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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

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Message from Coralie

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came. You crept in beside us. And no-one knew. Only the few who dared to believe that God might do something different.

Walking down a quiet Datchworth lane on a still, bright, chilly November morning I had no idea what to write here. The news offered little inspiration; the death toll in Pakistan rising, the financial news totally incomprehensible, gangs of young people on our town and city streets still inflicting great pain on one another and feeling grumpy 'is good for you'.

Then I picked up a book, *Forgiving and Forgetting* by Nick Fawcett. There is no mention of tinsel, turkey or indigestion - just a summary of four key truths at the heart of Christmas or what the season is all about; a time for giving, for getting, forgiving and forgetting.

Christmas is a time for giving presents, thoughtfully chosen, from the heart, 'it's the thought that counts'. As well as giving at Christmas we also receive. Do we remember what we got last year, do we still have it or has it joined the bag for the Tombola. It's not just about gifts, it's about getting the most out of Christmas and so often the more we put in the more we get out. In Jesus God offered us joy, love, hope, mercy and life but they don't just happen we need to do something about it.

Christmas is a time for forgiveness, peace and goodwill. It isn't easy to say sorry and some people won't accept an apology but we can try to mend broken relationships, restore trust and learn to let go, to forget. Whoever we are we shouldn't dwell on the past but live today and tomorrow in this world as well as the world to come. There may be trials, stresses and strains but there will be joy and peace.

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came. You crept in beside us. Do the same this Christmas, Lord. Do the same this Christmas.

Coralie

Views in the Parish News are not always those held by the Team Ministry or by the Parochial Council

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Churchwardens' Notes

Welwyn advent windows ~
www.welwynadventwindows.com

Organised by St Mary's Church, Welwyn, a window will be 'revealed' somewhere in the centre of the village each day from 1st to 24th December to create a living Advent Calendar. Shops, pubs, businesses, homes and restaurants will host windows and some will create their own artwork. Others will be designed and produced by local artists and school and youth groups. The entire calendar will remain open until 2nd January.

The theme this year is **Christmas Carols and Songs**. The artwork will be prepared by volunteers using a variety of media ranging from paintings, collage, stained glass effect, graffiti and sculpture. Many will be lit so they can be viewed after dark. A photograph of each new window will appear on the website the following day, so those who are not able to visit the village can follow the Advent Calendar via the internet.

For full details of all the windows and other events staged to coincide with their openings, see the [programme](#) page.

We are very grateful to Nigel Dowse of www.spectrumitsupport.co.uk for giving his time and expertise to create this website for us.

We hope you enjoy it!



It was a great pleasure to see so many people gathered around the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, many of whom joined us afterwards for the Remembrance Service in church.

On November 11th the school came to St. Peter's for their own Remembrance Service, both around the War Memorial and in church. It is encouraging to see the children's understanding of this event.

Most of you will have noticed that the work to refurbish the windows in the north wall of the nave has been completed - later than expected due to wet weather. It was unfortunate that the glazier was given extra work to replace the panes of glass broken by some sad person/persons.

Other building works are progressing, if somewhat slowly, due again to weather condition. The top coat of plaster has been applied in the toilet and the porch has been painted, with the exception of the new plaster which will be lime washed at a later date when the plaster is completely dry.

An enormous thank you goes to Ken Feakes for his sterling work replacing the chevron boarding in the tower following the installation of the new loft ladder and the re-siting of the free-standing ladder. It looks even better than it did before, now that the boards are all flush. His workmanship and attention to detail are amazing.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas services which are listed below and printed on Christmas cards which will be delivered throughout the village.

Sunday 20th December

9.30am Holy Communion, 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service,

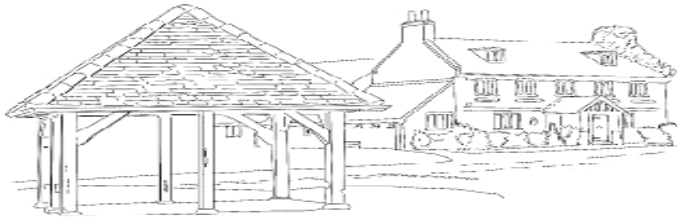
11.30pm Candlelit Midnight mass

Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Communion

Please note that on Sunday 20th December there will not be a Family service at 11am.

A warm welcome goes to the children Baptised at St. Peter's last month - Evelyn Eleanora Chapman on November 1st, & Emily Anne Frawley, and Ashley George Winters, both on November 15th



Tewin Parish Council

East Herts Call For Sites

East Herts Council has written to the Parish Council advising them of all the sites within Tewin that have been proposed by landowners in response to the 'Call for Sites'. Consultation on these sites will take place in spring 2010. Maps of the sites are available on the East Herts Council website. The Council agreed to begin formulating a response in the New Year.

PRESS RELEASE FROM HERTS CONSTABULARY NEW POLICE SERVICE FOR NON EMERGENCY AND NON CRIMINAL SITUATIONS

The police have introduced a new service that will improve the quality of service given to the public calling the non emergency number has been introduced by Hertfordshire Constabulary. Every day people call the police for help with non emergency and non criminal situations. To help improve the service for these types of calls the Force has linked up with BOING - an independent help centre, which has a large database of non-emergency contacts. These can be given to members of the public who may have ordinarily contacted the police for non emergency help.

The centre has a proven track record of providing professional support to a number of other police forces and offers an around the clock service. All of the contractors used by BOING have been checked and approved.

Members of the public can contact BOING direct or can be transferred by a police op, Plumbers, Key holding services, Solicitors, Cats stuck up trees/ swarms of bees etc. "Every day people phone the police service for help with matters which are not actually police business," explained Sergeant Dawn Rust from the Force Control Room. "Things like cats stuck up trees or how to get hold of solicitors and undertakers." Although these calls seem like an emergency to the person making them, trying to help them with their non police query potentially delays someone trying to get through to the Force Control Room to report a crime or an emergency situation. Now we can simply transfer them to the BOING control room, where a member of their team can provide them with the help they need.' BOING can be contacted on 0800 587 0548.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ The next meeting is on Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.45pm at

Tewin Memorial Hall in the Parish Room. Other meeting dates are: Monday 1st February 2009 Monday 1st March 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. (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: Chairman, Kristina Lawson: 01438-717256 Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969 E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

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: - 01438-737321 - 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: 01992-555555 or www.hertsdirect.org

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

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

TEWIN STORES

Christmas shopping event
on Friday 4th December
4.30pm to 7.30pm.



Order forms are available in the shop for Christmas vegetables,
Turkeys/Hams etc, Goose & Christmas Cakes. All delivered
during Christmas week to the shop.



Tea Garden Art Gallery

Have you visited the art gallery at the village shop? We have been exhibiting art and crafts by local artists who live or work in Tewin or nearby locations in our new community tea room and garden. Be sure to visit soon where you can find art for the perfect gift or just as a treat for your home. Our exhibits have included paintings, photographs, drawings, prints, knitwear, ceramics, castings, mohair animals and jewellery. Treat yourself to a cup of tea or coffee as you browse.

Are you an artist or craftsperson? If so, we would love to see your work with a view to displaying it in the gallery. A proportion of the sale price of any work sold goes to help fund the community shop. If you are interested, please complete a form at the shop or telephone **Christine Spendley 07901675863**.

Parish Magazine Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2010 are due in January. The price is 50p per copy or £5 for the whole year. If you haven't paid yet please have your £5 ready for your distributor. Copies are available in the Church, Village shop or can be delivered to you—Phone Sue Whitbourn 01438 798221

TEWIN HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH

The launch of *'The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin'* will take place on **Monday, 7th December**, in Tewin Memorial Hall, when we hope you will join us in a drink to celebrate the event. The doors will be open from **6.30pm to 9.30pm** and the official launch will take place at **7.30pm**.

If you have pre-ordered the book, you will be able to collect it at the launch (otherwise it will be delivered to you during the following week). However, if you have not pre-ordered, please note **that copies will be on sale at the launch** - cost £25.00 (cash or cheque made payable to *Tewin Society History Association* please). If you are not able to come along, and would like a copy of the book, it will be on sale at Tewin Stores after the launch or via www.tewinorchard.co.uk where you can place an order on line. Alternatively, please phone Jean Canton on 717395 or Linda Adams on 798147. However, we do hope you'll be able to join us in a drink and look forward to seeing you on the 7th December.

The History Book Group:

Elizabeth Wilson (Chairman), Linda Adams, Jean Canton, Michael Clark, Mary Gregg, Patrick Holden, John Lee, Rosemary Nodder, Ben Roberts, Lilian Southgate, Patricia Klijn (Editor).



Friends of Tewin

Well it's nearly Christmas and I hope you are well ahead with your plans for the Festive Season. By the time you read this the Christmas Tree will be up on the Lower Village Green in all its glory. The Parish Council with the help of Friends of Tewin have made the final arrangements for the 'Carols around the Tree' on Monday December 21st. If you have a friend or neighbour who does not take the Parish News please pass on the timing for the evening.

We will be on the Green from 6pm selling Mince Pie at £1.50 with a free glass of Mulled Wine and hot chocolate with a mince pie for a £1.00.

Father Christmas with Mrs. Christmas have agreed to come at 6.15pm but can only stay for 20minutes. Please watch them arrive on their special sleigh pulled by a Tractor.

We then commence singing the Carols with the Brownies and Rainbows singing a solo. We have a new Band this year so please come and hear them.

Beside the raffle which will be drawn that evening, there will be a collection for the 'Homeless' by St. Peters Church. So please bring your money and a torch/lantern to help read the carols.

If anybody is willing to stay and help put away the tables and chairs after the event we would be very grateful as it will have been a full day for the Committee as we start preparing at lunchtime.

Finally preparations are also going ahead for the Tewin Senior Citizens Lunch in February and you should receive your invitation in the New Year. Please send back your completed form as soon as you possibly can.

On behalf of all the committee of Friends of Tewin, may we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Crawford

Chairman, Friends of Tewin

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY
AND QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Our annual sale of "Posh Frocks and Accessories" held at Danesbury in October raised a record £2,281. We also sold our first packs of Christmas Cards which are available in our shops in Welwyn and Knebworth. The cards feature paintings by patients and as we print them ourselves each card generates about 15p for our funds.

The development of Danesbury as a neurological centre has progressed over the last year and alongside its continuing role providing respite care, has patients recovering from strokes, brain injuries and a variety of neurological conditions who are usually at Danesbury for six weeks or more with daily sessions with a team of therapists.

The intensive and expanding activity at Danesbury has demonstrated the need for more space for patients to relax together and with visitors. The Friends have agreed to fund a Day Room extension and a planning application has now been made. We already hold a substantial contribution towards the anticipated cost of £150,000. Any donations towards this project will help us see it realised more quickly.

This year we have decided to combine the Christmas Coffee morning with a sale of Christmas Gifts. This will take place on Friday, 11th December from 10.30 to 12 noon in the Dining Room at Danesbury. There will be good quality bargains as well as our usual visit from Father Christmas and carols for everyone to join in. We hope as many as possible will support this event.

This is a very busy time for the two hospitals with concerts and parties planned. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer then please ring Sally on the number below, there are many ways you can help us.

Finally, we would like to thank all our volunteers and supporters for all you do and wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2010.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital 01438 840514

Sally Chandler, Voluntary Services Co-ordinator 01438 841852

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www.danesburyqvm.co.uk

Annual
New Years Eve Party

At Tewin Village Hall
Featuring Paul David



8.00 til late bring your own food & drink

Tickets £10.00 phone 01438 714909 or

email village.ents@btinternet.com

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Book Sale Success

The second-hand book sales at the Memorial Hall have become a popular event in the village and the November sale was no exception, attracting many visitors who were able to browse at leisure. The sale of books, plus those from the gift stall, produced a profit of just over £556, which is a great result and provides a valuable boost to Memorial Hall funds.

The Memorial Hall Committee is very grateful for the donation of gifts and to everyone who donated books in such quantity and variety, as well as to all those who came along to make purchases. Special thanks go to the Friends of Tewin, who organised the event on behalf of the Hall under the direction of Linda Crawford and David Gregg, and to everyone who came along to help before, during, and after the sale. Thank you all very much indeed. The next sale will be held next Spring on a date to be advised.

Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

Found: A car key at the Book Sale. We think this key was left in one of the boxes handed in for an earlier event, so if you lost a key several months ago (or even last year!) – this could be it! Contact No: Todd Canton on 717395.

THACS

Forthcoming Events

THACS Annual General Meeting and talk about the history of paper making and printing on Monday 18th January 2010

Please remember that the ninth THACS AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 18th January 2010 at 8.00pm. The AGM will be followed by a talk entitled "The history of paper making and printing", by Mike Creasey.

This is an important meeting for THACS and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote.

Recent Event

Quiz night and meal at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 17th October 2009

THACS quiz night was off to a flying start, when ten tables of eager participants gathered to attempt the varied questions prepared by our local Quiz Master, Andrew Whawell. There was a tasty fish / chicken and chip supper in the interval and two ongoing question sheets to puzzle over, before the challenge of the quiz continued.

This was no easy quiz and the winners were justly rewarded with culinary and horticultural prizes at the end of a brain-teasing, but enjoyable evening. Many thanks to the people who helped organise, to those who took part and to Andrew for another successful event.

[Tewin website Nov 09](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)
www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Calling all organisations in the village.....
The Calendar on the website is a useful tool for any groups organising events during the year. It also helps the website group ensure that the Home page contains notices for special events as they are in the offing. Don't miss out on this easy advertising for your group.
Please let us have any dates for your organisation so we can update the calendar for 2010.

Send them to Felix Green

feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk

Happy surfing

Linda Adams Tewin Webmaster

alannio@btinternet.com or 01438 798147

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the October 2009 draw

1st £64 Kirsten Roberts, Firs Walk,

2nd £38 Andrew Swift, Harwood Close

3rd £13 Joe Collins, Lower Green,

3rd £13 Jamie Morrisroe, Upper Green

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

From the treasurer The Tewin Society

Important notice to all members

At the recent special general meeting, which was held on 28/10/09, a decision was taken that the Tewin Society should be wound up as at 31st December 2009. With this in view would all members who pay annual subscriptions by standing order please ensure that they cancel the standing order before the next annual payment which is due January 2010.

A full report will follow in next month's parish magazine regarding the decision.

The Bassett Lowke Society ~

Vintage Model Railway show

Sunday 10th January 2010 from
10.00am to 5.00pm

Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green,
Tewin

Entrance £2

For further details contact:

Peter O'Kane 01992 893490 or

Mike Green 01462 454537