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The Diocese of St Albans, Welwyn Team Ministry

Parish of St Peter, Tewin

Price 50p

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A Message from Coralie

Something different this month, it's a holiday reading rather than my usual message. I'm sorry if you already know the story but perhaps it's worth reading a second time.

A Tale of Two Men

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up for an hour each afternoon to drain fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all day on his back. They talked for hours and became firm friends, and each afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his room-mate, all the things he could see outside.

The man in the other bed began to live for that hour each day when his world was brightened by his friend's description of the outside world. The window overlooked a park with a lake on which ducks and swans glided by and children sailed their model boats. Couples walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour. As he listened the man could imagine everything in his mind's eye, even to the music being played by a band on parade.

Days and months passed until sadly the man by the window died. With the passing of time the other man asked if he could lie by the window. Soon he was moved and when he was alone he painfully propped himself up on one elbow to glimpse the world outside and found himself facing a brick wall.

When he asked the nurse why his friend had described such wonderful things, the nurse replied that the man had been blind and could not even see the brick wall. "Perhaps he wanted to encourage you", she said.

There are two morals to this story:

There is great happiness in making others happy despite our own situation. Shared grief is half the sorrow but happiness when shared is doubled.

If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy.

Enjoy a holiday time this August whether at home or away,

Coralie

'Sunday Club' in August

Don't forget our 'Sunday Club' for Primary School children during August at the same time as our main service, but outside. Shelter will be provided if raining.

The theme is linked to Creation and our role in protecting our wonderful world for future generations and the glory of God. Activities vary including bible stories, craft, games and music.

If you would like to help please speak to Coralie, Stephen, Mavis or Richard Kirby.

Churchwardens' Notes

We were blessed with fantastic weather for the Village Fete on 26th June. The Tombola stall, usually run by St Peter's, but this year, due to the other commitments of our regulars, the stall was taken on by Alison Burleigh to whom we are very grateful. Thanks also to all who donated gifts, helped with labelling, running the stall, and especially to those who bought tickets, resulting in a £383 contribution to the Memorial Hall-Fete fund.

Summer Evensongs started at St. Mary's, Welwyn on July 25th. On August 15th Evensong will be held at St. Peter's when our reader, Mick Simmonds, will preach on John Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress". This service will replace the usual Holy Communion service at this time on the third Sunday of the month. The Summer Evensongs finish on September 5th, again at St. Peter's, when Coralie will preach on "Mary's Journey from Bethlehem to the Foot of the Cross."

There will **NOT** be a service at St. Peter's on 29th August as there will be a joint Tewin/Datchworth Open Air Communion service on Burnham Green at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our new Team Rector, Reverend David Munchin, is being Instituted at St. Mary's, Welwyn, on Monday 27th September at 8pm. All are welcome at the service and for refreshments afterwards. To help with catering please put your name on the list at the back of the church so we have an idea of numbers attending from Tewin. Thank you.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Lord Laming who recently received an honorary doctorate in Civil Law from Northumbria University in recognition of his lifelong dedication to the field of social work.

A warm welcome goes to the children baptised at St.Peter's recently: Cillian Blythe William Melling on 20th June and Darcy Isobel Hampson on 18th July.

Let's hope the recent good weather continues into August so parents and children can make the most of the school break before the new term starts in September.



Bike 'n' Hike 2010

Help save the Past for the Future

Saturday 11th September 2010 from 10am to 6pm

Raise funds for St Peter's Church, Tewin

Raise money for repairs to St Peter's by getting sponsorship for cycling/walking between churches in Herts & Beds. Anyone can take part with over 600 churches & chapels open to visit.

Details and sponsorship forms at the back of the church or from David Rawlins (01438 717552)

Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust www.bedshertshct.org.uk







Bike 'n' Hike 2010

Of every £1 raised in sponsorship, 50p is returned to the church of your choice. All the organising is done for you, so it's a very effective way of raising funds for your church.

The remaining amount you raise will increase the amount Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust can give as grants. Grants are given to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital but costly repairs at a much-loved church or chapel. Members of St Peter's congregation will also be participating.

By using 'gift aid' you can further increase the funds available to the Trust. If you are a tax payer the Trust can reclaim the income tax on the amount you have donated or sponsored a participant, which will help a good cause.

So, enjoy a pleasant day biking or hiking to churches in your area and boost your church's funds as well as those of the Trust.

St Peter's will be open to bikers and hikers so we will need volunteers to help by setting up the tables for the refreshments, to meet and greet the visitors through the day and, of course, those vital home-made cakes for which we are becoming well-known from previous bike 'n' hikes. If you can help out or bake for this event please contact David Rawlins on 01438 717552.

'Charpentier Consort' at St Peter's Church, 2nd October 2010 at 7.30pm

The 'Charpentier Consort' will sing music from two great periods of English choral composition, both secular and religious. They are a group of twelve singers who met at university and now give concerts in London and Cambridge at a very professional level.

Tickets will be £10 each from:

Ted & Ruth Sharp, 60 Orchard Road, or by email edward.sharp@dsl.pipex.com or phone 01438 798594. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Church Tewin PCC please.

St Peter's Church Kneelers

In 1988 the old sawdust-filled kneelers used by the choir were replaced with tapestry designs depicting the life and countryside of Tewin by members of the village. So impressive were the final results it was thought all kneelers should be replaced following the same theme, so in 1998 sewing began again as a Millennium celebration.

Some 65 volunteers, male and female, aged between 11 and 75 years made their own design, assisted by Elisabeth Buchanan, who ensured the design had the correct perspective and proportions whilst Peter Walters was busy making frames for the stitchers to ensure even tension.

Audrey Walters upholstered new planks, which would be hinged to the wooden kneeler lengths that husband Peter meticulously renovated, enabling the tapestries to be lifted up to use the footrest. The individual kneelers were sewn together into lengths of 4', 6' and 10'. For continuity, the aisle end of each length has alternating 'AD2000' and 'MM'. The opposite end has a set of St Peter's keys which are all slightly different.

The first completed kneeler was dedicated in January 2000 and sewing continued. Following Peter's death in April 2009, Ken Feakes completed the remaining wood supports. The final kneeler length was dedicated in September 2009 by Rev. Coralie McCluskey.

To celebrate the completion of this mammoth task there is a beautifully illustrated book on sale at £5 each, plus a donation to the Church, available from Elisabeth Buchanan on 01438 798277, from St Peter's Church, or you can view a copy in Tewin Stores before placing your order.

THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY



Saturday 4th September 2010 - THACS Autumn Show

Get ready - the Autumn Show is drawing near! This is a great opportunity for you to display the results of your efforts to grow flowers, vegetables and fruit in your garden or allotment. This year we have provided you with even more scope for this, by increasing the number of categories in these classes. There are classes for adults covering flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. There are also classes for children (in age groups) covering horticulture, arts & crafts, culinary and photography. So come along, have a go and support your village show.

You can get the show schedules, rules and entry forms by down-loading them from the *THACS* page on the village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or paper copies from Tewin Stores or from Anna Clark, *THACS* Show Secretary, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin AL6 OLX, telephone 01438 798324. All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 29th August.

Other THACS events for this year

Saturday 23rd October 2010:

THACS Arts & Crafts Fair, 10:00 to 16:00, Tewin Memorial Hall

Monday 8th November 2010:

Talk entitled "The Garden in Autumn and Winter" by Margaret Easter, 20:00, Tewin Memorial Hall

Details will be published in subsequent editions of the Parish News.

At your convenience

Tewin Memorial Hall are proud to announce the transformation of the Hall toilets! You are invited to come and look for yourself any time you are passing the Hall.

Stylish modern units have replaced the old toilets and cubicles, movement sensitive lighting as you enter, automatic taps - so no more running taps and...... ladies, you now have a full length mirror to see how good you look!

The cost has exceeded £10,000 and the project would not have been possible without our fund raising efforts to which so many of you have contributed. Also for the £1,000 grant from Bryan Hammond, our local Herts Councillor.

Paul Hagger has done a great job as project manager working closely with Ian Clemence. We are very grateful for Ian's generosity, who has given a lot of his time in the planning stage, and his company who have provided their input at no extra cost to us.

This work is part of a long term plan to refurbish the Hall and we hope that the kitchen and bar area will also be upgraded soon – watch this space!

Tewin Memorial Hall Committee



Friends of Tewin

Our recent trip to Brighton was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The Barn Dance on the 24th July will have been and gone. Let's hope the weather was as kind to us as on the Brighton trip. To those who came and supported us, we hope you enjoyed yourself.

We are now busy putting together the 'Tewin Classic Car' event on Sunday 22nd August, open from 11am until 4pm. In addition to the many cars there will be stalls with craft, food and charity wares and the St. Albans Morris Men will be dancing for us again. There will be a pig roast as well as other food stalls, so come for the day and have your lunch on the Upper Green or bring a picnic. Entry this year will be by lucky programme with some of the money going towards the refurbishment of the new pavilion.

We will be needing lots of help on the day so if you can spare some time during the day, do please let us know. Also all those who kindly bake cakes....., please may we ask you to oblige us again?

See you there,

Linda Crawford, Chairman, Friends of Tewin 01438 717538

NGS Garden open day on Sunday 27th June 2010

Opening my garden each year is always a demanding and risky experience. There is always much to organise - people to put up signs/posters, make cakes, organise a rota for helpers on the day to set out chairs and tables for tea, gazebos in case of rain or sun, fill cakes with cream and strawberries, man the tea urn.... Then there are car park attendants needed, people to meet and greet at the gate, and to welcome the nurseryman who comes to sell plants each time. There is worry about the weather - rain or shine! Afterwards there's all the clearing up to do. And the 'Thank you's'.

This year was as busy as ever. The beds have filled out tremendously, much as I hope my late husband intended. There are fewer, but bigger weeds to find amid the planting. The day was extremely hot and with an England World cup game at 3pm, it looked like everything was conspiring against a success. However, I am delighted to say we raised over £600, split between the NGS good causes and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Many thanks to everyone who helped before the event, on the day and afterwards. Thank you to Ivor Williams for use of the field for parking and to all who donated cakes. Lastly, thanks to those who came and enjoyed a hot, but relaxing afternoon, chatting, eating cream cakes, and watching my dancing troupe, "The Light Years".

Linda Adams



Do you like live music?

Yes? then take yourself along to the 'Wilkestock' music festival on Saturday, 4th September, from 11am to enjoy 20 hours of live music & DJ's. There's free camping & car parking, a cheap bar, good food and a rodeo!

All proceeds to: Keswick Mountain Rescue and Leukaemia Research.

For more information & tickets visit: www.wilkestock.com



Headteacher: Mrs A Simpson

email: admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01438 717378

Our July News

The weather stayed warm and dry for our successful Sports Day on July 7th with happy participation from all our pupils and dreadful cheating from most of our parents in their quoits-balancing race! It was followed by the awards ceremony and a pleasant picnic on the school's field. That same afternoon judges for the "Blooming Schools" competition visited and though we have not as yet heard the result, we delight daily in our much enhanced environment with its hanging baskets and spectacular pond area.

On June 24th it would have been easy to suppose you were at Henley or Ascot-(minus hats), as an elegant afternoon tea was laid on by parents of Honeybee Class for Mrs. Hedda Campbell in appreciation of her long and dedicated service. The pupils prepared a wonderful programme of entertainment, including the Danish national anthem, accompanied by Mrs. Haslam and orchestrated by Mrs. Marshall.

On July 2nd we were visited by committee members for the THACS society who invited our pupils to participate in the Autumn Show to be held on Saturday September 4th. There was much enthusiasm for exhibiting and competing, but as this takes place before our return to school, we hope that parents will encourage their children to prepare their entries over the summer holidays and that we can enjoy being well represented.

On July 8th we enjoyed our Swap Day when pupils visit the classes they will join in September and our youngest pupils visit for the first time - some in school uniform, looking very small but *very* keen. Our new members of staff, Mr. Le Tissier and Mrs. Fenner, were able to join in the day and delighted in meeting their classes and introducing themselves to the whole school. That evening parents were invited to look around the classes and learn more about the International Primary Curriculum and to listen to our accomplished brass players and flautists.

This year we hope to begin a new tradition in holding our "Leavers Service" in our Parish Church of St Peter's. The service will be led by Rev. Stephen Fielding and include many of the prayerful chants and songs he has taught us in his assemblies over the year and which the pupils sing so beautifully. We ask that you might hold our Year 6 pupils in your prayers as they embark upon the next stage of their schooling. We look forward to a restful summer, a thorough refuelling and an enthusiastic start to the Autumn Term.

The Staff Team





VILLAGE FETE BREAKS ALL RECORDS!

On the 26th June, more than 500 visitors and their children came to Lower Green to enjoy the Tewin Village Fete. This was not only a record attendance but resulted in a profit of over £6,000 - another record! The Tewin Memorial Hall Management Committee wish to thank the Fete Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lynn Farr, for all their hard work, as well as everyone else who came along to make the day such a success.

A beautiful sunny day saw visitors enjoying the many attractions, with children taking full advantage of the Tea Cup ride on the Funfair as well as the Soccer Fun and other games on offer. The Accent on Youth Jazz Band and The Shooting Stars dance group provided music and entertainment, whilst the Auction proved to be a resounding success, with Lewis Hamilton's signed Formula 1 T-shirt and autobiography attracting heavy bidding, as did 10 tickets to a Saracens' match at Wembley. The popular Raffle was to have been drawn this year by actor, Jake Wood, who now lives in the village, but unfortunately he had an unexpected late call in to work that afternoon - however, we were grateful that he managed to come along for a short while at the opening of the Fete, which pleased <code>EastEnders</code> fans who had come along to see him.

There's no doubt that the 2010 Village Fete was a great success and the Committee are grateful to all those people who made donations of cakes, tombola prizes, plants etc., as well as to those who manned stalls, helped with collecting and setting up tables and gazebos and cleared up the Green afterwards. There are too many to mention by name but they will be know who they are and the Committee is very grateful for all their efforts - without their willing help, the Fete would not happen. A very big 'Thank You' to you all and, with your help, we look forward to breaking records again next year! More details to be found on: www.tewinvillage.co.uk/fete

Finally - Kevin Brazier has made an excellent DVD of this year's Fete, which has been set to music. It shows people enjoying the activities and features many villagers. If you would like to purchase a copy for just £2.99, you can do so at Tewin Stores. (If you prefer, you can pop into the store for a coffee and preview it before buying).

Alternatively, phone Lynn Farr on 798307. All proceeds will be donated to the Memorial Hall.

TEWIN MEMORIAL HALL—SUPPORTERS CLUB

Results for the **June 2010** draw

1st £62 Olly Morrisroe, Upper Green 2nd £37 Ray Leach, Godfries Close 3rd £12 Hilary Tipping, Lower Green 3rd £12 Ann Daley, Firs Walk

Please note new contact for Club Administration

Membership forms from Lisa Bove, 39 Orchard Road, Tel 798546, or any member of the Hall Committee



ISABEL HOSPICE—Welwyn Hatfield



We are pleased to announce the following events supporting your local Hospice.

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th August 2010

Gala Recital starting at 7pm

The Galini Piano Trio will be performing works by Beethoven, Rachmaninov & Mendelssohn at 87 Brookmans Avenue, Brookmans Park. Tickets are £25 to include cheese & wine. For more details please phone $01707\ 658531$ or $01707\ 265333$

Thursday 26th August 2010—time to be advised

This is an annual event to be held at Mill Green Golf Club, Gipsy Lane, WGC, AL7 4TY. Do join us for coffee, golf and summer buffet lunch. Tickets are £110 per pair, 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford Competition.

Please contact Jan Leggetter on 01438 716069 for more details.

Thursday, 9th September—7.30pm

The Isabel Hospice Annual Meeting will be held at Van Hage Garden Centre, Great Amwell, 5612 9RP

Sunday 19th September—10.00am-3.00pm

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Isabel Hospice chain Walk. To celebrate we have 2 new walks added to the current 17 which form a chain around the area in which we care for people. Walks are circular, varying in length between 8 and 12 miles, breaking for a pub lunch. A new shorter route of 3.5 miles starts at the Crooked Chimney, Lemsford, and lunch will be at the end of the walk.

For more details please contact Maria Alexander on 01707 382500



Danesbury Day Room Extension

With plans for the new Day Room extension at Danesbury moving forward, thoughts are turning to the new furnishings and fittings that will be needed. Once again, with mounting pressure on Health Service budgets the Friends will be called upon to provide funds to equip this additional space.

The *Friends* depend on income from their shops in Welwyn and Knebworth to enable financing such projects. Our management and volunteer helpers are tireless in their efforts to raise money for anything that will go towards providing the patients at Danesbury and QVM with the quality of care they deserve.

In turn, our shops depend on goods donated for sale by our supporters. Given the difficult economic climate these donations are all the more welcome. There is always a steady demand for clothes, and currently, bric-a-brac is particularly sought after. If you have anything, whether unused or unwanted, which you think might attract a new owner, do please take it along to your local shop.

You will be helping to make a real difference to the invaluable service provided to our community by Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital.

Please ring **01438 840514** for details on how you can help or visit our website www.danesburyqvm.co.uk

Thank you very much for your help.

Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital.



Tewin Parish Council

<u>PAVILION REFURBISHMENT</u>: PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE WITH DOGS AND CHILDREN AROUND THE PAVILION DURING THE TIME OF THE REFURBISHMENT. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE SITE IS SECURE.

PLAYGROUND

The playground will still be open during the Pavilion refurbishment however the playground may be shut for 24hrs in order to carry out remedial works on the gates sometime during the summer.

SPRING HOUSE MEDICAL CENTRE, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City AL7 4HL

This is a new type of GP-run medical centre, with extended opening hours and open access. The service is free to anyone eligible for NHS care and open **365 days** from **8.00am to 8.00pm** enabling you to be seen by a doctor or nurse at a time convenient to you, including for routine matters. It is hoped this will mean patients take less time off work simply to see the doctor or nurse.

You do not need to register with the centre to be seen, and remain mainly with your current practice and GP as this would be for occasional use only. However, you may register at the practice to use the full range of services that would be offered by any modern GP surgery. In this case you would need to move from your current GP.

The Centre is a brand new building opposite QE2 hospital in Welwyn Garden City, on a single level, with full disabled access and loop induction facilities. Disabled parking is available. The car park is adequate in size, but *you may need to pick up a coupon from reception and put visible through the windscreen* - to allow parking while using the Centre itself, not the hospital! You can walk in without an appointment and wait to be seen but, *you may wish to phone in advance*, so you know of any waiting time. Registered patients may pre-book an appointment.

The centre will not normally have access to medical records for unregistered patients so it's important you answer the doctor's questions fully. Details from your appointment will be sent to your own surgery keeping your medical records complete. Medical records of registered patients will be kept at the centre.

Spring House Medical Centre aims to work in partnership with you to help you maintain your own health and manage any health conditions. eg a 'patient self-management' room for you to measure your height, weight and blood pressure with health information available. Just 'drop-in' to use this service, no need to ring.

Open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days!

Telephone: 01707 294354

Website: www.springhouse.nhs.uk

Spring House Medical Centre is run by Ephedra Healthcare (an organisation set up by the eight GP practices in Welwyn & Hatfield area) in partnership with East & North Herts PCT.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on **Monday 6th September 2010** at 7.45pm at the Tewin Memorial Hall.

Other meeting dates are:

Monday 4th October 2010 at 7.45pm

Monday 1st November 2010 at 7.45pm

AGENDA

Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ARE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE START OF THE MEETING

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, NEWSLETTERS AND DATES OF MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TEWIN WEBSITE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT www.tewinvillage.co.uk. (Minutes do not appear on the website until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting)

Minutes are also displayed on the notice board by Tewin Stores, the Memorial Hall and the bus shelter opposite Desborough Drive.

If you have any queries or comments concerning the above, please contact:

Chairman, Kristina Lawson Tel: 01438-717256
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Herts County Councillor

Cllr Bryan Hammond Tel: 01438-798298

Other Useful Numbers/Websites
Operation Arable - 01992-533000

For reporting motorcycles

Police Community Team - 01707-354192

For non-emergencies

Police Control Room - 0845-3300222 Highways Fault Line - 01438-737321

Reporting potholes and any other damage to the roads

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

Herts County Council: 01992-555555 or

www.hertsdirect.org

Tewin Parish Council

Playground - please report any damage, accidents or other problems to the Parish Clerk on 01438-798969.