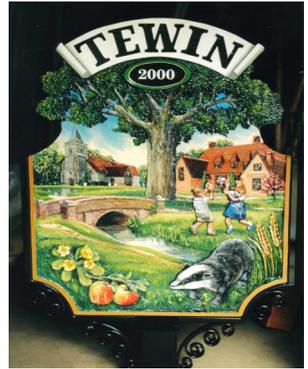




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December 2023

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Mick & Queenie Simmons



Highland Calf taken by Gerry Murphy



Welcome to the December 2023 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you have enjoyed the Magazine over the past year.

Subscriptions are due for renewal in January. Please see page 24 for details.

Events this month are:

Arts & Crafts Sale on 2nd (p9), SAVoce concert on 3rd (p27), Bowls Club Quiz on 8th (p13), Minibus trip on 9th (p30), Tewin Stores Festive Lunch on 9th (p29), Nativity on 10th (p31), Tewin Cricket Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration on 16th (p10), 'Carols around the Tree' on 20th (p6), Crib Service on 24th (p31).

Screen on the Green is showing 'Miracle on 34th St' on 11th (p10) and the Technology Advice Session is on 14th (p31).

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

From 1st December there will be a daily changing Advent Calendar on the Tewin website (p9) and a collection point for food bank donations on Lower Green (p16).

Please note that the deadline for the January 2024 issue of the Magazine is **Monday 11th December 2023**.

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

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Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the **11th** of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF HUNDRED YEAR WOOD

In 1993 Tewin Society raised the idea of creating a new area of woodland in the Parish and approached Tewin Parish Council for assistance.

Tewin Parish Council successfully received a grant of £3,000 from East Herts Council's Environment Initiative Scheme for the purpose of purchasing some land which would be planted up to create an amenity woodland for the village, ramblers and a refuge for wildlife.

The piece of land purchased from John Barton formed the corner of a field (formerly known as Little Brown Field) near Upper Green and covered an area of approx 1.1 acres.

Jack Bird drew up a planting plan with mainly native broadleaf tree species with oak and hornbeam predominating.

A new footpath was created to improve access to the site.

A Forestry Commission Woodland Grant was obtained to cover the costs of the trees and associated materials.

The woodland was planted in November 1994 by local volunteers and the pupils of Tewin Cowper Endowed School with assistance from the Countryside Management Service.

Tewin Parish Council decided to name the new plantation " Hundred Year Wood " in commemoration of the centenary of the existence of Tewin Parish Council.

NEXT MEETING – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.45pm

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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CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE ARE BACK!

**6.30pm 20th DECEMBER
LOWER GREEN**



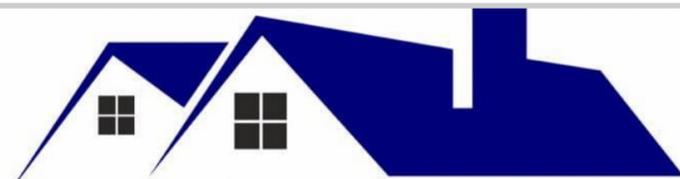
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On The Farm

We started sowing our wheat fields on the 1st of October but before this a lot of land work takes place. Seed has to be dressed and cleaned, meaning all small seed has to be taken out. One of my many jobs after harvest is to take a sample to a laboratory near Cambridge to get the wheat seed tested for germination. My sample came back at 98% germination, great! It's also all about 1,000 grain weight (the weight of a sample) which is different every year. We buy a couple of tons of special seed for multiplication the following year. We need about 25 tons of dressed seed for the current year to get next year's harvest. We aim to sow between 200 to 220 seeds per sq meter.

The weather has been very unsettled of late and particularly since the start of sowing, not what we want. I live in fear of a wet Autumn so it's been a stop/go affair. By Monday the 16th of October we still had 100 acres to sow. The weather forecasters said Storm Babet will hit us on Wednesday with heavy rain and wind, so on Monday the Naked Oats were sown. On Tuesday we finished sowing the wheat, most of the land was rolled, and sprayed with a herbicide to control weeds and on Wednesday at mid day Storm Babet hit us with heavy rain.

Luckily for us the rain moved further north but, unfortunately, flooded large areas of farmland in Lincolnshire.

With the wet weather our wild bird cover crops, sown on margins around woods and odd areas of fields, have looked fantastic. I have never known so many pheasants and wildlife around these areas, and those parakeets - where on earth did they come from?

Ivor Williams

Hertfordshire Growth

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Tewin Advent Calendar

This year for Christmas 2023 our advent calendar will feature pictures from St Peter's Church kneeler cushions. The Tewin Village website home page will open each day, up until Christmas, with a new picture and the story behind it. Most of the kneelers show local places and features of village life & history and all are designed and skilfully stitched by local people.

Head online from Friday 1st Dec at www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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Come along and join us on
Thursday 21st December
The Village Hall, Digswell at 7.30pm
For further information
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Tewin Village Arts & Crafts Sale

Tewin Memorial Hall
Saturday 2nd December
10am-4pm

Come and buy your unique Christmas presents hand made by the people of Tewin and surrounding areas.

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jewellery, art, woodturning, soft furnishings,
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Screen On The Green

Our Christmas film, showing on Monday 11th December, is *Miracle on 34th St (1947)* starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and Edmund Gwenn with the young Natalie Wood in one of her very early roles. The film is regarded as the classic 'Christmas movie', a comedy-drama guaranteed to put you in the mood for Christmas. It was originally scheduled for last Christmas but cancelled at the last minute due to a heavy snowfall.

The story takes place in New York City between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas involving a rather special department store Santa Claus and a single mother with a young daughter. Directed by George Seaton, it won three Oscars and two Golden Globe awards. Interestingly, although *Miracle on 34th St.* was set in the Christmas season, studio head Darryl F. Zanuck insisted that it was released in May because more people go to the movies in warmer weather!!

There have been several remakes of this classic movie including four films, a Broadway musical and some television movies but we are showing the original (and best!). And, as is our custom in December, we will be serving a festive drink so do come along for a fun evening at your local village cinema.

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale.

Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Marie St Pier

Tewin Cricket Club

To mark our 70th anniversary, Tewin Cricket Club are holding a celebration at Tewin Bury Farm. Everyone is welcome and if you are interested in attending please email Ryan Stannard at ryanstannard@hotmail.com or message him on 07940 569055



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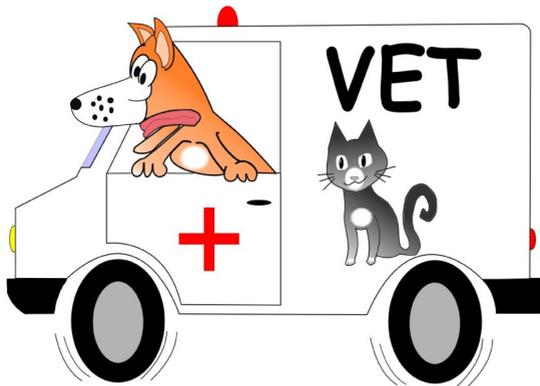
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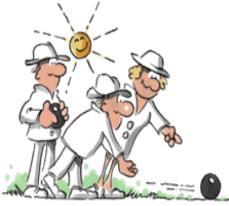
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Bowls Club News

Well that's another summer season gone and with it the difficulties of maintaining the green during the periods of very hot weather we experienced this year.

But we succeeded, with a number of clubs and the County Bowling Association congratulating us on how well the green bowled.

In mid September the Club's Finals Day was held, and you will be pleased to hear that a number of the Trophies were won by members from the village. Well done to them and the other winners.

At the beginning of October the Autumn renovations were carried out and the green put to bed for the winter. That does not mean that work stops on it. It will still need mowing once a fortnight although it is not cut as short as in the playing season. It will be spiked at least once a month to help with drainage and to allow air in to the sub soil to encourage microscopic bacterial growth. This will break down some of the waste products in the soil which in turn feed the grass roots.

A close eye will be kept on the green for signs of fungal infection as the green is susceptible to Fusarium. Should this rear its ugly head, it will need to be sprayed before it gets out of control.

With the green closed for the winter the Club House now comes into its own with

Monday Nights, Carpet Bowls @ 18:30,

Wednesday Mornings, Art Class @10:00,

Every other Thursday Afternoon, Bridge Club @ 14:00,

Friday Nights, Table Tennis @18:30,

Quiz Night 8th Dec 18:30 and through out the year. Look out for the posters in the village shop.

The Club House bar is open every Friday Night @18:30 and Sunday Lunch Time @12:00. You are welcome to pop in whenever the club is open and you will be assured of a friendly welcome.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year from the Members of the Bowls Club.

For further information about the club,

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Mon 13.30pm until 15.30pm

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

October 2023

Here's confirmation of the draw results for October:

1st	£49	Sue Haden, Godfries Close
2nd	£29	Angela Johnson, Tempsford
3rd	£10	Leigh Clements, Orchard Road
3rd	£10	Lilian Southgate, Back Lane

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

FOOD BANK

As you will all know from the news, many families are still struggling with the cost of living.

Last Christmas, due to your generosity, the people in the Village and Tewin Wood were able to give the local food bank lots of tins of food, Christmas puddings and other luxuries that make Christmas special but are unaffordable for many families.

As from the 1st December I shall put a box for non-perishable food donations outside my house, 19 LOWER GREEN, TEWIN and hope that again we can enable everyone to have a better Christmas.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations and wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Cheryl

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Update on the mothballing project

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all our members and supporters.

It might seem that THACS is dormant, but I am pleased to report that the mothballing project has been quietly making progress behind the scenes. In particular, we have built two groups of digital files that are now ready for use.

Archive. The first group is an archive of material that might be of historical interest in the future.

Legacy Resources. The second group consists of documents that could be useful resources for anyone seeking to revive THACS or start a new society.

These two groups of files can now be accessed via the THACS page on the Tewin Village website, so please take a look.

Other work is being done in preparation for the closing down of the society and I will update you on that in due course.

Ray Keppler
THACS Chairman

Team Vicar's Letter

Last month, a now former Home Secretary described those living in tents on the streets of our towns and cities as making a lifestyle choice. The next day Matt, the cartoonist for the Telegraph, posted an image of two men in a printer's workshop proofreading a newly printed Christmas card. One is saying to the other: 'The message in Suella Braverman's Christmas card says "Being born in a stable is a lifestyle choice"'. This, of course, is most certainly true.

The backdrop to the Nativity, that we read in Luke's gospel, is very much a global stage of politics and power. "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria." the story begins. This is the setting we are given to the entry of Christ into the world. However, as the wisemen find out, the King of Kings is not born into a palace, rather he is born amongst the dirt and draughts of a stable to a young vulnerable woman who that night has nowhere else to lay her head. Not a plan that many humans would think sensible but, for God in Jesus coming to live alongside his people, being born in a stable was very much a lifestyle choice.

Christ sheds his power and glory to become a small child, born to an ordinary Palestinian-Jewish couple, who flee across the border to Egypt to escape a wrathful ruler. For centuries his followers have understood this lifestyle choice to be a sign that God has a special concern for the poor and dispossessed. If we close our hearts to those on the margins of our society, then we fail to welcome Him.

I pray that our hearts would be widened this Christmas, so we might be a blessing to others, just as we have been blessed.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
December 3rd	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD JOHN BURNAPP	ISAIAH 64: 1-9	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 3-9	MARK 13: 24-End
10th	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION & TEWIN NATIVITY	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	ISAIAH 40: 1-11	2 PETER 3: 8-15a	MARK 1: 1-8
			4.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
17th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	MALA- CHI 3: 1-4; 4	PHILIPPI- ANS 4: 4-7	
		CAROL SERVICE	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
24th	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	2 SAM- UEL 7: 1-11, 16 ISAIAH 52: 7 –10	ROMANS 16: 25-End HEBREWS 1: 1-12	LUKE 1: 26-38 JOHN 1: 1-14
		CRIB SERVICE	3.00pm				
		MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30PM				
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	ALL AGE COMMUNION	10.00am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 62: 6-End	TITUS 3: 4-7	LUKE 2: 1-20
31st	1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	CHRISTIE GILFEATHER	ISAIAH 61: 10- 62: 3	GALA- TIANS 4: 4-7	LUKE 2: 15-21

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

ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
DEC 3rd ALED	KAREN SHAW	SPIKE NICHOLSON PAULINE SPRING	LINDA GILLEY	ADVENT	DOROTHY SWANN
10th PAULINE	HERBERT LAMING	ANNE LAND MARK SWANN	ROZ HOLDEN	ADVENT	GLORIA KERSEY
17th	ROZ HOLDEN	ROZ HOLDEN	QUEENIE SIMMONS	ADVENT	ANGELA WILLIAMS
	TBA	CLARE RAWLINS DI BRADLEY	LINDA GILLEY		
24th DAVID (am) ANGELA (pm)	NICK WHITING TBA	LINDA GILLEY PAULINE BROWN PETE & AMANDA	DITTO	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	CHRISTMAS
25th PAULINE	PAULINE SPRING	GRAHAM SPRING PETE JOHNSON		CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	
31st ALED	NICKY HADLEY	PAULINE SPRING ELAINE FOWLER	LINDA GILLEY	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	PETE JOHNSON

The Church will be floodlit on Christmas night for the Fish family. "Remembering as always with much love, Mum, Dad, Jim, Nan, Popeye and Ian and our wonderful Christmases together". From Graham, Geraldine, Gemma and Susie

St Peter's News

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

It is an unusually sunny day today, early November, after the dreadful wet weather we have had for weeks. I have already planted my tulip bulbs even though Monty Don said not to start until the beginning of November but dodging the showers to get wallflowers and bulbs out in the pots and the ground has not been easy. Thank you to Elaine Wulko for helping to plant the beds by the West Door of the church, and to the team of leaf gatherers – David Rawlins, Mark Lee, David Hatt and Gerry Murphy, and to Stuart Kirkham for cutting the grass in the churchyard. Pete Johnson, our Verger, is out there most days keeping the place tidy and the extra help is much appreciated.

At the beginning of November our service on All Saints Day was tinged with sadness as our Reader Mick Simmons has decided to retire after 21 years. He preached a brilliant final sermon focussed on “Saints”, funnily enough, reminding us all that we are none of us saints, but we can all play our part in helping others along the way. I was tempted to applaud, as were others, I later found, but I contented myself with saying “Amen” at the end.

Susannah made a jolly speech about Mick with many anecdotes and presented him and Queenie with a picture of the church, a bunch of flowers and a card and cheque from the congregation. We are going to miss him as our Reader, but they will continue to worship at St Peter's, so we are not losing them altogether.

Messy Church in October was a very well attended affair with the children carving pumpkins for Halloween and later toasting marshmallows over a fire pit. See the pictures on St Peter's Facebook page. In November we had the added joy of a baptism during Messy Church.

You may have noticed that the church clock stopped for a short while early in the month. The new Pendulum regulator was trying to deal with the hour change at the end of October and got a bit stuck. Hopefully the horologist has sorted it out now. In any case, we had a very good turnout for the Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 12th; despite rather damp weather. Thank you to Gerry Roberts for once again playing the Last Post and the Reveille.

In the summer we had a machine installed in the church to enable people to give to the church using credit and debit cards. This cost quite a lot of money up front but has already paid for itself bringing in much needed revenue for the church.

By the time you receive this we shall have had the Church Christmas Bazaar in the Memorial Hall. This is our main fund raising event in the year and this year also it has been an opportunity to see a model of our proposed new meeting room and the latest plans. If you have missed this, the plans and the model will be on show throughout December in the church so do pop in and see them. People are often surprised to find that the church is open during the week. The sign on the door gives service times for each week and particularly says that the church is open from about 9am to about 6pm, or whenever dusk is at this time of year.

In December we begin Advent on 3rd and the following **Sunday 10th** we shall be staging our **Annual Tewin Nativity at 4pm outside the church**. This is a wonderful event, acted by teenagers and adults, with real sheep, donkey or pony, and a real baby, and ending at Churchfield Farm next door for hot refreshments.

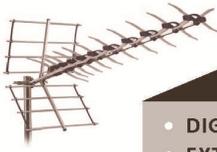
Our Annual Carol Service is on 17th December at 6.30pm when the church will be candle lit, but now we have the new LED lights we shall actually be able to dim them so that people can still see the hymns!! Susannah will lead a **Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 3pm** which will be followed by candlelit **Midnight Mass at 11.30pm**, led for the first time by our curate, Christie Gilfeather.

Christmas is a busy time for many of us. It can be a lonely one for some and, for those who have little in their piggy banks, it can be very hard. If you can spare something for the Food Bank this Christmas, please leave it at Tewin Stores or in the box at the church. We are all very conscious of the hardship caused by conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Samaritan Christmas Boxes this year.

Finally, if you are ill or in poor spirits or if you are recently bereaved, do get in touch with Susannah or any in the Welwyn team who are always there to give support.

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Tewin Tennis Club

Christmas is coming! Only a few weeks now, although as the shops have been reminding us from late October it will come as no surprise to anyone. The tennis committee sends its best wishes to all Tewin Tennis Club members, indeed to everyone in Tewin.

Even if you haven't played much tennis this year, December can still be a good time to come down to hit some balls. The new Tiger Turf courts are much more forgiving when the weather isn't up to scratch, providing more grip than the previous Tarmac when wet and being less prone to the frost that used to take ages to clear even as the temperature rose from overnight freezing.

Yes, you may need a warm hat and even gloves sometimes, but tennis in winter remains an exhilarating experience as well as being great exercise. There are plenty of members who play right through the year. Remember, you can make sure there's a court available for you with our brilliant on-line booking system at www.tewintennisclub.org.

In mid-November we staged our now annual Quiz Night in the Pavilion. It was a sell-out event, despite some niggling worries about Covid, with the runaway winning team comprising Nicola and Nick Toombs, Tina Lord, Mike Purser, Jules and David Howson, and Carole and Ian. Congratulations to you all.

Quizmasters once again were Chris Parkinson and Gerry Murphy and they received a few mutterings under the breath straight away. The first round of guessing famous places by looking at a picture taken *from* them, was dastardly. Yes, there was an easy one – the view up The Mall, answer Buckingham Palace – but when it came to Brighton Pavilion and The Angel of the North, well, they stumped nearly everyone.

But good humour prevailed, punctuated by a fish supper, drinks and plenty of banter. By the time the ninth and final round came to a conclusion, scores had been apportioned and prizes awarded, we'd all been at it for nearly four hours. A massive thanks to Hazel and Mark Lee, who pulled this all together once again, and also to Chris and Gerry who worked tirelessly on the night and beforehand building up a great quiz.

Peter Burgess



A Reminder

Tewin Magazine Subscriptions 2024

The Tewin Magazine annual subscription of £8 for 12 issues is due in January 2024. 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 a small increase from last year as, unfortunately, cost increases now make it unavoidable.

A big thank you to all the valued distributors and everyone involved, especially Jackie Murphy for producing such an interesting Magazine. If you don’t currently subscribe and would like a monthly delivery then please contact me, Sue Whitbourn, on 01438 798221. Otherwise purchase can be made in Tewin Stores or St Peter’s Church at 80p per copy. Please continue to save used postage stamps, especially Christmas and Foreign, for charity (box in the shop). With very best wishes for 2024.

Thank You From Tewin School

Tewin Cowper PTA would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported our fireworks night on 4th November. We are really pleased to say that nearly £3,000 was raised for the school and the kids!

Special thanks also go to Nigel Walker, who was the display mastermind and chief Fireworks ‘setter-offer’, Maria at Warrengate Farm for letting us use her land, Stuart Kirkham for preparing the field and opening the gates, Keith St Pier and Tewin Memorial Hall for the loan of the barbecue, safety stakes, and traffic cones, Croudace Homes for their kind donation towards the cost of the event and to all the neighbours of the school for so patiently putting up with the extra traffic and activity during the event.

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and concert expenses

Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 3pm
St Peter's Church, Tewin
Followed by tea and cake

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

Now that the festive season is nearly upon us it seems more important than ever that the Friends of Danesbury and the QVM do everything they can to provide some extra treats and light relief to the patients at Danesbury and the QVM. In the run up to Christmas both hospitals will have parties funded by the Friends and an entertainer has already been booked for the afternoon of 14 December at Danesbury.

As we come to the end of the year you may be interested in some figures which give you an idea of the present scale of the operation to raise money centred on our charity shop in Welwyn High Street. In 2022 the profit from the shop and online sales was more than £45,000. We are so grateful to our wonderful staff and volunteers and to those who generously give us their pre-loved items to be sold. Without you the charity would be nothing. This profit was all spent on helping patients and making their lives more comfortable – things like free newspapers and magazines for everyone and monthly, very popular fish and chip suppers. The Friends also contributed to the upkeep of the patient transport vehicle and paid for the gardener who looks after the beautiful hillside gardens as well as buying new outdoor furniture for the patients to use. There were parties to celebrate Christmas and of course extra specialist medical items needed but not funded by the NHS. This is particularly important in physiotherapy where specialist equipment is much in demand to help everyone to be as well as possible.

Recently we have been providing new televisions and sockets, including for mobile phones and new individual directional lights above the beds in the QVM hospital so patients can see without disturbing others.

Please do come to our shop in the run up to Christmas – as well as beautiful clothes, including for special occasions, we have lots of jewellery and other small gifts and cards especially made for us. We would love to see you.

Everyone at the Friends extends a really big thank you for all your support through the year and wishes you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
Email: 'info@danburyqvm.co.uk'

Tewin Stores and Cafe

Christmas is coming and Tewin Shop has lots to offer. Hopefully, you have received your invite to partake of a hot drink and pastry for a special price of £3.00, such a bargain at today's prices plus the enjoyment of seeing friends and helping the shop at the same time. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our Xmas raffle with various prizes, especially the 'upside Cinderella doll' that any small child would enjoy. Also, there will soon be the special Christmas wreaths that our flower man will bring along with plants for this time of year. If necessary, we can take orders. Please pop in and see the other offers and gifts we have in store at this special time of year.

As I write I don't know if all the tickets have gone for the Festive Lunch on Saturday 9th December. Please check if you would like to come.

When sending post do check the times of the Post Office openings and the Royal Mail collections from the box outside which have changed recently for both weekdays and Saturdays.

The 100 Club November winners are :-

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Wed 27th December	Closed
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11th January
25th January

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LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING

**Trip on Saturday 9th December
to Hitchin Garden Centre
Leaving at 9.30am, £5 return.**

About 25 minutes each way.

<https://britishgardencentres.com/hitchin-garden-centre>

The **Saturday** Minibus is available for passengers from **Tewin Parish** and visits WGC and Morrisons leaving at **9.30am from the Rose & Crown.**

You can be picked up and dropped off at any **safe** location on the route and wheelchair access can be provided, so please ask.

Future trips are also being planned to new destinations.

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Friends of Tewin



Although I know I am writing this magazine article for December, it's difficult to believe that 2023 is nearing its end and, with Halloween and Guy Fawkes a distant memory, our thoughts must turn to our Christmas festivities!

Over many years, communities have come together to sing Carols and, this year, here in Tewin, we will be returning to our more traditional event and singing our Carols around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green. The date for your diary is **Wednesday, 20th December commencing at 6.30 p.m.** Supporting us in our singing will be our regular brass band. We will be offering you, free of charge, delicious home made mince pies, sausage rolls, hot chocolate and mulled wine and Santa's elves will be handing out goodies for the children. Should the weather be inclement we will gather in Tewin Cowper School Hall, so, please come along and celebrate this very special time of year with us, especially if you are new to the Village - it's a lovely informal way to meet so many more villagers. Please also come and say hello to us, the FofT Committee – we will be the ones in the hi viz jackets!! Another date for your diary is Tuesday, 20th February 2024 when we will be hosting our popular Seniors' Lunch in the Memorial Hall. Further details to follow in the New Year. So, in signing off for this year, may we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year and a big thank you for all the support you have given us at our village events during the year.
Friends of Tewin Committee

Christmas Services at St Peter's, Tewin

Sunday 10th December

4:30pm Tewin Nativity. *An outdoor service with real animals.
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Sunday 17th December

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

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Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Wed	Burnham Green	12-12.30pm	Mobile Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	7.30-9pm	Tewin Ukelele Group (TUG)
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 7th & 21st	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 14th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Sat 2nd	Memorial Hall	10am-4pm	Arts & Craft Sale
Sun 3rd	St Peter's	3pm	SAVoce Concert
Sat 9th	Tewin Stores	1.30-3.30pm	Festive Lunch
Sun 10th	St Peter's	4.30pm	Nativity
Mon 11th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'Miracle on 34th St'
Sun 17th	St Peter's	6.30pm	Carol Service
Wed 20th	Lower Green	6.30pm	Carols Round Tree
Sun 24th	St Peter's	3pm	Crib Service

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