

THACS- TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Happy New Year!

Saturday 5th December was the day we had planned to hold our annual Arts & Craft Fair in the Memorial Hall but it had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It's such a shame that we could not bring you that lovely opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and to support our talented local artisans.

The pandemic has forced us to cancel many of the traditional events we had planned for 2020 but it has also given us the opportunity to explore and develop new ways of managing THACS events and activities by adapting them to run online.

Our creative writers have adapted very successfully and continue to be active. THACS and Tewin Writers Online will publish a new poem or prose each Sunday through the winter. We started out with *Little Blue Boat* and *Shopping in Kenton*. Most items will have an audio-track alongside for you to listen to the author reading if you wish. The previous Spring & Summer writing collection (still available in the *Lockdown Times & Tales* booklet) remains online – and it too will have an audio-track for each story / poem.

Meanwhile, the THACS committee is busy planning our programme of events for 2021. We will need to continue with online virtual events for the rest of this winter (and maybe into spring) but we are hopeful of a return to a full programme of more traditional physical events later in the year. Information about all of our events will be published in future editions of the Tewin Magazine and on the THACS pages of the Tewin Village website.

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