookmans Park. There will be a further Seasonal visit to St Albans including the Market on 30 November and back by 1pm so get your place booked early!

Young People's Survey update – Thank you again to those who have responded to our Survey Monkey Questionnaire. The results have been considered by the Steering Group and we would like to respond by looking at a Pilot Project during the Summer Holidays 2020. We will need to find some additional funding to make this happen and will keep you updated as and when we can.

As always to Book your place on the Saturday Minibus and to pay your Fare (£2.50 single, £5 return. Under 18s half price) Call Ann Kevis on 01438 717473.

To participate in the Young People's Survey copy this link into your browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydf4eggd>

or email tim.hayward-smith@cdaherts.org.uk for a paper version or call 01992 289054

Tewin Tennis Club



As this is the Tewin Magazine for the Christmas season, let me wish all tennis club members, and indeed all Tewin parishioners, a peaceful and happy Christmas.

It is pleasing to note that coaching for both juniors and adults continues apace, even though the evenings have very quickly got much darker. Ross Alexander has generated great enthusiasm amongst club members, so get in touch if you need to brush up on your technique. Again, details are on our website.

At risk of repeating what I say every year, tennis is a 12-month sport, even for those clubs like ours that do not have indoor facilities. Saturday mornings still see very active ladies' and men's mix-in tennis and there is much going on during the week for individuals. This year the club was invited to join the Herts Winter Men's Seniors Tennis League, with matches in age groups rising from over 45s to over 65s. Naturally it was hard to find any really old people in the club, but we have managed to put out a team or two!

Enjoy your Christmas.
Peter Burgess

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

Let's talk Christmas! Time is pressing and we are ready to take orders for any veg boxes you require or visit our butcher on a Friday afternoons from approx 2.30 – 3.15 pm outside the shop for meat orders. We have a selection of own label goods which make a nice personal gift or check out some of our home crafted items that are now available.

Nearer the time we will stock different cheeses and don't forget your Digswell sausages, bacon and eggs for that special Christmas breakfast. Have you bought your Christmas raffle ticket yet? Don't miss out as prizes include afternoon tea at Tewinbury Farm and a cuddly toy.

Work on the potential development of the shop continues as we are talking to architects and structural engineers etc as to what might be, and might not be, possible. Needless to say, this is a slow process but we will continue to keep you informed. We are still open to receive ideas from you, the residents, and any offers of professional help.

Our December lunch will be on the 14th and it will be something 'fishy' so please join us from 12 noon till 1.30 for our last lunch in 2019. This is also another fund raiser, as is the afternoon tea due in the new year.

If you haven't joined our monthly 100 Club, perhaps it could be your New Year resolution.

100 club winners for November are :-

1st Prize: Julia Tizard- £40.50

2nd Prize: Hilary Armstrong -£20.25

3rd Prize: Thomas Brown - £12.15

Christmas shop opening hours are :

24th December 8.30 - 12.00

25th & 26th Closed all day

New Year's Eve 8.30 - 12.00

New Year's Day closed all day

Normal shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.30 -4.30 pm,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford, Vice Chairman, Tewin Shop Committee

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

JUMBLE SALE UPDATE

Since our last report, we are pleased to advise that takings for the Autumn Jumble Sale have increased due to some late sales and donations. As a result, we are pleased to advise that the net sum attributed to the Sale has now reached £4,314, for which we are extremely grateful and, as always, again thank our wonderful team of Jumblers, who distributed Flyers, helped sort and sell items, and carried out many additional tasks to ensure that the Jumble Sale was as welcoming and worthwhile as always.

We are also grateful to all our 'Collectors', who made numerous visits to pick up donations from people in the Village, not forgetting two very important helpers, ie. Stuart Kirkham and Denis Compton, who played an invaluable part in collecting large items in their vans. We could not have managed to stock the Sale without their help. We are also grateful to Paula and Jerry Collins who operated the Barbecue on our behalf.

As previously advised, the Spring Jumble Sale will be held on *Saturday, 14th March*, for which you'll be receiving details in a later issue of this magazine. Meanwhile, please put the date in your diaries! Many thanks.

Todd Canton (01438 717395)

on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee

TEWIN ART GROUP

The Tewin Art Group is a friendly, relaxed, and informal group that meets in the Kimberly Room, Tewin Memorial Hall, from 2.00 to 4.00pm every Tuesday afternoon, except during holiday periods. Terry Brand, a local artist, is usually there providing encouragement, advice, and the occasional demonstration. Space limits numbers to about ten. The group would welcome two or three new members. No skills are needed. The cost is currently £3 per member per meeting.

Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to email me at audrey.walters80@gmail.com (preferred) or telephone 01438 717202.

Audrey Walters.

Friends of Tewin



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE – 6pm Thursday 19th December on Lower Green (Organised on behalf of Tewin Parish Council)

Carols around the Christmas tree is our last event for 2019 and it's one of our favourites!

The fun starts at 6pm, and once again we are thrilled that Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas will be coming to join us. Arriving on Lower Green about 6.15pm,

they can only stay a short time because they have other children to visit too. We are pleased to tell you that our regular brass band will be coming and they will lead us as we sing some of our favourite Carols and Christmas songs.

To keep out the winter chills, hot chocolate, mulled wine, sausage rolls, mince pies and cakes will be on sale.

St. Peter's Church will hold a raffle, prizes donated by Friends of Tewin. All proceeds go to the charity "Shelter" and the draw will take place around 7pm.

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather is bad, we will hold the event in Tewin Cowper School. Please keep your children very close to you during the dark evening. The roads around Lower Green will be very busy and children's safety is always a worry to us.

MINCE PIES APPEAL

We are looking for people who enjoy baking and are happy to donate **home-made** Mince Pies for this event. Please add your name to the list in Tewin Stores or contact Roe on 01438 717336 or Anne on 01438 718505.

DONATIONS

We have received quite a lot of requests from village groups asking for financial support and we will work through them over the next couple of months.

Finally, as we look back over 2019, with the dawn of 2020!!, all the members of the Friends of Tewin Committee want to thank each and every one of you for your help and support throughout 2019.

As always, we couldn't manage without you.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Olly Morrisroe- Vice Chairman Friends of Tewin

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At our AGM on 22nd October, our Chairman, Roger Huggins, formally announced his resignation, as well as that of Margaret, his wife and Secretary of our charity. Roger has been our Chairman for the past nine years and Margaret has been with us for an amazing twenty-five years! Inevitably, after all that time, they have become deeply involved with the charity and the contributions they have both made through their knowledge, wisdom, experience, and also their good company, will be greatly missed.

Under Roger's leadership, the scope of the Charity's remit has been expanded to include all similar facilities within the County of Hertfordshire, so that we are now able to offer our greatly-valued support to a much wider population than before.

Happily, Marianne Hawes will be our new Chair with immediate effect. Marianne has been a Trustee for the past six years, as well as an enthusiastic volunteer in our shop in Welwyn which is the principal source of our income. She is, therefore, well-placed to understand fully the workings of our Charity and she has the full support of the other Trustees. In addition, Roger has very kindly offered to be on hand to advise and encourage Marianne over the coming months.

We were delighted to make a very grateful presentation of flowers, prized whisky and some fine glasses to help ease Roger and Margaret into their retirement, and we offer them both our very best wishes for the future. Our picture shows Marianne, flanked by several decades of valuable experience! The Charity is currently looking for new Trustees and, in order to build on the range of skills offered by the existing Trustees, we are particularly looking for people with experience of HR and/or knowledge of the workings of the NHS. If you feel that this might be something where you could add value and which would interest you, please send an email to danburyqvm@btconnect.com.

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TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

BOOK SALE REPORT

Our Autumn Book Sale again attracted many visitors, as a result of which takings amounted to £638.33 - a wonderful result, which gives testimony to the popularity of the event which saw both adults and children browsing at leisure among the hundreds of books and jigsaw puzzles on display in the Main Hall.

As always, these events could not happen without the efforts of people in the village so the Hall Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed in any way, whether it be by the donation of books or by distributing Flyers, setting out tables, sorting books, putting up notices and clearing away after the Sale. In particular we wish to thank Linda Crawford and David Kempson, who organised the event on our behalf. As always, we are grateful to all these people whose unstinting work helped to attain such a good result but, more importantly, ensured that the Village and visitors were again able to enjoy such a pleasurable event.

Finally, as previously advised, unsold books still have a useful life in that apart from being given an additional airing at our Jumble Sales and Classic Car Shows, the remaining unsold books are then passed to The Book Rescuers, who recycle them for charity. So, apart from being a pleasant, enjoyable event for the Village, it also serves as a welcome provider for other worthwhile organisations. Therefore, we will continue to hold our twice-yearly Book Sales and will give details of our next Spring Sale in a future issue of this magazine.

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Keith St Pier (Vice-Chairman)
Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

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Dates For Your Diary This Month

Tues	Tewin School	7-10 pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-10pm Adults
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-3.30pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 5th & 19th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Mon 2nd	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 7th	Memorial Hall	10am-4pm	THACS Arts & Crafts Fair
Sun 8th	St Peter's Church	4.30pm	Tewin Nativity (ticket required)
Mon 9th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green 'The Greatest Showman'
Sat 14th	Tewin Stores	12-1.30pm	Lunch 'Something Fishy'
Sun 15th	St Peter's	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 19th	Lower Green	6pm	Carols Round the Tree
Tues 31st	Memorial Hall	8pm-12.45am	New Year's Eve Party

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