

THACS- TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Christmas Card Competition

The THACS Christmas card competition, the first one we have organised, was very well supported by Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under Fives and some of our village residents. The standard of entries was excellent, in both adult and children's categories, causing great difficulty for the team of judges who studied around two hundred very well produced cards.

The judging panel was so impressed with the quality of the children's entries that, after a lengthy deliberation, it decided to award a first, second and third to each school year. The designs and colours were excellent and it was clear to see how much time and effort had been put into each picture. Well done to all the children who took part!

The selection of overall children's winner was finally made and awarded to the card drawn by Jessica, aged 11, from Tewin Cowper School. Her winning picture will be used in a printed Christmas card and she will be presented with a batch of the cards to use as she wishes. (In response to the current lock-down we feel this to be more appropriate than our original intention to sell the cards locally in aid of a few local charities.)

We would have liked entries from some of our older children in the village but unfortunately no entries were received from any groups above year six. I think they are waiting for the next THACS show to demonstrate their skills.

The adult entries - whilst less in number - were excellent and the winning entry produced by Shirley Ashby received £20 with the second prize of £10 being awarded to Sylvia Brown.

Pictures of all the prize-winning entries can be viewed on the THACS web page.

Lockdown Times and Tales

THACS and Tewin Writers Online have produced and published a fine little booklet entitled "Lockdown Times and Tales", consisting of 25 stories and poems that have appeared on the Tewin village website this year, including the three winners of the recent writing competition. The writings give an entertaining and interesting insight into how Tewin residents have been dealing with the challenges and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The booklets are being sold for £2 each, in aid of local charities. The main charity to benefit will be the Digswell Community and Gardening Project (<http://www.digswell.org.uk/>). It provides learning activities for vulnerable youngsters in a secure environment and it needs your support even more during these difficult times.

You can buy these booklets wherever you see them at local outlets, including Tewin Stores, Rose & Crown and Datchworth Stores. Copies can also be brought by emailing THACS.sales@gmail.com with your name and contact details. Cash or online payment can be made.