



Parish News



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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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The 23rd of February is the anniversary of the death, in 1633, of George Herbert, priest and poet. Herbert bequeathed to the world a substantial number of poems, some of which have been set to music, subsequently becoming well known hymns e.g. "Teach me my God and king" and "Let all the world in every corner sing".

Herbert was born in 1593 into a wealthy and artistic family. He went to Trinity College Cambridge where he excelled in languages and music. His intention was to become a priest but he came to the attention of James 1 who saw his potential as a politician. He served in Parliament for two years but after that his sense of vocation to the priesthood was renewed and in 1630 he took holy orders in the Church of England, serving as the Rector of the parish of Fuggleston St Peter with Bemerton St Andrew near Salisbury. Although Herbert's time as a priest was short, he was an exemplary pastor and was noted for his unflinching care for his parishioners, bringing them the sacraments when ill and providing food and clothing for those in need.

In addition to his religious poetry, which was published as "The Temple, or sacred poems and private ejaculations", he wrote a manual of practical advice to the clergy which was entitled "A Priest to the Temple or The Country Parson". In it, he advises that "things of ordinary use" such as ploughs, leaven, or dances, could be made to "serve for lights even of Heavenly Truths". He also published a collection of proverbs of his own devising, some of which are still repeated today such as "his bark is worse than his bite".

By the time this edition of the Parish News is published, our much loved friend and vicar, Coralie, will have left for pastures new. As far as I know she hasn't written poetry or published manuals of advice for clergy, but I'm sure you'll agree that she is an exemplary pastor and tireless proclaimer of the gospel of the good news of Jesus Christ, able to see Heaven in the ordinary things of life. She will be sorely missed.

Mick Simmons

Churchwardens' Notes



It was good to see the Christmas services were well attended in spite of the appalling weather. We had a virtually full church for the Carol Service, the Crib Service and Midnight Mass. The crib returned to its usual position on the south altar with a beautifully decorated back drop created by the Children's Activity morning which was also well attended with 33 children and lots of helpers.

Many thanks to the 1st Tewin Brownies who made bags of sweets which were given to all the children after the Crib Service and to more children and some elderly members of the congregation after the Christmas morning service.

Although the weather is much warmer as this is being written we must remember there could easily be more cold weather to come. We do have the heating on from just after midnight on Sundays, but we still need to be reminded to wear several layers of warm clothes and please keep both porch doors closed as much as possible.

The process of finding a new Team Vicar is progressing. The PCCs in the team are approving the "Profile" which will be used to advertise the post from 18th February.

The Bishop of Hertford is coming to St. Peter's to celebrate Family Communion on February 20th at 11am - so all are welcome young and not so young alike. We also welcome the Bishop to stay after the service for refreshments with us. There will be no service in the evening on that day but we do hope that all those who would have come in the evening will join us in the morning at 11am.

Coralie's farewell lunch was held in church on 16th January after the Family Service. The space allowed for this report does not allow room to thank everybody involved. It was a team effort; so many people gave their time and talents so willingly. However, we have to mention two people who definitely did the lion's share - Pauline Brown for co-ordinating the planning and Gloria Kersey for masterminding the food side, and of course, Gill at the Plume of Feathers for cooking the cottage pie. If you were there, (and with an attendance of 80, most people were!) you will know it was a memorable occasion, which helped lessen the sadness of losing Coralie. We are all very grateful for all she has done for us and wish her well in her new appointment. To help Coralie remember her time with us we presented her with an i-book designed by Ruth Sharp with a collection of memorable photographs of Tewin. The presentation also included a cheque and a bouquet of flowers.

Coralie will be officially licensed in her new parish on Tuesday 22nd February at 8pm. If you would like to attend please sign the list at the back of the church so we can let Eaton Bray know by 15th February how many are coming. Please indicate if you could take passengers so that we car-share as much as possible. St Mary's, Eaton Bray is about an hour away, just beyond Whipsnade Zoo.

Pete & Mike

Notice of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Update

The annual update of St Peter's Church Electoral Roll will take place between 20th February and 6th March 2011. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find the enrolment forms, together with a box for completed forms, at the back of the church. Applications for enrolment must be received by **6th March** and the revised Roll will be posted in the church porch the following day.

David Rawlins, Electoral Roll Officer



Ladies' Lunch

On: *Saturday, 12th February 2011 at 12.30pm*

Speaker: *Dermot Wynne*

Subject: *'A Cycling Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela'*

Venue: *St Mary's NCH*

Tickets: *£8*

Available from: *Sunday, 16th January onwards from St Peter's Church*



Friends of Tewin

Thank you to those who braved the cold to join us at our `Carols around the Christmas Tree` event in December. It was Coralies' last event for us and we do thank her for all the functions she has attended and blessed for us. It was lovely to hear the Brownies/Rainbows and Tewin School children singing their solos. Our thanks must also go to Mr & Mrs Christmas and the musicians who played so well for us. All the raffle prizes were collected on the night and the profit goes towards our Senior Citizens Lunch, which this year is to be held on Wednesday 16th February (not half-term). Hopefully you have returned your menu choices by now.

Before that date, we do have our A.G.M. which is to be held at 8pm on Tuesday 8th February 2011 in the Parish Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. This is only a short meeting but we do welcome all of you to attend and stay and chat over a cup of tea at the end.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Operation Christmas Child

Apologies from Jackie Beadle for the error in the number of shoeboxes passed to her from Tewin residents which should have read 250 and not 280.

Editor: Still a magnificent figure, well done to everyone who helped with filling shoeboxes for this charity event.

Next Jumble Sale – Saturday, 12th MARCH!

Jumble Sale time is fast approaching and we'd be grateful if you would start thinking about donating unwanted gifts or any other surplus items.

We will give further information and details of collections in the next issue of the Parish News, as well as in our usual yellow leaflet, which will be delivered to you at the end of February. However, if you have any queries in the meantime, please phone Todd Canton on 717395.

Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee



TEWIN PAVILION

Tewin Pavilion Community Interest Company (CIC) is up and running. Our task is to manage the newly refurbished facility in the best interests of the community. The Pavilion is available for hire at reasonable rates during the week and at week-ends, although the Cricket and Tennis Clubs will be using it during their respective playing seasons. Already the Pavilion has hosted an Art Exhibition and a small private party. Plans are afoot for a quiz night, an AGM, and possibly a regular keep-fit class.

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for a children's party being close to the playground and with plenty of green to run about on. The kitchen facilities are excellent and with seating for 50, it is simple to lay out that special birthday tea.

The CIC is anxious to ensure that the Pavilion is an asset for the Parish, that its activities harmonise with the ambience of Upper Green and that it acts as a catalyst for new village activities - a whist drive for example.

Contact Doreen Lloyd on 01438 715020, to explore the possibilities further.

1st Tewin Rainbows



We are looking for more girls aged from 5 years to 7 years old to come and join us. We have lots of interesting activities to do so why not ring one of the 2 numbers below and find out more about us?

Ann 01438 717473

Gill 01438 718314



Paul, Lynne and Vicki Griggs would like to thank everyone for making the New Year's Eve Party a great success. As always a special thanks goes to Alan and Sue Bonds for all their help.

A big thank you to Ivor and Linda Williams for supplying the main raffle prize of a meal for two at Tewin Bury Farm. The raffle, in aid of Vicki's charity, Moorfields Eye Hospital raised £750! This included a very generous donation from one of the village stalwarts who doubled the amount we raised!



TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL — SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **December 2010** draw

1 st	£62	Peggy Wilson, School Lane	2 nd	£37	Pat Fulford, Bishops Road
3 rd	£12	Kelvin Bowen, Tewin Hill	3 rd	£12	John Burton, Desborough Drive

Membership forms from Lisa Bove [Tel 798546] or lisa.bove@btinternet.com
or any member of the Hall Committee



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson
email: admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk
Tel: 01438 717378

Our News for January

After a particularly sickly end of term with record numbers of pupils off with ill health, we reconvened on January 5th with almost full-house, rested and restored after the festive season. New members of the staff team include our cleaner-in-charge Mr. Morgans, who has already made an impact on our environment, ensuring that we are spick and span, and dealing with many repair jobs. Later on this term we will be welcoming students Alice Ross and Sophie Mays, to experience their teaching practices with us.



Our first exceptionally good news was to learn that Isabel Haslam, a year 6 pupil, had her art work selected for the Diocesan launch of the "Living God's Love" project. Schools from the whole of the Diocese had been invited to take part, so the prestige of this is enormous.

Following a special invitation, four budding writers from Year 6 participated in the second day of a Writer's workshop at Morgan's school. Following a valuable opportunity to work with a published author, the children worked collaboratively with pupils from other schools to compose an assortment of odes and riddles. Enthused and filled with pride for their work, they couldn't wait until they returned to school to share a riddle and rhyme!

Essential Dance reconvened and this term's ambition is to master the quick step! Now that the invitation to join us on the last Thursday of every month is a feature on the back page of the Parish magazine, we look forward to many more people paying us a visit at school, to enjoy the dancing, a cup of tea and to join in if they so wish!



Swimming instruction for our years 4, 5, and 6 pupils' began with lessons each Thursday at Hartham pool in Hertford. In the first week an assessment of the pupil's skills resulted in many award criteria being already met and for this I think we can reflect on how lucky we are to have our school swimming pool and the swimming committee who keep it viable.

On Wednesday January 19th the whole school community met for an assembly led by Rev. Stephen Fielding, to say farewell to Rev. Coralie McCluskey. Presentations were made by the pupils in the form of books and pictures, with many thoughtful sentiments expressed. The school's choir sang as beautifully as ever. Along with all in the Parish, we wish her a happy and productive future in her new post and shall look forward to hearing from her.



The Staff Team

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Calligraphy and Jewellery workshops

The calligraphy workshops will continue this year in Burnham Green hall and the first three have been booked for 2.30 pm for two hours on **Fridays 21st January, 18th February and 18th March.**

The first of these will have already been held by the time you read this, but you could still attend subsequent ones. We also hope to organise some more jewellery workshops at *Homebeads* in Knebworth. If you are interested in attending either the calligraphy or jewellery workshops, or would like to find out more about them, then please contact:

Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts AL6 ONP (telephone 01438-798717).

Saturday 16th April 2011 - THACS Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall

THACS will be holding the tenth annual Spring Show at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th April this year. We very much hope that non-members as well as members will be tempted to take part in this popular village event.

The schedule, rules and entry form can be obtained from Tewin Stores late February onwards, or the **THACS** page on www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to: Anna Clark, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX by **Sunday, 10th April.**

We look forward to seeing you all at this popular event.

Annual Report about the Tewin website 2010/11.



The Website group has met six times this year in January, March, May, July, September and November to review the website. Overall there has been an average of 600 hits per month during the year and we continue to get odd compliments from people outside the village for the range of material and the fact that it is regularly up to date.

Up to now the website has been financed by village organisations – Friends of Tewin, THACS, the Church, Parish Council, Memorial Hall and this year, Tewin Stores. But from now on the costs will be even less than the £70+ per annum we have been paying. This is because early in 2010 Felix Green, our Technical Advisor, found that there was a government-sponsored server “e-voice”, which was developed by the previous administration, especially for community websites such as ours. This is free of charge, so from now on, we shall simply have to pay a nominal fee for the domain name “tewinvillage.co.uk” every two years and no server charges will apply. Any business in the village may still have an entry free of charge on the Business page. Further new entries have been added this year.

We have been preparing to migrate to the new server, and its much simpler methods of updating the site, during the second half of 2010. The changeover finally occurred in November. I hope that people have had an opportunity to see the new-look Tewin website. During the year there have been improvements made to a number of the existing pages, plus the addition of a new page for Where to stay in Tewin, also one for Tewin Stores and the Art Gallery/Coffee shop. This page will have further enhancements in 2011. The new software for the site has enabled us to add a new page for the Pavilion with an on-line calendar to aid booking the hall. We intend to do the same thing in 2011 for the Memorial Hall bookings. Rod Frayne and Julia Tizzard may get involved in this, taking over the Memorial Hall pages from Lynn Farr.

I am sure you will all want to join with me in thanking the volunteers who continue to give their time to updating and improving the website:

Derek Adams who normally keeps the home page up to date and is our minute secretary but has also been working on his PhD thesis this year.

Felix Green our Technical Advisor has redesigned the site and many pages this year. Doreen Lloyd, our Parish Council rep, who also works on the Friends of Tewin page, the new Pavilion page and with Alf Fulford on the THACS pages. John Ling has recently joined the team to support Alf and Doreen and produce more photos for the site. Lia Parkinson who this year has particularly worked on bringing the Church pages up to date. Nicky Hadley now edits the Parish News and Caroline McFarlane who does the same for the Parish Council and Teen pages, and has done some work on the Pavilion project pages. Christine Spendley for Tewin Stores and Art Gallery/Coffee shop, Liz Goscomb for the Tewin Under Fives and finally Lynn Farr for the Memorial Hall. **Do take a look at the new-look site and give us feedback**

Happy surfing
Linda Adams

Tewin Webmaster
alannio@btinternet.com or feedback@tewinvillage.co.uk
or 01438 798147



FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Our major project in 2010 was the building of a Day Room at Danesbury Neurological Centre and now we look to financing a variety of new projects for both Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital in the coming year. As can only be expected in the current economic climate we know that we will be called upon to provide those things for which funding will simply not be available elsewhere. We expect a demanding year ahead.

Central to all our efforts are the shops in Welwyn and Knebworth. In turn these could not function were it not for the volunteer helpers - and there are never enough! This is the time for *New Year Resolutions*. Perhaps this year could you consider giving a little of your time and energy to help us? We can guarantee you will get real satisfaction from joining a group of local people all determined to help make a difference in their community. Of course, there is also the enormous fun to be had working in a place literally at the heart of village life.

There are a range of jobs to be done and it is unknown for anyone offering their help not to be found some suitable task. Age is absolutely immaterial - the youngest just get the heaviest boxes!

Just call into one of the shops or contact the Friends' office at Danesbury. You are always assured of a warm welcome.

If shop work is really not for you there is always a need for volunteers at both QVM and Danesbury. If you would like to know more about how you can help, simply call us.

We know it is going to be a challenging year but with your help we can make a real difference to many lives.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital — 01438 840514

E mail: danesburyqvm@btconnect.com & www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield

We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice

Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500



Sat 5th February Big Band Night

Organised by North Mymms group. For more information please ring the number at the top of this article.

Fri 11th February Ladies Pamper Day at the Howard Centre, WGC

Ladies come and enjoy a Pamper Day supported by the 1st year students of Oaklands College. Mini treatments will be available. For more information please ring the number at the top of this article.

Sat 26th March Midnight Swim 10pm onwards

Help us to complete our 100mile sponsored swim challenge! There are two pools to choose from Haileybury College Pool, Hertford Heath or Hatfield Swim Centre. You can swim between 10pm and 2am. Different hours have different themes, including simply swimming, a boat race challenge and a 'midnight fun' swim. Swim on your own or in a team, all swimming abilities are welcome. The fancy dress theme for the evening is **Nautical Nonsense** with prizes for the best dressed! Spectators are encouraged to come in their pyjamas. Hot chocolate and cakes will be sold at the event.

Ring Katie Robertson in Fundraising for more information on 01707 382500.

Sat 26th March Social Dance Evening 7:30 - 11:15pm

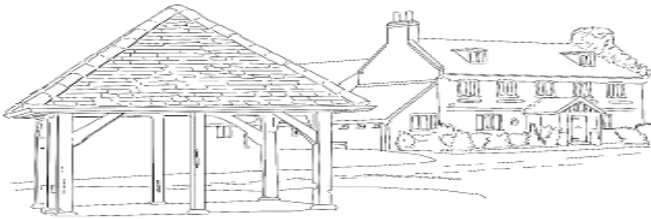
To be held at Newgate Street Village Hall, Newgate Street, Hertford SG13 8RA. Tickets cost £10, including a light ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks & glasses. Ballroom, Latin & Sequence dances to *George & His Music*.

Ring John Hankins on 01707 873894 for more information.

Thu 28th April 'Twelfth Night' at The Barn Theatre, Welwyn Garden City 8pm

Enjoy a fabulous charity gala night performance of Twelfth Night by the Barn Theatre in aid of Isabel Hospice. Directed by Dick Breeze, this is a performance of Shakespeare's classic comedy of romance, mischief, love, entanglement, wild infatuation and deception. Tickets cost £15 **from the box office on 01707 324300.**





Tewin Parish Council

PRESCRIPTIONS

Bridge Cottage GP surgery in Old Welwyn offer a service where you can leave your prescriptions and any money in a special locked letter box in the Rose & Crown Pub, Tewin. Prescriptions will be taken to the surgery on Tuesdays and Thursdays by 1.30pm. The completed prescription will then be collected from the GP surgery on Tuesdays & Thursdays and returned to a locked safe at the Rose & Crown. Please ask at the bar to collect the drugs after 3pm.

POTHOLES

If you need to report a defect/pothole in the road or pavement you can either:-

1. Ring the Highways fault line 01438-737321 and provide them with details of where the defect is, its size, the road name and a house number can help find the exact location.
2. Go online to www.hertsdirect.org and click on "Highways Fault Reporting" on the right hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. You can search for the location by address and will be asked to mark the exact location of the pothole on a map.

In both cases you will receive a reference number to track the pothole repairs.

BUS TIMETABLE FOR 388

To check the bus timetable on line please go to www.intalink.org.uk click on Timetables, click on Area 6: Hertford etc, scroll down to 388, click on Download Timetable

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.45pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Future meeting dates are:

Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.45pm

AGENDA

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. 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. NEWS-

LETTERS AND MEETINGS DATES ARE PUBLISHED on www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (The minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting). Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall & bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson

Tel: 01438-717256

Clerk, Caroline McFarlane

Tel: 01438-798969

E-mail - caroline.mcfarlane@virgin.net

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-emergencies:

Police Control Room – 0845-3300222

Highways Fault Line: - 01438-737321

Reporting potholes and any other damage to roads

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke and noise nuisance, flytipping, flyposting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

Herts County Council: 01992-555555

www.hertsdirect.org

Tewin Parish Council

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