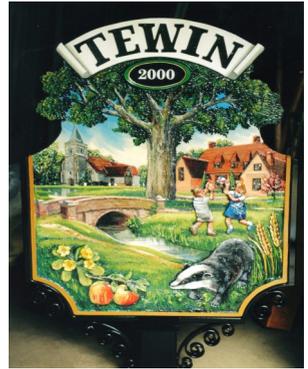




Tewin Magazine

January 2023

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Happy 2023



Reflections taken by Roger Clarke



A 6ft tall snow igloo built by Imogen, Linus and Alexandra in Cowpers Way

Welcome to the January 2023 edition of the Tewin Magazine and I'd like to wish all our readers a very joyous and peaceful 2023.

I hope you enjoy our lovely photos on page 2. The snow igloo took 6 hours to build and the 'bricks' were made by filling a plastic tub many, many times.

I am always happy to receive photos for possible inclusion in the Magazine.

January is traditionally a quiet month after a busy December so only two events to report.

Tewin Tennis Club AGM on 13th (p23) and

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Sting' on 16th (p10).

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p33).

If your new year resolution is to get out, meet new people, do something different then you're spoilt for choice. WGC Orchestra is looking for new members (p9), volunteers are sought for a new Digital drop-in session at the Memorial Hall (p27), THACS (p6) are looking for new ideas and Tewin Stores will always welcome new volunteers (p29).

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 1.30-2.45pm.

Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

A Mobile Fish Van is at Burnham Green on Wednesdays from 12.45-1.15pm. Call Kelvin on 07847 176847 for orders.

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

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Tewin Parish Council



CHRISTMAS TREE

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin who have arranged the decorating of the Christmas tree on Lower Green.

PRECEPT

At their meeting on 5th December 2022 the Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2024 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 6% from £33,000 to £35,000.

WINTER GRITTING

With winter approaching you can check when roads are being gritted by googling "HCC gritting".

MOTORBIKE NUISANCE

With regard to reports of off-road bikes, Herts Rural Police advise that there have been one or two reports over the last few weeks but nothing like the reports received in previous years. They ran an operation with quad bikes to catch some of the worst offenders and it has certainly calmed it down. However if any motorbikes are seen by walkers please can they call it in on 101 at the time so that if we have the resources, we can deal with them there and then. Word soon gets around in the biking community that the Police are active in certain areas.

PLANNING

RE: 3/22/2448/FUL - Land To The West Of Churchfield Road,` Tewin Retrospective application for the change of use from agricultural land to dog walking field, erection of fencing and the creation of parking area.

Tewin Parish Council (TPC) would prefer not to have this dog walking field as it is Green Belt, is within a Registered Park & Garden, in close proximity (110 meters) of the River Mimram chalk stream, the SSSI and Nature Reserve at Tewin Bury and to Tewin Lodge. TPC request that the following be consulted: Hertfordshire Gardens Trust, Historic England and the conservation/Landscape officers, Natural England and Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust and the residents of Tewin Lodge.

TPC are supporting a local initiative to protect the environment and habitats of the valley of the River Mimram chalk stream – see [Lower Mimram Valley Initiative - Tewin Village](#).

The Council has requested the following conditions be imposed:-

- no sheds, tyres, apparatus or other paraphernalia, no lighting, restriction to a maximum of 2 cars and six dogs at any time, no parking on the road to use the facility, no organised events or training sessions, restricted access hours of 8 am to 7 pm and less at weekends.

A change of use may lower the planning protection on the land, and this may be taken advantage of by future owners. TPC ask EHC Planning to carefully con-

sider the removal of permitted development rights and the imposition of other restrictions, to ensure that further development does not take place in the future.

NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting is at 7.45pm on **Monday 6th February 2023** at 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.

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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.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Happy New Year!

I hope that you managed to get along to the Arts & Crafts Sale at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 3th December. Perhaps you bought some of the hand-crafted gifts as Christmas presents, or did you just treat yourself?

Here is some information about forthcoming events.

Art Day on Thursday 2nd February

Tutor: Jude O'Sullivan. Venue: Bramfield Village Hall. Timing: 10am to 4pm.

This is a day in **lino printing**, using a one colour lino plate to print on to different collaged backgrounds. It is suitable for students of all abilities. You will need to bring a pencil, biro, and an image for your lino to a size of A6 (105 x 148mm). All other materials will be supplied. As usual, participants are asked to bring something to share for lunch. The cost of the day is £35 for THACS members and £40 for non-members.

Details about this art day were published in December's edition and are repeated here because there are still places available. To reserve a place, email thacs.bookings@gmail.com.

Creative Writing Day on Thursday 16th February

Details about this were published in December's edition.

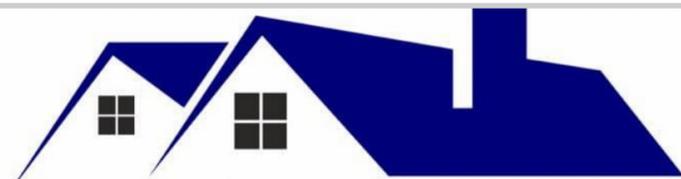
The event is now fully booked. However, if you would like to attend but have not booked your place, then you are invited to put your name on a reserve list by sending an email to thacs.bookings@gmail.com.

Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th February

The 2023 AGM will be held on the evening of Monday 27th February in Tewin Memorial Hall. Further details will be published next month.

By the time you read this, every household in Tewin will have received a flyer about the opportunities for new people to fill the vacancies in the THACS committee. If you are interested (or just curious) then please contact me.

Ray Keppler, THACS Chairman (01438 717545, thacs.chair@gmail.com)



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Winter On the Farm

At this time of year, Martyn and myself have a meeting with our Agronomist, who works for a company called Agrii. They run regional variety trials at their Technology Centres, giving their customers the latest information. We talk about our crops of the past season, our spray program of herbicides and fungicides, soil health and fertiliser rates. We will also be discussing the most economic use of Nitrogen, as all inputs have risen sharply with the sowing of next year's crops and at this moment we do not know what the prices will be next summer.

There is a lot of unknown in the farming world, at the moment with Bird Flu, the price of eggs (if you can get them), the price of vegetables etc for next year.

The war in Ukraine dominates all of our grain prices at this time. It affects how many ships leave with cargoes of wheat or oilseeds or maize and how much of the country will be sown to crops in the coming season.

Myself and Vaughan, decided to sell 20 acres of our River Meadows, at Archers Green. This is a lovely area of River Meadows, and particularly the lovely chalk stream, the River Mimram. We bought the Meadows some years ago, to save it from the person who was turning the neighbouring land into plot lands for future building. Sadly we are getting older and unable to maintain it in the standard we would wish. We are so pleased that the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust have bought the site and will manage it as one of their nature reserves. The site will now be well looked after for future generations.

Ivor Williams.

A Reminder Tewin Magazine Subscriptions 2023

The Tewin Magazine annual subscription of £7 for 12 issues is due in January 2023. Please have your money ready for the volunteer distributors who deliver in all kinds of weather. Some have delivered for many years.

Cash or cheque payable to “St Peter’s Church Tewin PCC” please. Regretfully our distributors do not have cash machines.

There has been no price increase for at least 9 years (can anyone else say that these days?) but cost increases now make it unavoidable.

A big thank you to all the valued distributors and everyone involved.

If you don’t currently subscribe and would like a monthly delivery then please contact me, Sue Whitbourn. Otherwise purchase can be made in Tewin Stores or St Peter’s Church at 70p per copy.

Please continue to save used postage stamps, especially Christmas and Foreign, for charity (box in the shop). As Moorfields Eye Hospital no longer accept stamps I have already donated to another worthy cause, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Thank you again for your support.

With very best wishes for 2023.

Sue Whitbourn, 01438 798 221

WGC Orchestra Open Rehearsal

WGC Orchestra is holding an open rehearsal of Dvořák Symphony No. 9 (New World) on **Tuesday 17th January 2023**. It takes place at **Templewood School, Pentley Park, WGC, AL8 7SD**. Please arrive by **7.30pm for a 7.45pm start**.

Contact Karen to register at orchestrasec@wgcms.org.uk or telephone on 07761 255339

Screen On The Green

On Monday the 16th January we are showing “*The Sting*”, an old favourite from 1973 starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford at the height of their prime. (This was originally scheduled for September last year but cancelled due to the late Queen's funeral.) Directed by George Roy Hill and set in the 1930s Great Depression, *The Sting* is a great comedy-caper with Newman and Redford in a devious plot to con and take down a big-time crime lord played by Robert Shaw.

The musical score features several of Scott Joplin's ragtime compositions (including *The Entertainer*) adapted by Marvin Hamlisch. The film was a box-office smash being nominated for ten Oscars and winning seven of them. So forget the doom and gloom of the papers and TV news and enjoy an evening of good old-fashioned entertainment.

Apologies for the late cancellation of our Christmas Film Night due to the unexpected heavy snowfall the night before which made for treacherous conditions underfoot. Let's hope for better luck next year.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Future dates for the diary:

20th February: *The Duke* (2020)

20th March *Rififi* (1955)

17th April *Laura* (1944)

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Marie St Pier

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I'm a Tewin resident and will be managing a new Willow charity shop due to open in February in Hertford. Can I please ask that you save any donations, particularly unwanted Christmas gifts, for me. I will be happy to collect all donations at my home address in Tewin and can be contacted by email at cognition@hotmail.co.uk.

Many Thanks

Lynne Shankster

Food Bank Donations

We have taken about 170 tins plus all the lovely Christmas goodies you have so kindly donated to the food bank in time for Christmas.

I will give you a further update in next month's magazine of the final amount.

Sorry if the Christmas Elf didn't make it to your house but the snow kept her indoors!

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy 2023.

Cheryl and Lynne x

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Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

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Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

November 2022

Here's confirmation of the draw results for November

1 st	£49	Eleanor Lohr, Hertford Road.
2 nd	£30	Diane Hagger, Godfries Close
3 rd	£10	Olly Morrisroe, Orchard Road
3 rd	£10	Alf Fulford, Bishops Road

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Royal British Legion

2022 Poppy Day Collections Report

Another great result. Tewin raised £2,639 for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

The house to house collectors were out as usual and there were several new faces this year.

Tewin Stores, the Rose & Crown, the Plume of Feathers, Bumpkins, the White Horse, Tewinbury Farm Hotel, Tewin Cowper School, the Bowls Club and St Peter's Church also hosted collections

Donations for wreaths to be laid on Remembrance Sunday were received from Tewin Rainbows, the Friends of Tewin, THACS, the Parish Council, and the Memorial Hall.

Thank you to everybody who made a donation and thank you to everybody who helped to gather the donations in.

Well done.

Keith St Pier

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Supported by The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Parent and Toddler Cookery Classes

SmartRaspberry Cookery School is starting classes for parents and toddlers aged 2-4 years.

Classes take place on Thursday mornings from 10.30-11.30am from Thursday 26th January 2023 at Bramfield Village Hall.

Further information from emma@smartraspberry.com or 07860 152046 or www.smartraspberry.com.

Team Vicar's Letter

As we move into a New Year, I was tempted to simply leave you some space to write your hopes and plans for the year ahead. After all, there is something very appealing about a blank sheet – a fresh start.

But then I thought sometimes there is nothing more frightening than a completely blank page! Where on earth do we start? We need some guidelines – a framework – a jumping off point. What do we want to change spiritually, emotionally and physically? And what do we want to do to change the lives of others? Where do we want to be by the end of 2023?

But actually we don't ever start with a blank page. It's like the old joke about asking people for directions, where they say "well, I wouldn't start from here". We don't start with a pristine white page, we start with the world as it is; with us as we are. It's not simple. We would perhaps prefer to start from somewhere else. And sometimes we can't quite see how to do that.

Recently I was speaking with a friend who had attended a charcoal drawing workshop. They had been surprised when the tutor's first instruction was to cover the entire sheet in thick black charcoal and then to smudge it with a paper towel. They'd expected to draw the outlines and shade them in, leaving the white parts – as if drawing with a pencil. But here they were faced with a smudgy charcoal page (and, rather smudgy charcoal hands!). Instead of drawing the dark onto the light, they used a charcoal rubber to draw the light out of the dark.

The conversation reminded me of something really profound – that the light and beauty of our lives often emerge from darkness, too. The darkness doesn't overcome the light, it never will. Just as we celebrated the light of Christ coming into the world's darkness at Christmas, so we celebrate His light in us as we move into a new year. We start from where we are – with all of our dark parts and smudges – and Jesus draws the light out in us. We are enhanced, illuminated and we are able to reflect His light into the world around us, too.

May God bring you his light and his peace this January and throughout 2023.

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JANU- ARY 1st	NAMING & CIRCUMCI- SION OF JESUS	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	NUM- BERS 6:22—End	GALA- TIONS 4: 4-7	LUKE 2: 15-21
8th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSAN MARSH MICK SIMMONS	ISAIAH 42: 1-9	ACTS 10: 34-43	MAT- THEW 3: 13—End
15th	2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am		JOHN 1: 29-42		
		HOLY COMMUNION TBC	6.30pm		ISAIAH 49: 1-7	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 1-9	JOHN 1: 29-42
22nd	3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		ISAIAH 9: 1-4	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 10-18	MAT- THEW 4:12-23
29th	4th SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am		1 KINGS 17: 8-16	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 18-End	JOHN 2: 1-11

Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm
Services marked with a * will be streamed

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JANUARY 1st	NICK WHITING	PETE JOHNSON ELAINE FOWLER	TBA	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	PETE JOHNSON
8th	ROSEMARY NODDER	MARK SWANN CLARE RAWLINS	SUZANNE CARDALE	DITTO	LINDA MAITLAND ANGELA WILLIAMS
15th	SPIKE NICHOLSON	MYRA WALKER	LINDA GILLEY	DITTO	DI BRADLEY
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22nd	PAULINE BROWN	GRAHAM & PAULINE SPRING	GLORIA KERSEY	DITTO	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
29th	ELAINE FOWLER	DI BRADLEY SPIKE NICHOLSON	DI BRADLEY	TBA	PETE JOHNSON

St Peter's Church was floodlit on New Year's Eve, in memory of Kit and Bert Fernee, and absent members of the Haggar family.

FUNERAL

10th November 2022 Janet Edith Pitman

St Peter's News

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

So, another year is over, and we look forward to brighter days with the daylight returning. As I write this, it is still dark early in the afternoons and my daft computer has just told me that snow is on the way. By the time you read this, we may indeed have had some snow but today there is bright sunshine. Thank heavens my house is now warmer – we have had no proper heating for more than three weeks now and have been well wrapped up in loads of woollies and fleecy vests, sitting in blankets in the evenings. I do not function well when I am cold, so pity my poor husband putting up with my moaning.

The Church Christmas Bazaar was a jolly, successful event, raising £2,400 for church funds. Thank you to all who supported this.

Thank you to Emma Owen and everyone who once again took part in the Tewin Nativity at the beginning of December. It was quite cold that day, but the actors, pony, sheep, and baby all performed well, and were well supported by a children's choir and the audience. I think everyone welcomed the hot drinks and nibbles afterwards at the Churchfield Farm barn, hosted by the Carley family.

Nick and I have spent time recently applying for permissions from the church authorities to have some improvements done at St Peter's. We are very hopeful now of being able to install an autowinder for the church clock and new LED lighting inside the church plus new flood lighting. The PCC has also approved expenditure on more tree work in the churchyard this autumn. The project for our new vision for the church will proceed after Christmas.

I hope many of you will have attended at least one of our Advent and Christmas services. It is so lovely to be getting back to normal with our Annual Carol Service telling the Christmas story with all the familiar carols, our Crib service for children followed by Midnight Mass, both on Christmas Eve and the family service on Christmas Day

morning. The Gilley household hopes to be hosting our family over from Australia for a traditional British Christmas this year. They usually spend Christmas Day on the beach eating shellfish. With us, they will get a turkey meal, Christmas Pudding, crackers, and the King. About ten years ago, my daughter and her husband and I hosted Christmas dinner for four Colombians who could not get home for the holiday. They were very polite and appreciated the whole thing from crackers to nuts and even watched the Queen with me. My daughter said she thought they would always remember their Christmas in England.

Christmas is not always a happy event for everyone. Susannah and all the Welwyn team are always there to give support to those who are ill or recently bereaved. Do get in touch using these links:

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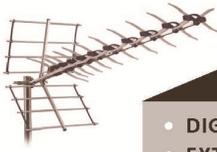
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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved with the **Tewin Church Christmas Bazaar**. From those who donated the huge range of quality items, to the many volunteers who helped, and to those who came along and supported the event, making it a fun and festive afternoon for everyone.

We raised a total of just over £2,400, which goes towards the funds that help the church in its work with our school, the village, the elderly and the bereaved. It is very gratefully received.

We hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you all again later this year!

Vicky de Naeyer, Dorothy Swann and team



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Tewin Tennis Club

Firstly New Year wishes to all our members and the wider community in Tewin. The committee hopes you had a nice Christmas and have at least some good thoughts about 2023. The next months will be an awkward time for many, yet exercise, in the form of tennis or simply walking, can do a great deal for your mental wellbeing.

Let me here give a sideways plug for the Thursday morning walks that leave from Lower Green at 9.30 and 10am each week. The 10.00 start means a shorter walk and I understand that both tend to wind up with a sociable coffee. I have done these in the past and they are invigorating.

As I write this is mid-December, tennis has effectively been called off for the week due to snow. It's such a rarity for the weather to stop our keenest players from getting a game – they don't stretch to umbrellas quite yet but a game in showers of rain is hardly unknown.

Which brings us to the Tewin Tennis Club AGM. This takes place on Friday January 13 at the Pavilion, and we'd implore members to make the effort to attend. This is our first AGM for three years, which gives us all something to catch up on as well as the very important subject of the court resurfacing.

The committee has made a recommendation that we move to Tiger Turf, an all weather artificial grass (for want of a better description). Members have already been circulated the committee's thoughts on this from chairman David Room, notably that it will be easier on the joints and is less slippery in marginal conditions.

Please come to the AGM to find out more and ask questions. There will also be an opportunity to try out Tiger Turf at the Batchwood Tennis Centre in early January.

Finally, our thanks go to Hazel and Mark Lee for organising a hugely entertaining quiz evening in late November, and for the dynamic duo of Chris Parkinson and Gerry Murphy, our quizmasters.

Archers Green, Tewin

A New Nature Reserve On Your Doorstep

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife has just purchased a new nature reserve in Tewin Parish, Archers Green, which alongside the Trust's existing Tewin Orchard and Tewinbury nature reserves underlines how valuable the parish is for the recovery of nature. Archers Green has flower-rich meadows, flanking the beautiful River Mimram. It runs alongside the B1000 and provides an important connection for wildlife to other local sites, such as Panshanger Park and Tewinbury Nature Reserve.

In September, the Trust secured a philanthropic loan to purchase Archers Green enabling this important wildlife site to be taken off the open market and ensure its special wildlife is protected. The Trust is now fundraising to raise £500,000 to repay the loan, improve the site and to manage it. Here, they explain why this is so important, not only for the wildlife that thrives at Archers Green but for future generations too.

Rare gem

We may take it for granted as it's on our doorstep but the River Mimram that flows through Archers Green is a chalk river and one of only 240 in the entire world. This habitat is as rare and as globally precious as a rainforest, hence why it is so important to protect it and, fortunately, the stretch at Archers Green is in great condition.

All creatures great and small

Archers Green abounds with wildlife - birds, fish, mammals, amphibians and invertebrates all call this very special site home. Notable birdlife includes Redwing, Yellowhammer, Snipe, Marsh Tit, Grey Partridge, Cuckoo and Skylark. Five bat species have been recorded here – cast your eyes to the sky at dusk and there's a chance you may see the Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Nodule, Leisler's or Daubenton's. Water Vole, Otter and Grass Snake are known on the site too, along with many invertebrates, including three extremely rare, red-listed water beetles

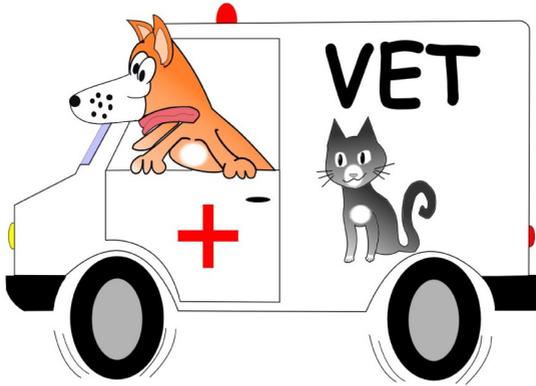
Securing the future

The Trust's aim is to improve the ecological value of Archers Green and see diversification of species and populations grow.

The Trust is reaching out to members of the local community to ask if they could support the fundraising appeal to secure the future of this precious site in Tewin parish, please visit www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/archersgreen

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Volunteers Needed To Help Run Digital Inclusion Drop-in Sessions

CDA Herts www.cdaherts.org.uk has received funding from Clarion Futures Housing Association to provide digital help to people in some Hertfordshire villages, now including Tewin.

The aim is to help those who are not yet able to make full use of the internet and digital devices. Isolation worsened during the covid lockdowns and projects such as this one also help to prevent loneliness and its associated health and wellbeing problems.

Online shopping and banking have become the norm, as has meeting friends and family through video platforms such as Zoom, FaceTime, Teams and WhatsApp.

Fortnightly **Digital Drop In Sessions** will be run in conjunction with the Over 50s Club which meets on Thursday afternoons at Tewin Memorial Hall. Tewin Parish Council is also supporting the project. A trial session has already taken place and was well attended.

It will provide a friendly, informal environment to enable learners to gain confidence and become more familiar with using their own IT devices, such as laptops, iPads and smartphones. Some equipment will also be provided by the coordinator. Basic skills will also be covered, such as connecting to the internet, sending emails and meeting friends & family virtually using FaceTime, Zoom etc.

We are looking for some local volunteer ‘Digital Champions’ or ‘Digital Buddies’ who would be able to help run the sessions. The two-hour sessions will take place in the Kimberley Room at the Memorial Hall on alternate Thursday afternoons, whilst the Over 50s Club is meeting in the main hall.

To become a volunteer you don't need to be an IT expert or have any special qualifications, as long as you can operate a mobile phone, tablet, PC or laptop and are able to use your own knowledge to explain the best ways of doing things.

If you don't feel confident in directly helping others with their IT needs & queries, you might want to help with the other essential jobs: setting up the room, meeting and greeting attendees, helping to keep records of the types of enquiries received, as well as providing tea & cakes and tidying up at the end.

For further information please contact Kristina Lawson on 01438 717256 or kristinalawso99@hotmail.com

Tewin School Admissions Policy

Tewin Cowper CE Primary School is currently consulting on their admissions policy. The proposed admissions arrangements for 2024/25 are available on their website at

<https://www.tewincowper.herts.sch.uk/admissions/>.

The consultation period ends on 6th January 2023 and following this consultation, the school's admission arrangements will then be determined by the Governors in February 2023.

If you have any questions, please email to the above email address, marked for the attention of Mrs Alison Simpson, Headteacher, or call Mrs Alison Simpson, Headteacher on 01438 717378 or email Mrs Diane Hagger, Chair of Governors at dhagger@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk

Winter is Here

Herts County Council have been out gritting 13 times in 8 days (from Monday 5th December until Monday 12th December inc.). That's over 30,000km covered and around 4,500 tonnes of salt used. Believe it or not, that's the same weight as a slightly overindulgent hippo or 2 medium sized rhinos...!

We have two teams of approximately 70 people to cover 58 gritting routes in Hertfordshire, including operatives loading the gritters, supervisors and gritter drivers across a fleet of 70 vehicles. They have been out in the early hours on a number of occasions, with road temperatures as low as -7. With these cold temperatures, our forecaster even had to stop using the red colour to mean 'danger' and start using purple instead.

During snow events we grit the roads more often meaning 70 of our workforce are unavailable for other maintenance works. Our drivers also have legal stand down periods so if they grit overnight, they have to have an 8 hour break before they can return to work.

The gritter lorries are all fitted with tracking devices and you can check the roads that have been gritted on our website at

<https://tinyurl.com/Herts-Winter-Roads>.

Tewin Stores and Cafe

Our first snow of winter and rather a lot of it too, hit us rather unexpectedly in the middle of December, but thanks to Bev and our volunteers, Tewin Stores remained open for business.

Our Festive lunch was a great success with all the places taken well ahead of the 12 December and we also provided take away for another 5 people too! Thanks to Brenda and Jacquie for organising this jolly event which we hope to repeat again periodically during 2023.

We hold a meeting of our volunteers periodically, but as a thank you for all their hard work, we decided to make it more festive this time in Tewin Memorial Hall. Hot mulled wine and a buffet accompanied by Michael's Christmas music. It was lovely to see the majority of our volunteers present and a good time was had by all – no doubt the mulled wine helped!

Our programme of improvements in the shop continues to take place as well as further work planned for this year. Some of the highlights are new lighting, a heating/air conditioning system and, having consulted with our kitchen users, a new kitchen.

The 100 club winners of the December draw were:

1st Prize: Linda Mandall	£43.50
2nd Prize: David Kempson	£21.75
3rd Prize: Andrew Whawell	£13.05

As we move forward into 2023, we welcome our regular customers and for those of you who haven't been in recently, we would love to see you. Also, if you have new neighbours or know people new to the village, please spread the word about us.

Opening Hours:

Monday- Friday	8.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday	8.30am - 12.00 noon
Sunday	9.00am - 12.00 noon

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

As the midnight hour chimes, we leave the old and embrace the new.

Welcome to 2023, we hope you were able to rest, relax and rejoice over the past festive season. At the hospitals – Danesbury, QVM, Herts & Essex and Holywell - there was much laughter and celebration amidst all the hard work carried out over this period. We were able to support the units in providing funding for food and small token presents for those patients residing at the units during this time.

On the afternoon of the 20th December ex- members of Welwyn Wailers gave a sing-a-long carol concert for all the patients, staff and visitors at both Danesbury & QVM. Such a treat for the patients who joined in when they could.

At QVM, the refurbishment is coming to its end, hopefully things will start to get back to ‘normal’, with full access to all areas in the unit. Meanwhile at Danesbury the refurbishment of the gym is finally starting to happen – which means a lot of displaced therapy sessions as the therapists are exiled to the various corners and shared worked stations within Danesbury.

As things get back to ‘normal’ the units are trying to re start some of the music/art groups they used to run pre pandemic. However, they can not do this on their own because they are short staffed. Therefore, if you would like to come along and help/volunteer at these sessions then please do contact us at info@danburyqvm.co.uk. They are very rewarding for both patient and volunteer and makes such a huge difference to the patients’ rehabilitation.

Once again we are very pleased to report that our charity shop in Welwyn High Street has been doing extremely well over the past year. We are so very grateful for all your donations, without these there would be no shop. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers who come out week after week to help sort through our donations, clean and label them up. We are always interested to speak to anyone keen to join us. If you are interested please pop into our shop and speak with one of our managers or email danburyshop@outlook.com. The Trust is also looking for a new secretary/administrator, to work on a part time basis, between 4 – 8 hours per week. Needs to be self- motivated and work on their own initiative. The main tasks would be to support the Trustees in running the charity. They must have good all-round administrative skills, exemplary people skills and be computer literate in Microsoft packages. Please email info@danburyqvm.co.uk with your CV or any queries you may have about the above position. Wishing you a Happy January!

Friends of Tewin



As I'm writing this article, the first snow of winter is falling. I know the children will be excited and hoping for a day off school but I'm hoping it doesn't stay with us too long!

We are busy planning the Father Christmas Drive-Through and Carol Singing events but by the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone and we will be putting away our decorations for another year. If you were at home when Father Christmas came by, I hope you came outside and gave him a wave. Also, if you came to the Rose & Crown to join in with the Carol singing, I hope you enjoyed the evening. Our thanks go to Sean and Martine for hosting the event for us.

I also want to thank our very popular Brass Band who are such a big part of the evening. They come to play every year and help us to keep this lovely village tradition going.

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH – 15th FEBRUARY 2023

The Senior Citizens' Lunch is making a welcome return after a gap of 3 years. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in the Memorial Hall where we will serve you a two-course lunch followed by a fun quiz. Look out for an invitation, which includes the meal choices, coming through your door in early January. If you are **60 or over** and would like to come to the lunch, fill in the reply slip and return it to one of the addresses shown on the form as soon as possible and by 31st January at the latest. If you misplace your form, there are spare copies available in Tewin Stores.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21st FEBRUARY 2023

Our AGM is at 6pm in the Parish Room of Tewin Memorial Hall. The agenda will be on display in Tewin Stores 21 days prior to the meeting.

On behalf of the Friends of Tewin Committee, I wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Anne Hall, Chairman



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Wed	Burnham Green	12.45-1.15pm	Mobile Fish Van
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am & 10am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	1.30-2.45pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 5th & 19th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Fri 13th	Pavilion		Tennis Club AGM
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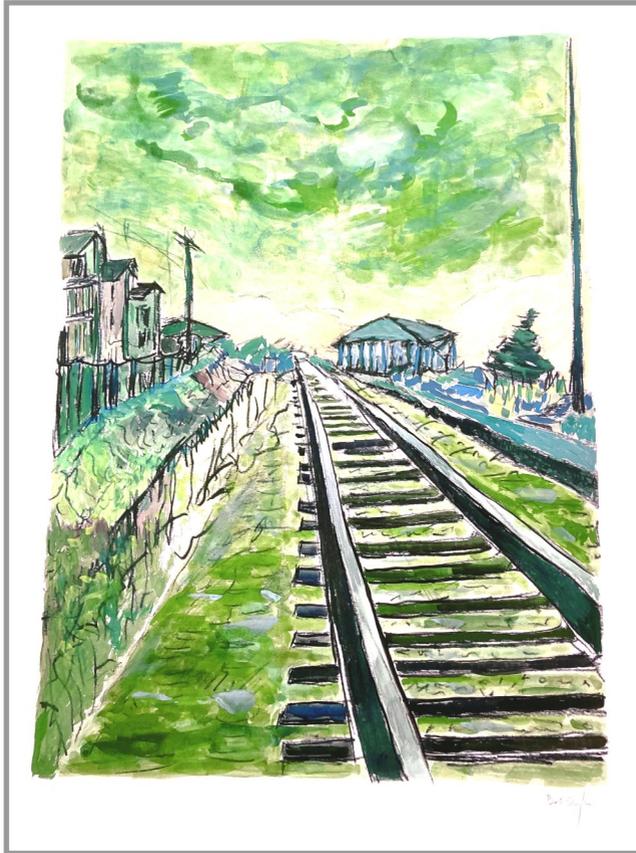
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