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Harvest Concert at St Peter's

Editorial Note

Welcome to our November 2021 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover shows members of the SAVoce choir singing at the Harvest Concert and our back page photos were taken by Peter Burgess and Byron Sinfield.

Events this month are

The Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 14th (p19) and St Peter's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 27th (p3).

Screen on the Green are showing 'Hugo' on Monday the 15th (p8) and Tewin Stores are serving a sausage and mash lunch on Saturday 20th (p25).

Pre-orders are being taken for the second volume of the 'History of Tewin' book as well as for reprints of the first volume (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. **Phil's Fish Van** is in the village on Monday evenings. Call 07513 142536 for details.

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

News From The Rose and Crown

Our Christmas menu is now available at the Rose and Crown. It runs from 30th November until 18th December 2021, though not on Sundays. Our opening times during the festive season are:

Christmas Eve12.00 - 7.00 pm (no kitchen)Christmas DayClosedBoxing Day12.00 - 7.00pmHoliday Monday and Tuesday 12.00 - 7.00pmNew Year's Eve12.00 - 7.00pm (no kitchen)New Year's DayClosedIt just leaves us to thank our customers for their friendship and supportand to wish them and all your readers and our wonderful village a verymerry Christmas and a happy New Year. From all of us at the Rose andCrown. God bless.



Tewin Parish Council



HEDGES

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

PARISH CLERK

My new number is 01438-798969.

GULLIES

The Parish Council regularly report problem gullies. Highways have advised that unfortunately the inspection on the leaking gulley outside 108 Orchard Road was not complete and a second order has been raised and they are currently awaiting a programme date.

Any blocked gullies or potholes can be reported on the Highways faultline 0300 123 4047 or online by Googling Herts highways faults.

INFORMATION FROM HIGHWAYS - GRITTING

From 1 October Highways fleet of 58 gritters are on standby, ready to salt the county's roads when freezing weather approaches. Gritter crews and decision makers from our highways team will be ready around the clock to cover nearly half of Hertfordshire's entire road network – that's more than 1,500 miles (2,500km), or the equivalent of salting from Hertford to Berlin and back.

Gritters get sent out when road surface temperatures are forecast to be 0.5°c, or below and a hazard is expected.

Where practical and accessible, highways grit roads to schools, care homes, doctors' surgeries, key pharmacies and libraries, as well as all the county's A and B roads, bus routes (including school bus routes), roads with a 10% gradient or steeper and at least one route into every village. Please can you do your bit by **parking sensibly and not blocking roads**.

Highways supply salt to schools if they request it, to help them stay open during icy weather. We will also supply district, borough, parish and town councils on request, so they can use their local knowledge to identify exactly where best to use the salt during severe weather. Community groups and residents associations can also access free gritting salt and, last year, some 230 local groups took advantage of this. Application forms can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ applyforsalt and must be received by the County Council by 31st October.

For more information about our winter service programme, including the routes that we grit, or to see real-time updates visit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterroads and follow the "Latest gritting updates". You can also find information on how to clear snow and ice yourself.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 1st November 2021** at 7.30pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 3 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. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website. **Queries** :

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Cllr Ken Crofton

Tel: 01438 869650

Police Community Team: 101 - For non-emergency purposes – This will create a general log and will be picked up by the officers on duty at the time. If personal messages are sent they may not be picked up for some time if the officer isn't on duty as they may be on rest days, annual leave or even off sick.

Our East Herts Rural Team contacts are:

PC Mark Turner or PCSO Sally Brooks.

Herts Highways Fault Line: 0300 1234047 or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk - for fault reporting.

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or <u>www.eastherts.gov.uk</u> - for reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Environmental Services, Pest Control, Waste Services, Tree Preservation Orders, Planning, Parking Warden for parking offences.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Arts & Crafts Sale on Saturday 4th December

The THACS Arts & Crafts Sale is returning on Saturday 4th December, from 10am to 4pm, in the Tewin Memorial Hall.

We will have the usual high quality, hand-crafted gifts for sale to help with your Christmas shopping. All of the items on offer will have been made by local people and the range includes jewellery, wood turning, painting, knitwear, prints, ukuleles and of course, our famous hand baked cakes and savouries.

Admission is free. The stalls will be well spread out in the hall, with a one-way system in place to help you feel safe and comfortable whilst you shop.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Hilary Tipping (Event Organiser)

TEWIN CHARITIES

Many parishioners are not aware of the existence of Tewin Charities. It is a charity that links five old village charities that were in the names of Henry Cowper, Reverend Charles Layfield, Thomas Pigot, Margaret Sabine and Louisa Picton and funds have been increased by various subsequent donations from within the village. The aim of the charity is to provide relief for parishioners in need but, probably because confidentiality is all-important, you may not have noticed the activity of trustees.

Many people in need have been helped and, although the charity is subject to various controls and limitations, it will be pleased to hear from you if you have a request or you know of situations with others within the village who could benefit from assistance from Tewin Charities. Please contact the number below for further information and/or to initiate a request.

David Howson, Chairman, Tewin Charities. 01438 717 339.





Screen On The Green

Our programme continues on Monday 15th November with *"Hugo" (2011)*, directed by Martin Scorcese and based on a book by Brian Selzby.

Hugo is a magical, enchanting family movie with spectacular visuals, telling the story of a boy who lives alone in the Gare Montparnasse railway station in Paris in the1930s and who becomes obsessed with repairing an automaton. To much critical acclaim the film received eleven Oscar nominations, winning five of them, along with many other awards.

The evening will be run in a similar way as before but, for the safety of everyone, we would prefer that you are double vaccinated. Wear a mask if you wish but please do not come if you are feeling unwell.

Future dates for the diary:

13 th December:	Yesterday (2018)
17 th January:	Knives Out (2019)
21 st February:	Parasite (2019)

MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. A complimentary tea or coffee 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

On This Day 1st November

- **1922** The radio licence fee (initially 10 Shillings) was introduced in Britain.
- **1956** Premium Savings Bonds were introduced by Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- **1959** The first stretch of the M1 opened between Junction 5 at Watford and Junction 18 Crick/Rugby.

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On The Farm Planning Crops For Next Harvest

This Harvest there has been a big demand for straw, and we sold our straw to a dealer, which then went to a Straw Burning Power Station. We have to do our part to keep the lights on! Luckily the weather stayed dry to bale the wheat straw and we were able to clear the field, enabling us to then get on with cultivation. About half the arable land is ploughed and the other half mini-tilled.

Our crops planned for the coming year, are naked oats, milling wheat and an area of hay. We have been offered a contract to grow an acreage of Chick Peas, which we will take up. This Spring we sowed a couple of small corners of fields with wild flower mix which included Sunflowers. These areas are for the Pheasants and wild birds. They have looked great all summer and we will sow a larger area next Spring. At the moment we have only just started to sow our wheat. Hopefully by the time this article is out we will have finished sowing our winter crops.

Living and working in the countryside makes us very aware of criminal gangs stealing farm equipment. They are mainly after the satellite, and GPS systems in the Combines and Tractors. They break into the machines by breaking the glass door or cutting a hole in the roof, and taking out the systems. During Harvest some friends of ours finished harvesting at 1.30am one morning. They put their Claas Combine and Tractor behind the farm buildings so it was not visible from the road. The farm had a long drive and an electric gate. When the Combine team arrived at 8am to get ready for a day's work they found the Combine had been broken into, the GPS system and control panel stolen, the Tractor and its Satellite navigation and GPS system also stolen. They were devastated! That's life in the countryside at the moment.

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 16.00pm

Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open: Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

September 2021

Here's confirmation of the draw results for September

- 1st £55 David Armstrong, West Riding
- 2nd £33 Tony Haggar, Cowpers Way
- 3rd £11 Susanne Stevens, Desborough Drive
- 3rd £11 Peter Badger, Margery Lane

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>

Migraines

A migraine is usually a moderate or severe headache felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head.

Many people also have symptoms such as feeling sick, being sick and increased sensitivity to light or sound.

There are several types of migraine, including:

- migraine with aura where there are specific warning signs just before the migraine begins, such as seeing flashing lights or cloudy vision for a short time.
- migraine without aura the most common type, where the migraine happens without the specific warning signs.
- migraine aura without headache, also known as silent migraine where an aura or other migraine symptoms are experienced, but a headache does not develop.

When to get medical advice

Simple painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, can be effective for migraine.

Try not to use the maximum dosage of painkillers on a regular or frequent basis as this could make it harder to treat headaches over time.

You should also make an appointment to see a GP if you have frequent migraines (on more than 5 days a month), even if they can be controlled with medicines, as you may benefit from preventative treatment.

You should call 999 for an ambulance immediately if you or someone you are with experiences:

- paralysis or weakness in 1 or both arms or 1 side of the face
- slurred or garbled speech
- a sudden agonising headache resulting in a severe pain unlike anything experienced before
- headache along with a high temperature (fever), stiff neck, mental confusion, seizures, double vision and a rash

These symptoms may be a sign of a more serious condition, such as a stroke or meningitis, and should be assessed by a doctor as soon as possible.

Causes of migraines

Some people find migraine attacks are associated with certain triggers, which can include:

- starting their period
- stress
- tiredness
- certain foods or drinks

Information taken from https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/migraine/.

Team Vicar's Letter

There are some things I'd love to forget but seem not to be able to – like the time I ended up with my mouth attached to the then Bishop of Bedford's ear. This may seem a difficult thing to do by accident, but I assure you it is possible. After a charity event at which I was speaking he leaned forward as we were saying goodbye. I thought he was going for the polite peck on the check. Turns out he was stretching forward to open the door...

But then there are the times when I really want to remember something, like one of the many passwords I have been forced to set up to enable access to important accounts, and then my mind goes blank.

Memory can be frustrating, difficult and painful. Yet the failing memory of someone slipping in to Alzheimer's reminds us of how precious the ability to remember is and how much it roots us into our families and communities. Those caring for someone in that position will find their own memory of who that person was before the cruelty of illness both an aid in their continuing love for them and a painful reminder of what has been lost.

November is a time for memories and because of that can be a month which is bitter-sweet. We begin the month with All Saints day – a time to give thanks for lives of courage and faith, whose memories have been passed through generations. The remembering of these past lives give hope to the suffering in our present.

Then we have All Souls, a time to remember loved ones we have known, but who we are now separated from by death. Then a little later people will gather again to remember those fallen in war – memories which are now largely passed to new generations to hold as important and precious for our future as well as our past.

Churches are a good place to remember: the history of generations gathering to do the same, the prayers of people before us soaked into the air and the strength of the walls which have held immeasurable hopes and fears, loves and loss, brokenness and healing. And they are places where the story of God is still remembered and proclaimed. So as we hold our memories before us – whether they bring us delight or sorrow, we come to be reminded that, soaring or struggling, God remembers us.

"I will not forget you" says the Lord "See I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" Isaiah 49:15-16

	ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES						
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 st READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
NOVEMBER 7th	3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DAVID MUNCHIN	JONAH 3: 1-5,10	HEBREWS 9: 24 – End	MARK 1: 14-20
14th	4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEM- BRANCE SUNDAY	REMEM- BRANCE SERVICE	10.50am	THE BISHOP OF HERTFORD MICHAEL BEASLEY	DANIEL 12: 1-3	HEBREWS 10: 11-25	MARK 13: 1-8
CHRIST THE KING 21st SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	CATHERINE JUPP	JOHN 18: 33-37			
	NEXT BEFORE	HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	DANIEL 7: 9-10, 13,14	REVELA- TION 1: 4b-8	JOHN 18: 33-37
28th	lst SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JEREMIAH 33: 14-16	1 THESSA- LONIANS 3: 9 - End	LUKE 21: 25-36

Services marked with * will be streamed

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

ROTAS							
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER		
NOVEMBER 7th DAVID	ELAINE FOWLER	ANNE LAND & ELAINE FOWLER	TBC	SUE WHITBOURN	PAULINE SPRING		
14th PAULINE	ТВС	MAVIS HAGGAR & GRAHAM SPRING	TBC	REMEMBRANCE	CLARE RAWLINS		
21st DAVID	LINDA GILLEY	MYRA WALKER	TBC	REMEMBRANCE	SUE WHITBOURN		
	PAULINE SPRING	CLARE RAWLINS					
28th PAULINE	NICK WHITING	LINDA MAITLAND & ANGELA WILLIAMS	TBC	SHEILA FEAKES	VICKY de NAEYER		

BAPTISM

9th October 2021

Henry Hodges Max Hodges

St Peter's News

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

A few months ago, we noticed that the de Havilland memorial stones in the churchyard looked as if they had been ravaged by the fairies. We spent several weeks working out who to consult about this and we contacted the de Havilland museum but received no reply. During the pandemic it has been difficult sometimes to contact <u>anyone</u>, let alone museum staff!! Imagine our surprise a few weeks ago when we noticed the stones had actually been removed. By whom? A little detective work using *The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin* book, revealed the name of the Funeral Directors and mason who had done the original inscriptions, and a quick phone call, found the stones being worked on. They reappeared as suddenly as they had disappeared, and without the spelling mistake that had always been a bit irksome! Back where they belong and looking as good as new.

Our Harvest Festival day was wonderful, making us realise how much the village appreciates a gathering of this type when it is possible. About 80 adults and 40 young people attended the Open-Air service on Lower Green, with Susannah leading the service, Andrei on the keyboard, well-known Harvest hymns to sing together and Ivor Williams doing the traditional readings for Harvest as he has done for nearly 50 years!! The children enjoyed being involved in the activities, finding the bread mice, and climbing on the tractor trailer afterwards. We collected a magnificent load of tins and dried goods for the Stevenage Food Bank – for which many thanks to all who kindly contributed. Sales of Pimm's and soft drinks together with money in the collection raised £344 for the Bishop's Appeal for WaterAid in Africa. The BBQ lunch organised by Tewin Stores was a great success. In the afternoon a full house enjoyed the hour-long concert given by the SAVoce choir, with some jazz by Andrei, followed by sumptuous cakes and tea. After expenses, this event raised over £200 for church funds. Thank you to all who helped make this day very special.

During October the Rev'd Edward Cardale has held Autumn House group meetings to discuss *The Psalms and our emotions*, and at the end of the month, we shall have had our special service for All Souls Day, both of which I will report on in the next news from St Peter's. As a community we shall be commemorating **Remembrance Day** as usual at **St Peter's at 10.50am on 14**th **November** with a service this year led by the Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Beasley.

We are continuing to make progress on dragging the building into the 21st century. We asked the congregation in August about updating the lighting and will now be using a lighting designer for new LED lights in the main body of the church. We have other plans afoot for information panels around the churchyard about the history of the church and the various folk whose graves are there, and for making the church a more inviting community asset. One of the main fund-raising events for the church takes place on **Saturday 27th November 12 noon to 3pm – our Christmas Bazaar.** All contributions are gratefully accepted. Please do come to support that. All funds raised go to the upkeep of our Grade 1 listed church.

The Covid virus is still with us particularly in local schools, so we continue to be vigilant and careful in church, wearing masks when moving around, not taking wine at communion. It is great to see people coming back to services as the autumn has worn on. Our clergy are still in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

Susannah can be contacted by email or phone, *The Rev'd Susannah Underwood team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk* 01438 817183 Stay safe, stay well

Linda Gilley alannio@btinternet.com





Tewin Tennis Club

With autumn well and truly with us, and winter not far around the corner, it's time for the tennis club to think about our priorities for next year. Regular meetings of the committee form the basis of this, but we need to know what members – and potential members – want from their club, so we can formulate the best possible plan.

It's been a tumultuous eighteen months, yet both play and the running of the club have undergone some significant adjustments. Tennis was, of course, not possible for a long while, but as soon as we could we got players back on court as safely as possible. I'd like to personally acknowledge all the work that Mike Purser continues to put into organising playing groups week in, week out.

We also have our mix-in sessions on Saturday mornings, but I think it is clear that there is scope for something else. I am not sure what this is, but please, if you are a new member or a long-standing Tewin Tennis Club player, get in touch with your thoughts. I'll pull everything together and get it to the committee so we can hopefully extend our offering to something even better for 2022.

As for our Covid-switch to the LTA's ClubSpark for our web-related activities, it's been a mixed blessing. The court booking and website work well, but our attempts to get subscriptions paid on-line have either worked brilliantly or not at all! I spoke to people at ClubSpark about this last month and they have promised to finally fix it.

So here's to a stronger, even better Tewin Tennis Club for 2022. Please address any points you have to me initially on pburgess000@gmail.com

Peter Burgess

Tewin Table Tennis Club

The club is now back in full swing with many of the existing membership of players already returning plus we have some new players including two father/daughter, father/son groups of members. It's good to once again hear the sound of table tennis balls in play, together with the friendly social chatter from the sidelines.

The club is somewhat different to most Table Tennis clubs in that it is a club principally for the benefit and use of the whole community and open to everyone 10 years and over regardless of their table tennis abilities. Other table tennis clubs tend to concentrate on League matches only thus restricting availability to stronger standard players only.

We play in the School Hall of Tewin Cowper School on three tables on Tuesday evenings from 7-10 pm. Bats, balls, soft drinks are provided by the club but players must wear trainers or soft shoes.

There is once again no change in the cost of coming along to enjoy a game. It's £3 per evening for adults and £2 for students in full time education, unchanged since 2013.

The club will also be entering two teams in the St Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn Table Tennis League with home league matches taking place in our village School on Thursday evenings. Matches are due to start at the end of October.

All of us at sometime in our lives have played table tennis whether it was at School, Youth Club, University etc. So why not come along and enjoy a game and it's a great opportunity to meet new friends. A warm welcome awaits you on Tuesday evenings.

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





Tewin Stores and Cafe

What a wonderful day the Harvest Festival church service and BBQ turned out to be. The weather was kind to us and a lovely day was had by all those who attended. I would like to thank my fellow volunteers for their support and Gerry and Paula for providing the BBQ. After all related costs we raised £300 for the shop.

Thanks to a donation from a Tewin resident, we have been able to replace our old freezer with 2 new freezers. I would like to thank my fellow committee member, Dagmar Brook, for sourcing and negotiating the cost of the freezers. Now that we have new equipment we will look to extend our range of chilled and frozen products for you.

We are reintroducing Saturday lunches in the Café. The menu for 20^{th} November is sausage & mash with red onion gravy. Meals cost £5.00 with puddings extra at £3.00 plus any drink. All are welcome from 12 noon until 1.30pm. If you haven't been before it's a friendly time to meet, chat and enjoy homemade food.

Our next volunteer meeting has been arranged in the shop at 3pm on November 18th. This is an informal time for all volunteers to meet each other and bring forward ideas and suggestions.

Look out for Tewin Stores branded torches in the shop, kindly donated by Graham & Helen. They are excellent torches, destined for grandchildren at Christmas!

The bulbs we provided have been well received and we look forward to seeing many in bloom next year!

The 100 Club October draw result is as follows:

1st Prize: Irene O'Brien £44.50 2nd Prize: Catherine Stott £22.25 3rd Prize: Helen Bennell £13.35

Linda Crawford

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday

8.30am - 2.30pm 8.30am - 12.00 noon 9.00am - 12.00 noon

The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin

During the past year a small group of residents have been working on a reprint of the original Tewin history book, published in 2009. This sold out after about five years but since then people have moved into the village and there still seems to be a demand for copies of the book. So, the good news is that we shall receive a reprint of the original book in mid-November 2021, just in time for you to obtain copies for Christmas presents!! These will be priced at £30.00 and will be obtainable from Tewin Stores or from me.

Additionally, we have put together a second volume which takes the story up to date, covering the years since 2009. This will be published around Easter. Much has happened in the village since 2009, such as for example, the opening of our Community Shop, the refurbishment of the Tewin Pavilion, new clubs have been formed for Bridge, Table Tennis, and the Over 50s and so on. The second volume will be priced at £15. Many people have said that they do not want to buy the original book again, but if you do buy Volume One for £30.00, you will be able to purchase Volume Two with it for £10 only.

I should like to take orders for the books now if possible as this will help with the cost of production. Most of the costs will be funded by the Tewin Memorial Hall and they will receive all the profits from sales. Please complete the form below and return to me, Linda Gilley, at alannio@btinternet.com or 30 Godfries Close, Tewin, Welwyn, AL6 0LQ.

ORDER FORM FOR *THE HISTORY OF TEWIN BY THE PEOPLE* OF TEWIN

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

EMAIL.....

TEL.....

I should like to buycopy/copies of VOLUME 1 *The History* of *Tewin by the People of Tewin* @ £30 EACH WITH VOLUME 2 @ £10 each.

ORcopy/copies of VOLUME 2 @ £15 each.

I WILL PAY ON DELIVERY OF THE BOOK

.....Signed

Friends of Tewin



As the nights are drawing in, our thoughts turn towards planning our Christmas events, so here are 2 dates for your diaries.

10th December - Carol Singing on the Green.

This won't be the same as in previous years because Father Christmas won't be visiting us that night, he'll be getting ready for our next event on 17th December.

17th December - Father Christmas Tewin Drive-through.

Last year was the first time we organised this event and it proved to be very popular. We promise that this year we will get the timings better so that families won't be standing outside for as long!

It would be lovely to see lots of people waving to Father Christmas from their homes as he travels along the route.

More details to follow in the December edition for both the above events.

Looking forward to next year, here's another date for your diary. The Senior Citizens' Lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th February 2022, with invitations going out to every house in Tewin at the beginning of January.

DONATIONS TO ALL VILLAGE GROUPS / ORGANISATIONS

Are you involved in a group or an organisation that wants to improve its facilities? Maybe you need new equipment?

Groups should by now have received an application form from us. If your group hasn't had a form, please email friendsoftewin@gmail.com and we will send one out to you. Or alternatively you can ring Anne for more information on 01438 718505.

Olly Morrisroe Vice Chairman – Friends of Tewin





Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital

The festive season is now truly underway, and the volunt-elves in our shop have been working hard going through all your lovely donations, sorting out any items fit for the festive period. No doubt there will various amazing window displays throughout the weeks ahead. Welwyn as a whole is hoping to generate a higher footfall by holding various events. We hope you will come out and support the shops in the village as we need your business to keep our shops afloat.

We are also hoping to bring some festive cheer to both Danesbury and QVM. However, this may prove to be rather challenging as the NHS are still under full COVID restrictions, and the seasonal weather will no doubt be rather unfavourable to be doing much of anything outdoors!

At the end of October, we held our AGM, which identified that under the given circumstances our charity shop in Welwyn is doing well and that is down to all the hard work of the Managers and volunteers and your support.

We would love to increase sales back to pre-pandemic levels to ensure we can keep supporting all the units within the Herts & Essex area at the level we have done in previous years. Hopefully the events organised by Welwyn Business Alliance will see more footfall in the village and we hope you will all pop in to see the wonderful goods we have on sale. Everything we sell has been donated.

During the Covid period we have been supporting the units (Danesbury & QVM in particular) with smaller items such as garden items, hand cream, a range of personal care items, clothing, updating of TVs/TV services in the patient and day rooms, radios and Christmas supplies just to mention a few items. If you are interested in volunteering at the charity shop on the High Street, Welwyn then please do pop into the shop or call 01438 840 769 and have a chat with Heather Knappett.

Thanking you all for your continued support.

Is Tewin Hedgehog Friendly?

When did you last see a hedgehog in Tewin? Probably not for a while. We are not experts on hedgehogs so perhaps more knowledge-able villagers will add to the discussion.

Hedgehogs have suffered a rapid decline in recent years. The figures vary but as a minimum they have declined by around two thirds in the last 25 years. There are many reasons for this but we in Tewin can help.

Hedgehogs roam upwards of 2 km per night during the warmer months looking for food, a mate and nesting sites. However, many gardens have walls and panel fences that block their desired routes. If you create a hole at the base of the panel of just 13 x13cm then bingo, you create a "Hedgehog Highway"! Working with our immediate neighbours in Godfries Close we have done this.

So, wouldn't it be great to link most of Tewin in this way. Please try and help.

Soon hedgehogs will begin to hibernate (from November to March) and will begin to look for suitable places. We have a proper "house" in our garden just waiting for them but they equally like piles of leaves etc. They just need access.

The internet has plenty of advice and tips such as for feeding our spiked friends. Perhaps your children and grandchildren will enjoy learning and helping. Thanks for reading this.

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