



# Tewin Magazine



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*See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.  
Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come... - Malachi 3:1*

## Merry Christmas

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our December edition. This month the focus is of course on Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

On 4th and 5th there is the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church in Datchworth (p19). How has Tewin's entry fared? From the 6th-20th children are urged to look out for lost sheep around the village (p3). On the 17th Father and Mrs Christmas will be making an appearance at the Carols around the Tree event (p27). On the 19th there are Christmas Craft Activities for children (p3). The Nativity Service and Carols by Candlelight happen on the 20th (p3).

Our film this month is 'The Second Exotic Marigold Hotel' on the 14th (p21). And Paul David will be rounding off the year on the 31st (p2)

Please continue to send your contributions for future editions to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor



**Tewin's 13th  
New Years Eve Party  
Starring Paul David  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
At  
Tewin Village Hall  
8.00pm till Late**

**Tickets £17.50**

**Fish/Chicken/Veggieburger and Chips Supper included in price.**

**Bring your own drink.**

**Raffle in aid of Moorfields Eye Hospital**

**Tickets from Tewin Stores  
(please state food preference)**

**See you there!**



## Christmas at St Peter's

**Saturday 19th December**

**2pm-4pm Christmas Craft Activities and fun for children. No need to book. Free!**

**Sunday 20th Dec**

**11:15am Family Service with Nativity**

**6:30pm Carols by Candlelight**

**Christmas Eve**

**5pm Crib Service (especially suitable for children)**

**11:30pm Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day**

**9:30am Holy Communion**

### St. Peter's Children's Challenge 6th - 20th December

Help find the lost sheep! Twenty sheep are trying to get to Bethlehem but are finding themselves muddled.

Some kind people in Tewin are giving them shelter in their windows, shops and pubs. Can you find them all?

Free entry. Forms can be obtained from Tewin Cowper School, the shop or church.

Come to the crib service on Christmas Eve to see if they all get to Bethlehem safely.



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## **Tewin Parish Council**



### **NEW BENCH FOR MAY POND GREEN**

A replacement bench will soon be installed on May Pond Green adjacent to the new footpath and the plaque from the previous bench will be reinstated

### **NEW LITTER BIN FOR GRASS WARREN**

A new litter bin will soon be installed at the entrance to Grass Warren to provide a place for walkers to put their litter and bagged dog mess.

### **UPPER GREEN ROAD FOOTPATH WORKS**

The majority of the footpath from Upper Green down to 43 Upper Green Road has been completed. Herts Highways contractor will be back to complete the final part in due course. The return date is dependent upon coordination of the works with the Taylor Wimpey development opposite and also with Herts County Council's Network Management team.

### **KERBSIDE RECYCLING**

Did you know that more than half of all recyclable materials taken to Hertfordshire's Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC's – more commonly known as tips) could have been recycled kerbside?

“Wherever possible, try to make regular use of your kerbside recycling rather than going to the HWRC” says Councillor Richard Thake, Cabinet Member for Waste Management, “Not only can this help save your own time and money, but this also helps cut down on queuing times at the centres, making our service more efficient and cost effective”.

Are you one of the many Hertfordshire residents who visit the HWRC out of convenience, or because you don't want items hanging around the house? There are so many alternative ways you can recycle goods, such as charities, free recycling services and bottle and recycling banks at supermarkets and leisure centres.

Your local district or borough council is responsible for collecting waste and recycling from outside your house, and what can and can't be recycled kerbside varies from district to district. Check your district council website for more information:

<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=16853>

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the next meeting on 1st February 2016.**

**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 can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

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

**Newsletters/Meeting Dates:** These are published on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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**East Herts District Council: 01279-655261** or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://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.

## TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

### JUMBLE SALE UPDATE

The Jumble Sale accounts are now closed and we are delighted to confirm that the final takings were £4,798.08. This is an all-time record so once again our grateful thanks to all those who contributed in any way – both donors and helpers.

‘Thank You’ and Seasons Greetings to you all.

Todd Canton  
on behalf of The Memorial Hall Committee

## TEWIN CHARITIES

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Dear Residents,

We would like to bring a local charity to your attention. This charity receives a **small** annual sum, from bequests made many years ago, to support Tewin residents in need, hardship or distress.

The small group of trustees who administer this charity do not always get to hear of families who need help. If you know of anyone who would qualify for a donation please would you contact us through the Rev Susannah Underwood at St Peter’s Church. Her email address is [team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk), with other contact details available on the Tewin Village Website.

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## Allotments Available To Let

**There is nothing like nice home-grown fruit and vegetables for taste and enjoyment, coupled with the satisfaction of having grown your own. The exercise will also improve your health, fitness, and general well being.**

**Tewin Allotment Association expects to have a few small plots available to rent for 2016 on the allotments situated off Cannons Meadow, so come and give it a try. No experience is necessary, there are many existing friendly plot holders willing to offer advice and share their knowledge with you.**

**Annual rents of each of these quarter plots are currently £12.50 pa to include excellent water supply facilities and manure, as available. There is also a requirement to join the Tewin Allotment Association for which a once only membership fee of £10 is payable.**

**Plot holders also enjoy the benefit of wonderful views across the Mimram Valley and many a plot holder can be found in a chair relaxing, admiring the scenery and the results of their labours.**

**If you are interested in renting a plot or require further information please contact John Sheridan, Chairman on 01438 717407 or e-mail [johnchris1@talktalk.net](mailto:johnchris1@talktalk.net)**

## Jazz for Christmas

Andrei Pytaleu and 6 friends are giving another Jazz concert,  
On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
In St Mary's Church  
Welwyn  
At 7.30pm

Tickets at £12.50 are available from:

Ted and Ruth Sharp, 01438 798594. Email [edward.sharp@zen.co.uk](mailto:edward.sharp@zen.co.uk)  
Or from Liz Allen-Pytaleua, 01462 671736.

Email [lizallenpytaleua@me.com](mailto:lizallenpytaleua@me.com).

Cheques made payable to Mrs L. Allen-Pytaleua.

## Bridge Cottage Surgery

Last month Bridge Cottage Surgery in Welwyn discontinued the drop-in casual and emergency surgeries. You can no longer see a doctor without an appointment.

If you wish to see a doctor call **01438 715044** or book online at **[www.bridgectotagesurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.bridgectotagesurgery.nhs.uk)** at the following times:

<b>When do you want the appointment?</b>	<b>In the morning ?</b>	<b>In the afternoon?</b>
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<b>4-6 weeks in advance</b> For routine appointments	Call after <b>9am</b>	Call after <b>9am</b>

Please note that before you can book online you must first register by filling in a form which you can pick up from, and return to, the surgery reception.

## **PARENTS,    Tewin DriveSafe   .... Needs YOU !-**

The DriveSafe team needs several parents from the school to join our existing 10-strong volunteer team. With just a little of your time (1-2hr/month), you may help to save a life –or prevent accident & injury to a parent or child– on our roads. Please obtain & submit a DriveSafe volunteer form obtainable via Tewin Cowper School.

And parents, please always remember to keep to a safe speed when driving on our roads, even if you're running late.

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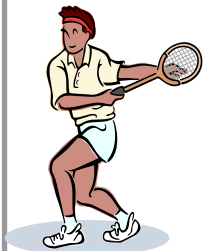
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## Tewin Tennis Club



The tennis club has a new coach, following Steve Hunt's retirement to the West Country. Yes, you may remember reading the same message back in the October issue of Tewin Magazine, but Alison Sharp had gone almost before she started, back to Scotland for personal reasons.

But we are delighted that Mark Roskilly has been signed up, and he's already involved with the club. Mark is an LTA

level 4 licensed senior performance coach, and he'll be with the club on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and early evenings, with coaching squads for both juniors and adults.

The club puts an enormous effort into coaching for children. Tennis is a wonderful way to exercise and is a very inclusive sport that costs very little to play in Tewin.

Mark is also keen to offer individual and shared lessons too, so please give him your support. He's arranging floodlit coaching at nearby courts during the darker evenings so do get in touch on 07732 765401. Full details of all the sessions are available on our website, [www.tewintennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tewintennisclub.co.uk).

The draw for 2016 Wimbledon tickets is now open. There are two easy ways to participate. First, there's a chance to get them from the official Wimbledon website, but tennis club members have another opportunity. As long as you have paid your subscription to the Tewin Tennis Club you are entitled to free British Tennis Membership via the LTA website, which gives you the chance to apply for tournament tickets that way too.

Peter Burgess

## **Tewin Magazine: Price Held for 2016**

The cost of the Tewin Magazine will remain at £6 a year for those who pay for the year in advance. If this includes you, please make it easy for your distributor/collector by having your money ready for them.

We are extremely grateful for the efforts of all the distributors throughout the year for faithfully delivering each issue of the magazine.

We hope you have enjoyed the wide variety of articles which have appeared during 2015 and will continue to do so in 2016.

## The Snow Code

Despite the mild November, winter is on the way so be prepared.

Clearing snow and ice from the pavement outside your home or public spaces can help prevent slips and falls.

Don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves.

Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively. And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

### **Clear the snow and ice early in the day**

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

### **Preventing slips**

- Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas
- Use salt or sand - **not water**
- Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.
- You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear unless your council advises otherwise. Please contact your local council for more advice.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

### **Take care where you move the snow**

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather.

## Team Vicar's Letter

St. Albans Abbey. There is stillness in the lady chapel. I am sitting in a corner when a small child and her grandfather move down the aisle. She, I suspect not yet two, holds tightly on to his finger. He walks slowly, at her pace, with great care to keep her steady.

They get to the altar rails where the wooden statue of Madonna and Child sits confidently gazing across the rows of empty pews.

"Look," says the grandfather "look, it's Jesus" and he points the tot towards the statue – "It's Jesus, look it's Jesus".

The little girl looks, clutching at the altar rail. She stares intently at the figure. "Babee Deesus!" she exclaims, "Babee Deesus!". She points to the kneeler and to her grandfather "Ge dow!" she commands. And obediently the old man kneels.

What beauty in this scene; that he should point the child to Jesus, that she should point him to his knees, that together, her hand in his, they should lead one another to Christ.

I wish you every blessing this Christmas: that you may know the joy and peace of the Christ child in your hearts and homes.

Susannah

### All Saints, Datchworth Christmas Tree Festival 2015

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 5 – 8 pm**

Entrance £5, under 12's free

Tickets valid also for Saturday

Shortbread and mulled wine or soft drinks (included)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2 – 5.30 pm.**

Entrance £3, under 12's free

Santa Claus' Grotto, Craft Stalls, Lucky Dip, Tombola and more !

## ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
DEC 6th	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MALACHI 3: 1-4	PHILIPPI- ANS 1: 3-11	LUKE 3:1-6
		EVENSONG	6.30 pm	COLIN HULL	ISAIAH 40: 1-11	LUKE 1: 1-25	
13th	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	TOM GLADWIN	ZEPHA- NIAH 3: 14-End	PHILIPPI- ANS 4:4-7	LUKE 3:7-18
20th	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE NATIVITY	11.15am	CATHERINE JUPP			LUKE 1: 39-45
		CAROL SERVICE	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	CRIB SERVICE	5.00pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
		MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 52: 7-10	HEBREWS 1: 1-4 (5-12)	JOHN 1: 1-14
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	ISAIAH 9: 2-7	TITUS 2: 11-14	LUKE 2: 1-14 (15-20)
27th	1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EXODUS 33: 7-11a	1 JOHN 1: 1-10	JOHN 21: 19b-End

BAPTISM

**November 15th**

**Jack Edward Plumb**



## ROTAS

SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
6th KEITH	KAREN SHAW	IVOR & LINDA WILLIAMS	QUEENIE SIMMONS	ADVENT	GLORIA KERSEY
	KEITH BARNFIELD	MARK SWANN  GRAHAM SPRING			
13th PAULINE	ELAINE FOWLER	PAULINE SPRING  TINA MACKAY	GLORIA KERSEY	ADVENT	PAULINE SPRING
20th	MILLIE BOOKER	MYRA WALKER  LINDA ADAMS	KEITH & ALISON BARNFIELD	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	
		MARK SWANN  DI BRADLEY			
24th DAVID		MARY GREGG  PAULINE SPRING		CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	
	KEITH BARNFIELD	KEITH BARNFIELD  NICKY HADLEY			
25th PAULINE	UGO ROWELL	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER  MYRA WALKER		CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	
27th DAVID	PAULINE BROWN	ELAINE FOWLER	SHIRLEY BARKER	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	DOROTHY SWANN

**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm**

## St Peter's News

The unusually mild weather continued into November and at the beginning of the month a special service of All Souls was held at St Peter's, giving families and friends the opportunity to remember loved ones and to light candles in their memory. It was a particularly moving and comforting service.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, about 100 people gathered around the War Memorial to observe the traditional silence and to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts. It was good to see a large number of children at that gathering and indeed Tewin Cowper School held their own service in Church on 11<sup>th</sup> November, led by Chestnut Tree class who read poems and prayers and sang beautifully.

All our helpers were busy during the month gathering together toys, gifts, decorations, raffle prizes and all the other items needed for the Christmas Market, which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November. More on this in the next issue. Another group has been making all the trimmings for the St Peter's entry into the Datchworth Christmas Tree Festival which takes place on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December. This has been a lovely event over the past couple of years. Do go along and look at the entries and vote for your favourite – it's a good start to the Christmas Festivities. Viewing on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec is from 5 -8 p.m. and on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 -5.30 p.m. There is a small entry charge for adults and refreshments are included.

The planting of the hedge on the boundary of the Churchyard extension has been postponed until 5<sup>th</sup> December. This is because the whips were not ready on our original date. However, we did manage to escape a very rainy Saturday! Hopefully most of our volunteers will be able to make the new date. Our thanks to Nick Whiting for arranging and co-ordinating all the relevant paperwork and tasks.

Some of you may have noticed the absence of the De Havilland headstones in the Churchyard. This is because they have been removed for cleaning and renovation and may well be back in place by the time you read this.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will hold our Family Service with Nativity and members of our Story Club, run in conjunction with the School, will present their Nativity play. They would welcome your support. Additionally, we are holding our annual Carol Service at 6.30 p.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> December and our Crib Service at 5 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to seeing you – everyone welcome.

PB



## **'Little Lambs' for Pre-Schoolers and their Carers**

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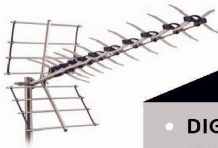
### **St Peter's Church will be floodlit on**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015** in memory of Peter Hughes. Remembering you tickling us Daddy. For the man who lit up my world, we will love you forever. Claire, Charlie and Alexandra Hughes.

**Thursday 24th December 2015** in memory of Mark Lewis Woodroff - with lots of love from Ruth, Peter, Ann, Paul and the rest of your family, friends and colleagues who knew you so well.  
God Bless you Son and take care.

**Christmas Night 2015** in memory of Irene, Duncan and James Fish – with love from Gerry, Graham, Gemma and Susannah.

**Thursday 31st December 2015** in loving memory of Kit and Bert Fernee, from Mavis Haggard and family.



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## Screen On The Green

Our December film will be *The Second Exotic Marigold Hotel (2015)* Maggie Smith and Celia Imrie shine in this surprisingly moving sequel to the 2012 word of mouth comedy hit, which we showed at the Screen on the Green last year.

Also starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Ronald Pickup, and with delightful cameos by Richard Gere, Tamsin Greig and Penelope Wilton. And lovely Dev Patel as the hotel owner and Tina Desai as his fiancée.

Do come and join us for our annual Christmas celebration with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

I look forward to welcoming you

**MONDAY 14 December.** Doors open **7pm for 7.45pm start.**

Complimentary teas and coffees beforehand. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Linda Adams

## Tewin Memorial Hall Supporters Club

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1 <sup>st</sup>	£60	Andrew Woodward, Upper Green
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- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- [www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club](http://www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club)

## **BOWLS CLUB NEWS**



The Club can now look back on a successful bowls season and continues with its ongoing Winter activities such as the Art Class, Chair Yoga and Carpet Bowling as well as seasonal events such as our Christmas Fayre. In addition, our Quiz Nights have become a popular attraction, with places fully booked well before the event.

Our Spring programme is now being planned and details will be advised in a future issue of this magazine. In the meantime, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Finally, if you need any information about the Club, please contact either Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395.

Shire Park (Tewin) Bowls Club

### **Self-Care Week 2015**

Did you see the information around the area last month on Self Care Week?

People think they need to visit a GP or hospital with minor illnesses and injuries, but they are often better treated more quickly elsewhere, or at home using simple remedies.

Local pharmacists can offer free, qualified health advice at any time, and no appointment is necessary. From coughs and colds to aches and pains, they can give expert help on everyday illnesses and answer questions about prescribed and over the counter medicines.

All year round, pharmacists can also advise in confidence on healthy eating, obesity and giving up smoking.

If help is needed out of hours then anyone can call NHS111. Simply dialling 111 will put callers through to the NHS.

Sprains, cuts, minor burns and scalds can be treated at QE2 Urgent Care Centre.

Fact Sheets on common ailments, including common colds; fever in children; coughs and lower back pain, can be found at

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## Tewin Stores

At the recent informal Shareholders' and volunteers' meeting I reported progress in the shop for the past year. The shop continues to do well. The café now contributes about £1,000 a month to shop takings and we continue to make a profit overall. Some days it is quiet in the shop, but others are very busy. If you find the shelves are empty, it's usually because our eggs, cakes, quiches, bacon and sausages fly out of the shop. Thank you and well done to Linda Crawford for her monthly shop lunches which have raised nearly £700 this year for shop funds.

This month in the shop there will be Christmassy foods and gifts, plus the raffle. And STOP PRESS!! We are now stocking artisan breads and tarts made very locally.

So please keep supporting the shop and help us to go from strength to strength. Now that the buses are so infrequent, we are even more important to the village.

We always need new volunteers, so if you fancy making new friends, meeting lots of people and doing something useful for the village, please do think about helping in the shop. I am still looking for a new Treasurer, so if you have skills in that area, the shop needs you. The shop committee is a friendly team: do come and join us.

It has only taken a year overall to obtain planning permission from the District Council, and a licence from the County Council, to put up a special signpost on Lower Green pointing to the shop. But we have finally reached the point of being able to erect our new sign and I hope by the time you read this, the great unveiling ceremony will have taken place. Thank you to Ken Feakes for making the sign, Ternex in Ayot Green for carving the words, Stuart Kirkham for digging the hole and others for making it finally happen.

If you would like to become a shareholder, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary Doreen Lloyd (01438 715020), or speak to Bev at the shop (01438 717929)

Linda Adams

### **Normal shop opening hours:**

Monday –Friday 8.30 –4.30pm

Saturdays 8.30 – 12 noon

Sundays 9.00 – 12 noon

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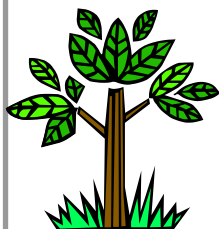
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## Friends of Tewin

### CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE - 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



This is our next event and it starts at 6pm on Lower Green. We are thrilled that Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas will be coming to join us. They should arrive on Lower Green about 6.15pm but they can only stay a short time because they have other children to visit too.

We are also pleased to tell you that our regular brass band will be coming and they will lead us as we sing some of our favourite Carols and Christmas songs. Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Cakes will be available to help keep the winter chills at bay! Members of St Peter's Church will hold a raffle and the winning tickets will be drawn around 6.40pm. All proceeds will go to the charity "Shelter".

Please come and join us, this is a lovely family event which we hold every year on Lower Green.

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather is bad, we will hold the event in Tewin Cowper School Hall.

We ask you to please keep your children very close to you during the dark evening. The roads around Lower Green will be very busy and the children's safety is always a worry to us.

#### MINCE PIES APPEAL

We are looking for people who enjoy baking and are happy to donate home-made Mince Pies for the Carols event. Please add your name to the list in Tewin Stores or contact Roe on 01438 717336 or Anne on 01438 718505.

Thank you.

The Friends of Tewin Committee thank you for all your support during 2015, our events could not take place without your help. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## **Friends of Danesbury & Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital**

‘Our charity remains in excellent health and is as active in our support of Danesbury Neurological Centre and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital as ever’ was the message from our Chairman at the Friends Annual General Meeting held at the beginning of November.

At that meeting the accounts for 2014 were reviewed and supporters were given an update on the progress of the charity in the current year. As always the nature of the demands for help change but those demands are constant. Fortunately, thanks to our many supporters, we are able to provide funding for those purchases which would otherwise not be possible.

The Trustees welcome the thanks we receive from the NHS professionals, at all levels, for the help we provide to enable them to deliver care of the highest order to the many patients in need of their specialist skills.

This of course leads us to remind you, as if any reminder is needed, that Christmas is nearly upon us and now is the time to take advantage of the many bargains you will find in our Welwyn shop. The layout has been re-designed so it is even easier to find that special something.

Thanks for the support we have received from so many people in the past year and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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## Isabel Hospice

**Saturday 5 December 4pm-5pm**

**Hertford Lights of Love, Hertford Castle, SG14 1HR**

We would like to invite you to join us in remembering loved ones and friends who will not be with us this Christmas. During our ceremonies, there will be a short service of remembrance, the singing of carols, and a countdown to the lighting of the tree. You will be able to take home a small star to keep and hang on your own Christmas tree. Names will be entered in a Book of Love, which following the ceremony, will be at the nearest Isabel Hospice shop.

Make your dedication at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) T: 01707 382500.

**Sunday 6 December 11am**

**SANTA RUN, North Side, Stanborough Lakes, Welwyn Garden City**  
**The Rotary Club of Hatfield presents the Santa Run 2015**

Join in the fun of the Santa Run! Kilometres of Christmas Cheer and Festive Fun for all the family from 11am. To be held on the North Side of the lake, so the run takes place all on hard standing. The route is 1 kilometre per lap of the lake and participants can do as many laps as they wish!

Santa suits (reindeer antlers for the little ones) provided in entry fees.

For an entry form and/or details:

<http://santa.hatfieldrotary.org.uk> or email [santa@hatfieldrotary.org.uk](mailto:santa@hatfieldrotary.org.uk)

**Saturday 12 December 7.30pm**

**Family Christmas Carol Concert St Johns Church, Monks Rise, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7NX**

Please join us at the Family Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday 12 Dec.

There will be refreshments and a raffle on the night and all proceeds will be gratefully received by Isabel Hospice.

Come along and sing-a-long, it's very uplifting!

For details please contact the box office on 01707 377543.

**Tuesday 15 December**

**Carol Singers at the Waterside Inn, Bridgefoot House, Ware, SG129DW**

Get in the Christmas mood and listen to the Lynmore Singers singing their fabulous Christmas Carol repertoire at the lovely Waterside Inn in Ware. All donations will go to Isabel Hospice.

For more details please contact Mark Slowe 01920 468628

**Thursday 17 December**

**Carols in the Chapel, Haileybury School, Hertford Heath, SG13 7NU**

Come and sing with us and celebrate the start of the festive period. Live music performed by The Mimram Singers in the beautiful candlelit setting of the prestigious Haileybury College Chapel.

Last year this event was a sell out so be sure to get your tickets in good time. There will be festive refreshments and the winner of Win A Car For Christmas will be announced.

Tickets, £15 per person, in aid of Isabel Hospice at:

[www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary this month

Tues	Tewin School	7-9.30pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 8-9.30pm Adults
Tues	Tewin Stores	4-4.30pm	Fresh Fish Van
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30-11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Mon 7th	Memorial Hall	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 10th & 24th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 10th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Mon 14th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'The Second Exotic Marigold Hotel'
Thurs 17th	Lower Green	6pm	FOT Carols Round the Christmas Tree
Sat 19th	St Peter's	2-4pm	Children's Craft Afternoon
Sat 19th	St Mary's, Welwyn	6.30pm	Jazz at Christmas
Sun 20th	St Peter's	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 31st	Memorial Hall	8pm	New Year's Eve with Paul David

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