



Tewin Magazine



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Happy New Year 2017

Editorial Note

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2017.

Events this month are: Soup and Sandwiches in Tewin Stores on 14th (p25), Model Railway Show on 14th and 15th (p2), THACS AGM on 16th (p6), the 'Beat the Blues' Tea party on 25th (p25) and Tewin Stores' AGM on the 30th (p25).

Our film this month is 'The Producers' on the 23rd (p13).

If you are a quizzier then you're spoilt for choice this month. The Bowls Club hold their Quiz Night on the 7th (p9), Welwyn Anglo French Twinning Association are asking the questions on 21st (p6) and St Peter's Church are challenging the 'little grey cells' on 28th (p2).

With the thought provoking article of our Vicar, Susannah, in mind (p15) perhaps now is the time to think about the future of our Village Fete (p14).

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to tewinmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

Stop Press: Congratulations to all involved in the splendid Nativity on Sunday 18th December, including Frankie, the donkey, and the sheep.

Quiz Night in Aid of Christian Aid

St Peter's Quiz Night to be held in the hall at Tewin Cowper Endowed School Saturday 28th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8 to include a fish and chip supper.

This is a general knowledge quiz and we hope to have at least 10 teams of 6-8 people. If you can organise a team or wish to come along as an individual to make up a group, then please contact Pauline Brown or Nicky Hadley in Church or email terry_brown@tiscali.co.uk or alternatively nicky.hadley@btinternet.com.

Proceeds for the Quiz are to go to Christian Aid.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - TEWIN SHOE BOX APPEAL

This is to thank you for your generosity by responding again to this year's Shoe Box appeal. On Friday 25th November 116 boxes were collected from here for very needy children languishing in orphanages and other institutions in Romania. Seven extra boxes were purchased on line making a total of 123. Many boxes were collected from the school as well. Years ago we saw what happened when journalists visited some of these orphanages in Romania where children were tied to their cots and there they remained without any form of stimulation. Hopefully things are very different now but extreme poverty remains in that country. It's good to think that the box you created will bring so much joy to a child's life; a deep sense of joy and hope that we can't possibly imagine. I've been told that if one child has more than another there is a great sense of sharing.

Since 2002 (this does not include the school) we have collected 2673 boxes which is quite an amazing figure and a number Tewin can be really proud of. Imagine taking a photograph of 2673 children all holding their boxes standing together in a playground? That would be some image! So much work has gone into preparing these boxes. It takes considerable time to carefully wrap a box and finding suitable gifts to put in it, that's apart from some people spending hours knitting hats and scarves. Some of you kept arriving here again and again with armfuls of boxes. So thank you again for your kindness which on behalf of Samaritans Purse is very much appreciated.

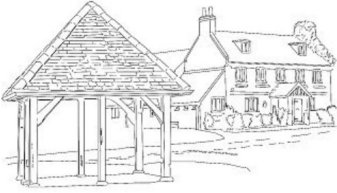
I do hope we can do it again next year.

Jackie Beadle

Caverswall, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin.

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Tewin Parish Council



CHRISTMAS TREE

Following the curious incident of the Christmas tree and the van, a parishioner has made a very generous donation to replace the tree in time for the Carols on The Green on Monday 19th December. It is a wonderful gesture by Vijay Mallya and the Parish Council are very

appreciative of his kindness.

Consultation on Pre-submission District Plan - Closing Date 15th December 2016

Tewin Parish Council has submitted their comments on the Presubmission District Plan Consultation 2016 and are in support of the proposed plan having found the officers of East Herts Council to be professional and willing to communicate and listen.

Tewin Parish Council concur with the decision to leave the Green Belt boundary around Tewin unchanged from the 2007 Local Plan. Some landowners would no doubt like the Green Belt boundary extended so that they could profit from more house building. Tewin is no exception to this. But the Tewin Green Belt boundary was first defined in the current Plan and any proposals to alter it in this immediate successor Plan, are not consistent with the intended enduring quality of Green Belt boundaries only being altered in exceptional circumstances.

Tewin lies in the Green Belt separating Welwyn Garden City and Hertford; and stands above the Mimram Valley. By being inset from the Green Belt, Tewin represents a hole in that Green Belt; a degradation. Expanding the Tewin Green Belt boundary would increase that degradation, especially since modern developments on the edge of the village would invariably face inwards, thus presenting their bland rear facades to be clearly visible across the large areas of open fields surrounding the village. Modern rear gardens are not big enough to plant any significant screening trees.

Most people live in towns, so when a housing development is placed in a village, and new residents are imported in bulk, then it should be no surprise that many of them “work and socialise elsewhere”. If they are from nearby towns looking for a better house, then it is only natural that they will retain their existing friendships and interests. They may buy a few things in a local shop, or there may be a few extra children for the village school, but often they will not assimilate into the village community. This will result in a gradual dilution of the community, until the village is little more than a piece of town dropped into the countryside.

Tewin Parish Council concur with the placement of Tewin in Group 2. The analysis carried out by East Herts Council shows that Tewin is now low on the facilities needed for sustainability. Over the years, Tewin has lost various facilities – doctors surgery, universal local prescription service, mobile library, petrol station, and most of its bus service. The causes are generally external factors in a modern world, and the losses are unlikely to be reversed. No amount of housing is going to bring those back.

Potential house builders have claimed that Tewin needs more houses to support retention of facilities, but more houses have little effect on these external factors. Having an extra 48 houses since 2007 did not prevent most of the bus service being withdrawn in 2015. Where Tewin has control of facilities, they are already prospering.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

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. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th January 2017

The sixteenth THACS AGM will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7:30pm. This is an important meeting for THACS and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote on society issues.

The AGM will be followed by a talk entitled **Manet, Impressionism and the origins of modern art** from our guest speaker Barry Dodge. Barry will look at the reasons why so many art historians, including the great Modernist critic Clement Greenberg, suggest Manet was the first truly Modernist artist. He will show how Manet's painting 'Le Dejeuner sur l'Herbe' may be regarded as, perhaps, the first example of avant-garde Modernist art. He will look at how impressionism develops, in part, through the example of Manet's work, and how the work of Claude Monet, in particular, can be seen as the inspiration for much Modernist avant-garde art in the 20th century, including that of American Abstract Expressionism.

Barry Dodge is no stranger to members of THACS, having given a couple of talks to meetings in the past. Those who remember these earlier talks will be looking forward to this one. There is no admission charge for the evening and no booking is necessary. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

The Welwyn Anglo French Twinning Association

The Welwyn Anglo French Twinning Assoc is organising a Charity Cycle Ride to Paris on 17-21 May (ave 50 miles a day) and 19-21 May (ave 100 miles a day) to coincide with its bi-annual twinning visit to Champagne-sur-Oise. Anyone interested in participating or offering support is asked to contact Nigel Jeffery for further details as soon as possible on 01438 813433 or nigel.jeffery@welwyntwinning.org

The Association is also holding its fund raising Annual Quiz on Saturday 21 January 2017, at 7 for 7.30pm, at the Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn AL6 9ER. Tickets are £10 (£9 members) including a fish and chip supper and are available from Graham Middleton on 01707 326777 or graham.middleton@sky.com.

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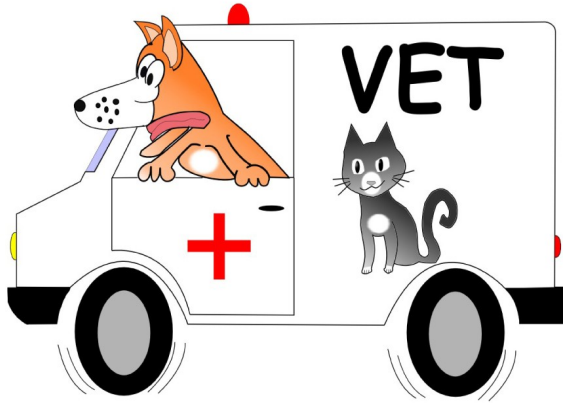
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Tewin Tennis Club



January is one of the quietest months of the year for tennis at the club, but fear not. There is still regular Saturday morning play at 11am with the RATS men's group. Simply turn up for an hour or so of enjoyable social tennis followed by a trip to the Plume.

There are other games throughout the week, too, so just check the website, www.tewintennisclub.co.uk and you'll find details of who to contact when you are ready for a game.

So, keep fit in the afterglow of Christmas and play more tennis!

BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Club continues to be very active during the winter period with a number of events, which included an excellent Christmas Lunch held on the 11th December, and was followed by the presentation of the Club's

Trophies from the Outdoor competitions by David Lee, the President of the East Hertfordshire Bowls League. He was accompanied by Harry Wright, the Chairman. They also made a special presentation to Ann and Richard Gunn for their services to the East Herts League. Now, all members are looking forward to the new season, which starts in April.

Meanwhile, winter activities continue, commencing with Kevin's popular Quiz Night on Saturday, 7th January. The cost is £10, which will include a meal of either fish and chips or chicken and chips. As always, places are being filled very quickly, so if you do want to come along please phone either Rob Kenway on 07552 780236 or Todd Canton on 01438 717395 as early as possible.

However, we are sorry that we can take no further bookings for our Sunday lunch on the 15th January. Such is the popularity of these lunches, the guest list is filled very quickly, and we're unable to accommodate any more.

Finally, on behalf of all Bowls Club members we send you seasonal greetings and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

Vintage Model Railway Show

Special Model Railway Running Show

In Gauge 0 and Gauge 1

30 foot Gauge 0 track with raised centre third rail available for visitors to bring their own trains

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th January 2017

From 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tewin Memorial Hall

Lower Green

Tewin

Admission Adults £3, Children £1 (children under six free)

For further information contact Peter Beale 01438 717323

January Anniversaries

1st January 1772	The London Credit Exchange Company issued the first travellers cheque.
1st January 1927	BBC began broadcasting its first programmes.
1st January 1931	Traffic policemen were introduced in Great Britain.
2nd January 1799	Income Tax was first introduced as a means to help pay for the Napoleonic War.
10th January 1863	London Underground began operating.
14th January 1986	Motorists were required by law to wear seatbelts.
28th January 1807	London's Pall Mall became the first street in the world to be lit by gas light.
29th January 1856	The Victoria Cross was introduced. The medals are made from metal from guns captured in the Crimea.



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Screen On The Green

The first film for 2017 is *The Producers*. This is the first of Mel Brooks's films, described as a triumphantly tasteless affair that fully deserves its status as a comic classic. *Zero Mostel* is a down-on-his-luck Broadway impresario who links up with a shy accountant played by Gene Wilder to try to make their fortunes producing a show that is bound to flop. This is an opportunity to celebrate the life of Gene Wilder, who died in 2016, and to enjoy a delightfully funny movie in the dark days of January.

I have announced that after five years, I am stepping down as the Chairman of the Screen on the Green. I am away in Australia in February so I shall be stepping down after the January film. I am delighted to say that Marie St Pier will be taking over then.

The dates and other films to be shown this season are as follows:

13 February. *The Theory of Everything* 2015

13 March. *The Thomas Crown Affair*. 1968 (not 20th now, due to repairs at the Hall)

17 April *Whiplash*. 2014

15 May. *Delicatessen* 1991 French

19 June. *The Martian*. 2015

MONDAY 23 January. 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

Get Set for Winter Slipper Swap Events

Old worn out slippers are often responsible for trips and falls and can lead to hospitalisation and loss of independence, so we're swapping old slippers for a new pair of anti-slip ones, for FREE.

Visitors to these events can also learn about equipment and aids to stay safe at home and discover lots of helpful tips and advice from library staff and groups such as HertsHelp, AgeUk, Carers in Herts and Hertfordshire Independent Living.

The slipper swap events take place between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

There's no need to book, just come along:

17 January Hertford Library

27 January Woodhall Library (Welwyn Garden City)

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

“DO YOU WANT A VILLAGE FETE?”

The Tewin Village Fete has been a popular attraction over the years but, unfortunately, this year it was cancelled because people didn't come forward to help in the organisation. As reported earlier, for many years the same committee has planned and organised the Fete but now feel it's time to step back in order to allow other people to come forward with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

In the past, villagers and visitors have enjoyed varied attractions, including a Funfair, Children's Races, Games of Skill, Craft and Plant Stalls, Fancy-Dress competitions and even, on one occasion, a Cowboy shoot-out! Therefore, we feel it would be a pity if such a 'Fun Day' was to stop completely. It must be stressed that members of the original committee are still on hand to pass on contact numbers and any other information required, but we are asking for new people to come forward and help. It won't be too time-consuming and even a little effort can result in a big reward when you see people's enjoyment on the day. We already have several people who have expressed willingness to help but need more, so perhaps you could have a chat with your friends and neighbours in the village to see if they have any ideas and could spare just a few hours in the coming months to help reinstate the Village Fete. It would be a pity if it were to die out completely.

If you are willing to come forward, or need more information, please phone Merralyn Sandison on 717738. Many thanks.

Keith St Pier

Vice Chairman, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

Grants available from East Herts Council

The council still has funds available to allocate from its Community Activities programme (deadline 9 January 2017) .

Go to <http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/article/29246/Grants-Information> for information on deadlines and to obtain an application form. This is the last opportunity to apply this financial year.

Team Vicar's Letter

It's the start of a New Year, and a time when you might be thinking of the possibilities of a new-and-improved you! If 2016 was a year of too much cake, too little exercise, too much nicotine or alcohol, perhaps now is the time you are resolving a lifestyle based on salad, cycling and soft drinks. If so, I wish you well (I just won't be joining you).

The beginning of a year is a good time to think about the lives we are living, the choices we make and what changes may be good for us to take part in. And because of that, I wish to offer you a challenge for a different kind of resolution.

At St Peter's church this coming year we will be reflecting on four words – generosity, joy, imagination and courage. They come from a prayer that has been used by St Albans Diocese for some time now, but I think they are important qualities to mark a 'good' life for all people, not only those of Christian faith. All of us will have these qualities in some measure or other, the challenge is to deliberately grow them further, to open ourselves to living a life that is more generous (in terms of time, wealth or attitudes) more joyful (even in difficult times), more imaginative, and also deeply courageous of the challenges that face us in our loving and speaking.

There are lots of ways that we will be exploring these qualities as a church, including four specific events over the year (A gospel choir for joy, a creative day for imagination, a charitable challenge for generosity and (if I can pull it off) fire-walking for courage (!)).

But my challenge to you is this – in what four ways can you resolve to allow these qualities to form part of your 2017? What resolutions could you make to experience or give joy; to be generous to the point of silliness; to develop imagination that opens up new possibilities; to be courageous, to face that which scares you or step out into the unknown?

If you decide to do it, I'd be thrilled to hear what your resolutions will be. But whether you choose to take this challenge, or instead join a gym, I wish you every blessing in this year that lies ahead.

The St Albans Diocese Prayer

Living God, draw us deeper into your love;

Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;

Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.

Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage;

for the sake of the world and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JAN 1st	1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30 am	RICHARD SYMS	NUMBERS 6:22-End	GALATIANS 4: 4-7	LUKE 2: 15-21
	NAMING OF JESUS	NO SERVICE	6.30pm				
8th	EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	ISAIAH 60: 1-6	EPHESIANS 3: 1-12	MATTHEW 2: 1-12
15th	2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	JOHN 1: 29-42		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD CATHERINE JUPP	ISAIAH 49: 1-7	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 1-9	JOHN 1: 29-42
22nd	3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS	ISAIAH 9: 1-4	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 10-18	MATTHEW 4: 12-23
29th	4 th SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY CANDLEMAS	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MALACHI 3: 1-5	HEBREWS 2: 14-End	LUKE 2: 22-40

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

ROTAS

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JAN 1st PAULINE	ELAINE FOWLER	PETE JOHNSON ELAINE FOWLER	ELAINE FOWLER	TBC	NICKY HADLEY
8th JAN KEITH	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER	RUTH SHARP MAVIS HAGGAR	DEIRDRE HATT	TBC	VICKY DE NAEYER
15th JAN DAVID	MILLIE BOOKER	CLARE RAWLINS MARY GREGG	SHEILA FEAKES	TBC	DI BRADLEY
	PAULINE BROWN	LINDA ADAMS RUTH SHARP			
22nd JAN KEITH	MICK SIMMONS	MALCOLM SLAUGHTER GRAHAM SPRING	MYRA WALKER	TBC	LINDA CRAWFORD
29th JAN PAULINE	MARY GREGG	MARK SWANN MYRA WALKER	CLARE RAWLINS	TBC	MALCOLM & JUNE SLAUGHTER

St Peter's News

There is no doubt that December is a busy month. Whether it is the preparation for our Nativity play, getting the church ready for the carol service or simply decorating our Christmas tree (thank you Ivor) there is a lot to do. Fortunately there are many helpers which makes the tasks more enjoyable. I just hope we can make the season as special and exciting as we remember it from our childhood.

Talking of Christmas reminds me that we have not reviewed the St Peter's Christmas Market which was held at the end of November. For those not familiar with this event, it is not a jumble sale but a genuine market where one can buy pristine gifts as well as home made products such as cakes and jams. The plant stall with its Christmas trees and foliage is also popular. We pride ourselves that it is also a very enjoyable afternoon and many once again took advantage of the light lunches provided. This year it seemed to go very well thanks to all our volunteers and donors. The raffle and tombola were extremely popular and we are most grateful to those who donated such super prizes. In all the market made the best part of £3,000.

When the magazine is delivered it will be January and 2017 so I wish you all a happy New Year.

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St Peter's and New Year Resolutions

Have you thought of St Peter's when considering your new year resolutions, I wonder?

Many in our congregation have bank standing orders to the church which have remained the same for quite a long time. Might now be a good time to review them?

For those banking on line, they can be amended without creating a paper trail! Alternatively, do please speak to me in church or on 01438 416071 to obtain a new bankers order form.

If there are any who would like to start making regular payments to St Peter's in this way, all you need to do is to complete a simple form.
Graham Spring, Treasurer

'Little Lambs' for Pre-Schoolers and their Carers
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Thursdays
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It's quite easy to sleep out, when you know you'll be going home.

On the 2nd December, Lydia Whiskin, Annabel Underwood, myself and a bunch of others from the Welwyn Team churches joined other church groups for the annual St Albans Sleepout. It is an event that usually raises between £40,000 - £50,000 for local homeless charities.

The night started a little rainy, but thankfully not enough to get us really wet. We arrived prepared wearing almost everything our wardrobes could provide, along with sleeping bags, mats and cardboard boxes. Finding a space on the grass outside of the main doors of the Cathedral, our backdrop of a lit Abbey and large, twinkling Christmas tree was not a bad view.

The evening started with an invitation to listen to two very different, but inter-connected experiences. Laura Neilson is 35. I remember her from when she was part of the youth group I ran for a while in Welwyn. Then she was 17 and I spent my first sleep-out with her and some others. It seems a long time ago. Laura spoke this time about those early experiences, such as that sleep-out we

went on, having a life-long impact on her desire to be engaged with issues of social justice. Just after that, when she had completed her A Levels, she went on a two week Christian trip to be part of a summer camp in a very deprived part of Manchester. It changed her life. She left Hertfordshire and moved into that deprived estate and committed herself to working with that community. She got married, trained as a GP and set up a medical clinic on that same estate which focuses on helping the most vulnerable families. The clinic has just won an NHS award and Laura herself an award for her inspirational work.

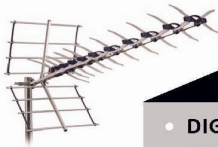
Mike (not his real name) is in his 40's. He also spoke about a very different life. His life, in his words, is not yet entirely rosy – but he's come a long way from the days of addiction and homelessness that took up a good number of his adult years.

He traced his problems back to an abused childhood. He had memories of stealing from the age of 4, and the 'warm feeling' it would give him inside as he knew it would bring him attention. He was trouble at school. He started experimenting with drugs age 13. He fathered his first child while still a teenager and his life turned into a series of broken relationships and petty crime, including a prison sentence, until, addicted to heroin and alcohol, he lost everything and became a rough sleeper on the streets of Manchester.

But his life changed when he met one woman. She introduced him to a church which served hot meals. She took him to a shop and bought him a tent, new sleeping bag and mat. She found an addiction centre that would take him, but he needed to be 'clean' for two weeks before they were able to start their rehabilitation programme. He said he couldn't do it, so she said she'd meet with him every day for those two weeks to make sure he did. And she did. And he managed it. He attended the clinic, he overcame his addictions and from there started to rebuild his life. It wasn't easy getting employment with his criminal history, but he spoke warmly of the people who had given him a chance – including Laura, who employed him as a nanny for her own children (three boisterous boys).

So after hearing those stories of real suffering and real sacrifice it felt somewhat easy to sleep-out for one night, knowing that in the morning we'd go home, to a warm bath and hot food and families who cared for us.

Thank you to all of you who sponsored us. We've raised around £1,000 which will go to the Haven in Stevenage. A place which also works to listen to people's stories and to give them a helping hand to a better way of living. Because sometimes we can't do it on our own.
Susannah



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A huge thank you to everyone in Tewin who contributed to the Poppy Appeal. This year we raised a total of £2,013.87 for the Royal British Legion. The annual Poppy Appeal is an absolutely vital source of money for the Royal British Legion in its work to support those who have given so much in the service of their country. The money we raise really does make a difference to the lives of many people, so thank you for a magnificent effort!

There is a requirement for someone to take over as the local organiser, as I am afraid that this has been my last year running the Appeal in Tewin. I have been involved with the Poppy Appeal here for more than 25 years, but for health reasons I must now stop.

If you are interested and would like to become involved, or would just like to know more before deciding, then please get in touch with me by phone (01438 717796) or by e-mail (dbateson1234@btconnect.com).

If you can help, please don't wait to come forward! Without a new organiser there will not be a Tewin-based collection for the Poppy Appeal and all poppies, collecting boxes and wreaths will have to come from elsewhere.

David Bateson

Are You Prepared For A Healthy Winter?

Reports out as we go to press indicate that we could be in for one of the coldest winters for 50 years, so it is even more important that anyone who is older, vulnerable or has an existing health condition is well-prepared.

A few simple steps can make all the difference. If you qualify for the free flu jab, get it now. Make sure you have plenty of over the counter remedies, food and other essential supplies at home.

Try to heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F) and wrap up warm. Make sure you have at least one hot meal a day and drink lots of fluids and warm drinks. A healthy, balanced diet and staying physically active can help to keep you well.

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Tewin Stores

We are holding the **Annual General Meeting for the shop on Monday 30th January at the Tewin Pavilion at 8pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting at which the Annual Report and Accounts will be presented for approval. Only shareholders are eligible to vote on any issue or the election of officers. Do come along to hear how the shop is faring financially and our plans for the future. And take this opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions for improvements to this vital village asset.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Wine and Cheese tasting event and the Cake and Crafts event in November and December. These were enjoyable village events for the shop and gave people a chance to see some of the other Tewin Stores own label goods on sale. Thank you to those who kindly donated money for the cost of the wines for tasting.

Our sincere thanks to IKEA who, following the sad destruction of the Christmas tree on Lower Green, kindly donated a tree to the village, which Friends of Tewin gave to the shop to make us extra Christmassy. Thank you Friends of Tewin, and thank you everyone who donated money in the shop for a replacement tree on the Green. This paid for new lights for the new tree.

Our 100 Club prize winners in December were:

1st Mike Horsman £42; 2nd Nigel North £21; 3rd Ben Roberts £12.60

There will be a special Saturday lunch in January when we shall be serving Soup and a Sandwich. 12 Noon – 2pm on 14 January 2017.

We are also holding a special ‘Beat the Blues’ Tea Party on the afternoon of Burns Night: Wednesday, 25th January, to wish away the dark days of winter. Depending on popularity, there will be two sittings 2 – 3.30pm and 3.30 – 5pm. Tickets will be £8 per person, to be bought in advance. Come for dainty sandwiches, delicious little cakes, mouth watering scones with cream and jam - and a choice of teas. Do come for a jolly get together with other village friends.

If you would like to become a shareholder, at a cost of only £25, or a volunteer, please get in touch with me (01438 717385) or our Secretary Eleanor Lohr (01438 717709), or speak to Bev at (01438 717929)

Linda Adams

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It was wonderful to see so many of you joining us at the carols event on 19th December particularly as we were all shocked and saddened to see our previous tree destroyed just after the lights had been switched on at the beginning of December. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have had from everyone in order to replace the tree and we were most grateful to the school

for offering to lend us their tree for the event as well as the collection set up in the village shop.

We were delighted when one of our villagers, Vijay Mallya, offered to donate a new tree which meant the collection from the shop could be used to purchase new lights, which I think you will agree made the new tree more beautiful than ever.

Thanks again for all your good will and also for buying raffle tickets at the event. The proceeds of the raffle, organised by St Peters Church, have been donated to Shelter.

Our next event is the senior citizens lunch on Wednesday 15th February in Tewin Memorial Hall and as long as you are 60 or over and live in Tewin, you are invited!

The invitations will be delivered to every house in Tewin in the 1st week of January. When you receive the form please make your menu choices and return the form as soon as possible and by 31st January at the latest.

If you misplace your form, there are spare copies available in Tewin Stores. At last year's lunch we were full to capacity so make sure you return your form in good time to ensure your place is reserved.

The AGM is on Tuesday 21st February at 8pm in Tewin Memorial Hall and you are all most welcome to attend.

The Friends of Tewin Committee wish you all a very happy new year.

Deborah Newton.
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A Big “thank you” to all who helped make the day such a success.

The Friends are looking forward to the new year. We anticipate new challenges to add to those we already address. Financial restraints on our over-stretched NHS will continue to grow. However, with your support we are confident that our work makes a real difference. So please give us your unwanted goods – maybe even one of those Christmas presents! – and we will make sure that Danesbury and QVM Hospital benefit.

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A polite reminder to all dog owners & walkers who walk their dogs on the footpaths behind the houses on Orchard Road, Tewin.

The landowner would like to kindly remind all dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs, taking their poo bags with them. There are plenty of bins locally to dispose properly of the bags or take them home with you. Please do not leave bags on the path. !!! It keeps the footpaths clean and clear for everyone to enjoy our lovely countryside.

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Thank you, Land Owner

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Wed	Bowls Club	2.30pm	Chair Yoga
Thur	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thur	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-4pm 2.15-3pm	Trussells Butcher's Van Tony's Fish Van
Thurs 5th & 19th	Pavilion	2.15-5.00pm	Bridge
Thurs 12th & 26th	St Peter's Church	2-3pm	Little Lambs
Sat 14th	Tewin Stores	12-2pm	Lunch 'Soup and Sandwiches'
Sat 14th & Sun 15th	Memorial Hall	10am-5pm	Model Railway Show
Mon 16th	Memorial Hall	7.30pm	THACS AGM & Talk
Wed 25th	Tewin Stores	2-5pm	'Beat the Blues' Tea Party
Mon 23rd	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green - 'The Producers'
Sat 28th	Tewin School	7pm	Quiz Night in aid of Christian Aid
Mon 30th	Pavilion	8pm	Tewin Stores AGM

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