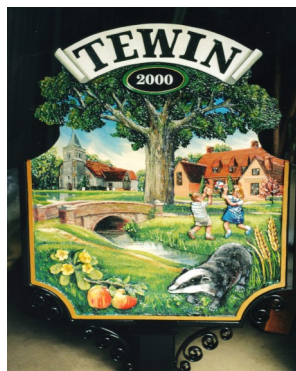




Tewin Magazine



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Happy Days

Editorial Note

Welcome to our November 2020 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our front cover photo this month was sent to me by Kevin Brazier as were those on the back page. In this time of uncertainty they remind us that socially distanced fun can still be had - though in the coming months we may have to wrap up a bit more!

In the month before Christmas (and at any other time of the year too) it is good to think of those who are less fortunate. One way to help a child at Christmas is to take part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. See p3 for details, including how to get a shoebox.

Congratulations to Tewin Stores on winning a CPRE award (p25). We all know and appreciate how hard Bev, the Committee and the volunteers work to keep our shop open and viable.

Don't forget to get your Poppies (p9).

The Hertford Museum has an exhibition on the collective of artists who worked and lived in Marden Hill from 1958 (p30).

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 NHS Calendar

I have commissioned a calendar for 2021, using photos taken in and around Tewin. 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 costs £5 and is on sale per kind favour of Tewin Stores, Tewin Bury Farm Shop and Datchworth Stores. 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

All Souls Memorial
1st 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 1st 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who wishes to take part in the shoebox appeal this year. Would you please take your completed boxes to St Peter's Church during the week of 9th - 16th November. Boxes can also be left with Judy Puddifoot at 2 Grass Warren but not before the 14th please. Please contact Sue Whitbourn on 01438 798221 if you have difficulty finding a shoebox or would like to arrange to have your box collected. Also I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to watch Kululu's Story and Boun Thorne's Story on the Samaritan's Purse website. You will then see what your gifts will mean to a child who will receive your box.

Please remember to let me know if you choose to order a completed box online so that I can add these to the Tewin total this year.

Thank you

Jackie Beadle.

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Tewin Parish Council



CLERK NEW PHONE NUMBER

The new number for the Parish Clerk is 01438 840861 but the email remains the same.

NEW SIGNS FOR CHURCHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE

The Parish Council agreed to the quote of £995 from Hertfordshire Highways for two signs either side of the bridge warning “Vehicles in the Road”.

FAIRHOLME STABLES PLANNING APPLICATION 3/20/0810/FUL

Demolition of buildings and redevelopment of site to erect 3 detached dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping

Tewin Parish Council objected as the issues raised by Conservation, Landscape and CPRE have not been addressed sufficiently. The following were queried: no update to the Planning Statement, no written commentary on the changes, no conclusion on traffic data file, no detail on area of “native evergreen planting” across the back of the properties, no street scene document for rear aspect.

Overall urbanization of proposal not in keeping or appropriate to this location: still visible from road and open field to the east, extra vehicle access with visibility splays (clear sight in both directions), replacement of mature hedge with semi mature domesticated planting, pedestrian gated entrances implying gated vehicle entrance, two storey glass frontages and pedestrian access would require kerbside pavement.

Tewin Parish Council object as this application would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development (NPPF 145(g)).

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO) and Tree Works

Trees are an essential characteristic of Tewin Wood and all of the trees are protected by a blanket TPO. The TPO also covers both sides of the adjacent stretch of Orchard Road, and also Tewin Close.

BEFORE any works are undertaken you will need to make a tree works application.

The form is available from the East Herts Council website.

You will need to ensure you have the following:

- Stated reasons for the proposed work
- A sketch plan showing the location of all trees in question
- A clear indication of the tree(s) species in question
- A full and clear description of the works to be carried out

Before making a tree works application, please ensure you have provided the following:

- A written report from an arboriculturalist (A full list of accredited consultants can be found at The Arboricultural Association if your proposed work is as a result of the condition of the tree)
- A report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturalist if you are alleging the tree is causing subsidence damage
- Any further information you feel may be important to disclose

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2nd November 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.

Queries : Chairman, Keith St Pier Tel: 01438-717551
 Clerk, Caroline McFarlane Tel: 01438-798969
 E-mail - tewinparishclerk@btinternet.com

East Herts District Councillors - North Ward:

Cllr Michael McMullen Tel: 01920-463430

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Cllr Linda Haysey Tel: 01992-582151

Herts County Councillor:

Cllr Ken Crofton Tel: 01438 869650

Police Community Team: 01707-354192 - For non-emergency purposes - PC Paul Chapman or PCSO Sally Brooks.

Herts Highways Fault Line: 0300 1234047 or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk - For fault reporting.

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Lockdown Times and Tales

A first for the village, this competition arose when the *THACS* autumn show had to be cancelled. The Tewin Writers Online webpage offered an ideal online forum for a writing competition. It is unusual to choose judges, in this case Joanne Allen and Gerry Murphy, who are residents of the village. Care was taken to ensure that the entries were anonymous at the time of judging. There were five entries, all of which were enjoyable and thoughtfully written.

The winners are:

1st prize - Martina Swift for her poem *Lockdown Times and Tales*

2nd prize - Tom Gladwin for his account of *The Unlocking of Spring*

3rd prize - Jackie Beadle for her *Lockdown/A Journey*

Congratulations to the prize-winners and well done to all the contributors!

The three winning entries can be enjoyed on the *THACS* web page on the Tewin village website.

Look out for future new poetry and prose in November at Tewin Writers Online page.

Christmas Card Competition

Our Christmas Card Competition was announced in the September edition and it is still open for entries. We are expecting entries from local school children, but the competition is open to adults as well, so don't let the children have all of the fun! It's time for you to get creative and artistic with your paint brushes or drawing pencils, creating your own unique Christmas card picture.

If you would like to enter but have not submitted your picture yet, then please do so as soon as possible, before the deadline of 5th November.

For further information, please go to the *THACS* web page on the Tewin village website.

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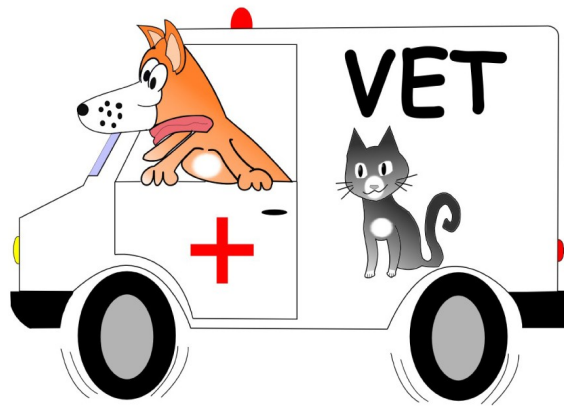
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Duvets and Corned Beef

John and I have been in touch with St Saviour's Priory in Shoreditch to enquire if they needed anything for their homeless projects. Sadly, due to Covid - 19, they have had to suspend the Dunloe Centre offering support to people living on the streets, and also their Sunday stall which raises funds for the Convent's work in the East End. Sister Elizabeth has thanked us for our past invaluable support but asked us not to bring anything this year. We will keep you informed of any change here when life is more settled.

Linda Gilley

Poppy Day Update

In last month's issue of this magazine you will have seen details concerning the Royal British Legion Poppy Day. We are pleased to advise that we now have a supply of poppies and 2020 dated enamel pins, which will be available when the appeal starts on the 24th October. So in order to support this worthwhile cause, please go along to one of the following to make your donation. You will find them at:-

*Tewin Stores
The Rose & Crown
The Plume of Feathers
The Country Bumpkin
The White Horse in Burnham Green
Tewin Bury Farm.*

This is a wonderful cause, which the people of Tewin have been willing to support over the years, so please continue to do so. We will then collect all your donations and deliver them to the British Legion. Please observe appropriate Covid precautions when visiting these establishments. The Royal British Legion is not doing house-to-house collections this year but has approved static collection points.

Thank you.

Keith St Pier

Poppy Appeal Organiser EEC20

Supported by The Tewin Memorial Hall Committee

On The Farm

During the farming year two days are important if you are a tenant farmer– Lady Day, on the 25th March, and Michaelmas on the 29th September. These are rent days when you have to pay your landlord his rent. Half of your annual rent is paid on each of those days.

I have several small fields that are rented fields like my small Churchfield along the Church drive. This is Glebe Land which belongs to the Church or the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance. Glebe Land is kept for future extensions to the churchyard. Over the past 40 years I have given up 2 parcels of the field as they were needed for burials. Luckily my brother and I have bought our farmland over the years.

Wheat drilling or sowing started on the 20th September. Conditions were good but very dry and dusty. By the end of September we had sowed all our 1st and 2nd wheats. What a good job we did as it started to rain on the 2nd October and, up to date, we must have had 100ml (4inches) of rain. The soil is now very wet.

To keep our soil in good, fertile condition, and therefore guarantee top yields, we buy a large amount of compost or green waste. This comes from a recycling company and is spread over a different field each year. Each harvest takes something out of the soil.

I use a company called SOYL. They come every 3 years to take several soil samples from each field to source the level of P & K (phosphate (P_2O_5) and potash (K_2O)). We will then get a computer chip which Martyn will put into the computer on the fertiliser spreader. It will show him the highs and lows of each field. Using this information we only spread fertiliser on the low areas, keeping all of the fields at a balanced level.

We must care for our soil as Man owes his entire existence to a few inches of top soil and the fact that it rains.

Ivor Williams

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Tues 12.30pm until 15.00pm

Fri 9.30am until 13.00pm

Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

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

September 2020

Below are the results for the September Supporters Club draw:

1st	£56	Anne Horsman, Harwood Close
2nd	£34	Kevin Brazier, Lower Green
3rd	£11	Ian Barton-Jones, Harwood Close
3rd	£11	Doreen Lloyd, Grass Warren

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

Local Contact Tracing System Goes Countywide

A COVID-19 contact tracing system, implemented at a local level to back up NHS Test and Trace, has been further rolled out right across Hertfordshire.

In partnership with Public Health England, and the 10 district and borough councils, we have developed and launched the system which will see council staff support the efforts to locate people who have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

A pilot contact tracing initiative, managed by the relevant district and borough councils, has been up-and-running in Three Rivers and Watford since 15 September, and continues to operate – though it is expected this and the wider county service will eventually merge.

How your local contact tracing system works:

- If the national NHS Track and Trace service is unable to contact you after one day, your details will be passed to the new Hertfordshire County Council contact tracing team.
- The local contact tracing team will receive a list of people to contact every day at midday and is granted access to the national system, in which to input the required information.
- If the local contact tracing team can't contact you by phone after another 24 hours, that information will be passed to the district and borough council teams who will visit your address to speak to you.
- You will be provided with a local number to call, so the service can obtain details of your 'contacts' to update the national test and trace system (from there the national process and service takes over to contact the people you've been in contact with).

We will also check if you need any assistance through '[Herts Help](#)' – this could be around support with food shopping, collecting medication or debt advice.

More information about the national NHS Test and Trace system is available at [gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works)

Team Vicar's Letter

November is a season where we recognise both loss and light.

All Souls is a time where we traditionally think of those we love but are separated from by death. On Remembrance Sunday we think of the dead lost through war. At All Saints we remember the Saints and martyrs of times past.

There are other losses that may seem poignant at this time - the loss caused by the pandemic: of being separated from loved ones, perhaps the loss of employment, the loss of some freedoms, the loss of many of the familiar ways of doing things, the challenge of living in uncertain times.

In this dark time, as winter approaches and restrictions tighten it is worth remembering that this is also a season of light. On All Saints day we remember the light of the Saints, in their example and in their continuing light – and on All Souls we light candles to shine in the darkness of the church for each person we remember that day - a symbol of unending love, prayer and life.

Thinking of the rainbows that adorned our windows during the earlier part of this year, a biblical sign of hope, I'd like to invite you to a similar task to remind our community that, despite the darkness that we see around us, the light continues to shine. Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. It marks the anticipation of Christmas when in the darkness of night the world receives the gift of the Christ-light, Jesus Christ. My invitation is that you might display a candle in a window so that others may see. It may be a real candle, if it is safe to do so, or you might get creative and create a picture of some kind. We have prepared a number of ready to colour 'stained glass' candles on acetate so they can allow the light to shine through. You can collect one from church or drop me an email/call and I'll pop one through your door. The point will be to remember that during these winter months, as we deal with disappointments and sorrows of various kinds, that we may remind one another that light overcomes darkness. Always.

So let's fill our village with candles and light – and let's continue to act as light to one another.

“The light has shone in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it” John 1:5

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
NOV 1st	ALL SAINTS DAY	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RICHARD SYMS	REVELA- TION 7: 9-End	1 JOHN 3: 1-3	MAT- THEW 5: 1-12
		CHURCH OPEN FOR ALL SOULS	2-5pm	PRAYERS WILL BE SAID EVERY HALF HOUR	VISITORS	MAY LIGHT	A CANDLE
8th	REMEM- BRANCE SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION Followed by ACT OF REMEM- BRANCE	10.00am 10.50am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	WISDOM OF SOLO- MON 6: 12-16 AROUND	1 THESSA- LONIANS 4:13-End WAR	MAT- THEW 25: 1-13 MEMO- RIAL
15th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	LIZ LAVELLE	MAT- THEW 25: 14-30		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	DAVID MUNCHIN	ZEPHA- NAH 1: 7, 12-End	1 THESSA- LONIANS 5: 1-11	MAT- THEW 25: 14-30
22nd	CHRIST THE KING	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	EZEKIEL 34: 11-16, 20-24	EPHESIANS 1: 15-End	MAT- THEW 25: 31-End
29th	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	RICHARD SYMS	ISAIAH 64: 1-9	1 CORIN- THIANS 1: 3-9	MARK 13: 24-End

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

ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
NOV 1st DAVID	TBC	CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE	JUDY PUDDIFOOT	PAULINE SPRING
8th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	REMEM- BRANCE	CLARE RAWLINS
15th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	DITTO	SUE WHITBOURN
22nd DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	LINDA WILLIAMS	VICKY DE NAEYER
29th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	PAULINE BROWN	MARY GREGG

St Peter's News

It has been a pleasure to welcome back some of our regular attenders during the past two months. We were delighted to have a choir for Harvest and since then, every week, we have had two hymns sung by the choir, joined occasionally by other members of the congregation, so that we have perhaps six or eight people to sing during the service. We are fortunate to have Andrei, our organist, to play for us every week but singing in church once again makes such a difference to our worship.

A special thank you to our flower arrangers who produced some wonderful pedestal arrangements for harvest, and in the weeks since then, which have enhanced the church and given much pleasure. Thank you also to those who have kindly made donations to the church fund for the Tower repairs and work in the churchyard. It is much appreciated. Despite the bad weather in October, the builders have made some progress with the essential repairs which is encouraging. Thank you to those who have donated jewellery for us to sell for church funds – this is an ongoing project – so please look out any unwanted jewellery that you are happy for us to sell.

At long last we had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) this month when we reviewed the church's work in the community, its finances and the state of its buildings and environment. We also re-elected our Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who oversee the running of the church. Thank you to all who have agreed to stand for the PCC for the coming year, and to those who have loyally served the PCC but have now decided to step aside.

At the very beginning of November, on Sunday 1st, we shall commemorate All Souls Day (although All Souls Day is actually the day after on Monday 2nd). Normally we hold an evening service for this day, and we light candles in memory of all those people we have loved and lost. This year, due to the Covid restrictions on the number of people we can accommodate in the church, Susannah has decided that we will do things a little differently. The church will be open from 2 – 5 pm on Sunday 1st November when anyone may come in to light a candle and Susannah, or Mick Simmons, will say prayers every half

hour. Everyone is welcome. Either I or Nick will be there throughout the afternoon to support the clergy team.

Remembrance Sunday (8th November) will have to be different this year also. There will not be a special Remembrance service in church (although a normal parish Eucharist will happen that day at 10:0am) but, to manage social distancing, our formal act of Remembrance will happen at 10:50am outside St. Peter's and include the reading of the list of those who died from the parish of Tewin in the two World Wars, the two-minute silence around the War Memorial and the laying of wreaths by village organisations.

If you can respond to the Church's appeal for funds for the Tower repairs and the upkeep of the churchyard, there are several ways you can do this:

by using the button on the church pages of the village website, at 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 family members at school or university or have returned to work.

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

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Tewin Tennis Club

Your committee is very pleased to report that play at the tennis club is so far surviving the issues surrounding Covid and continues to provide a great deal of pleasure and exercise for the people of Tewin. Indeed, we've seen an upswing in new joiners and we can still welcome new members from Tewin village. Just get in touch with Val Winfield, details on the club's website www.tewintennisclub.co.uk.

If you are not a player, or feel a bit rusty, our coach Ross Alexander is busy helping members improve their game. Give him a try, or get in touch with Ross to find out about his Tuesday group coaching session at 6pm.

Now, after a gap of too long, we have a new supplier of tennis gear for the club. There's a wide range on offer, from tennis shirts, T-shirts, singlets, shorts, caps and a wide range of sweat shirts. The club logo is woven onto the left breast, and looks very smart indeed.

We've limited the colour choice a little to start with, but please do take a look soon on www.iprosports.co.uk/club-zone/tewin-tennis-club. Because the stitching is bespoke, you need to allow time for your order to turn around. So do get onto it now for your Christmas presents. And family members of tennis players take note. This is a very easy way to get a surprise gift for your loved ones that they are sure to appreciate!

Peter Burgess

On This Day 30th November

1872 The first international football match took place, with Scotland and England drawing 0-0 at Partick, Glasgow.

1936 Crystal Palace, built for the Great Exhibition of 1851 and moved to Sydenham, southeast London in 1854, was destroyed by fire.

Images

God created man in his own image. (Genesis ch.1)

To be honest, I am not very fond of this idea. Just between you and me, I, without even trying, can make a real mess of things from time to time. I'm not going into details.

Also, if you look at me nowadays, I'm getting old, not as old as God of course. Simple mobility and things like reaching toenails get more difficult. Hair cuts, dentistry, odd medical issues, all mean there's a real task keeping a body going, fed and watered.

Surely, God help us, He cannot be like this, can He? If so, we are in trouble!

But when, it is not too often, I wish to say a prayer, I need to have an image of whom I am talking to rather than just to empty space. When I speak to you on face time, I can see you on the phone, I can recognise your voice. It helps.

Perhaps I can hold on to the idea of God walking and talking in the garden of Eden, even though I know it cannot be completely accurate.

So if anything about me, or even you (I don't mean to be rude), is in the image of God, what can it possibly be? If you know, spill the beans.

Ted Sharp

On This Day 1st November

- 1512** The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, was exhibited to the public for the first time.
- 1922** The radio licence fee, initially ten shillings, was introduced in Britain
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Tewin Stores and Cafe

Our BBQ picnic on Lower Green last month was a great success. On a warm and sunny day over 100 villagers joined us to help to raise funds for the shop. Gerry and Paula along with our team of volunteers did a great job serving delicious food. We are pleased to report that, together with some kind donations, the event raised £500 which has enabled us to buy a much needed replacement newspaper stand for the shop. Thank you to all those who supported the event. We hope to be able to repeat it next year. We are very pleased to tell you, Tewin Stores has won an award from CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England). Details of the award will be included in next month's edition of the magazine.

Katie's freshly baked bread, baps & teacakes have been well received. Have you tried them yet? Please remember you can pre-order bread and if you require a special loaf or rolls we can order these for you as well.

To encourage you to come into the shop, our autumn promotions celebrate Halloween and on Bonfire Night we will be offering Digswell sausages or warm homemade soup. As there is only a limited supply in the shop it's best to pre-order the sausages and soup.

The October 100 club winners are:

1st Prize: Shelia Cowie-£40.50

2nd Prize: Lynne Hall-£20.25

3rd Prize : Linda Mandall-£12.15

Shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.00 – 12 noon,

Saturdays: 8.30 – 12 noon,

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Linda Crawford

Bridge Cottage Surgery

It is really important that people do not neglect their general health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. At the moment it can be hard to know what to do if you're unwell but it is vital to get medical help if you need it.

Bridge Cottage Surgery are still carrying out face to face appointments when needed following an initial telephone consultation. You will be asked by the reception team to give a brief description of the nature of the issue you wish to discuss, which will help them book the right person in the right time frame. Patients are asked to call at 8am for a morning call back and 12noon for an afternoon one. If the clinician decides you need to be seen face to face, they will arrange to see you. Many issues can be dealt with quickly and safely over the phone, saving you an unnecessary trip to the surgery and reducing the risk of spreading Covid-19 to you and the Surgery staff.

Advanced booking is available with Bridge Cottage Surgery nurses with face to face appointments for baby immunisations, blood pressure checks, B12 injections, coil checks, dressings, ear syringing, hormone injections, pneumonia vaccinations, shingles vaccinations and smear tests.

During this time do not put off having any immunisations or screenings that you are eligible for. Bridge Cottage is operating in a COVID safe manner.

If you are unwell or need assistance then contact the surgery on 01438 715044 or use the eConsult service (accessible <https://www.bridgecottagesurgery.nhs.uk>) Bridge Cottage Surgery is open for patients to be able to collect any relevant paperwork that has been instructed by a clinician. They ask that patients continue to drop any samples or paperwork via the black front door letter box rather than bringing to the reception desk and to telephone the Surgery instead of entering the building. This will protect both patients and staff of Bridge Cottage Surgery against unnecessary exposure to the virus. If you do have an appointment please do not attend if you, or anyone you have had close contact with, develops a continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell.

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

Friends of Tewin



At the beginning of October, we were delighted to hold our second, socially distanced, Committee Meeting and it was great to have our group back together even if only for a short time.

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A big part of the discussions at our meeting involved the Carols Around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green. This event has taken place a week or so before Christmas for many years but unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we have decided we are unable to hold the Carols event this year. We know this is a popular event, especially for families with young children and we tried our best to think of an alternative way to stage the event while at the same time keeping everyone safe. However, I'm sad to say we felt there was no alternative but to cancel the event.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREE – LOWER GREEN

We are delighted to have been working in conjunction with Tewin Parish Council on a project to replace the Christmas Tree. The current tree has been in place for 4 years and unfortunately needs replacing. If you take a close look at the tree, you may think it's thriving but it is not. The tree shed lots of pines during last Winter and although there is new growth on the ends of some branches, the bare areas will not regenerate.

Friends of Tewin decided to fund the cost of a new tree using the bequest left to us by Mr Geoff Malin, deceased. The new tree has been purchased and hopefully will be in situ in November. Mr Malin lived on Lower Green and we feel sure he would have approved of us using some of his bequest.

Anne Hall – Chairman
Friends of Tewin

Post Office Pillar Boxes

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The first few weeks since the shop opened have been, at best 'experimental'. The footfall has not been as high as normal as there are, as anticipated, far fewer people on Welwyn High Street in general and people do not have the 'stamina' to queue up outside the shop. We have found that it is practical to increase the number of customers in the shop to three, which has meant that customers have not had to wait so long. This will, of course, be more beneficial as the weather turns to become more inclement.

Notwithstanding the above, we are delighted to report that the Welwyn shop is running at a small operating profit, augmented by eBay sales. Once again, the shop window is looking wonderful, having been decked out in Autumn Glory by Georgia Shaw and her husband.

Once again, this year we will be selling our own charity cards in the run-up to Christmas. We are appealing to all artists to submit designs to adorn this year's Christmas cards. The design can be anything: a hand-drawn cartoon, a sketch, a painting or a photograph but the image should, of course, resonate with the Christmas period. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with us at the following email address: **danburyqvm@btconnect.com** or pop into the Charity shop. We would stress that the image must be your own original work and not subject to any copyright restrictions. A member of our board of Trustees, who runs the art therapy group at Danesbury, will choose several designs to adorn the Christmas cards. Given the above-mentioned reduction in our income, we are now looking at new ways of raising money. These will be covered in subsequent articles to this publication and will also be well publicised. Do help us to support this important local charity at a time when the NHS needs your support more than ever. One new idea is that a lady in Stevenage has started making face masks for sale in our shop at £4.00 each. This idea alone has already added £140 to our funds. If you are in need of a cloth mask, do drop in and buy one.

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