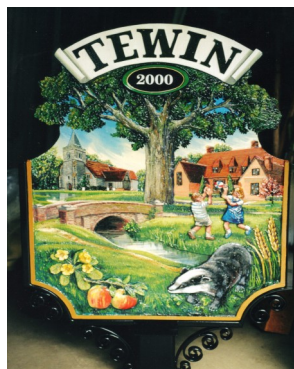




# Tewin Magazine



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## Editorial Note

Welcome to our October 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover photo this month was taken by Pat Badger and those on the back page were taken by Graham Spring.

Unfortunately the hotly anticipated New Year's Eve Party which normally takes place in the Memorial Hall, is unlikely to take place this year (p6).

Once again Operation Christmas Child is taking place and you are invited to fill a shoebox with small items to delight a child who would otherwise not know the joy of opening a present on Christmas morning (p22).

St Peter's Church is trying an innovative way of holding its annual Church Bazaar. See pages 26 and 27 for details.

Last month's article on the Tewin NHS Calendar neglected to mention the contribution made by Clare Rawlins. Even more worth buying.

**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](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

**The Annual Church Meeting 2020 will now take place on Wednesday 21st October in St Peter's Church. It was postponed until the Autumn due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The meeting will begin with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7.30 pm to elect the Churchwardens. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in which members of the Parochial Church Council will be elected, questions about the Annual Church Report and Accounts and other church matters will be taken, and The Rev'd Susannah Underwood will give her reflections. All residents of the parish and members of the church electoral roll are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and vote for Churchwardens; **but please note you must be a member of the Church Electoral Roll in order to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, and vote for the Parochial Church Council. Please be aware that if government guidelines for gatherings dictate then this meeting may need to change at short notice.

***All Souls Memorial***

***1<sup>st</sup> November 2-5pm***

*A time to remember those we love*

Every year at St. Peter's Church we hold a memorial service on the feast of All Souls and invite all those who are bereaved to remember their loved ones. This year because of Covid restrictions we will not be holding a service but the church will be open between **2pm and 5pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November for personal remembrance.**

You are warmly invited to come in and light a candle and sit quietly for a time. There will be gentle music and prayers will be said in remembrance of our loved ones every half an hour.

It does not matter if your loss is recent or from many years past.

You would be most welcome.

If you would like your loved one remembered by name in our prayers then please contact the church office 01438 840964 or email [secretary@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:secretary@welwyn.org.uk)

**Royal British Legion Poppy Day**

Every year the people of Tewin buy poppies in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal. In the past we've been able to raise a good sum of money by selling poppies around the houses, but this year, because of the current restrictions caused by Coronavirus, we aren't able to make separate calls to all the households. However, we don't want to ignore this wonderful cause so instead we are asking everyone in the village to kindly purchase their poppies either from Tewin Stores, the Rose & Crown, the Plume of Feathers, the Country Bumpkin, The White Horse in Burnham Green or Tewin Bury Farm.

We will collect all the money raised by these local enterprises and will ensure that it is delivered to the British Legion. So, please don't forget to call in to one of the above businesses and buy your poppy, or poppies, in the knowledge that once again your contribution will be going to a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

*Keith St Pier*

*on behalf of The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee*

## Tewin Parish Council



### **FOXES, BADGERS AND RATS**

There are many badgers and foxes in Tewin. Please do not put out feed for them. This will encourage them into the village and into gardens. It will also serve as a food source for rats. If you are putting kitchen waste on to a compost heap, check that it is not being used as a food source by foxes and rats.

### **BENCH AT MUSPATTS CORNER**

An attempt was made to steal this bench but fortunately the anchors we put in stopped the theft. A replacement anchor has been ordered and the seat will be made safe as soon as possible.

### **FOOTPATH GATES**

We are aware that various footpath gates are in need of attention and are chasing that up with the Rights of Way Unit.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall.

### **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://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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### **A Message from Tewin Cowper CE School**

The academic year started very well with most children back at school; it was so lovely to see their enthusiasm and happiness at being back in the routine and normality of school life although there are many new measures in place to maximise health and safety with the current circumstances.

This year we have transformed our curriculum with some wonderful topics to inspire the children in their learning. Virtual interactions are becoming more a part of our week; Rev Susannah records her weekly collective worship for us and the children enjoy listening and responding in their classes. We also make the most of outdoor learning when we can as we have such a wonderful environment with so many opportunities. The governors and staff are looking forward to a 'Visioning Evening' in the middle of October; we have these once every three or four years and it is a great opportunity to look back and celebrate all that has been achieved, then think about our 'hopes and dreams' for the next five years. This enables us to create a strategic action plan and make them a reality to ensure our provision is the best it can be for our families and the local community.

You may have noticed our new gates; these are part of a project around increasing security and at the same time enhancing the look of the school as the old gates were not in good condition. We have had an additional gate added to give better access to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 which has helped to make drop-off and pick-up times more efficient.

Though these are challenging times and there are so many uncertainties around the events and activities we usually have, we are positive about the year ahead and looking forward to all the things that we can achieve.

The staff team

### **New Year's Eve Party Cancelled**

This may not come as a surprise but I am sorry to say that it is necessary to cancel the New Year's Eve party which usually happens in the Memorial Hall. If by some miracle we are all vaccinated by Christmas I will do my utmost to make sure it happens this year, but otherwise we will have to wait until next year to return to our celebrations. And then let's hope we'll have a whale of a time!

Joanne Allen on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee

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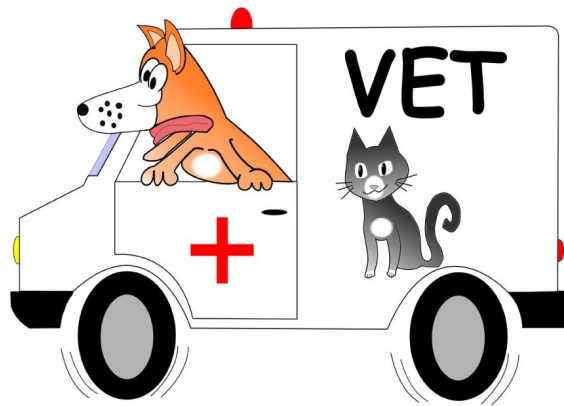
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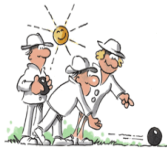
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## **BOWLS CLUB NEWS**

Once again, we come to the end of the outdoor season at the Bowls Club - a season like no other. We have played no games at all due to the Pandemic and the social side has been limited to the opening of the bar on Friday nights and Sunday lunch times for our members, naturally with Covid precautions in place. This has allowed members to keep in touch and is providing much needed funds. It is hoped that in 2021 we will be able to start holding our Quiz Nights and Sunday Lunches again. Keep an eye on the notice boards and the Tewin Magazine.

Unfortunately, because of all the restrictions, this year we were unable to hold an Open Day to encourage new members. This will be rectified next year so please look out for the notices on the boards outside the Club and in this magazine. *If you are interested in joining the Bowls club in Tewin we will be offering free membership for the first year as an encouragement.*

Meanwhile, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September the Bowls Green will be put to bed for the Winter by the contractor, Turfcare Leisure Services, where it will be Thatched to take out the dead grass and other rubbish. It looks a bit like a ploughed field when this is done and is followed by aeration. This is where small holes are punched into the surface by a machine to the depth of 100mm. This allows air to penetrate which encourages the microbes and fungi to break down the soil, thereby providing nitrogen for plant growth. Finally, the surface is reseeded and then covered with a fine layer of sterilised sand and soil, topped off with a Winter granular feed. The Green is then left to recover for three to four weeks before we start the Winter care programme.

Finally, we hope to see you all again at the Bowls Club in the near future but in the meantime, 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)

### **On The Farm**

With the cereal harvest being completed early, we had to get the bales off the land so that we could start to cultivate. We had a buyer for our straw, so almost all of the wheat straw was baled. Oat straw is chopped on the combine and ploughed back into the soil to give it vital nutrients. I love to see worms in the soil, a sign of a healthy soil.

Unfortunately we lost a lot of the big bales in the field fire in August. What we have left will probably end up at the Elean Power Station near Cambridge, which is a straw-fired biomass power station. It was the largest straw-fired power station in the world at the time of completion in December 2000.

I had a call from GB Seeds, a company with whom we had a contract to grow blue peas. They had a buyer and I was asked to load the peas into 3 bulk lorries, which carry 29 tons in each. To my surprise, the lorries took the peas to Belgium.

A sample of our wheat was taken to a laboratory in Cambridge. There, several tests will be run including a Dom test, a Zon test, a test for protein and another for Hagberg. The moisture level will also be checked. This has to be below 15% to be accepted by the millers, who have very strict criteria for wheat which will enter the foodchain as bread flour. At my farm audit I get a yellow sticker which goes on my combinable crops passport. If I don't complete and pass the tests, the millers will reject my load of wheat.

I grow all crops to the highest standards possible. As we leave the EU and deal with Brexit, we hope the Government, who are currently in trade talks with other countries worldwide, will not allow the import of food which is inferior to our high standards. Our country only produces 50% of the food we need so it is very important that the imported food is kept to our high standards.

If you have been to Tewin Bury Shop, you may have seen a vintage blue tractor on display in the drive. This is our tribute to Ivor's and Vaughan's dad who started farming in Tewin in 1931. He started with horses and then moved on to tractors.

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

**August 2020**

**Below are the results for the August Supporters Club draw:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£56</b>	<b>Alexandra Batten, Harwood Close</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£34</b>	<b>Chris Parkinson, Godfries Close</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Andrew Barker, Godfries Close</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Sandra Chester, Grass Warren</b>

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- Tewin Memorial Hall
- Tewin Stores
- [www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club](http://www.tewinvillagehall.co.uk/supporters-club)

### **The Bells of St Peter's, Tewin**

The article in last month's Tewin Magazine gave an outline of the recent refurbishment of the bells that was undertaken with the generous support provided by the Friends of Tewin and All Churches Trust. The following article provides a brief history of the bells.

In 1673 five bells were cast by Anthony Chandler of Drayton Parslow, from the metal of the five bells mentioned in the 1552 Edwardian inventory, viz:- "Three bells hanging in the steeple, a sanctus bell and two handbells".

A new treble was recast in 1799 by John Bryant of Hertford; his foundry was acquired by Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel in 1825. In 1913 the bells were quarter-turned and rehung with completely new fittings and an oak frame. The frame was made so that a sixth bell could be added in the future.

In February 1939 Tewin's bells were assessed by Mears & Stainbank as to their condition and in September 1939, an estimate was received for the addition of a new treble bell. The new treble was to be 2 feet 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter and weigh 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwts. This made the ring of bells up to the six that are there now.

Although the treble was fitted in 1939, because of the Second World War, this bell was not rung until 1945. The inscription on this bell (shown below) reads Arthur Coleman Vidler, Rector 1912 - 1930.



Susan Hall

## Team Vicar's Letter

I write this on the day where we have waved farewell to our curate Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, his partner Daniel and their saintly Old English sheep dog Hilda as Dominic takes up his new post as Priest-in-Charge at Ampthill in Bedfordshire. It was a strange farewell. No enormous party, no massive group photo, no last hugs goodbye – but rather a whole day of socially distanced worship and an open air presentation filmed on Zoom.

For many people other endings such as school, retirement or redundancy have also been strange, and some rather sudden or sadly with little chance for recognition. However this year it is those of us who have been grieving the loss of loved ones that have faced restrictions I'm not sure any of us could have foreseen as possible. With churches closed and funerals strictly limited many of us were given little opportunity for the ritual saying goodbye that feels instinctively important when we are bereaved.

Every year at church we hold a memorial service on All Souls where people gather to remember those they are separated from by death.

We speak the names of those who have died and light candles in their memory. In this year when many have been prevented from attending funerals this service is perhaps needed more than ever, however, because of the restrictions on numbers that we can allow into church at present we're not able to gather en masse.

So instead we're offering St. Peter's as a place for personal prayer and remembrance that afternoon. The church will be open for you to come in, light a candle and quietly sit and remember. Every half an hour a prayer will be said in church and the names of loved ones spoken into that space.

Do please see the invitation in this magazine (p3) with further details of that service.

Wishing you every blessing,

Susannah

<b>ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES</b>							
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> READING</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
<b>OCT 4th</b>	<b>17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>EDWARD CARDALE</b>	<b>ISAIAH 5: 1-7</b>	<b>PHILIPPI- ANS 3: 4b- 14</b>	<b>MAT- THEW 21: 33 to End</b>
		<b>NO EVENSONG</b>					
<b>11th</b>	<b>18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>EDWARD CARDALE</b>	<b>ISAIAH 25: 1-9</b>	<b>PHILIPPI- ANS 4: 1-9</b>	<b>MAT- THEW 22: 1-14</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>St. LUKE the EVANGELIST</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>	<b>LUKE 10: 1-9</b>		
		<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>	<b>ISAIAH 35: 3-6</b>	<b>2 TIMOTHY 4: 5-17</b>	<b>LUKE 10: 1-9</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD</b>	<b>LEVITI- CUS 19: 1-2, 15-18</b>	<b>1 THESSA- LONIANS 2: 1-8</b>	<b>MAT- THEW 22: 34 to End</b>

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



<b>ROTAS</b>					
<b>SERVER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>SIDESMEN</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>CLEANER</b>
<b>OCT 4th PAULINE</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER</b>	<b>NO COFFEE</b>	<b>SUE WHITBOURN</b>	<b>AMANDA GLEW</b>
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<b>25th DAVID</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>DITTO</b>	<b>DITTO</b>	<b>PAULINE SPRING</b>	<b>PETE JOHNSON</b>

## St Peter's News

The bells have welcomed back folk to St Peter's during September to our regular Sunday morning services. Sadly, we do not sing any hymns at present, but Andrei plays for us during services. Our service has been streamed from there once a month. In addition, every Sunday a service is streamed from one of the churches within the Team Ministry for members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person. You can find links to St Peter's Church online through Facebook or YouTube or through the Welwyn team [www.welwyn.org.uk](http://www.welwyn.org.uk).

This year our Harvest Festival services have been a bit different from other times, as we collected tinned and dried goods for the Food Bank in Stevenage, instead of distributing fresh vegetables and flowers around the village. A small choir sang some of the traditional Harvest hymns at Family Service which was greeted with pleasure. Within the Welwyn Team we have said Goodbye to Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, our Curate, who has been appointed to the church in Ampthill, Bedfordshire. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

Over the past six months, our churchyard has been open throughout the epidemic, not just for those people who wish to tend their loved ones' graves, but also for people to walk their dogs, sit and drink coffee from their flasks, read their newspapers and books, or just sit and contemplate the world. In many ways it has been another park for the village, along with Upper and Lower Green and a sanctuary for many. The church has spent over ten thousand pounds on its upkeep in the past year, what with the renewal of the railings around the Grimston Grave, essential tree work and regular upkeep of hedges and grass including extension of the Memorial Garden. We thank Peter George, David Chalkley and Ivor Williams for their invaluable help.

St Peter's is the oldest building in Tewin: its oldest parts being Norman and over 1000 years old. In September scaffolding was erected around the Tower which was added sometime between the late 14<sup>th</sup> and mid-16<sup>th</sup> centuries, and repairs have begun on the walls. These are built of flint and clunch: clunch is an ancient building material of hardened chalk, used across several of the Home Counties. Unfortunately, it is in short supply due to delays in its production during the Covid epidemic, so, although we had hoped the repairs would be done by the end of October, this is looking increasingly unlikely as the work can only proceed slowly. Work on such ancient buildings cannot be done in a slapdash manner or without the expert knowledge and the expertise of crafts people. And it comes at a cost. That is why we are

appealing to the village to help with the funding for this work and for the upkeep of the churchyard which is there for us all to enjoy. If you can make a donation to support the church costs at this time, it will be enormously appreciated. You can do so in a number of ways :

by using the button on the church pages of the village website, at [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk) , or by leaving an envelope at the church in the box by the South Door. Cheques payable to “St Peter’s Church Tewin PCC”. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please leave your name and address with your donation.

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

We hold in our prayers all those affected by Covid-19, those who have been ill, those who have died or are bereaved, those whose livelihoods have been devastated during the epidemic, and those who have returned to school or work this month.

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

Alternatively, please contact, by email or phone,  
*The Rev’d Susannah Underwood*  
*team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk*  
*01438 817183*

Stay safe, stay well.  
LG.

#### **Notice of Electoral Roll Revision**

The annual update of St Peter’s Church Electoral Roll will take place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Anyone wishing to be added to the Roll will find enrolment forms and the box for the return of completed forms at the back of the church during this period. Applications for enrolment must be received by 7<sup>th</sup> October.

All members of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) who are baptised (christened) and over the age of 16 and who are either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship here for the last 6 months are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll.



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## Tewin Tennis Club

It never fails to surprise how quickly the nights draw in at this time of year. This impacts rather heavily on our ability to play tennis in the evening. Though we have lights, they are primarily so we can continue to run coaching sessions, especially for youngsters.

But as we've emphasised before, tennis is a year round activity and we still have plenty of daylight hours over the coming months. The Lawn Tennis Association has issued strict guidelines that clubs have to comply with, and your committee has been stringent in ensuring these are applied.

That means ad hoc tennis is a non-starter, and that also applies to turn-up-and-play sessions, which rules out the popular Saturday morning RATS and CATS groups. However, pre-arranged matches are allowed and many members are making use of that option to organise regular play. Of course, there must still be strict social distancing and much hand cleaning after picking up balls, but it seems to work pretty well in my experience.

Coaching has also kicked off with a flourish. Ross Alexander is now running group coaching again, as well as the individual sessions, so if you'd like to brush up on your play, get in touch with Ross.

As ever, details of everything can be found on the club website, **[www.tewintennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tewintennisclub.co.uk)**

Peter Burgess

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

It was the end of August that I first saw sight of Christmas decorations this year. That was on ITV showing the best buys! The celebration of Christmas seems to have been commercialised in this country to that extent!

Can you imagine what it must be like for a child who has been bounced out of bed by a loud BANG, injured, losing both or one parent and some of their siblings for example in the Lebanon, Syria or Iraq? Maybe they were fortunate enough to be operated on by a surgeon, then transported across the seas and put into a camp where makeshift tents are cold and draughty. There they will stay without any hope of going home in the foreseeable future.

I paint a miserable picture, but these camps are miserable especially in and around Calais for instance. Nobody wants these refugees and that's the sad part.

You could cheer a child up though and wrap a medium sized ladies shoe box in Christmas paper (lid separately wrapped) and fill it with pens, pencils, crayons, paper, toys (no reminders of war) and toiletries (no liquids or toothpaste). A soft toy would be a good idea, something to cuddle at night and a ball.

If you would like to take part in Operation Christmas Child, leaflets with instructions will be available in the church and the village shop. Sue Whitbourn (01438 798 221) and I will also have leaflets. Gift wrapped boxes with contents of your choice can be requested on line which would make it easier for some people ([samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk)). If anyone chooses to do this would they please let me know so that I can keep a record of donations.

Jackie Beadle

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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

We are really pleased to announce we have a new supplier of bread, Katie's Bakery of Old Welwyn. We will be stocking a range of breads, rolls and cakes all of which taste fantastic. We hope you like them too. If you have any specific bread requirements please let us know and we can order extra lines for you.

Having Katie's supplying bread and rolls means we can now offer a small range of freshly made sandwiches and rolls to take away. We hope these will prove popular with customers and especially cyclists at the weekend.

As I write the BBQ has not yet taken place. The weather forecast looks promising and we are hoping it stays fine for the BBQ. We are planning for what we hope will be a very successful event.

We hope to be able to run some additional events before Christmas, please visit the website for updates.

The September 100 club winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Lynne Hall-£40.50p

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Stephanie North-£20.25p

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Patrick Holden-£12.15p

**Shop opening hours are:**

**Monday – Friday: 8.00 – 12 noon,**

**Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,**

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Linda Crawford

### **JEWELLERY - TO HELP ST PETER'S CHURCH**

In the absence of a Christmas Bazaar we are seeking other ways of raising money for St Peter's, which is likely to show a sizeable loss this current year due to the impact of the Covid-19 situation.

Jewellery has been by far the largest contributor to recent Bazaars with an increasing range of items which people of Tewin have kindly donated. This year we would like to capitalise on recent success with jewellery sales in a somewhat different way. We are inviting you to donate gold, silver or other items of jewellery which could then be sold by various means for the benefit of the Church. It just wouldn't be displayed at the usual November Bazaar.

You or your family may have items which you wouldn't necessarily consider appropriate for a "bazaar" occasion but which for a special fund-raiser like this you would be prepared to donate.

During "Lockdown" many people have been having a good sort-out. Perhaps you have, and in the process have found items of jewellery, silver or gold, that you have forgotten all about; or simply no longer want or use.

If any of these possibilities applies to you, would you please dig them out and contact Linda Gilley, Churchwarden, in the first instance so that items can be gathered together and sold in the best possible way; all money raised would go to St Peter's, as in the case of the Bazaar itself.

Linda can be contacted on 01438 717385, or at [alannio@btinternet.com](mailto:alannio@btinternet.com), to explore how best you can hand over what you are donating.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous help in this very difficult year.

### **On This Day 1st October**

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| <b>1843</b> | The <i>News of the World</i> was first published                      |
| <b>1861</b> | Mrs Beeton's <i>Book of Household Management</i> was published        |
| <b>1908</b> | Henry Ford's Model T went on sale, priced at \$850                    |
| <b>1949</b> | The People's Republic of China was formed with Mao Zedong as its Head |

## Friends of Tewin



At the beginning of September, we were delighted to hold our first, socially distanced, Committee Meeting. We hadn't met since February and it was great to have our group back together even if only for a couple of hours.

Unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to make any definite plans for the future. At the time of writing this article, we don't know whether the Carols Around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green will go ahead. As this is such a popular event, we are trying our best to find a way to stage it, while at the same time keep everyone safe. Please look out for the November edition when we will let you know if the event will go ahead or not.

Every year by this time, we would have counted up the monies received from the Classic Car Show in readiness to distribute to the various groups in Tewin. Most years, we distribute the funds to around 12 Tewin groups. Unfortunately, because this year's show was cancelled, we are unable to make any more donations until after the 2021 show. So, let's keep our fingers crossed that next year we will be back on track and that our biggest fund raiser, the Classic Car Show, can go ahead.

Anne Hall & Olly Morrisroe  
Friends of Tewin

### **CLEAR OUT to HELP OUT St Peter's Church**

The Christmas Bazaar is sadly another casualty of the Covid-19 situation so we are looking at different fund-raising ideas this year.

I am asking for donations of any quality items that could be sold on Ebay to raise funds. The best items are ones that are easy to post but any good quality item would be considered.

Home décor, gifts, handbags and collectables usually sell well. It is the perfect opportunity to clear out unwanted gifts or little-used items.

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As mentioned in last month's article, on Saturday 1st August we held a Toy Sale in the area behind the shop. Everything was priced at £1 and we were delighted to raise £190 from the event.

On Tuesday 18th August the shop re-opened exactly 22 weeks after we were forced to shut it in March. Footfall in Welwyn village, generally, is still nowhere as high as it was before the pandemic started and sales in the shop have been slow to pick up. It has been encouraging, however, to be able to welcome some of our long-standing customers back into the shop and to catch up on village gossip.

This month the shop window has been decked out in an English Afternoon Tea theme, thanks, as always, to the efforts of Georgia Shaw and her husband.

This month our support for the hospitals has been in the form of 6 iPads, 4 for use by the Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis team to help them educate patients on exercises and drugs regimes. The other two are for use by patients to communicate with friends and family as visiting hours are still restricted.

The charity sector has been particularly impacted by the pandemic and we anticipate that it will be some while before we see a return to our normal levels of operation. We would like to assure all customers that we have carried out a detailed risk assessment, which can be found on our website, and have in place a revised set of operating procedures to ensure that your shopping experience with us is Covid-secure.

The shop is just one way that we raise funds for the work that we do. If you would like to make a direct donation, please go to the **DONATIONS** page on our website ([www.danesburyqvm.co.uk](http://www.danesburyqvm.co.uk)) where you can read about the various options available.

### **Intervention**

The Old Testament is full of stories and history which its writers believed were examples of divine intervention in the life of the nation. Most of these happened at a time when things were going wrong in the life of the nation. Examples are the escape from Egypt, the flood, the exile into Babylon. Usually there were warnings from prophets that God was displeased.

These days it would be very unusual to imagine that God would intervene in that way. It would not be as difficult to think that God might be displeased with a lot that goes on. Multi million pound salaries and bonuses, poverty and unemployment, actual and verbal war between nations, murders and knifings and so on.

After these biblical events, there was a chance taken for things to be re-ordered. It would be very strange to imagine that God sent Covid-19. Whatever the origin of it, the consequence has been things coming to a halt. This gives a chance for a change in what is considered normal, a new, better normal. No going back, just forward.

I think you may have noticed this in your private life, people, including you, rallying round to offer help and support. What is unfortunate is that many of the topmost levels of governments and society don't seem to get the point yet or are so frightened of each other that they cannot co-operate in what is a worldwide problem. Even the development of a vaccine can become a matter for international competition.

Our response must be to continue supporting and rallying round even when Covid-19 is a thing of the past. Being supportive like this might become a virus in itself, even a threat to the high and mighty.

Ted Sharp

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