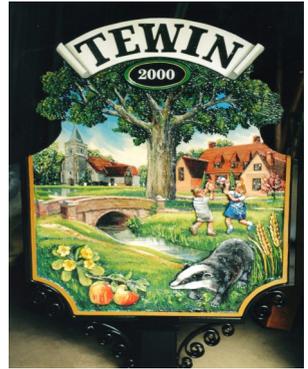




Tewin Magazine

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Tewin Nativity

Santa and his Elf at St Peter's Bazaar



Charity Cake Stall at Arts & Crafts Sale



Welcome to the January 2024 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I wish all our readers a very Happy New Year. Our photos on page 2 were taken by Bridget Keppler and Lynda Howson and our front cover by Graham Spring. Well done to all the cake bakers who made £500 for Cancer Research at the Arts & Crafts Sale.

I hope you have enjoyed the Magazine over the past year. Subscriptions are due for renewal in January. Please see page 24 for details.

After the busy days of December, January is a quieter month.

Screen on the Green is showing 'The Witches of Eastwick' on 15th (p10) and the Technology Advice Sessions are on 11th and 25th (p31).

Tewin Stores are serving lunch of Fish Pie or Macaroni Cheese on 20th (p29).

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

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 **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 & lighting of the Christmas tree as well as the carol singing event on Lower Green. There have been a few issues with the lights but they have now been resolved...thank you everyone who helped!

PRECEPT

At their meeting on 4th December 2023 the Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2025 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 8.5% from £35,000 to £38,000 to accommodate inflation rises, parish tree works and a potential donation to the Tewin Allotment Association towards replacement stock proof fencing.

WINTER GRITTING

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

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For emergencies please call 999.

NEXT MEETING – TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

Monday 5th February 2024 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.*

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

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Royal British Legion

2023 Poppy Day Collections Report

Another outstanding result. This year, we raised £2,470.76, together with 3 Euros, 1 Dime and 2p from the Bank of the Early Learning Centre.

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

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

Due to resource problems, we were unable to carry out house to house collections around Lower Green, Hertford Road, School Lane and Churchfield Road this year.

Thank you to everybody who made a donation and a special thank you to all the house to house collectors.. Well done.

Keith St Pier

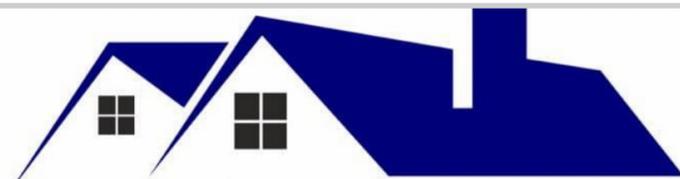
Poppy Appeal Organiser

Supported by The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Alfs For Ukraine

In the November magazine there was an article about aid to Ukraine written by Gay & Mike Carpenter. Unfortunately contact details were omitted. See below for details.

Alfs Humanitarian Aid CIO. (UK charity registration number is 1204519). Contact email address is gay.carpenter@icloud.com



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On The Farm

It seems as if it has not stopped raining this past month. Goodness knows how many ml of rain there has been. No land work has taken place these past 6 weeks or more. Luckily all land work took place before the heavy rain arrived. I've just been told we've had 135ml of rain over the last 3 months.

The Government has just appointed a new DEFRA Secretary of State to look after farmers and the environment. We have had 5 Ministers over the past 6 years. Do any of them really know much about agriculture?

This week we had a meeting with my Agriculture & Environmental consultant to plan our farm's future! With the new government's Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) Policy, which changes almost monthly, this mainly means taking land out of production. I will receive a modest payment for alleged environmental benefits, but then I have reduced my farm's output. Could my farm remain profitable going down this route? My job is to have a barn full of crops to feed the nation, not to import goods from the other side of the world. Goods which are produced to a lower standard than ours.

During these past 3 months, a steady flow of wheat sales has taken place, with about half of our crop being sold to local mills through my main Grain Merchant.

Last March I bought 5 little Hereford steers. It has given us so much pleasure having them on the farm and being able to rotate them around rather small grass fields.

Ivor Williams.

On This Day 1st January

1st January 1927 BBC began broadcasting its first programmes.

1st January 1931 Traffic policemen were introduced in Great Britain.

Christmas Wreaths

Through a rather cold, wet December, over 40 Christmas wreaths were made and sold in aid of charity. Working outdoors Marion, Louise, Gaye and Deirdre created the lovely wreaths seen around the village. They were ably assisted by David who collected the greenery and kept the artisans supplied with hot drinks and refreshments.

All the money raised, which amounted to £1,500, will be donated to the Dementia Café in Digswell, who do a fantastic job every fortnight hosting local vulnerable residents. People from Tewin use this facility so we are pleased to be able to support it.

The ladies hope to be able to do this again next year so get your orders in early!

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the kind residents of Tewin who donated in any way.

Tewin Village Arts & Crafts Sale

Our annual Arts & Crafts Sale in the Memorial Hall was a great success again this year.

We are so lucky to have so many talented Artists and Designers in and around Tewin who enjoy getting together each year to sell their work. Although the bitterly cold weather may have put some visitors off there was still plenty of present buying and catching up with friends whilst eating our fantastic array of home made cakes.

The charity cake stall made an amazing £500 for Cancer Research UK so thank you all for supporting us.

Screen On The Green

On Monday 15th January we are showing “*The Witches of Eastwick*”, a weird and fantastic dark comedy starring Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Directed by George Miller and released in 1987, the film is loosely based on the novel by John Updike.

Three single women in a picturesque village in Rhode Island have their wishes granted, at a cost, when a mysterious and flamboyant man arrives in their lives. What follows is an outrageous tale of fantasy, seduction and devilish witchery. Not to be taken too seriously you might say.

Future Dates for the Diary:

19th February: *Mildred Pierce (1945)*

18th March: *Bohemian Rhapsody (2018)*

15th April: To be confirmed

20th May: *Living (2022)*

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

MONDAY 15 JANUARY

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

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Marie St Pier

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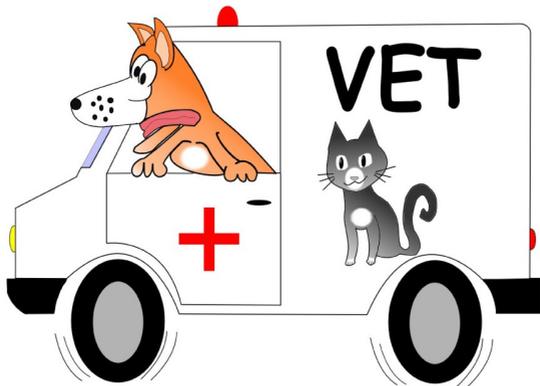
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It's important to protect yourself and others as much as possible from cold weather conditions.

Cold weather health advice

- Keep an eye on the weather so you can prepare for a cold spell – stock up on home medicines for minor illnesses from your pharmacy or supermarket.
- Take care if it is slippery. If you do need to go out, wear shoes with a good grip, and consider keeping salt and sand mixture handy to grit paths.
- Have torches handy around the home (with some spare batteries too) in case of power cuts and try to keep your mobile phone fully charged.
- If you're not very mobile, are 65 or over, or have a health condition, such as heart or lung disease, heat your home to at least 18C.
- Keep your bedroom at 18C all night if you can – and keep bedroom windows closed.
- If you're under 65, healthy and active, you can safely have your home cooler than 18C, as long as you're comfortable.
- Use a hot water bottle or electric blanket to keep warm in bed – but do not use both at the same time. Turn off blankets when you get into bed, unless there is a thermostatic control for safe all-night use.
- Have at least one hot meal a day – eating regularly helps keep you warm.
- Have hot drinks regularly.
- To reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), babies should sleep in rooms heated to between 16C and 20C.
- Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts.
- Get your heating system checked regularly by a qualified professional.

Please check in on anyone who may struggle in cold weather.

If you or anyone you know is struggling to heat their home, or someone may need help to get shopping or medicines, please contact HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/costofliving.

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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

November 2023

Here's confirmation of the draw results for November:

1st	£49	Barbara Toms, Godfries Close
2nd	£29	Lia Parkinson, Godfries Close
3rd	£10	Hazel Paul, Lower Green
3rd	£10	William Horsman, Harwood Close

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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved with **St Peter's 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 £2,950, which goes towards the much needed funds that help the church in its work with our school, the village, the elderly and the bereaved. It is very gratefully received.

The whole team hopes that you all enjoyed the day as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you all again later this year!

St Peter's Stewardship Campaign

This is to tell you the results of our Stewardship Campaign – so far. It was launched in September and all those who have been supporting St Peter's in one way or another, or whose names are included on the Electoral Roll, should have received a letter from Susannah asking that giving levels be reviewed - with the hope that financial support would be increased to meet increased costs and a likely deficit.

The appeal was quite late in the year so the impact in 2023 could only be quite modest and, indeed, it has been with receipts in 2023 only about £1,500 higher. But for 2024 regular standing order giving should be over £5,000 higher which is very welcome.

However, it is hoped that those whose giving levels have remained unchanged for several years and who have not yet responded so far will do so soon.

We appreciate that everyone's personal costs have increased recently – but that applies to the church just as much as private households, especially in the case of heating bills.

So if you are yet to respond, we would ask you to do so please as soon as possible. Thank you.

Graham Spring (Stewardship Officer)

Team Vicar's Letter

New Years Resolution no.1 : Go to church!

Why?

- 1) Because it is community and there are some amazing people who are already there who would love to meet you.
- 2) Because all the standing and sitting in between hymns is good for the thighs and you'll save money on gym membership.
- 3) Because singing does wonders for the soul and is a real spirit lifter.
- 4) Because the building is ancient, interesting and beautiful and simply sitting in it can reveal new things.
- 5) Because, fancy that, it is YOUR church. Crikey, what a thing! So it seems daft not to use it.
- 6) Because when Christians get together they end up changing the world in a way they can't do on their own.
- 7) Because if you'd like it to be around for a wedding, christening or funeral then someone's got to be there every week to make that viable – and it might as well be you.
- 8) Because it's good to think sometimes 'what can I give?' rather than 'what can I gain?'
- 9) Because in giving you will gain, and that's the funny thing.
- 10) Because you will meet Jesus. In the person sitting next to you. In the words you find spoken to your soul. In ordinariness of bread and richness of wine. You will meet Jesus.

And you would be very, very welcome.

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year,
Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JANUARY 7th	EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD JO SAMPSON	ISAIAH 60: 1-6	EPHESIANS 3: 1-12	MATTHEW 2: 1-12
14th	2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RYAN GILFEATHER	1 SAMUEL 3: 1-20	REVELATION 5: 1-10	JOHN 1: 43-End
21st	3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	MORNING PRAYER	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	JEREMIAH 3: 21-4: 2	TITUS 2: 1-8, 11-14	
		MESSY CHURCH Followed by HOLY COMMUNION	3pm 6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 14: 17-20	REVELATION 19: 6-10	JOHN 2: 1-11
28th	CANDLEMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RYAN GILFEATHER	MALACHI 3: 1-5	HEBREWS 2: 14- End	LUKE 2: 22-40

BAPTISM

George Horace James Newton 19 November 2023

FUNERALS

Ian Macpherson Memorial and Burial of Ashes 20 October 2023

James Aubrey Lenaghan 8 December 2023

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

ROTAS

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14th DAVID	KAREN SHAW	AMANDA FOX MARK SWANN	LINDA GILLEY	-DITTO-	ANGELA WILLIAMS
21st ALED	ROZ HOLDEN	ROZ HOLDEN	GLORIA KERSEY	-DITTO-	DI BRADLEY
	NICK WHITING	PETE JOHNSON			
28th ANGELA	PAULINE BROWN	ELAINE FOWLER ANNE LAND	DI BRADLEY	-DITTO-	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.

St Peter's News

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

I hope that you have had a peaceful Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year. December is always a very busy time for the church of course, as it is one of the principal festivals. I trust that you have been able to attend a service or a Christmas Event here at the church or elsewhere in the village. Christmas would not be Christmas without carols and the story of the birth of Jesus.

Thank you to Vicky de Naeyer and her team who managed to run another successful Christmas Bazaar, raising nearly £3,000 for the church at the end of November - a wonderful result. I was too full of an awful cold to attend but I understand the tables were reeling from the amount of goods donated for this. Thank you to those who gave goods to sell and to those who came to support it.

During November we had our Quinquennial inspection by our new Diocesan architect, James Ford. This is a five yearly, in-depth look at the building and how we have cared for it. James was very complimentary about St Peter's which he thought was in better shape than many other churches of a similar age. We have yet to receive his report, but it is unlikely to contain a long list of necessary repairs. Meanwhile we have had the chancel/vestry roof cleaned of moss and a few tiles replaced.

Susannah was present at the Bazaar to show off the model of our proposed new meeting room annex with updated accessible toilets, kitchen, and much needed storage space. She was delighted to say that village people continue to be very supportive of this venture. Indeed, we have had a pile of letters of support which we had ready to show the Diocesan Advisory Committee who attended a meeting with us in November. Ours is a Grade 1 listed building so the great and the good from many organisations, such as Historic England, came to give their comments on our need for the new building, its position and design. It is clear that they certainly understand the need for the new facilities. We shall continue to work with them on the design and siting of the building.

Visitors to the church have been able to see the model and design of the building during December. This has included the Visiting Churches U3A group from Ware who came one Tuesday morning to hear a talk about the history of the church, its various memorials inside and outside in the churchyard, and the life of our church now. They enjoyed looking round the church and admiring our tapestry kneelers, a different one of which has been on the

front page of the village website each day from 1 December as our on-line advent calendar.

Our Bellingers have been busy this autumn training new ringers and carrying out special peals. It is always lovely to hear the bells. People who live as far away as Panshanger often say how much they enjoy hearing them ringing out over the fields. As usual they will ring out the Old and ring in the New Year on New Year's Eve.

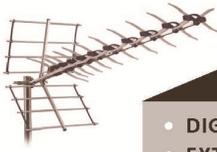
We have had a letter of thanks from the Stevenage Food shed to which donations from the shop and church go each month and particularly for the goods received after Harvest Festival. Support to the hungry and needy is ever with us, so thank you to all who give to this cause.

The church is very cold during the winter months, and we are always looking for ways to reduce our costs for heating, so we have been pleased to receive a report from ESOS on our use of energy in the church and ways to improve that. This investigation was carried out with the help of a grant from the diocese. The ideas will be incorporated in our plans for the new building.

We always have to be on our toes for anything unexpected so when I received a phone call late one grim, cold afternoon in November, I hotfooted it down to the churchyard to find that the standpipe for use in the new part of the Memorial Garden was gushing water everywhere. Fortunately, Nick came with a long twizzle twirl to turn off the stop cock. The cold appears to have led to the pipes breaking. We actually turn off the water in the winter both there and at the vestry outside pipe to avoid such things happening. Please bear this in mind if you bring flowers for graves or want a drink for your dog during such periods as you will probably find the water turned off. The winter can be a sad time for us all, with poor light keeping spirits low, people being ill or losing loved ones. 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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When do the Christmas Decorations Come Down?

Tradition has it that Christmas decorations stay up until **Twelfth Night**. When is Twelfth Night?

The short answer is **Friday 5th January**.

According to the Church of England, Twelfth Night "refers to the night before Epiphany, the day when the nativity story tells us that the three wise men visited the infant Jesus" - and Epiphany is on January 6th.

Some people will be marking Saturday 6th January as Twelfth Night, as the 6th is technically the 12th day *after* Christmas. But they'll be a day late.

Popular superstition states that it's bad luck to leave your decorations up after the 5th. Christmas decorations not taken down by Twelfth Night should be left up until Candlemas Day (2nd February) and then taken down.



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Luton Airport Expansion – How Much Growth Is Too Much?

As COP28 continues, Cllr Richard Roberts, leader of Hertfordshire County Council, criticises Luton Airport's plans to increase passenger numbers to 32 million a year.

Airport expansion is a polarising issue, with those set to benefit from the employment and economic boost in favour, while those adversely impacted by the negative effects of increased noise, traffic and pollution firmly opposed. Hertfordshire County Council falls categorically into the latter camp.

The county council was opposed to the proposals in 2013 to increase capacity to 18 million passengers per year and more recently to 19 million, predominantly on noise grounds, but also on the uncertainty in relation to the pressures this would place on local infrastructure. Both of those proposals were permitted and of course communities know only too well the adverse consequences of the airport's substantial growth and the resultant inability to comply with the noise control set out in the planning permissions. The county council has welcomed and is very supportive of proposals to change flightpaths to try to protect communities, but persistent delays and distant timeframes are incredibly frustrating. For many, the existing airport is already causing too many problems.

But there is something very different about the latest proposal to increase passenger numbers to 32 million per year – the sheer scale of growth, the extent of the area over which the impacts could be felt, and the timeframes involved. We believe this expansion will have a profoundly negative impact on the lives of many people and communities across Hertfordshire, with increased levels of noise, pressures upon infrastructure, and detrimental impacts upon our landscape, including on the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The county council has committed substantial resources to engage with the process, the purpose of which is twofold. Firstly, so that Government can be in no doubt as to the scale of and reasons for opposition from Hertfordshire. Secondly, to ensure that, should Government decide it should be allowed, we get the best deal we can to protect communities and secure funding for any infrastructure improvements to mitigate future impacts.

So how much is too much? Well, many communities in Hertfordshire would say what we already have is too much, but 32 million passengers per year?

That's too much for sure.

Rizz Named 2023 Word Of The Year By Oxford University Press

“**Rizz**” has officially been named the 2023 word of the year by Oxford University Press.

The internet slang term, short for “charisma”, is defined as style, charm, or attractiveness, and the ability to attract a romantic or sexual partner.

It was first recorded in 2022 but went viral in June when actor Tom Holland told BuzzFeed: “I have no rizz whatsoever. I have limited rizz.”

Usage surged and ended up pushing the word ahead of other 2023 contenders which included:

“**Swiftie**” (an enthusiastic fan of the singer Taylor Swift),

“**de-influencing**”(the practice of discouraging people from buying particular products, or of encouraging people to reduce their consumption of material goods, especially via social media),

“**beige flag**” (a character trait that indicates that a partner or potential partner is boring or lacks originality; also a trait or habit, especially of a partner or potential partner, viewed as extremely characteristic, but not distinctly good or bad)

“**prompt**” (an instruction given to an artificial intelligence program, algorithm, etc., which determines or influences the content it generates)

and “**situationship**” (a romantic or sexual relationship that is not considered to be formal or established).

“The spike in usage data for 'rizz' goes to prove that words and phrases that evolve from internet culture are increasingly becoming part of day-to-day vernacular and will continue to shape language trends in the future,” the President of Oxford Languages Casper Grathwohl said.

“Rizz” can also be used as a verb, in phrases such as “to rizz up”, which means to attract, seduce or chat up a person.

The fact that the word has expanded into other parts of speech like this signals it is becoming more prominent in language, Oxford University Press researchers said.

The word of the year for 2022 was “**goblin mode**” – “the behaviour of someone who wants to feel comfortable and do and eat whatever they want, not caring about trying to be clean, healthy, or attractive, or about pleasing or impressing other people”.

Mr Grathwohl said: “Given that last year ‘goblin mode’ resonated with so many of us after the pandemic, it’s interesting to see a contrasting word like rizz come to the forefront, perhaps speaking to a prevailing mood of 2023, where more of us are opening ourselves up after a challenging few years and finding confidence in who we are.”

Tewin Stores and Cafe

If you were unable to get a ticket for the Festive Lunch we had at the beginning of December you missed a real treat. A beautiful three course meal of which there were two options plus three options on the sweet. Twenty one people sat down to enjoy it and were surprised when Father Xmas visited us all. Many thanks to the five ladies who made it all possible.

Thank you if you purchased raffle tickets, Christmas goodies and of course our special offer for December of a hot drink and a pastry for £3.

We are still looking for any suggestions as to how you would like your local community shop to improve and move forward so that it is there for years to come.

We in the shop were inundated by folk who kept finding horses near the shop and on the road or out of the field where they are kept. Hopefully, the problem has now been sorted.

The Saturday lunches start back on January 20th when Fish Pie or Macaroni Cheese will be on the menu for £6.00. No need to book - just come in from 12.15 till 1.30.

The volunteers will be meeting for a belated Christmas evening in January and if you feel you could volunteer for a couple of hours in the shop this would be a good time to see us all and find out more.

The 100 Club winners in December were:-

1 st Prize;	Jetta O’Kane	£44.50
2 nd Prize;	Tove Nisson Huntley	£22.50
3 rd Prize;	Eric Fishwick	£13.35

Just a reminder that the Shop is closed on 25, 26 and 27th December – and on 1st January 2024

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The Coldest Day of the Year

Tradition has it that St Hilary's Day, 13th January, is the coldest day of the year.

One of the most severe winters in history began around 13th January 1205 when the Thames froze over and ale and wine turned to solid ice and were sold by weight,

“So began a frost which continued till the two and twentieth day of March, so that the ground could not be tilled; whereof it came to pass that, in summer following, a quarter of wheat was sold for a mark of silver in many places of England, which for the more part in the days of King Henry Second was sold for twelve pence; a quarter of beans or peas for half a mark; a quarter of oats for thirty pence, that were wont to be sold for fourpence. Also the money was so sore clipped that there was no remedy but to have it renewed.” - Stowe's Chronicle.

In 1086, a great frost started spreading across the country on 13th January.

Friends of Tewin



The weather has definitely turned wintry these last few days and wouldn't it be magical if we had a light sprinkling of snow for the much-anticipated return of our traditional festive Carols around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green, led by our very loyal Brass Band.

Of course, by the time you read this article, the event will have happened but we trust you all had a lovely evening soaking up the festive atmosphere, partaking in a warming glass of Mulled Wine or Hot Chocolate and a mince pie (or two).

SENIORS' LUNCH - TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

We are looking forward to planning our Annual Seniors' Lunch in the Memorial Hall again this year. This is open to anyone who lives in Tewin and is 60 years or over. We will serve a home-made two course meal and we'll pop a quiz in just to keep you on your toes! An invitation will be delivered to every home in Tewin, by mid-January, and if you are eligible, you need to return the reply slip by 31st January. The lunch is very popular so make sure you return your slip in good time to reserve your place. Should you misplace your invitation, copies are available from Tewin stores.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

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

EVENTS FOR 2024

Our biennial Scarecrows Event has become a very popular feature of our village life. Last year's Coronation Picnic on Lower Green also proved a great success, so we have decided to stage a combined event.

The Scarecrows Weekend will culminate with a picnic on the Sunday and we hope to include free children's activities, such as crafts, face painting, races and an "open mic" session.

The event will probably take place in June but watch out for more information in our February article!

The Tewin Classic Car & Crafts Show will take place on Sunday 18th August 2024.

On behalf of the Friends of Tewin Committee may we wish you a very Healthy and Happy New Year and we look forward to your continued support throughout 2024.



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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 4th & 18th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Thurs 11th & 25th	Memorial Hall	2-3.30pm	Technology Advice
Mon 15th	Memorial Hall	7 for 7.45pm	Screen on the Green 'The Witches of Eastwick'
Sat 20th	Tewin Stores	12.15-1.30pm	Lunch of Macaroni Cheese or Fish Pie

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