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Editorial Note

Welcome to our May 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. The front cover photo this month was taken by Colin Minton.

We have thought long and hard about whether to produce a hard copy of the Magazine this month. We rely very heavily on Sue Whitbourn and her team of 23 volunteers who deliver the Magazines every month and would never wish to put anyone's health at risk at this difficult time. Some of those volunteers are self-isolating and are therefore unable to deliver. But Sue has marshalled enough people who are able to use their 'exercise' time to deliver. So thank you one and all.

Events are of course ever changing and next month we may have to change the way we deliver the Magazine, either online on the Tewin website or by post. I'd recommend checking the Tewin website, www.tewinvillage.co.uk, and the notice board at Tewin Stores for the most up to date information.

We are fortunate in Tewin in that we have a very supportive community. **Tewin Stores** is operating an order and collect service (p25).

Tewin Ladies has offered a variety of ways to help (p3).

The Rose and Crown is operating a takeaway service from its full menu (subject to stock availability) (p26).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

If you are registered as a patient at The Bridge Cottage Surgery you may be interested in the article re their new eConsult service (p21).

Are you tempted to have a bonfire? Please see the advice from East Herts Council (p22).

Hertfordshire Libraries and Nysa Projects would like to invite children and young people to take part in their #creativequarantine project, My Story Families (p30).

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.

Stay Well Jackie Murphy, Editor

TLC

Hello!

If you are self-isolating and need help due to Covid-19 please contact us.

We are a group of women from your local community in Tewin who would like to offer help in any of the following ways:

Picking up shopping Dog walking Urgent supplies A friendly phone call Other urgent tasks

Please contact: Christina Kirby: Mobile: 07900 070172 Email: christina.kirby@rocketmail.com Geraldine Marshall: Mobile: 07786 438525 Email: gelmarshall@mac.com We will put you in touch with someone who can help.

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Tewin Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. In other respects, the Parish Council will function as normal. Please email any queries to the Parish Clerk.

TEWIN STORES

Your village shop is now operating a 'collect only' service using a form available from the website or from the shop. Please refer to the village website for further details. A delivery service will be available.

POST OFFICE at Tewin Stores

The Outreach Post Office will be open from 9.30-11.30am on Wednesdays only, commencing 1 April subject to availability. There will be a strict policy of one customer at a time in the store.

BROKEN GATE ON FOOTPATH 17 FROM SCHOOL LANE PAST BOWLS CLUB

This has been reported to Rights of Way for repair.

PAVILION ROOF

The Parish Council would like to thank those parishioners who reported the damage to the pavilion roof which has now been repaired.

<u>NHS</u>

Essential NHS services remain available to everyone who needs them.

Hertfordshire's GP practices have put in place telephone and video appointments and, when it's necessary, face-to-face appointments can still be carried out with a GP or nurse in a setting that is safe for both patients and staff.

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (ENHT)

The trust has prepared well to care for patients with COVID-19, and for

those with other needs without COVID-19. Many changes have been focused at the Lister as the main receiving hospital for COVID-19 patients, including:

- a new triage system for patients arriving at the emergency department.
- ward and area moves to allow for appropriate separation of COVID-19 & non COVID-19 patients.
- cancer surgery moving to independent partner hospitals.

Other changes have taken place across the trust, namely:

- The Urgent Care Centre at Welwyn Garden City's New QEII Hospital has increased staffing to treat people with minor injuries who would previously have visited the Lister.
- Mount Vernon Cancer Centre has set up a patient advice line, are carrying out home pharmacy deliveries, and have relocated the brachytherapy service.
- Virtual and phone appointments are taking place across the trust.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Creative Writing Workshop

Our Creative Writing Workshop scheduled for 16th March was cancelled because of concerns about the potential for transmission of the Covid-19 virus. However, *THACS* writers don't give up so easily; one of our number proposed that we spend some of the day writing at home, and even suggested titles for our work. Our tutor, Frances Wilson, agreed with some enthusiasm to review our efforts. Out of this initiative came the idea of not only publishing that day's writing on the village website but also keeping it going with a new piece each week.

Please go to the *THACS* web pages of the Tewin village website and have a look at the news item and the latest pieces (at the top of the left-hand column). There will be a new poem or story every Sunday morning. We hope you enjoy the reading as much as we have enjoyed the writing.

Tewin Open Gardens on Sunday 17th May - CANCELLED

The *THACS* Open Gardens event had planned to bring you a visually splendiferous day to wander around our village and view the beautiful gardens. The present position of a lockdown has forced the cancellation of this event.

We know that the Open Gardens events are enjoyed by a large number of visitors, who will be disappointed that the event has had to be cancelled. Many of our gardeners were looking forward to it and had already started preparing their gardens to ensure that they would look their best on the day. So we are now working with them to develop an alternative way of giving you a safe and timely view of the results of their good works. This will be in the form of *Virtual Open Gardens*, using photographs taken by the gardeners during April and early May and (hopefully) available for you to view on the *THACS* webpages of the Tewin village website by the end of May.

Forthcoming Events

We have decided that it will not be feasible to organise a garden visit this summer. The remainder of our planned events will be kept under review.





STRANGE TIMES IN THE VILLAGE

These are things I really miss Greeting friends with a hug and a kiss No one playing on the Green Quieter than it's ever been No children running off to school No book sale in the Village Hall No play at the Tennis Club No walking to the local pub Over 50's club at home Hopefully they are not alone No chatting in the village shop Even that has had to stop Missing having friends for tea No raising funds for charity Hopefully by August the virus will go Just in time for the Classic Car Show By December we will all be free For singing round the Christmas Tree.

Thank you to the people who give their time to organise all the events that take place in the village and to the volunteers who help make them run with such ease.

We are all very lucky, Tewin is the best place to live! Anon

Tewin Allotments

We currently have two small plots on Tewin Allotments in Cannons Meadow available to let.

For further information please contact John Sheridan 01438 717407 or johnchris1@talktalk.net

Lockdown on the Farm

What a change in a month. Coronavirus/Lockdown/Stay at Home. The endless rain of March's report has given way to the month of May, where sun and wind have dried the land into rock hard soil. Martyn and I have been self-isolating on the farm machinery. We don't share tractors or JCBs. We are very fussy about this as Martyn's partner is one of the NHS intensive care nurses and we do not want to spread any germs.

We are very fortunate that we can carry on in our jobs of farming and getting our crops growing for this year's harvest. We hope that the general public will appreciate the work that we do to put food on their table.

As soon as the land was suitable, we were able to sow first the chickpeas and then the blue peas. We were very lucky that the weather was kind to us and we were able to roll the stones into the ground. If the large stones had stayed on the surface they could block the combine. Rolling also consolidates the soil. We consolidate the seeds and plants in our gardens by heeling them in. It's the same principle on the farm. Also, we were able to spray the soil with a herbicide for weed control. We do not want the weeds to choke the peas. The pea plant has very thin stems when growing and can soon be smothered by strong weeds.

We have also rolled the wheat and oats. This should have been done in the autumn but, because of the weather, we were unable to do this until this week.

I have also been on the sprayer, giving the wheat crops a fungicide and trace element spray. These are to keep the plants clean and healthy. It's just like us having vitamin tablets.

We understand a lot of people are walking in the countryside at this time of lockdown and we hope that they appreciate the land and stay on the footpaths.

Keep Healthy Ivor Williams





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Post Office Times

Post Office Update: Until further notice and subject to change at short notice if circumstances dictate.

Burnham Green Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 12.30pm until 15.00pm

Tewin Stores Post Office Open: Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

March 2020 Below are the results for the March Supporters Club draw:

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- 2nd £34 Pauline Hay, Harwood Close
- 3rd £11 Anne Horsman, Harwood Close
- 3rd £11 Richard Stevens, Desborough Drive

Want to see your name here?

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

Application forms and more information available from:

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

We're still here to help!



If you need advice during the **coronavirus outbreak**, we're still here to help. Whilst we've had to temporarily close our face to face service you can still contact us in a number of ways if you are an East Herts or Uttlesford resident: For **advice by email** go to **www.citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/webadvice**



For **phone advice** please call **03444 111444** 10am-4pm Monday to Friday (you may have to wait in a queue but we will get to you as soon as we can). Or call **01920 459944** and leave a message. One of our advisers will get back to you as soon as possible.

You can also access information online at citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk

For medical advice - **www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19**/

NB. We will do our very best to answer all calls and emails but, due to a reduction in the number of staff and volunteers we have available, please bear with us at this difficult time. It may be that we have to offer to call you back with more advice at a later time.

Team Vicar's Letter

A few years ago a group of us from Tewin and Datchworth visited the Holy Land. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is found in Jerusalem and reputed to be built over the tomb from which Jesus was resurrected. Unfortunately, when we visited, the queue to get into the particular chapel that housed the tomb was immense and our tour guide moved us on without seeing it. One member of the party we were travelling with was visibly distressed at having come so far but not being able to enter the tomb. 'But doesn't she understand?' said the tour guide, 'He is not here! He has risen!' He was of course quoting the words of the angels to the women in Matthew's gospel when they find the tomb empty, but I have thought back to these words during this unexpected time of the churches being closed over Easter.

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar and a few weeks ago it would have seemed unimaginable that instead of the churches being full of people, flowers, music, Alleluias and joy – that their doors would remain locked and their air silent. But COVID-19, with all of its disruption and heartache, does not negate the Christian story of hope in difficult times, love overcoming evil and God's life conquering death. We've just needed to move these celebrations into our homes instead, and open our eyes to resurrection in all that is around us.

It hasn't been too difficult to see: in the loving care of NHS workers, carers and others who have sacrificed family life and their own health to care for the vulnerable and sick. In the community life that has risen to the challenge of looking out for neighbours and delivering food and medicine to those who cannot get out. In the way that friendship is unstoppable as people seek to discover ways still to be close to loved ones via zoom or whatsapp. In the online communities that have been doing church and prayer in a new way, because a locked church door won't stop the love that draws the human heart to God. For some people I've spoken to this time of lockdown has also been a liberating time, to slow down, focus on family life and restore the soul through spending time in the garden or walking in creation.

The doors of our churches, our places of work and our schools will undoubtedly reopen. But I hope that life in some ways is not the same again; that the lessons we have learned about who and what is important will remain. And that the community spirit, strangely stronger during isolation than perhaps before, will continue to look out for our neighbours and cheer on those occupations from doctors to carers, teachers to shop assistants, delivery drivers to refuge collectors who have proved to be the real life-givers in our society.

Susannah

Church services normally listed on these pages have had to be cancelled – and the church closed. Therefore, those who normally give to the church at services, including using Gift Aid envelopes, have not been able to do so; but our costs continue notwithstanding the epidemic. So we hope that financial support will continue both from regular attendees and other well-wishers around Tewin.

Below are a Bank Standing Order form and, for taxpayers, a Gift Aid Declaration which can enhance the value of the donations. Those who bank on-line can use the bank details on the former to arrange their gifts, whether one-off or regular payments.

Thank you to all who can help us in this way, as well as to the many existing standing order and regular envelope supporters.

Bank Standing Order Authority

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

TO: ST PETER'S CHURCH, TEWIN, AL6 0JN

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in any of the last four years.

I confirm that I have paid, or will pay, an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6th April to 5th April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year.

I understand that other taxes like Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

I confirm that I will notify you if this ceases to be the case.

FULL NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)

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Signature: Date:

After completion, please forward to: Graham Spring, Stewardship Officer, 2b Hertford Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JY e-mail: graham@grogery.co.uk

St Peter's News

The Sun is out, the sky is blue, there's not a cloud to spoil the view, but this month has been hard for us all. Despite often beautiful weather, and ideal conditions for us to see friends, cultivate our gardens and allotments, and walk in the countryside, we have been entreated to remain in our homes and away from others. We know this has been for the good of us all but, for many of us, this is not normal. By and large this is a gregarious community. We enjoy our coffees at the café, sports club gatherings, our Jumble Sales and Quiz nights. Yes - it's been good to meet up with neighbours on our walks around the village, at a safe distance of course. But it's not the same as seeing friends at the School gates, or at yoga class or the Tennis and Bowls Clubs or walking the dog with friends or worshipping together on Sundays.

We miss the sound of the church bells as they practise on Wednesday evenings and ring on Sunday mornings. However, we have time to rejoice in the tranquillity of the village, the sound of birds singing as they make their nests, the gentle breeze in the cherry trees now in full bloom, and children playing in gardens. How lovely to have few aircraft noises from overhead, little traffic or groups of cyclists whizzing past. Some of us have time to sort out things in our homes that never get done, time to just sit and enjoy the sun, time to just sit and slow down.

That said, we must all be thinking how lucky we are to be living now. Thank you to all those people who <u>are</u> still working, you know who you are – all health and social care professionals, food and medical suppliers, transport and police workers, the postmen and milkmen, the list is endless. Thank you to the BBC and YouTube for broadcasting films and theatre, concerts, keep fit and cookery, things to amuse our children. Here in the village we are fortunate to still have our village shop delivering newspapers, making up orders, our pub delivering meals. A special thank you to all our willing volunteers who are looking out for neighbours and friends around the community, keeping contact with those on their own or too infirm to collect food or medication. They are the unsung heroes of the village. And what about the church - The Welwyn team have been doing a splendid job all this month streaming services to us on Sundays and over Easter, with daily evening prayers and daily reflections on bible stories for the time of year. The clergy have been in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house. You can find links to St Peter's church online through Facebook or YouTube or through the Welwyn team www.welwyn.org.uk.

Alternatively please contact, by email or phone,

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood <u>team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk</u> 01438 817183

Our prayers are with all those who have been infected with this virus or who have lost loved ones during the past weeks.

Stay safe, stay well.

LG.

Church Floodlighting

St Peter's Church was floodlit on Monday, 27th April in loving memory of PETER WALTERS who died 11 years ago this day.

St Peter's Church will be floodlit on Friday, 1st May, to remember ALAN LAWSON on his 90th birthday whilst thinking of everyone affected by coronavirus. Joy, Kristina and family.





eConsult: Making Getting the Right Help From Your Doctor Easier

When you're not feeling well, the last thing you want is to leave the house. eConsult can help make annoying administrative and clinical requests quick, easy and convenient. eConsult is now Live at Bridge Cottage Surgery.

eConsult can be found on the Practice's website and can be used day or night from any internet connected device including your mobile phone.

- Patients with urgent symptoms will be identified quickly and helped sooner this is because we will know why you need help already.
- We can save you a trip to the Surgery we'll let you know if you need to be seen. Otherwise we will help you over the phone or let you know what to do.
- A Doctor may not be the best person to see you, so we can make sure you're seen by the right person based on your symptoms and the help you need.
- You can use eConsult from any device that has an internet connection and at any time. No more queuing on the phone at 8am to get help.
- As we know what your symptoms are, we can book you in for tests before an appointment or send a prescription to your pharmacy, saving you time.
- There's no login or password for eConsult so there's one thing less to remember. Only your own practice sees the information you have submitted.
- You can keep records of the eConsults you have submitted and access NHS self-help information.
- Request further details about your blood, urine, swab and other test results through eConsult.
- Request a GP letter (like private referral letters); medical reports or examination (such as health reports or proof of immunisations).

Why not give it a try, **instead of booking an appointment**, by clicking on the eConsult link on our website - www.bridgecottagesurgery.nhs.uk

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com

Can I Have A Bonfire To Get Rid of Extra Garden Waste?

East Herts Council have advised against lighting bonfires at this time. See below.

'At the current time we'd ask residents NOT to light bonfires.

Coronavirus(COVID-19) is known to cause serious respiratory problems, which could be made worse if the sufferer is exposed to smoke from bonfires. This is also made worse because people are confined to their home and unable to escape unpleasant fumes.

Bonfires can also become out of control or cause accidents, particularly in small gardens, creating extra pressure on the already busy emergency services.

Changes to collection services and the closure of recycling centres may create a storage issue for some residents. We would encourage residents to compost garden waste where possible or to place food or garden waste in your black bin for collection.

The council will continue to investigate nuisance issues relating to any persistent offenders where bonfires cause an impact on neighbours.'

Reasons to Be Glad That Lockdown Didn't Happen in 2002

Whilst it's challenging to be in lockdown, people are making use of technology to work from home, take part in church services, keep in touch with friends and family, continue exercise classes, take virtual tours of museums and galleries, watch streamed versions of plays and concerts and much more.

But what if lockdown happened in 2002 instead of 2020?

The first iPhone appeared in 2007, the first iPad in 2013. Facebook didn't appear until 2004 and Whatsapp until 2013. For Twitter it was 2006, Skype in 2003 and Zoom in 2013. YouTube was created in 2005 and Netflix began streaming in 2007.

And in 2002 the internet was v-e-r-y s-l-o-w.





Tewin Stores and Cafe

During this difficult time for us all we are pleased to have been able to continue to supply customers with their 'daily essentials' and fruit & vegetables through our collection service. I'm sure you will agree, Bev and her team of volunteers are doing a wonderful job and we are all very grateful for their efforts. We should also acknowledge the support we continue to receive from our local suppliers who are working long hours to keep us supplied.

We are constantly reviewing our procedures to keep everyone safe and well. Please do not enter the shop. Orders must be collected from outside the shop. We are now offering customers the opportunity to open an account as an alternative to leaving cash in the Honesty Box when they collect their newspapers.

We are investigating the possibility of installing a protective screen around the till which would enable us to allow customers to enter the shop. If we do decide to change our procedures we will put posters up in the shop, email our customers and update the www.tewinvillage.co.uk website accordingly. The health and wellbeing of Bev, the volunteers and customers is our primary concern.

As always we welcome new volunteers. If you are able to offer your support to help in the store please let Bev know. We would also like help from someone with practical IT skills. Please email

Peter Miller (pjmiller17@gmail.com) or Eleanor Lohr at tewinstores@gmail.com for more information.

Opening hours

Shop closed - Collections Monday – Friday 8.00am -12.00 Post office -Wednesdays only: 9.30am – 11.30am strictly one customer in the store at a time Newspapers: These are available for collection outside the shop.

8.00am – 12.00 Monday – Friday and between 9.00am and

11.00am at Weekends. Correct monies in the Honesty Box please.

The April 100 Club winners

1st Prize Judy Puddefoot - £38.00

2nd Prize Bridget Keppler - £19.00

3rd Prize Christine Sargent - £11.40

Linda Crawford, Vice Chairman, Tewin Stores Committee



Tewin Tennis Club

Our enthusiasm for keeping some form of tennis going was perhaps optimistic even at our last committee meeting in February, but we didn't want to cancel things unless we really

had to. Soon after, of course, we did have to.

One of our members has a ball hitting machine so in theory he could practise on his own, but even that had to be canned. Though perhaps that's to the benefit of everyone else, who would have come back to find Mike had developed his skills while we'd simply been digging and mowing in the garden!

But rest assured we have plans in place to resume play as soon as it is feasible. We are keeping the diary as it is for the months ahead, and members will be contacted by email as soon as we have more news.

The ever popular club summer playing event, the ABC League, has sufficient flexibility to take place months later if need be. Gerry Murphy and Rupert Stanley will be adapting the schedule so that it can kick off quickly. These very friendly Friday social evenings will still be based at the pavilion, and we expect a strong turn out when we eventually get on top of this virus.

The committee wishes good health to all members, and of course, everyone in the Tewin Parish.

Peter Burgess

Rose and Crown

The Rose and Crown are offering a full takeaway menu for delivery to your home or collection.

Mon - Fri, 5.00- 9.00 pm, Saturday, 1.00 - 7.00 pm, Sunday, 1.00- 3.00pm Our menu can be found on our Facebook page or give us a ring on 01438 715757 and we will deliver a menu to you. We have specials everyday with Fish and Chips on Fridays and a traditional roast dinner on Sundays which are very popular, so order early to avoid disappointment !

Friends of Tewin



As I write this, Easter has finished along with the Easter eggs and hot cross buns, but sadly here in Tewin we are in the midst of the Covid-19 worldwide Pandemic. The Maypole Dancing along with the 75th year VE Day commemorations are both cancelled. Maybe the Tewin Classic Car and Craft show will take place this August, let's wait and see!

What is so heartening to see in Tewin is the spirit of care, kindness and generosity shown throughout our village. Friends and neighbours helping each other out, alongside our marvellous Tewin Stores, which is managing to remain open (for orders and papers only) and keeping us supplied with many everyday necessities, following socially distancing guidelines of course. Unlike some, we are very lucky to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and abundant nature when we walk and take our daily exercise.

Many of you know Maureen Yates. She's self-isolating at this time. As many of you know Maureen LOVES to knit, making and selling her wonderful work in the Tewin Stores. Sadly, this year due to the Coronavirus and the shop having to temporarily close, not all of her Easter Bunnies with Crème egg inside were sold. However, Maureen did sell some and if you bought one, she hopes you enjoyed your bunny!

Before isolating Maureen very kindly took wool and needles to the new knitting group set up in The Rose & Crown as well as to the Over 50's Club. She asked and persuaded in her usual cheerful manner, both experienced and novice knitters alike to knit VERY simple cannula covers for a Special Care Baby unit. These are used for babies receiving Intravenous Antibiotics.

I'm happy to say I recently sent off 36 covers, but many more are needed as they can only be used once.

If, whilst you are at home, you would also like to help by reviving your skills or think, YES, I'll give it a go, here is the pattern:

4mm needles, double knitting yarn, 26 stitches and 36 rows of garter stitch (every row knitted the same) then simply sew together the long sides of the resulting rectangle to form a tube. Any colour would be great.

Thanks to you in the hope and anticipation of some of you

taking up your needles! And a HUGE thank you once again to Maureen, her knitting has raised lots of money for the village shop.

Please contact me with any finished covers and I'll post them on to the unit.

Please take care, stay safe, stay well.

Olly Morrisroe - Vice Chair, Friends of Tewin







Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

It was a sad day on 17 March when we closed our shop in Welwyn Village for the first time in 27 years. Our thanks go to Joy Wearing and all of the staff for ensuring that this was effected in an orderly fashion and with the minimum of risk to all involved. As a charity we have recently overhauled our risk register but, whilst we had incorporated business continuity planning, this was clearly not something that we had countenanced. What we have done, however, is to document all the actions that we took, including, of course, making sure that all



valuable items were safely locked away. Even though the shop is closed, we felt that it was important to ensure that the shop looked at its best over Easter and to give a bit of cheer to anyone who might be passing by on their daily exercise outing or shopping

for food or medicines. Our sincere thanks go to Georgia Shaw and her husband for this wonderful seasonal display.

Given the pressures now on the infrastructure of the NHS, the work of the charity is, arguably, more important than it ever was and, with this in mind, the Trustees were not daunted by the current strictures and 'met' for their monthly meeting via teleconference. One of the topics that we discussed was how we could support NHS staff during this challenging time. We asked our contact at Danesbury and the immediate answer was ... hand-moisturiser. They have all been scrupulously washing their hands so often that they are chapped and sore. Moisturiser was duly ordered and delivered to the two hospitals. We will, of course, continue to liaise with staff at all of the medical units that we support in order to see how we can support them.

Whilst the charity is in a fortunate position to have adequate reserves to call upon, the loss of income from the shop and the increased

demand on our resources come as a 'double whammy' and, if you feel you would like to assist us in our work, please do visit

https://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk/donations/

Please find time to remember staff and patients at Danesbury and QVM in your thoughts.

My Story 2020

Hertfordshire Libraries and Nysa Projects would like to invite children and young people to take part in our #creativequarantine project, My Story Families.

While we are being asked to stay at home, it is even more important that we talk to family and friends on the phone, online or via instant message. So, we thought it would be brilliant if children and young people talk to the grown-ups in their lives and ask them about their memories and stories from when they were a child. Did they ever have school cancelled for weeks and weeks? Were they ever in lockdown? What was the funniest thing that ever happened to them?

After hearing about the memories from grown-ups, we would like children and young people to share these fantastic stories with us in a creative or imaginative way. Stories don't only need to be words on a page! You could also do a picture, make a collage or even a video, animation, or song... anything as long as an adult can email it to us in a digital file of no more than 10MB. However you would like to tell the story, we look forward to receiving it.

Please send the stories to mystory@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Adults can of course share their own stories and we welcome these too as part of **My Story 2020**.

Read some stories already received at: https://www.hertsmemories.org.uk/content/category/herts-history/ people/mystory2020/stories-mystory2020

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