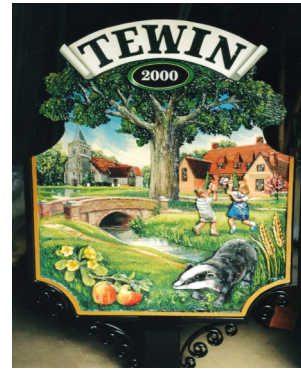




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Editorial Note

Welcome to our September 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover photo this month was taken by Colin Minton. I hope you have been enjoying the colour photos of Tewin on the back page of the Magazine in recent months. This month's photo was taken by the late Graeme Leckie and is the front cover for a 2021 calendar. The calendar, with photographs taken in and around Tewin, will be on sale from the end of September with proceeds going to the Captain Tom Foundation. Further details on the back page.

How have you been coping with these challenging times? THACS are running a creative writing competition and would like to hear your thoughts on 'Lockdown Times and Tales'. The deadline for entries is 22nd September and further details can be found on page 6.

Tewin Stores are organising a Picnic BBQ on Saturday 19th (p25).

With the easing of lockdown restrictions Tewin Stores Post Office will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays (p13), The Plume of Feathers, Rose and Crown and Tewin Bury Farm are open with The Rose and Crown continuing to operate a takeaway service from its full menu (subject to stock availability) alongside dining at the pub.

Unfortunately, although lockdown restrictions are being gradually eased, it is still not possible to do everything that we would normally be doing at this time of year. The Classic Car Show was unable to take place last month, the Apple Day celebrations have been cancelled (p26) as has the Autumn Jumble Sale (p3). None of these decisions have been taken lightly but the safety of volunteers and visitors to the events is paramount. We will appreciate them all the more next year.

Trussells Butcher's Van is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30. Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

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

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL

JUMBLE SALE CANCELLATION

The Committee has been giving a great deal of thought to the October Sale, particularly with respect to the possible risks due to the continuing circulation of the Coronavirus. We are at the point now where we would have to start making arrangements and bookings for the October Sale. However, we have reluctantly decided to cancel, as we do not believe that the situation will have changed enough by October to remove the potential hazard to the health of our willing and enthusiastic helpers and the many visitors who always attend our Sales.

We are aiming to reinstate the Jumble Sale in the New Year as soon as it is sufficiently safe to do so. Hopefully, that will be next March. However, to prepare for the possibility that it couldn't go ahead in March, but circumstances improve enough to hold a safe Sale by Summer 2021, we are looking into suitable dates for next June or July.

Meanwhile, we are storing a great deal of merchandise at the Memorial Hall and therefore aren't asking for any more donations at this present time as, quite simply, we just haven't the room! So, if you have been having a sort out with the Jumble Sale in mind, may we please ask you to hang on to it until the next Sale in 2021.

We are very sorry for all the uncertainty, but are sure you will understand our thinking at this difficult time and of course we will do our best to update you on the situation in the forthcoming issues of this magazine.

Meanwhile, as always, we wish you a happy, healthy Summer – Keep Safe. Stay Safe, Stay Well.

The Jumble Sale Committee

Tewin Parish Council



Hedges

Now that we are entering September and the birds have finished nesting, Tewin Parish Council would be grateful if all residents who have hedges on their land bordering a footpath or pavement would cut them back if they are overhanging or partially blocking the path.

Orchard Road Leak

Highways are currently awaiting a programme date for the investigation works at Orchard Road. Affinity Water has checked and apparently the leak is not mains water.

Litter Bins

Please be sensible as to what you put in the litter bins. Too often there are large bags of rubbish stuffed in to them, leaving no room for genuine litter including dog poo bags. If you are having a picnic, please take your rubbish home with you. Do not put household rubbish in litter bins. If your rubbish is going to fill the bin, then you should be taking it away with you.

Telephone Box Damage

The Parish Council has ordered the spare parts to repair the phone box windows and to repaint it.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 7th September 2020** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 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 and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

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THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Lockdown Times and Tales

As many of you will be aware, *THACS* has been publishing a series of weekly offerings of poetry and prose under the banner *Tewin Writers Online*. We hope you have enjoyed reading these on the web site and it may have set you thinking as to what you could write. Well now's your chance to have a go!

We are running a competition for all creative writers (aged 16 and over) and would like entries of no more than 500 words – that's an A4 page or less. We are keen to encourage both established and budding writers.

The context is *Lockdown Times and Tales* so your writing should be relevant to our times with the Covid-19 pandemic (past, current or the coming six months). You could write a review, express an opinion, tell us a tale or compose a poem. Topics can range from your thoughts or observations on health, family, friends and neighbours through sights and sounds of farmlands, woods, birds, water, music to new & old entertainments, pastimes or adventures you recall or look forward to. Whatever your inspiration, this is a good opportunity to unlock your writer's block.

Please submit your entries by email to Tewin.Writers@gmail.com by 22nd September and ensure you include your name and contact-point email or phone or address.

The judging panel will pick the top three winners and award them prizes of £20, £10 and £5 by 5th October. These three winning entries will be published on the *THACS* web page.

Merry Christmas from your THACS committee

We wish you a Merry Christmas. As I write this on possibly the hottest day of the year you could think the heat has turned me mad. But no. *THACS* are launching their Winter activities with a Christmas Card competition, open to adults and children.

You are invited to paint or draw a picture for the front of a Christmas card on A5 paper or card and then submit it by 5th November.

The judging panel will pick the top three entries for each age group and award them small prizes. They will also select an overall winner from the children's entries and that winning picture will be printed as Christmas cards to be sold locally. Photographs of all of the prize-winning entries will be displayed on the *THACS* web page.

For further information, please go to the *THACS* web page on the *Tewin Village Website* (www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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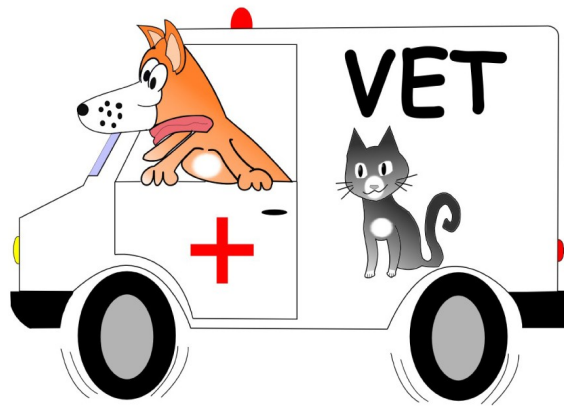
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Vision Health

This year's National Eye Health Week (NEHW) will take place from 21 to 27 September 2020, promoting the importance of good eye health and the need for regular eye tests for all.

2 million people in the UK are living with sight loss that is severe enough to have a significant impact on their daily lives. Half of this sight loss is avoidable. A sight test can detect early signs of conditions like glaucoma, which can be treated if found soon enough. During a sight test, other health conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure may be detected.

For healthy eyes:

- Eat well - foods recommended for eye health include leaf greens (such as kale and spinach), brightly coloured fruit and veg (such as corn, carrots, orange sweet peppers and oranges), oily fish (like salmon, tuna and mackerel) and eggs.
- Don't smoke - After ageing, smoking is the biggest risk factor for developing macular degeneration. Smoking also increases your risk of developing cataracts.
- Wear eye protection in bright sunlight. Your sunglasses should have the CE mark on them which ensures that they are giving you the right level of ultraviolet protection.

It's recommended that most people should get their eyes tested every 2 years. Your ophthalmic practitioner or optometrist may recommend you have an NHS sight test more often than every 2 years if you:

- are a child wearing glasses
- have diabetes
- are aged 40 or over and have a family history of glaucoma
- are aged 70 or over

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

Information taken from visionmatters.org.uk and nhs.uk

Harvest

Our wheat, pea and oat harvest finished on the 4th of August, a very early harvest. I have not finished that early before. We still have 5 acres of chickpeas to do. They will mature later. The harvest moisture was about 13%, very dry.

The Naked Oats have been sold and left the barn. They go for flaking, malting and in horse, bird and poultry feeds. Due to the dry weather, the yield was quite poor, being half what it was at last year's Harvest.

Our large Blue Peas are called blue because of the dark blue colour and they are the base materials for canned mushy peas. They also go to the premium micronising market for specialist animal feed.

Friday, 7th August, was a Very Hot Day and we had a stubble fire in our range field. We think it was arson. A cyclist riding along the concrete path noticed a fire and called the Fire Brigade. They had a bit of a problem finding the field as it's not near any roads. But they did find it and two engines from Welwyn Garden City and two from Stevenage attended. The fire spread at a tremendous rate and in 20 minutes had burnt a 35 acre field. There were 40 big bales, of 500 kg each, in the field. They took 3 days to burn out. We were very grateful that the fire crews were able to contain the fire to our land. In the next field were 100 acres of standing barley. It would have been disastrous if that had caught fire.

A fire out of control is very frightening and if it had not been for that cyclist it would have been a much bigger fire. We are very grateful to the fire crews who managed to contain it, working in tremendous heat. We send them our sincere thanks.

Ivor Williams

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Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.30am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

July 2020

Below are the results for the July Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	Sheila Grimmond, Bishops Road
2nd	£34	Hilary Armstrong, Upper Riding
3rd	£11	Susanne Stevens, Desborough Drive
3rd	£11	Kirston Winters, Bishops Road

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The Refurbishment of the Bells at St Peter's Church

In 2019 the bell-foundry Taylors of Loughborough carried out an assessment of the condition of the bells at St Peters, the last assessment probably being undertaken well over 50 years ago. Although most of the bell frame and the moving parts were found to be sound, some areas were in need of maintenance. The pulleys were showing wear and some needed to be replaced, the one on the 5th bell being in particularly poor state. The clappers of the bells were also in need of work as there were 'flats' on the balls where they strike the bells which needed to be rebuilt and rounded. The tenor clapper required a complete replacement as the ball had been destroyed by the bell's uneven surface where it had been chip tuned.

Before any work could be carried out, a Faculty had to be obtained from the Diocese and funding raised for the work to be done. With the help of the church wardens and various officers of the church, forms were filled in and applications made. The Faculty took about six months to obtain and funding was gained from two sources, Friends of Tewin and the All Churches Trust.

Friends of Tewin had received a bequest from the estate of Mr Geoffrey Malin who was a resident of Tewin and the refurbishment project fitted in with the desire to use the bequest carefully on projects that will benefit Tewin for many years to come. A sum of money was also received from All Churches Trust to help with the cost.

Covid-19 then arrived, putting the project on hold until it was safe for work to be carried out in a confined space. The work was started on 26 May 2020 - the tenor bell was quarter turned so that the clapper would not strike in the damaged area and the clappers, boxes and pulleys were removed and taken away to the workshops at Taylors. The work was completed at the beginning of July and Taylors returned to replace all the parts and make the bells ring-able on 4 July 2020.

Tewin ringers would like to thank all those involved with the bell maintenance project, especially Friends of Tewin for funding the majority of project. Although the Covid-19 pandemic still prevents us from ringing the bells as we would like, we have been able to start limited ringing on Sunday mornings for the church service. Once we are able to ring all six bells, we will express our thanks to Friends of Tewin and the late Mr Geoffrey Malin and his family for his bequest by ringing a quarter peal.

Team Vicar's Letter

It's a strange time in church at present. Our worship has resumed, but in a rather unfamiliar and partial way. There is no singing, we keep a good social distance from our neighbours, we wave across pews rather than share the peace, we wear facemasks and communion is received as bread only.

There are various ways we can react to such changes. Some parishes have decided to keep their doors closed and offer worship only online – the regulations appearing too daunting to abide by. Personally I'm pleased at how we have managed so far to open each of our six churches for those who are able to return.

We might decide that worship without singing, or being able to chat with coffee after the service seems dismal, and offers little incentive to climb out of our pyjamas on a Sunday morning, especially as we can now watch it on the telly...

We may choose to 'take on' the regulations – whether that be to prove singing is low risk to infection, petition for ways to bring wine back into communion or to campaign to get rid of masks which muffle our voices and steam up our glasses.

But one way we might use this painful and imperfect way of being and doing church at present is to see it as a spiritual window into the world with its pain and imperfection. To worship in church (if we are able), or at home (if necessary), with the discomfort of facemasks and the sadness of no song, or the taste of incompleteness when in church we are offered just bread - and to see this as an invitation to prayer, to step inside the sorrow and incompleteness of the world. In doing this perhaps, maybe our imperfect worship might be transformed to deeper glory as we enter the very heart of God.

Whether you are still needing to be at home or whether you are with us on a Sunday morning, you are all in my prayers. And if you never come to a service at church, then please know we pray for you too.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
SEPT 6th	13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 33: 7—11	ROMANS 13: 8 to End	MATTHEW 18: 15—20
		NO EVENSONG					
13th	14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	EDWARD CARDALE	GENESIS 50: 15—21	ROMANS 14: 1—12	MATTHEW 18: 21—35
20th	15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MAT- THEW 20: 1—16		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD MICK SIMMONS			
27th	16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 18: 1—4, 25 to End	PHILIPPI- ANS 2: 1—13	MATTHEW 21: 23—32

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

ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
SEPT 6th PAULINE	TBC	CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE	SUE WHITBOURN	MARY GREGG
13th DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	TBC	DOROTHY SWANN
20th DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	HARVEST	GLORIA KERSEY
27th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	QUEENIE SIMMONS	LINDA CRAWFORD

St. Peter's Harvest Festival will be celebrated on September 20th at 11:15am Family Service and 6:30pm Holy Communion.

We will be collecting dried and tinned produce for Stevenage Foodshed. A retiring collection will go to the Bishop of St. Albans' Harvest appeal.

St Peter's News

The church has now been open for private prayer and public worship for over a month. I have often found visitors in the church, who are taking the opportunity to look around Hertfordshire churches on their walks this month. They are always impressed with the beauty and tranquillity of St Peter's, and amazed when I tell them the original church buildings are over 1000 years old. They admire the Millennium Tapestry kneelers, now surprisingly nearly twenty years old.

Our services, led mainly by Susannah, have been attended by about half our normal congregation. Andrei plays the organ during services, and since the end of July, four of our bell ringers have rung the bells to welcome us to church. We respect the need to use sanitising gel, wear masks and to be socially distanced as we sit in the pews. This virus can affect anyone, and we need to continue to be very careful. Services also continue to be streamed from one of the churches in the Welwyn team every Sunday. You can find links to St Peter's Church online through Facebook or YouTube or through the Welwyn team (www.welwyn.org.uk). Alternatively, please contact, by email or phone,

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood
team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk
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We have had further essential tree work done in the churchyard to make another of the Lime trees safe. Thank you to Stuart Kirkham, and Ivor Williams, for trimming the grass and hedges and working with Pete to keep the churchyard looking so neat.

Now at last the Quinquennial repairs are also underway. There is scaffolding around the Tower and some rearrangements are necessary for entering the church over the next two months in order to do these essential repairs. So please take extra care when visiting the church while this work is being carried out. The cost of these repairs is considerable and will deplete our savings enormously, so if you can make a donation to help maintain the church at this time it will be very much appreciated. You can do so by using the button on the church pages of the village website, at www.tewinvillage.co.uk, by putting your donation in the Wall Safe (Church Box) by the South Door, or by one of the methods referred to in the separate article headed St Peter's Church Tower Repairs elsewhere in this magazine (p30). St Peter's is only lent to us while we are here – we need to preserve it for the generations to come after us.

We hold in our prayers all those affected by Covid-19, those who have been ill, those who have died or are bereaved and those whose livelihoods have been devastated during the lockdown.

Our clergy continue to be in contact with those self-isolating or unable to get out of the house, or with any bereaved families.

Stay safe, stay well.

LG.

Herd Animals

I am lucky to have fields at the end of my garden and also at the side. They are occupied by herd animals. One field has five highland cattle and their calves. They are worth coming to see. There is one large field divided into two by a fence with an electric fence attached. In one half are two young ponies and, so far as one can tell, they enjoy one another's company and have fun running around together. In the other half are two older horses who in a former ownership had a rough time. They spend most of their time close together. One of them is regularly ridden and the other is being broken in.

To the left of the field is a footpath you may have walked and to the left of that another field occupied by just one horse. From both fields the horses congregate at the side of the footpath. Maybe a carrot is on its way. All of the horses are well looked after and cared for. Two horses together are less than a herd. One on its own is probably less than it would choose.

I am, or rather was, a herd animal until Covid put paid to that. Deep down, I am still a herd animal. My herds were the church congregation, my friends, my family. Fortunately, unlike the horse, I understand why I am alone in my field most of the time, so I do not have to worry about it and whether it is something that's wrong with me. Perhaps horses do not have those sorts of thoughts.

Rejoining the herd needs to be done carefully but you would not think so with crowded beaches and pubs on view in the media. So, just like the horses next to the path, I will keep a safe distance from you, carrot or no carrot.

Ted Sharp



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Tewin Tennis Club

We held our first committee meeting for six months in August. On a gorgeous Summer's evening, we sat outside the pavilion on Upper Green, basking in the evening sun until it dipped below the trees. All responsibly distanced, of course.

The club's use of the LTA's Club Spark court booking module is now working well, as we get the final glitches sorted out. One of the great things it gives us is a sense of how well the courts are being used - with the best will in the world, we could only make a wild guess at this before. As I write this the courts have been utilised 31% of the time, which is pretty impressive for our small club.

The next project is to enable our subscriptions to be managed online. This will ease the workload on Val Winfield, who has ably been handling this manually until now. The new system will, we hope, enable everyone to pay online and let Val see in an instant who the wicked late payers are. Yes, we know who you are even now, but soon there will be no escape!

We've had to abandon the supplier of our Tewin Tennis Club branded clothing. The actual product was really nice, but delivery times were horrible and customer service was non-existent. Things are well on the way to building a relationship with a new supplier, so watch out for more news soon. It won't come a day too soon for some of our male members who seem to be still wearing the same gear as when I joined 18 years ago.....

Back to the website, briefly. The latest guidance from the LTA is always there for everyone to see. We update it regularly and it's worth a read. Your committee do their very best to ensure we comply in every way.

Peter Burgess



Tewin Table Tennis Club Reopens.

After being closed since March due to the Covid-19 virus we were able to reopen on the 28th July but subject to stringent changes under the Government regulations.

Playing is restricted to the use of 2 tables only, singles matches only, no changing ends or hand shaking. Plus of course compliance with the social distancing regulations which means a restricted number of players can currently attend a club evening.

Many club members have decided not to start playing for the time being and this perfectly understandable. Those attending however have quickly got used to the necessary changes.

We have entered two teams in the St. Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn TT League for the coming season.

John Sheridan

Michaelmas Day

Michaelmas Day is the feast of St Michael the Archangel celebrated on 29th September and is traditionally the last day of the Harvest season. Michaelmas Day used to be the start of the night curfew - a sign that Winter was on its way. The curfew (from the French couvre feu, meaning 'cover the fire') took the form of a tolling of the church bell. It was generally rung at 9pm every night, except Sunday, until Shrove Tuesday and was a reminder that all household fires should now be doused. Chertsey is one of the last places where the Curfew bell is still rung from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day (29th September to 25th March).

A great custom in England was to dine on goose on Michaelmas Day. Legend has it that Queen Elizabeth I was eating goose that day when news of the defeat of the Spanish Armada was brought to her. She declared that henceforth she would always dine on goose on Michaelmas Day. Others followed suit.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

After a very busy couple of months August was a quieter month for Tewin Stores. The exceptionally hot weather of early August gave way to rain which, along with many people enjoying a well earned holiday, resulted in fewer customers visiting the shop than in previous months.

Thank you to all customers who have followed the government's advice and worn a face covering when shopping. Wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing will help to keep us all safe.

It's not long until our Picnic BBQ on Lower Green. Just in case you didn't make a note of the date it's **September 19th from 12 noon till 2pm**. Please bring your own seating and remember social distancing rules still apply, even though we are outdoors. In addition to traditional BBQ fayre we will be offering salad and a range of soft cold drinks.

It would assist our planning if you could say if you are planning to attend by registering your name in the shop. This is a fundraising event for the shop and as so many of our normal village events have had to be cancelled this year we are really hoping for a big turnout . If the weather is against us and we have to cancel at short notice we would be very grateful if you could support Tewin Stores by buying your food to take home and cook.

The August 100 club winners:

1st Prize: Roger Toms- £40.50p

2nd Prize: Sue Hayden- £20.25

3rd Prize: Chris Parkinson-£12.15

Shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.00 – 12 noon,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00 – 12 noon

Linda Crawford

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust's Apple Day Cancelled

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust has taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's Apple Day at Tewin Pavilion, which was set to take place on 4th October 2020.

Emma Matthars, Events Officer at the Trust, said: "Apple Day is one of our favourite events in the year and we are sad to see that it will not go ahead this year. Keeping our visitors, volunteers and staff safe is our highest priority. In the current climate, sadly, we don't see a way to deliver Apple Day safely this year."

The Trust's annual Apple Day, traditionally set on the first Sunday in October, is a fantastic event for the whole family. Over the years, thousands of visitors have enjoyed home-made cakes, fresh apples and juice from the Trust's Tewin Orchard and wildlife discovery activities. It is also a crucial event to help fund the Trust's work to protect wildlife in Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

As a result of cancelled events and fundraising activities, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust is currently projecting to lose more than £250,000 in expected income. If you can, please support the Trust's emergency appeal and donate today at www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/appeal.

On This Day 22nd September

- 1735** Sir Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister to reside at 10 Downing Street.
- 1862** The US President, Abraham Lincoln, declared that all slaves in rebellious states would be freed from 1st January 1863.
- 1955** As Independent television began, the first TV commercial - for Gibbs SR toothpaste - was broadcast in Britain.
- 1985** The Prime Minister of France, Laurent Fabius, admitted that French secret agents had sunk the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, in New Zealand

Friends of Tewin



Unfortunately, because of the present Covid-19 restrictions we have had to curtail our activities and our meetings although, thanks to technology, we are still able to keep in touch as a committee via email.

As many of you know, Friends of Tewin organise events and raise funds to help Tewin groups improve their facilities. We are delighted to say that one project we were involved with early this year has recently been completed. We made a large contribution towards the refurbishment of the bells at St. Peter's Church which were in urgent need of repair and we are pleased that the work is now complete. The bells had been silent for around 4 months but maybe some of you have recently heard them ring again.

Unfortunately, due to the current distancing guidelines, not all the bells can be rung but when restrictions allow, we will once again be able to hear them all ring out, something we can all look forward to! Usually in our September article we would be excited to tell you how much profit the Classic Car Show raised and invite Tewin groups to apply for a donation. The Car Show is a big day in Tewin and it's an event we all look forward to every August. However, like most things this year, regrettably it had to be cancelled.

Unfortunately, this means we won't have any funds available to distribute in 2021. So, I thought I would list just a few of the many groups that have benefitted in the last year or so from the funds we have raised at the Car Show.

Tewin Cowper Pool Committee

Covid-19 Signs/equipment £163.89

Tewin Stores New Dishwasher £284.00

Tewin Cricket Club

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The Grand Re-Opening of our Welwyn shop took place on **Tuesday 18 August**. As you can imagine, having to make sure that your shopping experience with us is Covid-secure has meant a lot of changes both to our processes and to the physical layout of the shop. A Perspex screen is in place at the till and hand-sanitiser is available for use as you enter the shop, as well as a host of other changes. A copy of the risk assessment that we carried out is now available on our website. We hope that you will come and visit us when and help us to support the NHS in Welwyn and beyond.

Georgia Shaw and her husband continued dressing the shop window throughout the closure of the shop .

In addition to the physical shop, we are also now running a virtual shop on eBay. If you are interested in seeing what we have on offer and in making a bid, why not visit the shop at:

<https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/FRIENDS-OF-DANESBURY-AND-QUEEN-VICTORIA-MEMORIAL-HOSPITAL/3150501>

Nothing can prevent us from continuing the work that do to support the NHS and, over the past few weeks we have provided:

- a pressure washer to allow staff to wash down wheelchairs and other equipment;
- clocks for the wall of each patient ward in the QVM; and
- radios for use by patients.

We hope that you will continue to support us by coming along to the shop or by visiting us on eBay.

St Peter's Church Tower Repairs

As many of you will know, we are carrying out some important repair work to the stonework of the church tower. This follows the latest Quinquennial Report by our architect. Although these reports are only every 5 years they often involve considerable expense, especially for a church as old as ours.

We have built up valuable cash reserves in recent good years but the current repair work has hit us at the same time as the impact of Covid-19: complete closure for several months, loss of fees from cancelled weddings, little prospect of our usual Christmas Bazaar (our principal fund-raiser) and yet a continuation of almost all our regular costs.

So with the prospect of a large loss this year and a massive reduction in our cash reserves, we are asking, if you are able, if you will make a special donation towards the cost of the stonework repairs – which is some £40,000.

This can be by cheque payable to “St Peter's Church Tewin PCC”, or by putting cash in an envelope, and then giving it to one of us, or a Churchwarden; or even increasing an existing standing order.

On-line banking payments may be made to HSBC, for “St Peter's Church, Tewin, PCC”, Sort Code 40-24-13 Account 90799718 – with the reference “Repairs (your surname)”.

If you are a taxpayer, we hope your donation can be Gift Aided, increasing its value to us by 25%. In that event, be sure to give us your name and address (including post-code).

We shall be extremely grateful for whatever you can give. Only by maintaining the fabric of our ancient church building will it remain in good repair for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you in anticipation for your generous support.

Diana Bradley (Treasurer) and Graham Spring (Stewardship Officer)
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Tewin Village website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

Tewin Calendar



I have been taking photographs on my walks in Tewin, and surrounding areas, over the past few months. I have commissioned a calendar for 2021, using my photos and Kris Leckie has kindly given me one or two pictures that her late husband, Graeme, took. The calendar has been made by, and with the help of, Allan and Bertram (professional calendar makers) so the quality will be good. I hope to sell the calendars to raise funds for the NHS, the few who risk everything for the many. The calendars will make an ideal Christmas gift for friends and family. Each calendar will cost £5 and will be on sale per kind favour of Tewin Stores, Tewinbury Farm Shop and Datchworth Stores from the end of September.

I will also be knocking on doors and positioning myself at various places in the run up to Christmas.

The funds will go to the Captain Tom Foundation.

Gaye Grimmond