

December 2012

The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

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Vicar's letter

What is it about nativity plays that are so utterly appealing?

Shepherds may bash angels over the heads with their crooks, sheep may fidget nonstop because of their woolly tights, innkeepers may flummox teachers by proudly declaring "yes there's plenty of room do come in!", wisemen may trip over their camels, forget their gifts and pick their noses – but somehow there is nothing that a child can do that can take away the delight which adults get from watching them year after year (children please note this is not a challenge).

I am sure there is something to do with nostalgia for those of us who remember such plays in our childhood (particularly those who got to be starring roles such as angels or Mary rather than be the boring old narrator as I was year in year out).

I am sure also there is something to do with their unpredictability. In fact a school which has productions so perfect, that no halo is askew, no baby Jesus dropped on head and no shepherd needs to make an emergency escape to the bathroom fails in its duty.

I am sure there is something also that children manage to give us which adds to the truth of the story. And that is their inability to hide their imperfections - bad habits, nerves, urgent needs (I need the toilet NOW) - coupled with a desire to shine and please which can be read all over their faces.

And, for me, this is what makes the plays so very special. Because that is exactly what the core of the story is about. That God comes to us, just as we are, with our funny habits, insecurities, grubby faces and desire to be loved.

So why not, this year, settle for a less than perfect Christmas- because truthfully it is in the imperfection that Jesus can be found. He comes to you and me showing we are loved, just as we are. Even if that's hard to believe.

I wish you all every blessing this Christmas,

Susannah

St Peter's, Tewin 16th December 11:15am Family Service:
...... come dressed as your favourite nativity character!

St Peter's Christmas Services

Sunday	16 th December	Carols Service	6.30pm
Monday	24 th December	Crib Service	3.30pm
Monday	24 th December	'Midnight'	11.30pm
Tuesday	25 th December	Family Communion	9.30am



We look forward to welcoming you at our services.

Churchwardens' Notes

If all goes as planned this will be the last edition of Parish News in its current format. After around 50 years, we are changing to A5 format with a card cover. There will be space for all the Parish Council news and information, including the useful contact numbers as a permanent feature on the inside of the back cover. Consideration is being given to taking advertising for local businesses. Meanwhile it is hoped to

eration is being given to taking advertising for local businesses. Meanwhile it is hoped to include profiles on Tewin businesses, provided the owners agree. We would like to cover all Tewin clubs and activities with the organisers' agreement and their provision of appropriate copy. It would be ideal to circulate this to the whole village on a monthly basis. In order to give everyone the opportunity to see what is on offer, it is intended to circulate the first issue for January 2013 free of charge to all households, with the hope that many of those who do not see the Parish News currently will wish to join the current list of over 300 subscribers.

The more 'senior citizens' among you may remember the A5 Parish News back in the 1960's. This consisted of four sheets, including the cover, which were specific to Tewin, with four inside sheets (16 A5 pages) of syndicated material which no doubt appeared in many other village news sheets. It carried advertisements such as "D. L. Tyler Fishmonger Greengrocer Poulterer Woodside Road, Digswell" and "For Goodness Sake, Drink Bartons Health Tonic, The Marden Dairy Farm, Tewin" (from the November 1961 issue.)

You may have noticed, especially if you attended the Act of Remembrance on 11th November, that the War Memorial has been repaired, all the joints being sealed with lime mortar and the cross at the top cleaned. With the sunshine on that Sunday, it looked very good! We are most grateful to Friends of Tewin for their contribution to the Parish Council equivalent to covering the costs of the repairs; and to the Parish Council for paying the invoice direct to the contractor.

Thanks to the good efforts of Dorothy Swann, we have been awarded a grant of £600 by the Church Building Council towards a conservator's report on the Sabine Memorial, which currently sits in the porch at St Peter's. This report will contain advice regarding resting the Memorial in its original position on the Sabine Family Vault.

We had a full church for our School's Remembrance Service on 9th November. Later in the month, one class of 'Detectives' were due to visit St Peter's to uncover details of its history! And another to attend a 'Baptism Workshop'.

After this goes to press our Christmas Market will have been held and we hope that you all enjoyed it. To look forward, in addition to the services listed at the top of the page, there is the Friends of Tewin *'Carols Around the Christmas Tree'* on 20th December and an *'Activity Afternoon'* in the church for children on 22nd December.

Have a very enjoyable Christmas!

Pete and Mike

St Peter's Church will be floodlit on Friday, 7th December

in memory of Terry Lonergan

From Elke, Annely, Stephanie & grandchildren

Church Extension Proposals

A very big thank you to all of you whol completed and returned the recent survey form. Thanks also to those of you who wrote in to confirm expertise and skills in similar projects.

Unsurprisingly, a variety of views were expressed about the need for, the type of usage of additional facilities, but notably nearly everyone confirmed their support for the case for extra space at St Peter's.

The how, what and where are not yet by any means conclusive. Whilst the survey was in circulation, the sub-committee met with the Diocesan Advisory Committee [DAC] at the Church on 17th October to discuss the project in general terms and to seek their views and advice as to how we might proceed. A preliminary report has been received from the DAC and we await further comment following their November committee meeting.

The next meeting of the St Peter's PCC sub-committee for this project will take place on Monday, 3rd December, when we will consider a summary of the survey responses and the outcome of recent discussions. We will inform everyone of our progress in due course.

Pauline Brown, Chairperson



Children's Activity afternoon



Children are very welcome at St Peter's for Christmas festivities on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd December from 2-4pm.

We'll have crafts, carol singing, decorating the Christmas tree and the Nativity scene.



Susannah and helpers look forward to seeing you there!



'Tewin Magazine' Subscriptions for 2013

As this is the last issue for this year may I remind you that your subscriptions are due for the coming year.

January 2013 sees the launch of the new 'Tewin Magazine' in A5 format replacing the current A4 Tewin Parish News with the intention of the first issue being provided free.

Thereafter the price remains at 60p per month and we will continue to give a discount to those who pay in advance for the whole year and for 2013 is £6 – thereby continuing to give 12 issues for the price of 10.

The distributors do a great job getting each issue out on time so please help them by having your 2013 subscription of £6 ready for them when they call.

Thank you, Editor

A message from Aimee Bishop, on Wyn & Dennis Carlton

Many of you will remember Wyn & Dennis Carlton. Wyn would like you to know that Dennis recently went into full time care for his dementia. If anyone would like to get in touch with Wyn, I have just added her back into Skype. Her name is **wyn.carlton2**

She'd love to hear from as many of you as possible!!!

'Let's be generous this Christmas.....and beyond'

If you read the December/January issue of 'See Round' from the Diocese (you'll find one at St Peter's), you will see this heading to Bishop Alan's article on page 2 in which he refers, amongst other things, to the growing number of Food Banks. He quotes the Chief Executive of Noah Enterprises, a charity set up in Luton 25 years ago to help the homeless. He later says, about charities, 'an added concern is that much of the funding from Government and local authorities is being cut back at a time when many charities are finding it harder to raise funds.'

Bishop Alan goes on to say 'at such times it is tempting for everyone to pull back and think about putting themselves first. but God is giving us an opportunity to practice our faith in a more sacrificial way over the coming year. What better way to transform our communities than to give generously of our time and money?'

In Tewin there are two ideal opportunities coming up to put that principle into practice. The first is on 20th December when the proceeds of the Friends of Tewin raffle at Carols around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green will go to Shelter. Then, at the Crib service in St Peter's on 23rd December, the collection will go to The Children's Society. So if you are a tax payer and attend that very popular service, please use the Gift Aid envelopes placed on the pew fronts to make your donation, thereby enabling the Children's Society to gain the additional benefit of tax recovery on your gift.

Which ever way you give, please give generously.



Friends of Tewin

Look out for the Christmas Tree going up on Lower Green in December. It is a reminder that Christmas is not far away.

The arrangements have been made for 'Carols around the Tree' for Thursday 20th December. We will be there from 6pm to serve hot mulled wine and drinking chocolate with either mince pies or fairy cakes.

Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas will arrive at 6.15 pm but only stay for 20 mins as he has other children to see. At approx 6.40 pm we will draw the raffle, and the proceeds of which will go to 'Shelter'. The carols will start at 6.45pm and if all the children could help to sing 'Away in the Manger' after the 2nd carol, Susannah our vicar would be very pleased. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Committee of Friends of Tewin wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin

Manager: Bev Barraclough 01438 717929

We will again be taking orders for *Temple Farm Free Range Turkeys*, offering both Bronze and White birds with order Forms available from the shop. We're told the turkeys have benefited from the late summer improvement in the weather and are particularly content! We're also taking orders for fruit, vegetables, dates, nuts etc.

Have you noticed our other Christmas fare on display at the shop entrance? More will be added as we run out low on products we only have a small stock of. Is there something special you require? Please ask if we can obtain it for you.

As well as bacon and ham in the shop, *Trussels* the butcher will also be able to supply you with ham, sausages and pigs in blankets to finish off your Christmas meal.

Fresh bread, rolls, croissants, pain au chocolate, Danish pastries, cookies and apple lattice can also be ordered in advance.

We plan to have a Christmas Raffle with 3 prizes so do visit us for a cup of coffee or tea with a delicious scone or toasted tea cake and buy your ticket.

Thank you for supporting your local shop.



'Screen on the Green' Tewin presents Monday, 17th December at 7.45pm, Tewin Memorial Hall 'The Birdcage' 1996, Cert 15, [120mins]



... a 1996 comedy farce starring Robin Williams and Gene Hackman. *Time Out* describe a *'colourful, camp, beautifully acted and brimming with gags.'* It's the story of a gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion who agree to 'play straight' so their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents.

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee and biscuits - included in the price. Sweets, soft drinks, ice-cream and snacks will be on sale, or bring your own wine - and glasses please!

Tickets £4, from Tewin Stores or reserve on line from sotqtw@hotmail.co.uk

Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club — Registered Charity no. 308158

Results for the October 2012 draw

1st £63 Jim Farr, Upper Green 2nd £38 James Hanlon, Grass Warren

3rd £13 Carole Oliver, Lower Green 3rd £13 Patrick Boyd-Carpenter, Churchfield Cottages

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

Acrylic Classes in Tewin Pavillion

We have set up regular classes in the beautifully renewed Pavillion. Do join us on Monday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. Classes cost £9 each, and you only pay for the sessions you attend. You need your own equipment but can join the project based classes at any time. Details available on 01992 581769

www.deniseallen.co.uk contact@deniseallen.co.uk



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

Tel: 01438 717378

Our News, November 2012

Half term holidays are now behind us and the final furlong toward Christmas begins. The first week back ended with the fantastic Fireworks night for which the school has become locally famous. We are so pleased to share this exciting event with so many in the wider community, but must thank our PA for all their enormous hard work involved. Special thanks to Nigel Walker and his team who have the task of lighting up our skies safely and to all those who provided the delicious refreshments.

We are beginning to see our wall of Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes grow in school and hope to beat our record of last year. Thanks to all who have contributed so far and let's hope for many more.



On Thursday November 15th there was a Grand Opening of a redesigned space in school which is temporarily providing a learning space for a small group of pupils. It was well attended with ribbon cutting, speech making formalities, followed by something bubbly and cake. We wish to thank Rev Susannah who cut our ribbon in "local celebrity" capacity and who blessed the project and all those involved in it.

Ruth Kearns led the workshop at St Peter's Church on Thursday November 22nd when she introduced our Caterpillar pupils to the significance of the Baptism sacrament. Ladybird class also enjoyed a workshop day at the Church called St Peter's detectives, where they inspected the church more closely and had the benefit of speaking to parishioners who were able to add to their knowledge and understanding-thank-you so very much to those of you parishioners who volunteered for this.



Don't forget you are very welcome to join us for the Christmas Tea Dance in the School Hall on Thursday December 6th at 4.15. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to join in or to watch from the side lines if preferred

Before long we will be rehearsing for the School's Nativity and practising carols in readiness for singing around the tree on Tewin Green – put it in your diary and join us on Thursday December 20th at 5.00pm.



Meanwhile we have the St Peter's Christmas Market to enjoy and I imagine there will be lots of school children eager to attend and enjoy the truly festive atmosphere of one of the year's social high points.

May I remind you that Rev. Susannah Underwood leads our Worship every Wednesday in school at 10.25 and everyone in the community is warmly invited. There is always the pleasure of the children's delightful singing and an opportunity to join together in prayer.

Good wishes from the Staff Team



THE BASSETT - LOWKE SOCIETY VINTAGE MODEL RAILWAY SHOW



Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th January 2013

10.00am - 5.00pm

Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green, Tewin

Admission Adults £2.50, Children £1.00, under 6's free

For further information ring Peter Beale 01438 717323



'Jazz Night' in Tewin

Monday, 3rd December in Tewin Memorial Hall – 7.30 for 7.45pm

This is a great opportunity to start off the festive season in style with an evening of Jazz, Swing, Ballads and Blues from the Lawrence Lewis/Stewart Curtis Quintet, featuring local resident, Lawrence Lewis, on Tenor Sax, and multi-instrumentalist Stewart Curtis on Saxes, Clarinet and Flute.

Doors open at 7.30pm with the first session starting at 7.45pm. Then at 9.00pm you can enjoy a Fish and Chip Supper, followed by the second session of music at 9.30pm. This really is an evening not to be missed with tickets costing just £15, which includes the Fish and Chip Supper. You only need to bring your own drinks, glasses and corkscrews to complete a really great evening.

So be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

Just phone: Charlotte on 01438 798680, or Lawrence on 07591057341



Tewin Tennis Club News

Important notice for members – the date of the AGM has been changed – from its usual slot in November to **Friday 15**th **March 2013**.

We hope this doesn't disappoint too horrifically, rather that it gives everyone something exciting to look forward to!! There will be lots of issues to discuss of course – teams, leagues, events, coaching, and that is the chance to have your say.

Also that will be the occasion for the Wimbledon Draw – so do come along to be eligible. Meantime, play continues in what light we have, and junior coaching continues under flood lights at Gosling.

For coaching, call Steve on 07912-075651

Welwyn Floral Group - 2012 Programme

5th December Lesley Sturdy - 'Christmas is Coming'



Look out for our 2013 meetings schedule in the next issues of the Tewin Magazine!

We meet 1st Wednesday each month, The Civic Centre, Welwyn AL6 9ER at 7.30pm Visitors/New members always welcome. Enquiries/Tickets 01438 798611 — Visitors £5



Tewin's 10th New Years Eve Party



Starring Paul David

At

Tewin Village Hall
8.00pm till Late

Fish/Chicken/Veggieburger & Chips Supper [included in price]
Bring your own drink

Raffle in aid of Moorfields Eye Hospital

Tickets £15
available from Tewin Stores
[please state food preference]



See you there!!!





Panshanger Aerodrome Panshanger Lane Cole Green Herts SG14 2NH

A Buchanan 6 Upper Green Tewin Herts AL6 OLY

12th November 2012

Dear Mr Buchanan,

Thank you for your letter dated 11th November 2012, having investigated the situation on that day, it was our intention that all planes were due to be on the ground to observe the 2 minute silence. However, the aircraft in question had to do to a go around due to safety reasons and therefore was unable to land before 11am.

We do hope you accept our apologies and understand that this was non avoidable considering the circumstances. In reference to your donation for The Royal British Legion, we allowed the charity to do a press launch free of charge at the airfield in one of our aircraft to launch the national campaign to raise the money and also dropped poppies in memory of the soldiers. Please see picture attached. We also raised donations in the club house and the café for the charity. As you may already know that the airfield itself was instrumental to World War II and continued afterwards as an RAF training base.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Haim Merkado Director

Good and bad news on the Mimram!

The good news is that we have all raised the profile of the Mimram's plight so that the Environment Minister spontaneously knew about the issue and all our letters!

We also know that the Mimram is second in line for the Environment Agency's compensation fund – but will the fund be big enough? If not we have to rely on Ofwat.

The bad news is that the 'goal posts' are being moved. Ofwat have just asked Affinity Water to consult what their customers want before preparing their next Water Management Plan which comes into effect in 2015. So to get the depth of our concern across, would you write to the CEO of Affinity Water and send a copy to the CEO of Ofwat, so they too know about our concerns?

Who to write to and some suggestions of what to say are on the Friends of the Mimram website 'Get Involved' page at http://www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk/whotolobby.html

If we can get the Singlers Marsh pumping stations closed, it will make a big difference to the river and the wildlife.

Thank you.

FRIENDS OF DANESBURY & QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

At our AGM, held at the end of October, we announced plans to completely revamp the Danesbury entrance area involving the creation a whole new reception with furnished space for the use of patients, their families and visitors. The new layout will have a really inviting appearance and make the very best use of all the existing facilities. First impressions count greatly, especially for those needing the help and expertise of the professional team here at the Danesbury Neurological Centre. Work has already begun and is scheduled for completion in time for Christmas. The Friends will fund the entire project at a cost of nearly £25,000.

Christmas is almost here and it seems only right to remind all our supporters that our shops in Knebworth and Welwyn are the ideal places to find that last minutes Xmas gift. You can be sure of a bargain. The shops also have stocks of our exclusive Christmas Cards, designed by patients at Danesbury and QVM Hospital and produced in-house. Every penny received benefits our charity.

This is our last newsletter in 2012 so thank you for the support we have received from so many people in the past year, and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital School Lane, WELWYN AL6 9SB 01438 840514

E-mail: danesburyqvm@btconnect.com or visit www.danesburyqvm.co.uk



ISABEL HOSPICE — Welwyn Hatfield Forthcoming events supporting your local Hospice



Any queries please ring Gill Macdonald on 01707 382500

Sun. 2nd December: 'Jingle Bells & Bows Fun Run' North side of Stanborough Lakes, WGC; 9.30-1.30pm

Sponsored by John Lewis, the event has a 5km run or 4km walk. Come and join in with friends, family or on your own. Everyone welcome ... even well-behaved dogs. Fancy dress optional, the more novel the better!

Admission is adults £12, children under 16 years £5 and under 5's free.

Sat. 8th December: The 'Dickens Christmas Ball' at Capel Manor, Enfield

Celebrate in splendid Victorian decorated marquees conjuring up the world of Dickens' famous novels. Good food & wine, scintillating entertainment, dancing and Christmas cheer with fundraising auctions and raffles to support our work.

Dress — Victorian/Dickens costume or black or white tie and evening dress. List of costume hire outlets available. Tables of 10 or 12, or join a mixed table.

Tickets £125 per person incl. Champagne reception, 3 course dinner and table wines. For ticket applications ring **Suzanne Coleman** on **01438 717406**

Tue. 18th December: 'Roselands' Choir - Howard Centre, WGC AL8 6HA,10am- 2pm Get in the Christmas mood with the choir singing from 12-1pm & donations from 10-2pm.

Thu. 20th December: 'The Wind in the Willows', Barn Theatre, WGC AL8 6ST 19.30 for 20.00 start

A Charity performance with tickets at £10 available from Val Robinson on 01707 382500



Tewin Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The venue for the next Parish Council meeting has been changed to Tewin Pavilion at 7.45pm on Monday 3rd December 2012.

Land Rear of Seven Acres, 49 Upper Green Road, Tewin (3/12/1488/FP)

The landowner has submitted an application for a proposed barn conversion to holiday lets and bed and breakfast accommodation with covered walkway.

TPC Objected – Applicant has Withdrawn Application

53 Orchard Road, Tewin (3/12/1003/FP)

Front Boundary wall, gates & pillars with lights. Single storey front extension (retrospective). TPC Objected – EHC Refused – Appeal Refused

Grass Warren Development (3/12/1150/FP)

Garage Site to the rear of 17-28 Grass Warren, Tewin.

On 7th November 2012 the East Herts Council Development Control Committee agreed to defer the decision while the applicant Riversmead Housing Association looks at extending the road through the grass area between the existing bungalows, still maintaining it as a no through road.

Welwyn Hatfield Emerging Core Strategy Consultation

This is open from 12th November 2012 to 18th January 2013. The full documents, supporting information and questionnaire is available online at: **www.welhat.gov.uk/localplan2012** as a list of venues where the plans will be on display.

The main point of relevance to Tewin is the release of safeguarded land to the north-east of Welwyn Garden City, at Panshanger Aerodrome, for about 700 dwellings although more details will be given in a future planning document. The proposal is to provide a wide mix of housing size, type and tenure including Gypsy and Traveller provision. Open space, allotments, play areas; provision for primary and secondary education; a convenience shop; maximising opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport; sustainable design and construction and an area of landscaping at the edge of the development.

If you have any questions, please contact the Welwyn Hatfield Planning Policy team by e-mail: planningpolicy@welhat.gov.uk or on 01707 357532.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting: Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.45pm at TEWIN PAVILION.

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: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall, at the bus shelter at the top of Desborough Drive and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

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