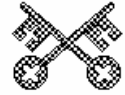




# Parish News



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***“Patriotism is not enough. I must have no bitterness or hatred toward anyone”***

These words were spoken by Nurse Edith Cavell after receiving Holy Communion on the eve of her execution by firing squad on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1915. The Church commemorates her death on that day each year. In a year in which we have lost the last remaining survivors of that terrible conflict, it's definitely worth recalling the many acts of heroism carried out in the Great War and I think that Edith Cavell's sacrifice stands as a fitting tribute to them all.

The quotation above wasn't just empty words; she lived out that philosophy by nursing both allied and German soldiers alike. But the reason she was executed was because, at great personal risk, she sheltered British soldiers and arranged for them to be funnelled from occupied Belgium into neutral Holland and, as a result, more than 200 Allied soldiers were guided to safety. When her activities were discovered, and as German military law operated in Belgium at the time, she was tried for treason and sentenced to death by the German authorities.

Throughout her trial, which seems to have been somewhat farcical to say the least, Edith Cavell is reported to have had complete disregard for her own safety and to have annoyed her accusers by her outspokenness. Yet such was her character that even the German Civil Governor was moved to speak out in her defence stating that she should be pardoned because of her honesty and the fact that she had saved so many lives, German as well as Allied soldiers.

Edith's patriotism was never in doubt as evidenced from a conversation she had with her German prison chaplain during which she said: "Ask Father Gahan to tell my loved ones later on that my soul, as I believe is safe, and that I am glad to die for my country." This remark also testifies to her deeply held religious belief. She was an Anglican and the daughter of a Church of England priest, and her faith was steadfast to the end.

Evidently Edith took to heart Jesus' injunction in his sermon on the mount: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." To love one's enemies is a hard thing to do, but it's not impossible, as testified to by Edith Cavell's courage, fortitude and sustaining faith. As Barack Obama would say: "Can we do it? Yes we can!" Yes we can, with the help of Jesus.

Yours in Christ ***Mick Simmons***

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## Churchwardens' Notes

It was tremendous to see so many people come to our Harvest Festival Weekend. On Sunday particularly there must have been several hundred people visiting during the course of the day. Of course, our main attraction was the brave Teddy Bears. All money raised by entry fee or sponsorship went to the Children's Society. We have no total at present but feel that it must be well above £300. So well done, the Teddies!

Our grateful thanks go to all those many people who worked so hard to make the weekend such an enjoyable occasion. It was a great pleasure to see so many people from the village visiting St Peter's; and the help received in so many ways was much appreciated. Our special thanks to our overall organiser, Pauline Brown, who remained calm throughout and brought it all together!

Most of you must have thought our Harvest Festival was over on Sunday evening with a very well attended Choral Evensong, but on Monday morning we had the great pleasure of having the school Harvest Festival at St Peters attended by 50 adults and children beyond number! Then began the mammoth task of dismantling the floral displays and distributing the flowers in the village; with the fruit and vegetables going to the local hospice.

Following the note last month on the building work being done on the church, everything is progressing well. Work has started on removing the windows in the north wall for refurbishment. You may have noticed areas in the porch and the toilet where the plaster has been removed. There are no plans at present to re-plaster as the walls must be allowed to dry out thoroughly first. A new buttress light has been made and was installed in time for the Harvest Weekend. We also have a lovely new blue carpet under the altar rail and covering the *Pygott* memorial in the south aisle.

It is a great sadness that our PCC secretary of over 40 years, Dilys Applegate, died in early September and there is an appreciation of her life elsewhere in the parish news. We are very pleased that Mary Gregg has agreed to become Secretary and many thanks go to her for taking on this role.

*Mike and Pete*

**This year's St PETER'S CHRISTMAS MARKET will be held on SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NOVEMBER** from 12 noon - 3pm in the Memorial Hall.

**The following stalls will be welcoming donations and good quality gifts:** Christmas Gifts, Crafts and Decorations, Good quality Books, Good quality bric-a-brac, Jewellery, Toys, Cakes, Preserves, Homemade Sweets, Plants, Tombola, Raffle

**All helpers are welcome to tea** at 5, Churchfield Road (parking on the Church drive)

on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm (please confirm if coming)

Contact Nick Whiting 717230 or Clare Cherry 715601

**ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING,  
1st NOVEMBER AT 6.30pm**

This is a special service of evensong on the  
Sunday nearest to All Souls Day

when our loved ones departed are especially  
remembered. You are invited to add names to  
the list which is at the back of the church

The names will be read aloud during the service.

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.**

**ALL SAINTS MUSIC MAKERS  
(TEEN-AGE MUSIC GROUP)**

**apart from the pianist!**

**WARMLY INVITE YOU TO A CONCERT  
in All Saints church Datchworth on  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Saints Day 2.30 p.m. - 4.00p.m**

**Followed by cream teas. Tickets £5**

**From Claire, Amy and Megan Carrick  
Becky and Stephanie Hoyland  
or Daphne Brown Tel. 811149**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**



## Tewin Parish Council

### **SCHOOL LANE FLOODING**

Highways have agreed to lower the kerb line and arrangements for a road closure have been made for one week between 16<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Highways intend to liaise with the Environment Agency about establishing a new gully to alleviate water pooling outside 5 School Lane. They will also investigate whether the existing system is working to its maximum capacity and bid for a "holistic drainage scheme assessment" in 2010/11.

### **LITTER BINS**

Parishioners are reminded that litter bins are not for household rubbish. A car driver was recently observed depositing a bag of bottles into a litter bin on Lower Green. This of course easily fills a bin up, and makes it unavailable for its normal use. Note that litter bins are usually emptied on Friday each week.

### **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting is on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room.

Other meeting dates are: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 & Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 PARISHIONERS 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](http://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.

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### **Useful contact Numbers**

East Herts District Councillors 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](http://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](http://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.

**DON SOUTHGATE : 18 March 1931 – 15 August 2009**

Don was a well-known character around Tewin and a great supporter of its organisations and activities.

For many years he was a member of the Memorial Hall Committee, The Tewin Society and THACS. He was always available to help at various events and became a stalwart at every Jumble Sale where he was guaranteed to offer a bargain at the bric-a-brac stall! Don was also an active member of the Bowls Club, both as a player and on the Social Committee, and was also a valued member of The Friends of Tewin, being elected their President in 2008.

In recent months Don could often be seen driving around the village on his mobility scooter, always with a cheery word and an interest in people's well-being. He loved Tewin, and he loved his home where he was able to spend his last days in the loving care of his wife, Lilian. Don will be sadly missed by so many – he was not only a great character but also a much loved and respected member of the community.

*From Jean Canton*

**TEWIN COWPER SCHOOL**

**AUTUMN FETE SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 1-4PM**



**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!**

**THE TEWIN SOCIETY**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 8.00 pm,  
Tewin Memorial Hall**

A Special General Meeting is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Tewin Memorial Hall, following a written request from within the membership. All members are invited to attend. The meeting will be to discuss the future of The Society and whether it is viable beyond 2009.

Refreshments will be provided

**FRIENDS OF DANESBURY  
AND QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

For Jean Mafham, the manager of our shop in Knebworth, and her hard working staff it was fun to see Virginia McKenna playing the role of one of the workers for a scene in the feature film 'Love/Lost' being shot in Woolmer Green and Knebworth. Jean has managed the shop since its opening in 1993 and together with our Welwyn shop it has been a crucial element in our fundraising dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the patients of Danesbury and the QVM Hospital. We are grateful for all the donations of goods. Good quality clothes can be sold but we can re-cycle and earn money from old clothes and old shoes, which are classed as rags. Please remember us when you decide to have a clear out.

Our annual general meeting will be at Danesbury on Tuesday 20th October at 5.30pm and we would be pleased to see anyone who would like to know more about the NHS care provided by the QVM and Danesbury. Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting.

On 23rd October, Posh Frocks, the annual sale of 'special' clothes, footwear and jewellery will take place at Danesbury. The doors will open at 7.30pm.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

Sally Chandler, Voluntary Services Co-ordinator 01438 841852

## **JUMBLE SALE TIME!**

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October : 2 – 5pm in the Memorial Hall**

The Memorial Hall Committee members are again asking for manpower and donations of goods for our October sale. As well as unwanted gifts, clothes, bric-a-brac, furniture, electrical goods, and other items, we are particularly keen on replenishing our book stocks and should be grateful if you would donate any unwanted books for this Jumble Sale and also for the November Book Sale. We will collect jumble throughout the day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. However, **electrical items will be required on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of that week** so they can be PAT tested in advance. In addition, heavy goods, i.e. large furniture items etc, can only be collected on the **Friday evening**. To arrange a collection, please phone either: *Todd Canton on 717395 or Peter Burleigh on 715260*

Of course, if you are able to deliver non-electrical goods direct to the Hall on **Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> - between 7.30 and 9pm, or on the Saturday morning - before 12 noon please**, it would be much appreciated.

**As always, we need help to man the stalls and to help sort on the Friday evening and Saturday morning.** Please call Jean or myself on 01438 717395 if you're able to help in any capacity. Newcomers are welcome.

Todd Canton on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

### **Tewin Shoe Boxes**

#### **Operation Christmas Child 2009 ~ Will you help again please?**

It's hard to imagine never having received a gift before, but that's the reality for many children in countries where Samaritan Purse sends shoe boxes. Imagine the look of amazement and joy as a child opens up their shoebox full of gifts sent by you, the box you created?

Picture the joy of two year old Merita and her eleven year old sister Sylvia, who live in a Roma camp with their parents on the edge of a rubbish tip in Bar, Montenegro. The girls aren't able to attend school and never receive presents, so the day when some shoe boxes arrived at the rubbish tip they were just over whelmed. Merita loves playing ball games with the other children in the camp, so imagine her excitement as she pulled out a tennis ball from her shoe box along with a pair of sunglasses. She proudly wore the sun glasses from that point on. Sylvia loved the scarf she was given and smiled saying "Thank you for sending such presents. Thank you for remembering us!"

Last year Tewin and other local friends contributed 235 decorated shoe boxes to the 1.2 million boxes sent out from the UK to war torn and poverty stricken countries in parts of Africa, Central Asia and Eastern

Europe. These boxes were filled with gifts such as a *toy & game, may be a pack of cards, a ball, a cuddly toy, pencils with a pencil sharpener, paper, a hat, scarf & gloves, some soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, a packet of sweets* – just simple things but each item is treasure to a child in say an orphanage, who has nothing.

Would you be kind enough to help once more this year? If any one is interested in doing so, would you please contact me for a leaflet with instructions and if necessary a box. All that is required is a medium sized shoe box, decorated with Christmas paper (lid covered separately). *It is important that none of the gifts chosen are breakable or in any way war related. A cheque or postal order for £2.50 is also required to cover the cost of despatch of your shoe box. It is a good idea to ask the tax payer in the household to sign the cheque and tick the gift aid box on the envelope. Alternatively the tax payer can donate and gift aid securely and conveniently online at Samaritans Purse websites ([www.samaritanspurse.co.uk.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.co.uk.com)).*

On 17th November there will be a coffee morning here at 10.00 am to hear a speaker from Fairtrade and also to receive your boxes. Do hope you can come.

Jackie Beadle, Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin, AL6 0LT. Tel 01438 798247

From Lilian Southgate

I would like to thank all of you who sent cards and letters of sympathy to me on the death of my husband Don. Your kind words will be of comfort to me during the inevitable difficult days to come. Thank you

Lilian



## *Friends of Tewin*

It was with great sadness that we attended the funeral of our President Don Southgate recently. Don was always there helping with all our projects and we feel humble to think ours was the last committee he joined. When he retired from active work we made him our first President, still using the advice and knowledge he would give us regarding the village.

How delighted he would have been to see the wonderful day we had with the `Classic Car` Show. Over 180 classic vehicles turned up on that beautiful hot sunny day. There were 24 stalls displaying craft, home produce and charity and we were entertained by the St. Albans Morris Men and Ware Majorettes. All the food on offer was also well attended. Our thanks to all who helped to make the day at Tewin such a success for us all.

Our next event is the Tea Party on Wednesday, 14th October at Tewin Memorial Hall from 2pm to 4pm. This year it is open to all Tewin Residents regardless of age. So just pop along for a cup of tea, cakes and scones.

Thanking you again for all those who not only attend our events but also to the many folks who make them possible.

Linda Crawford Chairman FRIENDS OF TEWIN

### **THACS - Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society**

#### **Forthcoming Events ~**

Thursday 19th November 2009 - Photography talk

THACS are very fortunate to have Bob Norris, the President of Ware and District Photographic Society, come and speak to us about photography. Bob was the chief photographer for Herts County Council before retiring in 1999. He now specialises in landscapes, but will also bring along examples of portrait and natural history photography. There will be a question and answer time and if you wish to bring along your photos, Bob will discuss them with you. This event will be held in Burnham Green village hall. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start and we expect it to finish about 9pm. Entry is free for THACS members and £1 for non-members and free refreshments will be provided. However, the seating is limited so if you wish to attend, please fill in the entry form as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee (if applicable) to

Gay Cates, 6, Harwood Close, Tewin, AL6 0LF by 31st October 2009. Booking forms are available from the newsletter or the THACS page on the Tewin web site ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)) or from Gay Cates (01438 717622).

#### **Recent Events**

Saturday 5th September 2009 – Eighth THACS Autumn Show

Over 350 entries of all sorts decked the large Tewin

Memorial Hall for the eighth THACS Autumn Show, which took place on Saturday 5th September. Everything from beautiful flower arrangements to knitted toys, delicious cakes and preserves, paintings, photographs, jewellery, flowers, vegetables and fruit were exhibited, and the visitors in the afternoon were also treated to homemade cakes and teas made by lots of willing members of the society.

The winners at the Autumn Show were:

Flower Arranging: Audrey Walters

Flowers: Anna Clark

Vegetables and Fruit: Mick Lloyd

RHS Banksian Medal: Ronald Brand

Arts & Crafts: Joint winners: Hilary Tipping, Terry Brand, Linda Williams

Nostalgic Photography: Gay Cates

Photography: Jules Bridgman

Culinary: Joy Lawson

Children: Scarlett Christian-Cox

Children's Photography

(12-17 years): Keir Webb

After the presentation of the prizes, some of the exhibits were auctioned and visitors went home with bouquets of flowers, jams, chutneys, jellies, cakes, vegetables and fruit.

### Dilys Aileen Applegate

On 15<sup>th</sup> September we joined together to celebrate the life of Dilys. If you are looking at your watches with a view to timing what we are about to say – you are only doing so because that's what Dilys would have done. She was notorious for timing the vicar's sermons!!

Dilys was bright, amusing and quick-witted, as well as direct, opinionated, pedantic and we are sure we will all share some happy memories. She always had a twinkle in her eye and loved chatting to everyone. She had an awesome memory for names, places, events and was fiercely loyal. She was immensely proud of her daughters, Ann and Jane and of her five grandchildren Charles, Harriet, Emily, Abbie and Samuel.

Dilys was born on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1926 and was brought up in Chester, where she enjoyed her childhood, hardly noticing the war. Encouraged by her family and her two brothers she was able to go to Liverpool University to study Law, and on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1950 she married Brian whom she met through a choir in Chester. In 1952 they moved to 'Little Coppice' in Cowpers Way and remained there until their move round the corner to Burnham Green on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1996.

Always busy – whether professionally as a conveyance, acting for nearly everyone in Tewin, Welwyn Garden and places beyond, or so it appeared, or socially, singing in various choirs, on stage with the Tewin Players, visiting the mobile library, W.I., playing bridge, bell ringing, Scottish dancing, NADFAS lectures, walking, helping at jumble sales, and latterly in the Village Shop or holding office in organisations such as the P.C.C. as Secretary, Tewin Wood Roads, Tewin School Governors (she was a member of the Governing body for 40 years), Tewin Horticultural Society and several others – many will remember her whizzing about on her bike delivering newsletters and notes.

A very serious operation in the spring of 2005 removed a large part of her stomach and she rapidly lost weight- but continued working as hard as ever. Her social life, work friends and family saw her through the loss of Brian in July 2005. A re-occurrence of her illness at the end of last year was borne practically, as she carried on as normally as possible.

We are poorer for losing her, but richer for having known her!

*From Audrey Walters & Pat Ashman*

### **TEWIN HISTORY BOOK - UPDATE**

Since our last update in September we have had to send further corrections to the printers and this has meant the schedule has been put back and will run into October. This is not the fault of the printers in any way - we had to re-format material and then found some important corrections were needed at the plotter stage, when the book was already in its page form. We could have left the errors, but it was decided that it was vital to make the material as accurate as possible. Advanced copies are not now expected before 24th/25th October. We will announce the launch date at the Memorial Hall as soon as we have a shipment date and apologies to all our supporters who, like us, are impatiently awaiting our order to be delivered.

The History Book Group

#### **TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL**

##### **~ SUPPORTERS CLUB**

Results for the August 2009 draw ,

1st £64 Hilary Armstrong, West Riding,

2nd £38 Ian Barton-Jones, Harwood Close .

3rd £13 Emma Burleigh, Harwood Close

3rd £13 Miles Bullivant, Firs Walk

Membership forms from Peter Burleigh ( 23 Harwood Close, Tel 715260 ) or any member of the Hall committee

We are holding a Fashion Show at Tewin Bury Farm, in the Tythe Barn, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, on Monday 5th October. Tickets will be £12.50, to include champagne, which will be served from 11 am for an 11.30 start to the Fashion Show. Please ring 01438 798475 for tickets.