



Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; (To Autumn – John Keats)*

September heralds the beginning of Autumn summed up in those opening lines of John Keats' poem. It is a time when children go back to school, the sun casts a mellow light, leaves begin to change colour and the hedgerows, allotments, orchards and garden plots are overflowing with produce. The farmers' grain is generally harvested and since about 1843 people have gathered together in church for Harvest Thanksgiving. The Revd R S Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional secular 'harvest home' celebration. The Church of England officially recognised it in 1862 and Harvest Thanksgiving has become a major festival held sometime in September or early October in rural and urban churches.

This year, at St Peter's, we are devoting the weekend of **September 19th/20th** to a Harvest celebration bringing to it not only our thanks for the Harvest but also thanks for the community in Tewin. Please come along on Saturday and have a tour of the church and churchyard, chat with friends and visitors over a piece of cake and a cup of tea and admire a harvest of flowers, fruit and vegetables that will be beautifully arranged in the church showing off the glories of the countryside and the gifts of those who create works of art. For music lovers there is a concert on Saturday.

On Sunday there is a family service at 11am (bring along your harvest gifts), stay for a ploughman's lunch or BBQ and then join in the afternoon festivities including launching a teddy bear from the bell tower! Finally come along to Harvest Evensong at 6.30pm.

A more detailed programme is published in this copy of the Parish news.

My best wishes and God's blessing, **Coralie**

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For further information about the Church or the Village go to <www.tewinvillage.co.uk>

Churchwardens' Notes

Work started on 14 August on the latest round of repairs and maintenance needed at St Peter's. This arises from the Quinquennial Inspection carried out in May 2008. The work includes repair to stonework and external rendering; internal plasterwork; painting and decorating, including gutters and other metal work, the south porch, and the vestry; a new door between the belfry and the top of the tower; a new drainage channel to prevent water flooding off the drive and on to the north wall; and refurbishment of the two large windows in the north wall of the nave. Rather than repairing the access ladder to the tower, it is intended to fit a replacement ladder which will be in accordance with all current regulations. Most of the work will be finished before our Harvest Festival, but we have delayed the start of work on the north windows until 21 September. While work is in progress, the church will be locked during the week if no contractor's staff are on site.

Other work that has already taken place is the repair of the hole in the floor where the organ used to stand. Our thanks to Ken Feakes for doing this, and matching it so well with the existing floor.

Two very successful Activity Days were held at St Peter's on 11 and 18 August, with around 15 children attending (with an encouraging number of adults!). Judging by the items produced, all had an enjoyable time and our thanks go to Clare, Coralie and all the helpers.

It is some time since we have had the Memorial Book updated but this has now been done most beautifully by Jill Rudd and is back in its cabinet. Many thanks Jill!

You will have noticed that the hedge along the drive has been cut. You may not have realised that the hedge along the northwest boundary down past the Memorial Garden has been brought back to a more reasonable height. For all of this, our grateful thanks to Ivor, who has

been arranging this annually for more years than we can remember!

You will see from the programme for our Harvest Festival weekend that there is an opportunity to visit the church on the morning of Saturday 19th, when coffee and tea will be available. Please remember that we have a wedding at 2pm and it would be most helpful if you would ensure that all cars are off the drive by 1pm. On Sunday 20th, Ivor has kindly agreed that we can use Muspatts for parking.

Alan Winton has been rector of St Mary's, Welwyn for ten years and our Team Rector since August 2005. On 29 September he is being consecrated as Bishop of Thetford in St Paul's Cathedral at 11am. You are most welcome to attend and there may still be space on coaches (being organised by St Mary's), if public transport is difficult for you. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Finally, a reminder that we have a visit from the Harpsicord Camerata on 10 October at 8pm at St Peter's.

Pete and Mike

Help save the Past for the Future

Saturday 12 September 2009 from 10 am to 6 pm
Raise funds for St Peter's, Tewin
Over 600 Churches and Chapels to visit!

Raise money for the repair of your local church or chapel by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 open churches and chapels for you to visit. Several members of our congregation are taking part. Details and sponsorship forms from the back of the church or from David Rawlins (01438 717552) Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk

STILL MEN ONLY!

WELWYN TEAM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every few months a breakfast meeting is held at NEW CHURCH HOUSE, St Mary's, Welwyn. This is organised for the benefit and enjoyment of the men in the churches making up the Welwyn Team and their guests. An excellent cooked breakfast is provided and an invited guest speaker gives a talk on a subject likely to be of interest.

The next Breakfast will be at **8.00 for 8.15 am, on Saturday 26th September, 2009.**

The speaker is Tony Miller, who runs the Whitechapel Mission. He will speak about his life and what brings him to what he is doing now.

Admission is by ticket only, £5.00 in advance, from Graham Spring (01707 375499)

St. Peter's, TEWIN Harvest Festival Weekend

19th-20th September 2009



**Programme of the weekend's events free with this
issue of the Parish News**

and from Tewin Stores and Tebbutts

Don't miss out:

**come to the concert, launch your beloved teddy
bear by parachute from the church tower and
receive a certificate for his bravery, enjoy the
music, a Pimms and the BBQ
and the stalls for all ages, etc, etc!**



Tewin Parish Council

Why not try out the local bus service?

388 bus service Hertford – Tewin – Digswell – Welwyn Garden City . This bus runs regularly throughout the day on Monday to Saturday, as shown in the timetable which you should have had delivered to you recently. You can also find it on the internet at www.intalink.org.uk (Timetables - Area 6 - 388)

The service is subsidised by Herts County Council, with a contribution from East Herts Council, and is used by school children during term time. The bus will take you to or close to all four local railway stations (Welwyn North, Hertford North, Welwyn Garden City and Hertford East) for connections to London, or Stevenage, and beyond. The fares can be much cheaper than paying for car parking at the stations, particularly for individual travellers.

797 Green Line Express Stevenage/Hitchin – Welwyn (nr fire station) – Marble Arch - Victoria London. This bus runs hourly and takes 1 hour 7 minutes to get to Victoria. The timetable can be accessed at Internet: www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk Timetable search - 797 - submit - select the appropriate link at the bottom of the page or by ringing Traveline 0871 200 22 33. Normal fares are adult single £7.50 and adult return £11.50.

Over 60? Over 60's can travel free of charge with the national bus pass, which is also valid for travel on London buses, so you can get almost anywhere in London for nothing! The bus pass also allows a 50% reduction on some local rail fares. Anyone over 60 years who has not yet got a bus pass can apply to East Herts Council, see www.eastherts.gov.uk, under the section Parking, Transport and Streets or Telephone 01279 655261.

Not Over 60? Don't worry if you are not eligible for a bus pass. All day Explorer tickets are available for travel on buses in Hertfordshire, for individuals or groups of 4 people. More information, including about cheaper fares and the Plus Bus rail and bus tickets, is also available on the Intalink website www.intalink.org.uk.

Planning Application for two detached houses and a two storey office block on the site of Tewin Garage.

This planning application will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th September at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. If you would like to make a comment, the public are welcome to do so, briefly, at the beginning of the Parish Council meeting.

The plans are available to view at East Herts Council Offices, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford. Please telephone 01279-655261 for opening hours.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 7th September 2009 at 7.45pm in the Parish Room, Tewin Memorial Hall.

Other meeting dates are: Monday 5th October 2009 & Monday 2nd November 2009.

AGENDA: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

ALL PARISHONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (They do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting). Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and at the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive. If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

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Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969
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East Herts District Councillor

North Ward: Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430.

South Ward: Cllr Linda Haysey Tel 01992-582151 .

Herts County Councillor

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites

Operation Arable : 01992-533000 – For reporting motorcycles

Police Community Team : 01707-354192 – For non-emergency purposes

Police Control Room :- 0845 3300222

Highways Fault Line:- 0300 123 4047 - For reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

East Herts District Council: - 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk

- For reporting Fly tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council:- 0300 123 4040 or www.hertsdirect.org.

Animal Warden:- Please report stray dogs and dog fouling offences on 01279-655261

Tewin Parish Council Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.

* **TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL** *
* **AUTUMN FETE SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1-4PM** *
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* **Bouncy Castle Balloon Race** *
* **Tombola Beer Tent Football** *
* **Face Painting Crockery Smash Hair Braiding** *
* **Dutch Auction Cakes & teas plus lots more!** *
* **Please come and support our school!** *

Bike 'n Hike 2009

Of every £1 that you raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to the church of your choice. All the organising is done for you, so the Bike 'n Hike is a very effective way of raising funds for your church. And the rest of what you raise will increase what the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust can give in grants. These grants are given to local communities struggling to raise funds to get vital but costly repairs done at a much-loved church or chapel. Enjoy a pleasant day Biking or Hiking to churches in your area and at the same time boost your church's funds as well as those of the Trust. By using gift aid you can further increase the funds available to the Trust. Sponsored Bike 'n Hike - 12th September 2009 - 10 am to 6 pm. Details and sponsorship forms from the back of the church or from David Rawlins (01438 717552)



Friends of Tewin

We do hope you enjoyed the 'Classic Car Day'. As it has not happened as I write, I will give you more news next month but "thank-you" to all who helped.

September is St. Peter's Harvest Weekend and Friends of Tewin are running their popular Hook-a-Duck game. Please come and support the church on this weekend of festivities.

Our annual Tea Party on 14th October is open to Tewin Residents of all ages this year, so please bring your neighbours and friends to Tewin Memorial Hall from 2pm till 4pm for tea and scones.

Linda Crawford, Chairman Friends of Tewin

TEWIN HISTORY BOOK - UPDATE

The preparation of 'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin' is now complete and the material has been sent to the printers. Once we have agreed the proofs, the book will go into production and we anticipate having it available for distribution at the end of September or early October. At that time, a book launch will be held in the Memorial Hall when those who have placed advance orders can collect their copies if they wish or, as arranged, we will make deliveries. Copies will also be on sale at the launch but if you wish to place an order before then, forms may be obtained from Tewin Stores or via the website at www.tewinorchard.co.uk.

The History Book Group

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

During September, Waitrose in Welwyn Garden City will be including the Memorial Hall in its sponsored charities. If you use Waitrose, please use your green token to support us.

SUPPORTERS CLUB In July the Supporters Club reached a significant milestone. The funds raised for the Hall, including Gift Aid, reached £16,000 and the total amount of prizes won exceeded £10,000. We thank all our members for their continuing support.

Results for the July 2009 draw ~ 1st £64 Charles Bowden, Bishops Road, 2nd £38 Alf Fulford, Bishops Road, 3rd £13 David Marshall, Churchfields, 3rd £13 Elizabeth Wilson, Upper Green Road. Membership forms from Peter Burleigh (23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260) or any member of the Hall committee.

Herts Association for Local History (to which the Tewin Society is affiliated) is holding its 30th Symposium at the **British Schools Hitchin Museum** on **Sat. 7 Nov, 9am – 4pm**. This year's theme is "Educating our Own". The talks will cover education before the 19th century and since and will also include adult education.

Please contact me if you would like a ticket to attend. Linda Adams 01438 798147 or

alannio@btinternet.com

Ann Kevis and her family would like to thank all the people who sent cards and kind messages on the death of her mother, Mrs. Florence Isham. Also, many thanks for the donations to Guide Dogs for Disabled Children.



THACS - Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 5th September 2009 – Eighth *THACS* Autumn Show

Please come along and support the Autumn Show in Tewin Memorial Hall.

Doors open at 2:15pm and you will be able to see all of the exhibits of flower arranging, flower displays, vegetables and fruit, arts and crafts, photography and culinary skills from both adults and children. We will also be serving tea, coffee and delicious cakes so come along and join us.

Saturday 17th October 2009 – Quiz evening and meal

This quiz evening will be run by our local, distinguished quiz master, Andrew Whawell. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the quiz starts at 7:30 pm. A supper of fish or chicken or veggie burger and chips will be served during the interval at about 8:30 pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The price for this event is **£6 per person**, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Teams of eight will be formed on the night, but please let us know if you have already organised your team. Those of you who came last time will remember how much fun we had. So to secure a place, please complete the booking form as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 30th September 2009.**

Booking forms are available from the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Pat Fulford (01438 798717).

Light a Lantern to commemorate a loved one

This year is the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Across the country many people will be joining together this autumn to commemorate this event and to remember loved ones whom they have lost to this horrible condition. Many of you will remember my own husband Alan who, over a period of 8 years, did his best to ignore his gradual loss of independence, to join in with village life and to produce stuff for the *THACS* shows in spite of it all.

I would like to invite all those of you who have been touched by this illness through the loss of a family member or friend to join me and the South Herts branch of the MND Association to light a lantern in memory of them on

Sunday 27 September at 7.30pm at

Butterfly World, Miriam Lane (off Noke Lane) Chiswell Green St Albans AL2 3NY

There will be a short event of words and music followed by refreshments at Butterfly World.

Please let me know if you will be able to come.

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