



Tewin Magazine

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Happy New Year 2020

Editorial Note

Welcome to our January 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. I'd like to wish all our readers a Happy New Year. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Magazines over the past year. Subscriptions are now due in order to continue receiving the Magazine from January 2020. See below for details.

After the hectic schedule of December activities, January is a quieter month in Tewin. A time to take down the decorations (on January 5th) and make New Year resolutions.

Tewin Stores' Lunch this month is 'Bubble and Squeak with Ham' on 18th (p25) and The Screen on the Green is showing 'Calamity Jane' on 20th (p14). On 22nd there is the ever popular Afternoon Tea at Tewin Stores (p25). Remember to book early.

Other events can be found in Dates For Your Diary (p31).

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

Reminder of Annual Subscription Renewal

Annual subscriptions for the Tewin Magazine of **£6 for 12 issues** are due from January 2020. **PLEASE have your subscription money (cash or cheque, payable to St Peter's Church (Tewin) PCC, only please) ready for collection in order to help our distributors.**

Also, please continue to save Target Stamps from the Welwyn Hatfield Times to help the Danesbury/QVM Hospitals charity. Any foreign or commemorative stamps are welcome too. There are boxes in Tewin Stores. A big thank you and good wishes for 2020.

Sue Whitbourn

'Dante for Dummies'

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Saturday February 15th 10:30am – 3pm

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To book a place please contact
Susannah 01438 817183 team.vicar@welwyn.org.

Tewin Parish Council



POLICE COMMUNITY TEAM

Following the recent vandalism in the village the Police Community Team would like to encourage parishioners to report any incidents.

For non emergency purposes please ring the Police Community Team on 01707-354192 & ask for

PC Paul Chapman or PCSO Sally Brooks.

This information is also on the Tewin Village website under Security.

For emergencies please call 999.

OE2 URGENT CARE CENTRE

The Urgent Care Centre at the New QEII Hospital in Welwyn Garden City is open 24 hours a day and if you are not sure what to do, then NHS 111 can help direct you to the right service.

No appointment is necessary and it is open 24 hours every day, including weekends & bank holidays.

For the time being, the urgent care centre will not be able to see children between midnight and 8am.

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- Minor eye injuries.
- Minor head injuries.
- Minor illnesses which would normally be treated by a GP, but which can't wait until your GP practice is next open.

CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROLS

The Parish Council would like to thank Friends of Tewin for decorating the Christmas tree this year and for helping to organise the carol singing event.

PRECEPT

The Council reviewed Estimate to Year End for Financial Year Ending 31.3.2020 and the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2021 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously

agreed that the precept be increased by 1.63% from £30,500 to £31,000 in line with inflation.

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ROAD SAFETY FUND

Hertfordshire Highways will be installing the Speed Indication Device "SID" in February/March 2020 within a 2 week works window in School Lane.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 3rd February 2020, at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall in the Kimberley Room

Website: www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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 three 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 and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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Preview of THACS events for 2020

Happy New Year!

Whatever the weather or political situation throws at you, just escape it all for a moment by looking ahead to the emerging programme of THACS events for 2020.

Here are some dates for your new diary:-

- AGM on the evening of Monday 23 March
- Spring Show on Saturday 4 April
- Autumn Show on Saturday 5 September
- Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday 5 December

Other events are being organised, including:-

- Art workshops
- Creative Writing workshops
- Garden visit in summer
- Open Gardens in May

Look out for more information about all of these events in future editions of the Tewin Magazine and on the THACS pages of the Tewin Village website.

January Birthdays

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| 15th January 1929 | Martin Luther King Jr, American civil rights activist. He is remembered for his 'I have a dream' speech |
| 25th January 1759 | Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland. He died at the early age of 35. |

Gerry Barber

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BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Merry Christmas



“A Happy New Year to all our readers”.

There's no outdoor bowling yet but the Summer Fixture List is arranged and the bowling green opens for play on 18th April 2020 (the Centenary year for Welwyn Garden City). Our Open Days will be on 25/26th April when anyone can come and have a try at bowling.

Three Sunday lunches are planned for all Members and official Patrons and their families and, meanwhile, Kevin is planning a January Quiz Supper but the date isn't settled at the time of writing. Watch the Notice Board for more details.

If you would like more information about the Club, just contact one of the following - Mike Howe on 01438 840063, or Todd Canton on 01438 717395

Shire Park Bowls Club (Tewin)

January Anniversaries

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| 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. |
| 11th January 1954 | First televised weather forecast with a presenter was broadcast from the BBC's Lime Grove studios. |
| 14th January 1986 | Motorists were required by law to wear seatbelts. |
| 17th January 1912 | Robert Scott and his party reached the South Pole. |
| 28th January 1807 | London's Pall Mall became the first street in the world to be lit by gas light. |

Winter on the Farm

With the start of the New Year, we like to walk our fields to check if we can see any green growth coming through where we've sown. The start of a new year and the start of a new harvest. This year the crops are very slow in coming through. You should be able to bend down and see rows of little plants. Some of our first sown fields are visible but the rest are still very slow in showing.

We have been unable to roll the fields. This usually happens after sowing to push the stones down in the dirt and break up the clods so that when combining they do not jam the combine header. We hope to roll the fields in the Spring. This will not damage the growing crops if done with care.

We have 50 acres of rented land at a nearby farm which we were unable to seed. I walked those fields and it was not possible to put a tractor on them as it was far too wet. We will have to rethink what crop to sow next year. This will be a Spring crop which will not yield as much as a Winter crop.

We were very pleased to have the Tewin Nativity in our grain barn with live sheep, a donkey, a 7 week old baby Jesus and approximately 150 adults and children. Without the Good Lord's help we would not be able to produce the food to feed the people.

Hundreds of years ago when farming was very labour intensive and planting was done by hand, there was a saying quoted in the fields that you should sow four seeds in a hole, one for the rook, one for the crow, one to rot and one to grow. We now sow at a high seed rate to counter-act what this saying tells us.

We are looking forward to better weather in 2020.

Ivor Williams

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Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

November 2019

Below are the results for the November Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	Roger Huggins, Hertford Road
2nd	£34	William Horsman, Harwood Close
3rd	£11	Jacqueline Beadle, Queen Hoo Lane
3rd	£11	Karol Perley, Godfries Close

Want to see your name here?

Please join the Club and help us reach 300 members and monthly prizes totalling £150 every month.

Application forms and more information available from:

- Lisa Bove on personal@lisabove.com
- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club

2nd January 1770

On this date a huge Christmas pie was baked for holiday consumption in London . According to the Newcastle Chronicle it was made of two bushels of flour, twenty pounds of butter, four geese, two turkeys, two rabbits, four wild ducks, two woodcocks, six snipes, four partridges, two neat's tongues, two curlews, seven blackbirds and six pigeons..... It was nearly nine feet in circumference at bottom and weighed about twelve stone.

Screen On The Green

On the 20th January we are showing '*Calamity Jane*' (1953) as a tribute to Doris Day who died last year aged 97. With Howard Keel as Wild Bill Hickok sparring against Doris Day's Jane, this is a rollicking, rip-roaring Western cum musical comedy romance with a host of familiar songs including *Secret Love*, *The Deadwood Stage* and *The Black Hills of Dakota*. Directed by David Butler it was a Warner Bros film devised in response to the success of '*Annie Get Your Gun*'. It won an Oscar for Best Original Song and two other Oscar nominations for the soundtrack.

Doris Day made so many great films it was hard to make a choice but *Calamity Jane* is just the movie to cheer you up on a cold January night – real escapist entertainment..

Future dates for the diary:

17th February: *Green Book* (2019)

16th March: *The Commitments* (1991)

20th April: *The Post* (2018)

18th May: *Hugo* (2011)

15th June: *Stan & Ollie* (2018)

MONDAY 20 JANUARY. Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. A complimentary drink 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.

Royal Anniversaries

15th January 1559 Elizabeth Tudor, the 25 year old daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn is crowned Queen Elizabeth I at Westminster Abbey.

22nd January 1901 Queen Victoria dies at the age of 81. She had ruled for 63 years from the age of 18.

Team Vicar's Letter

This month we celebrate Epiphany, the arrival of the magi, those early astronomers and mathematicians, so it seems an appropriate time to report back on some of that trip of contemporary universe-gazers to CERN in October. A trip in which I was shown the astonishing workings of the Hadron Collider, and got to share in some fascinating conversations with particle-physicists, college deans, a bishop and a bunch of science fiction writers (who had tagged along for the ride.)

My trip had the purpose of making connections. On reflecting on the unseen world which particle physicists seek to understand, and remembering how the psalms teach us that each part of creation has the ability to unveil to us something of God. It made me ponder that if the very fabric of existence is about small things coming together (the basic premise of particle physics), then it should be natural in our everyday experience that where we see the coming together of people and resources, life often flourishes. In fact CERN is a testament to this. Its achievements have only been made possible by the collaboration and resourcing of many nations.

I also enjoyed listening to the views of those who currently work at the centre. A professor there, not a Christian, was very keen to make the point that uncertainty and faith are key element in a physicist's experience. Theories are theories, he said, not facts. For example the Big Bang is the best 'story' (his words) that we have of the origin of the Universe. It is a theory which helps us make sense of the beginnings of life, but, he said, it is not perfect. It does not fit with every other theory. It can take us back approximately 13 billion years, but it cannot lead us to several million years just after the big bang, or the moment of it, or indeed delve in to the concept of 'before'. Indeed, in time, he hopes a better theory will be developed.

I say this, not because I am not happy to accept the theory of the Big Bang as the most credible explanation of the creation of the universe. As long as those eminent professors are happy with it, I am sure to be too. But it struck me that religious faith is similar. Faith is never certainty. Faith is never perfect. But, for me, Christianity seems to be the best theory/story which helps me understand life as I see it.

I also learned this: Scientists need hugs. There is a hugging circle drawn on the floor at CERN where they can stand if they are having a bad day, and wait for a passing physicist to oblige.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
JAN 5th	EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 60: 1-6	EPHESIANS 3: 1-12	MAT- THEW 2: 1-12
		EVENSONG	6.30pm	COLIN HULL	ISAIAH 60: 1-9	JOHN 2: 1-11	
12th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST 1st SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	DOMINIC HOLROYD- THOMAS	ISAIAH 42: 1-9	ACTS 10: 34-43	MAT- THEW 3: 13 To the end
19th	2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	TBC	JOHN 1: 29-42		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	TBC	ISAIAH 49: 1-7	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 1-9	JOHN 1: 29-42
26th	3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	TBC	ISAIAH 9:: 1-4	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 10-18	MAT- THEW 4:12-23

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

WEDDING

15th November 2019

**Daniel Charles Smith and
Nicole April Marie Griffin**

THANKSGIVING

10th December 2019

Margaret Wright

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12th DAVID	KAREN SHAW	MAVIS HAGGAR CLARE RAWLINS	DI BRADLEY	TBC	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
19th PAULINE	MARY GREGG	MYRA WALKER	LIS TYERS	TBC	LINDA CRAWFORD
	MICK SIMMONS	PAULINE BROWN			
26th DAVID	ALISTAIR BUCHANAN	LINDA & IVOR WILLIAMS	PETE JOHNSON	TBC	VOUNTEER NEEDED

St Peter's Church was floodlit on 25th December in loving remembrance of, as always, our beloved parents and brother, Irene, Duncan, and Jim Fish; also our very special grandparents, Nan and Popeye. So missed. Geraldine, Graham, Gemma, and Susannah.

The Church was also floodlit on New Year's Eve, in memory of Kit and Bert Fernee, and absent members of the Hagggar family.

St Peter's News

It's all over for another year! The carol singing, the mince pies, the tree lights, even the election! We have celebrated the coming of the Baby Jesus at our Nativity Play, and the Crib service. Our candle lit Carol Service has again symbolised the Light of the World coming into our lives. Hopefully, despite many problems, or moments of discord in the country, and possibly even within your own friends and family, you have still been able to enjoy moments of peace and tranquillity over this Christmastide.

In the church we are pleased to report that the Christmas Bazaar at the end of November was very successful, with the final amount (£3,100) being raised. Thank you to Vicki de Naeyer who, with her capable group of helpers, organised this year's Bazaar. Thanks must also go to Nicky Hadley for seeing through the completion of the repairs to the railings surrounding Lady Anne Grimston's grave. If you don't know the story about Lady Anne Grimston, it is simply that she said that when she died, she would send a sign that there was a life after death. After she died, the legend goes that the huge sycamore tree, which grew out of her grave, was that sign. Over the past two centuries it had vastly warped the railings around her grave so that they needed to be repaired.

The PCC is pleased to announce that Di Bradley has been elected as the new Church Treasurer, taking over from David Little. Many thanks to David for having been Treasurer during the past year.

As usual, the Tewin Nativity on the 8th December was a jolly excuse for the village to get together and enjoy seeing adults play acting as shepherds and kings, teenagers acting out the roles of Mary and Joseph and the Angel Gabriel, and to coo over the real sheep and the little ones singing *Away in a Manger*. Thank you to Emma for once again organising this event and to Ivor Williams for letting us use his barn for the finale.

Thank you to Sean and Martine at The Rose and Crown pub for organising a whole week of activities in aid of The Children's Society, one of St Peter's Church's Christmas Charities, culminating in a fashion show at the pub. It was a marvellous effort and raised £1,100.

This year the church decided to give any proceeds from Christmas collections and other events to two charities – The Children's Society and Embrace the Middle East. The Children's Society is a national charity, allied to the Church of England, fighting child poverty and neglect, and helping all children have a better chance in life. Embrace the Middle East has been working for over 160 years, helping people of all faiths and none, to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice, and to bring lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects.

We wish you a healthy, happy New Year. LG

St Peter's Church: a New Year and some new challenges

As Stewardship Officer responsible for dealing with all the various forms of giving - standing orders, weekly envelopes and loose cash - I would like to thank everyone for their generous support in 2019.

In 2020 we shall have to meet the substantial cost of repairs to the fabric of the church following our architect's recent 5 yearly inspection.

Whilst we have significant funds saved over past years, we are facing repair costs of at least £40,000 even if there are no nasty surprises once the work starts.

So what about reviewing your standing orders or other forms of giving? If you want any help with the paperwork, do please contact me - in church, by phone on 01438 416071 or by e-mail at graham@grogery.co.uk.

Gift Aid tax recoveries are a valuable addition to all gifts that are supported by Gift Aid declarations; so if you are a tax-payer, do please help us to recover that extra 25%.

Graham Spring

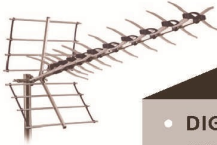
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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved with the **Tewin Church Christmas Bazaar**. From those who donated the huge range of quality items, to the many volunteers who helped, and to those who came along and supported the event on the day.

We made a total of just over £3000, which is a huge achievement. The money raised goes into the general funds which help the church in its work with our school, the village, the elderly and bereaved, and it is very gratefully received.

We hope that you all enjoyed the day and we look forward to seeing you all again this year!

Vicky de Naeyer & Amanda Glew



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The Dementia Friendly Community Cafe

Recently members of the Bridge Cottage Patient Participation Group visited the Dementia Friendly Community Café at Digswell Village Hall provided by Home Instead Senior Care Welwyn and Hatfield.

The Café has been created to embrace everyone in the community, their carers, family and friends. The café offers a safe, welcoming atmosphere for those who require stimulation, or socialization plus those who may feel lonely and isolated.

The café's objective is to give people the chance to socialise, have a cup of tea, and enjoy some stimulating activities, crafts and music together with the support of guest speakers, including Trading Standards, Hertfordshire Fire Service, Hertswise and many more.

The day we visited the activities included painting mugs, board games, colouring and knitting. For those who were interested in knitting the group have been knitting small squares to form part of a giant blanket to donate to a local homeless charity. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming and there was absolutely no pressure to take part in the activities - several people were just enjoying a bit of people watching whilst having a cup of tea! On this particular day a singer joined the session and sang songs from the 40s and 50s which had a few people (including the amazing volunteers) getting up to have a little dance!

With an ageing population, cases of dementia are increasing. This means that more and more people in the local area will be affected by the condition at some point in their lives. It is Home Instead's hope that by educating the local community, they can create superior dementia awareness and through positive social interaction they can drive their mission to create a dementia friendly community.

The Dementia Friendly Community Café is held on Tuesdays twice a month from 11.00am until 2.00pm.

If you would like to find out more please visit:

<https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/welwyn> or call 01707 590 773

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com

Tewin Tennis Club



Greetings from the Tennis Club for the New Year, and if you manage to read this before 2019 is out, then we hope you have a great New Year's Eve. Many club members have tickets for the party in the Memorial Hall, so ably organised by Malcolm and Joanne Allen, and if you have a last minute change of plan and fancy a fun night out, do get in touch with either of them. There may still be last minute availability.

Tennis Club members enjoyed a terrific evening in early December, when Hazel and Mark Lee organised a race night in the pavilion on Upper Green. Betting was fierce, not just on the races but also to buy horses in each race. With nine races, broken only by a life-saving delivery of fish and chips, it was a frenetic, fast-paced evening of noise and frivolity. And to cap it all, a tidy sum was raised for the tennis club.

So, a new year and the onset of routine maintenance work. We have new posts to replace the ancient ones that have held up the nets for decades, plus the usual general tidying up to be done. See you there.

Peter Burgess

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We are pleased to report that the recent Poppy Appeal proved to be well supported by the villagers. As a result a total of £1,717.66 was raised. Therefore on behalf of the Royal British Legion we wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way, whether it be by buying poppies or making collections. In particular we wish to thank the 'house to house' Collectors, who spent a good deal of time walking around the roads and knocking on doors, as well as individual local organisations such as St Peter's Church, Tewin Cowper School, THACS, Friends of Tewin, Tewin Stores, Tewin Rainbows, and the Parish Council. In addition we are also grateful to a number of local hostels, such as The Country Bumpkin, The Plume of Feathers, The Rose & Crown, The White Horse and Tewinbury Farm, all of whom did a diligent job in collecting from their patrons.

Their efforts were also backed up by members of the Memorial Hall Committee, who prepared the boxes, counted the money etc. so all these people deserve grateful thanks for their sterling efforts to raise funds and awareness of this worthwhile cause.

Finally, on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Keith St Pier, Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. It is going to be an exciting 2020 at Tewin Stores as we look forward to our bright new future and all the possibilities that may bring. We welcome Peter Miller onto our committee. Peter is very experienced in the retail trade and his advice will be invaluable.

A note for your diary is our AGM which will take place at the Tewin Pavilion on Upper Green on the 24th February. Please come along and meet the committee.

The January lunch will be 'left-overs', Bubble & Squeak with ham. This will take place on Saturday 18th January between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. If you haven't been to one of our lunches before you haven't lived! Why not come along and join our regulars for a simple lunch with pudding and conversation.

Another date for your diary is January 22nd when we will once again be having one of very popular Afternoon Teas. This sells out very quickly so get your name down for either of the two sittings as soon as possible.

The December 100 Club winners were :

1st Prize: Irene O'Brien- £40.50

2nd Prize: Linda Crawford -£20.25

3rd Prize: Linda Murray - £12.15

Normal shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.30 -4.30 pm,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford, Vice Chairman, Tewin Shop Committee



Tewin Table Tennis Club

Our two teams entered in the St. Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn Table Tennis Leagues have continued their successes of last season.

Our first team, having achieved promotion last season, are in second position in Division 2 having lost just one match at the halfway point. This is a major achievement considering the known strong strength of our league in Table Tennis circles.

Our second team who play in Division 4 are currently top of the Divisional table having remained unbeaten during the first half of the season. We also have probably two of the youngest league players in our team squad and how well they are playing. Lewis Budd has an individual win average of 89% and Andres Howson, still only aged 13, has an average of 72%.

Currently the team has a 7 point lead on the remaining teams in the division and bodes well for their promotion challenge. In the Cup competition our Tewin team, winners last season, won their opening match comfortably.

Our club evening open to everyone over 10 years old regardless of their standard of play continues on Tuesday evenings in the Tewin Cowper School hall from 7-10pm. Soft drinks are included in the cost of £3 for adults and £2 for those in full time education. Bats, balls etc. are provided by the club.

Our thanks go to Tewin Cowper School for their continuing hire of the School Hall to the club and the help they provide for us.

John Sheridan

Friends of Tewin



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

By the time you read this article, Carols around the Christmas Tree on 19th December will seem a very long time ago. I hope those of you who came to Lower Green enjoyed singing some of your favourite Christmas songs and Carols, as usual accompanied by our wonderful Brass Band. Thank you for supporting this lovely village event.

We want to thank all of you who made mince pies for us. Our thanks also go to the members of St. Peter's Church who sold raffle tickets. All the proceeds were given to the charity Shelter.

Our **AGM** is on 11th February 2020 in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall, you are all welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH

Our first event of the year is the Annual Senior Citizens' Lunch on 19th February. If you are 60 or over and live in Tewin, you are invited! Don't forget to put the date in your new diaries and look out for a flyer coming through your door in early January with all the details. Spare copies of the flyer will be available in Tewin Stores.

The Friends of Tewin Committee thanks everyone who helped us during 2019. We couldn't manage without you and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Anne Hall, Chairman on behalf of Friends of Tewin Committee.

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With the festive season behind us, we can look back over the past year and take stock of all the ways in which the Trust has been able to support the Danesbury and QVM Hospitals. It is with the help of all the people who have so kindly donated their time, or given a financial donation, that we have been able to make this happen. We would like to thank you for this, as well as for supporting our local charity shop in Welwyn village, especially in this era of 'click and buy'.

Our previous articles have mentioned that the Charity is looking for new Trustees and we are delighted to announce that **David Jubb** has agreed to join the Board with immediate effect. David previously worked as the Relief Manager at the Friends shop in Welwyn village and so he is already well acquainted with the workings of the Charity. We are sure that his skillset and experience will complement those of the other Trustees.

The objectives of the Charity were amended earlier this year such that, whilst our purpose is still very much concerned with Danesbury Neurological Centre and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, we are now able, subject to available funds, to support NHS hospitals, Homes, Clinics and other Facilities in the county of Hertfordshire currently existing and such other units as may be opened to serve the same population.

This development has obviously become known within the NHS as we have been approached for support for initiatives at the Holywell Neurological Rehabilitation Unit in North Watford, where we have given £4,000 for improvements to the garden area.

When patients return to their home environment, one of the most daunting areas for them to face is the kitchen and so having a kitchen in the hospital, where they can relearn skills, is a vital part of their rehabilitation. With this in mind, the Charity has recently committed to give £16,710 for the refurbishment of the kitchen at Danesbury. All of this helps the well-being and rehabilitation of the patients and would not be possible without your loyal support.

Thank you so much.

Find us on Facebook at Danesbury Shop Welwyn

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Samaritan's Purse

Through your continued efforts Tewin Residents were able to donate 84 beautifully wrapped and well stocked shoeboxes to this year's appeal, bringing up our total since 2003 to 3,114 which is a number to be proud of. The school donated separately. Eighty four is a very respectable number for a village the size of Tewin so I do thank you on behalf of Samaritan's Purse for your generosity. This number is not as good as some previous years but again it has been achieved by a few people who have worked very hard on the charity's behalf. There are eighty four children who have no possessions to call their own who will this Christmas be overwhelmed to receive such gifts so a **BIG THANK YOU!** That sudden joy when receiving your box will be remembered for a life time.

We cannot imagine what life must be like for children living in camps and orphanages or just sheer poverty in many parts of the world; children without hope and love in their lives who now have a toy, some soap and perhaps a soft toy to cuddle and to talk to at night. I hope that you have enjoyed the collection of gifts and thought about the child who would receive them as you wrapped the box for Christmas. If any of you have done them on line would you kindly let me know please.

Again thank you.

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Stop Press

I have just heard that the Tewin boxes have been sent to Liberia, Belarus and Serbia.

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Dates For Your Diary This Month

Tues	Tewin School	7-10 pm	Table Tennis 7-8pm Juniors 7-10pm Adults
Wed	Memorial Hall	9.30– 11am	Parent and Toddler Group
Thurs	Lower Green	9.25am	Footpath walks of Tewin
Thurs	Memorial Hall	1.30-4.30pm	50+ Club
Fri	Tewin Stores	2.30-3.30pm	Trussells Butcher's Van
Thurs 2nd, 16th & 30th	Bowls Club	2-5pm	Bridge
Sat 18th	Tewin Stores	12-1.30pm	Lunch 'Bubble and Squeak with Ham'
Mon 20th	Memorial Hall	7pm	Screen on the Green 'Calamity Jane'
Wed 22nd	Tewin Stores	1.30-3pm & 3-4.30pm	Afternoon Tea

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