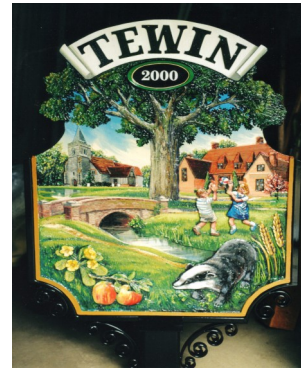




Tewin Magazine

February 2021



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Winter Song

Editorial Note

Welcome to our February 2021 edition of the Tewin Magazine. Our lovely photos on the front and back covers were taken by Steve Hughes. Well, the weather has not been very kind in January and has made our regular walks sometimes challenging but, as I struggle with each stuck-in-the-mud step, I think of all the extra muscles I'm building just moving forward! Last month's Magazine celebrated the resumption of Hertfordshire Health Walks. Unfortunately, the Covid restrictions have been tightened and the walks have been suspended until further notice. Hopefully they will resume soon. We can, however, continue our personal walks and if you're in need of some new walking routes, for now or the future, then see page 30 for details.

It's not all doom and gloom. A little bit of joy is on its way! Tuesday, 16th is PANCAKE DAY and Susannah has something planned, see page 15. You can also find details of a Lent discussion group on page 19.

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

The Rose and Crown

The Rose and Crown would like to wish all The Over 50's a Merry Christmas and hope they all enjoyed their Christmas Dinners on Thursday 14th January 2021 which was delivered to their homes. We can also deliver your meals to your home from 5.00pm- 8.00 pm Monday to Friday, Thursday Lunch 12.30pm -3.00pm Saturday 3.00pm - 8.00pm and Sunday from 12.30pm - 4.30 pm, but order early to avoid disappointment. We hope you are all well and trying to keep happy during this latest lockdown but please remember we are here to help our neighbours with shopping , emergencies or whatever. Give us a call or knock, but loudly now, as we have a telly upstairs! Keep safe and well. God bless.

Roger Temple 1942 – 2020

As the son of a Tewin farmer and bookkeeper, Ernie and Peggy Temple, Roger inherited a love of the outdoors, hard work, and numbers. These qualities would serve him in the two professions of his life. He also inherited, a love of whisky, conversation, people and of course Tewin. A friendly face, greeting newcomers, and in the process selling them something too.

Ever since he was a delivery boy for Tewin stores, his dream had been to own the village shop.

First though, he worked with his father at Warrengate farm and dairy. He treasured the outdoors, but he also enjoyed the chance to sell on the occasional milk round, which he did as dairy manager. He loved to make new friends and contacts, instinctively knowing the importance of trust and reliability, qualities, amongst others, that he would always be known for.

In 1982 with the help of his family he became the proud owner of Tewin Stores, unofficially known as Roger's shop. For 18 years he gradually made the shop the hub, and even the hubbub of Tewin. His enthusiasm for selling and for promoting all that was good in the village, bringing people together, was always a positive force.

He was continually raising funds and awareness for his daughter, Emma's, Romanian charity and had fun helping his son, David, at gigs, setting up equipment and just being part of it all.

Many years were spent on the PA and Parish Council, 30 years selling poppies, over 25 years on the Tewin Charities and helping to write the History of Tewin. It is not surprising then that, in the many thoughtful cards of sympathy which the family has received, he was always remembered as a welcoming, generous, and happy man. And will be deeply missed by his family and those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Tewin Parish Council



TEWIN STORES

Congratulations to Tewin Stores who received the Chairman's Award from CPRE for supporting their community throughout lockdown. Very impressive and thank you to everyone involved.

GULLEY INVESTIGATIONS

Herts Highways have advised that on 18th February 2021 they will be doing a CCTV investigation on the leaking gulleys in Orchard Road and on Upper Green Road at the junction with Sevenacres. The road will be shut for 2 days.

UPPER GREEN NOTICE BOARD

The notice board at the entrance to the Upper Green car park has been replaced and one side is unlocked and available for use by parishioners.

PROPOSED NEW FOOTPATH ON HERTFORD ROAD

Thank you to everyone for your comments on this proposal. Due to the cancellation of the next Parish Council meeting on 1st February 2021 the discussion/decision will be postponed to the next meeting.

FOOTPATH GATE REPAIRS

Herts County Council Countryside and Rights of Way have completed the gate repairs on FP17 and FP18.

NEW SIGNS FOR CHURCHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE

The order for two "Vehicles in Middle of the Road" warning signs has been placed with Herts Highways and they will be installed to improve safety at the Churchfield Road bridge.

MARGERY LANE DRAINAGE WORK

Drainage works in Margery Wood have been completed to reduce the amount of rainwater running down Margery Lane into Churchfield Road

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meeting on **Monday 1st February 2021** has been **cancelled due to Covid**. The next meeting will be at 7.45pm on **Monday 1st March 2021** 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.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website.

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Cllr Linda Haysey Tel: 01992-582151

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The Over 50's Club

Every year the Over 50's Club, run by Ann Kevis, has had a Christmas meal and this year was no different. Thanks to her organising skills and the Rose and Crown's wonderful meals, we had a hot meal with a pudding delivered to our doors, complete with serviette and cracker. Thank you from 39 over 50's who attend the Club in normal times. We cannot wait to see you all again. Keep well, keep safe.
Anon.

Notable Events in February

- 2nd Feb 1901 The state funeral of Queen Victoria took place at Windsor
- 4th Feb 1911 Rolls Royce commissioned its famous figurehead, *The Spirit of Ecstasy*, from the sculptor, Charles Sykes
- 6th Feb 1685 James II acceded to the throne
- 6th Feb 1952 Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne
- 6th Feb 1964 France and England agreed to build a Channel Tunnel
- 6th Feb 1971 Astronaut, Alan Shepherd, became the first person to hit a golf ball on the Moon
- 8th Feb 1965 A ban was announced on cigarette advertising on British television
- 9th Feb 1540 The first recorded race meeting in England took place at Roodee Fields, Chester

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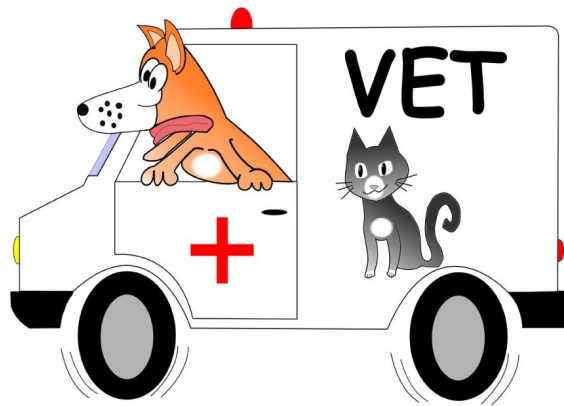
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Free E-Learning For Children And Young People's Mental Health And Wellbeing

Hertfordshire's Just Talk campaign is encouraging students of all ages to complete the Five Ways to Wellbeing e-learning module, to help them think about how they and others are feeling and improve their mood.

There are [separate modules for primary or secondary school students](#) and it only takes around 20 minutes to complete. Since its launch last November, over 800 young people have already benefited from this engaging new training.

Hertfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Prevention, Cllr Tim Hutchings, said: "The routine of going to school for most young people, is being disrupted again following the latest coronavirus restrictions, making this an ideal time to create some healthy new routines at home.

"These e-learning sessions encourage young people to think about some easy things they can do to boost their wellbeing, so I'd urge everyone to help spread the word about the modules and encourage young people in Hertfordshire to take a look."

The "Five Ways to Wellbeing" are clearly explained in each module, together with suggestions for how to support good mental health. A printable checklist for primary school children and an interactive journal for secondary students is also available.

Just Talk is a multi-agency mental health campaign, steered by young people and coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council. It encourages young people to show strength through talking about their mental health. The [Just Talk website](#) has a range of free resources for children, young people, their parents, schools and professionals, as well as details of who to contact for further mental help support. Follow the campaign on social media at:

Facebook: [JustTalkHerts](#)

Instagram: [@JustTalkHerts](#)

Twitter: [@JustTalkHerts](#)

On The Farm

As we start 2021, one wonders where 2020, the Covid year, went. All farmers' meetings are banned. The only way we can communicate with our farming friends and our agronomist, who helps us with his endless advice, is by Zoom or such like.

The Williams family has been part of Tewin life for many years and we cover a lot of land around the village. As we travel we see many of the village landmarks including the footpaths, walked on for many years, and the Church with its Clock in the Tower. We were glad to see that the repairs for the Church had been finished and the scaffolding taken down in time for Christmas.

The Church Clock has been a major part of our lives, calling us for lunch or milking or announcing that the long day is coming to a close. In the Harvest Field it was nice to hear the 4 o'clock chime heralding the fact that Mum was on her way with apricot sandwiches, sponge cake and a big churn of tea! As the Church Clock is part of the village, we gave some money to have it cleaned and spruced up while the scaffolding was in place. Twenty years ago Mum left some money to have the Clock face regilded. It was taken away to Bedford to have the work done. When it came back we were so pleased to see it on the tower.

Three years ago we extended the Churchyard and put a hedge and rabbit-proof fencing around it. We see the first grave has been dug and we hope the new arrival will lie in peace and know they are in a lovely country churchyard.

I must mention the footpaths. I have never seen so many people walking them. Unfortunately, because of the wet weather, they have become so very muddy and slippery that great care must be taken when using them. I hope that people have loved the countryside and looking at the fields where their future food is growing.

Ivor Williams

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Tewin Stores Post Office Open:

Wed 9.30am until 11.30am

Fri 9.30am until 11.30am

Datchworth Village Hall Post Office Open:

Tues 9.00am until 12 noon

Tewin Memorial Hall Draw

December 2020

Below are the results for the December Supporters Club draw:

1st	£55	Jacqueline Beadle, Queen Hoo Lane
2nd	£33	Roger Huggins, Hertford Road
3rd	£11	Sheila Feakes, West Riding
3rd	£11	Carol Pullen, Upper Green Road

Want to see your name here?

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Samaritan’s Purse

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who gave generously to the Operation Christmas Child Appeal this year. The Shoebox numbers are down again this year, but during these difficult times when finances are stretched, it was very kind of those who made up a box or donated them on line. Some people gave a number of shoeboxes which pushed up the total to seventy four including eighteen on line. Those are the ones Judy Puddefoot and I know of, so if there are any that haven’t been reported, would you please let me know so that I can add it to the record total for Tewin Residents of three thousand one hundred and eighty nine since the appeal was launched many years ago. It is pretty good for a village such as ours and this is all apart from the school who give a good collection each year so a big thank you to them too. Also a thank you to Sue Whitbourn who has played a big part in the leaflet distribution and collection of boxes.

You will never know what sheer joy each shoebox brings to a child who has possibly lost both parents and maybe siblings too. This child will be without any possessions at all and stuck in a camp or orphanage somewhere so to think someone has thought and cared enough to give them a present must be overwhelming.

Jackie Beadle.

Tewin Calendar 2021

I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported this venture. I am very proud to say that we have managed to raise £1,000 for the NHS. Thank you so much !!!!!!! In particular, I would like to thank Allen and Bertram for their generosity in printing the calendars and Tewin Stores, Tewinbury Farm Shop and Datchworth Store for their kindness in stocking and selling the calendars. I would also like to thank Bert and Cheryl Robinson and Deirdre Hatt for their enthusiastic help and support with sales. Thank you everyone for choosing to support this campaign to help NHS staff and volunteers who are caring for COVID-19 patients. I know that they will feel the arms of Tewin wrapped around them as I did.

Gaye Grimmond

Team Vicar's Letter

**It's time for some flippin' fun!
Online Pancake Party
Tuesday 16th February 4pm**

This month marks a year since this pandemic started to impose restrictions on our lives. In the Underwood household our daughter was sent from her company building to work at home and set up office in my study. We thought at the time it would be for a few weeks. A year later she is still there.

For some of us the last year has brought real suffering and loss. For all of us it has been difficult. It has been a long old haul and I suspect we are now rather weary of restrictions and longing for the Spring and Summer to bring hope and joy back into our lives.

Well – maybe earlier than expected - joy is on its way... I'd like to invite you to an event of laughter, frivolities and fun in the form of an online pancake party! I decided this was what my life needed about five minutes before I started writing this letter – but already I'm thinking a quiz, scavenger hunt, cooking demo and flipping competition all in the comfort and safety of our own homes but in the company of others. All you need to do is have to hand an egg, flour, milk and butter – and of course your favourite pancake toppings and by the magic of Zoom we will chat, cook and eat our wonderful creations.

If you are thinking this is just for children – STOP THAT THOUGHT RIGHT THERE! Pull out your pinny and inner-child and give yourself permission for 60 minutes of silliness. If you are not online, then I'd encourage you to make yourself a pancake and pile on the most decadent topping you could ever imagine and that no responsible adult would normally ever approve of.

To join the pancake party just email team.vicar@welwyn.org.uk and I will send you instructions and the zoom link.

But however you find it, I pray that you will find joy in the coming days, and know the hope of God in all things.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
FEB 7th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	LIZ LAVELLE	PROV- ERBS 8: 1, 22-31	COLOS- SIANS 1: 15-20	JOHN 1: 1-14
		SACRED SPACE AT DATCH- WORTH					
14th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	2 KINGS 2: 1-12	2 CORIN- THIANS 4: 3-6	MARK 9: 2-9
21st	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	MARK 1: 9-15		
		HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	GENESIS 9: 8-17	1 PETER 3: 18- End	MARK 1: 9-15
28th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am	LIZ LAVELLE	GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16	ROMANS 4: 13-End	MARK 8: 31-End

**** Please note these church services may be cancelled due to the pandemic.
For up to date details on physical and online worship please visit
www.tewinvillage.co.uk****

**The Church was floodlit on 29th January 2021 in memory of Jim Moon.
With love from all his family.**

ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
FEB 7th DAVID	TBC	CHURCH WARDENS AND VERGER	NO COFFEE	SUE WHITBOURN	LINDA MAITLAND ANGELA WILLIAMS
14th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	JUDY PUDDEFOOT	PAULINE SPRING
21st DAVID	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	LENT	CLARE RAWLINS
	TBC	DITTO			
28th PAULINE	TBC	DITTO	DITTO	LENT	SUE WHITBOURN

FUNERALS

Friday 8th January 2021

Sheila Daphne Hampson

Thursday 14th January 2021

Miles Bullivant

Monday 18th January 2021

Roger David Temple

St Peter's News

A church at the heart of the village, with space for all

I am sure that like me, you cannot believe that another year has gone. During the Second World War my mother wrote in one of her many letters to my father, who was in the Forces – “another weekend over-another week gone. How the days drag interminably and the weeks fly”. I think that is how I feel about our current situation. I have plenty to occupy me, I am lucky to be well and for my friends and family, by and large, to be safe and healthy, but I am frustrated and bored some of the time. Nevertheless, like my parents' generation, we must soldier on and get through this next period, hoping to stay well and avoid Covid-19. As our Bishop Alan says “ Stay positive, test negative”.

Covid coloured much of our celebrations in the Church this Christmas. Susannah was unable to be with us as planned as her family were self-isolating. We were fortunate that the Welwyn Team were able to call on others to take over services she should have led, and even Nick and I stepped up for the Nativity service. People opted in and out of attendance at church over Christmas, but we had a congregation for every event. And now the church is closed for public worship for the time being. You can always find a service on-line, streamed from one of the Welwyn churches, via the www.welwyn.org.uk website. The church remains open daily for private prayer.

The good news is that the church repairs were completed before Christmas and the scaffolding removed. To our great relief the church clock is now working again, and you will have heard it strike the hours as usual. For the moment, whilst the lime mortar dries hard on the clock tower, the bells cannot be rung. Hopefully, once things get back to normal, our bellringers will be able to be back in action again after the end of February.

Pete, our Verger, has had help clearing the leaves in the churchyard this season from Mark Lee and his son Adam – thank you to them for their hard work. Thank you also to Sue Whitbourn and her team of flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully for services in December, and to Clare Rawlins for decorating our Christmas tree.

We continue to 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 are 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

Linda Gilley

Connect! An online course run during Lent by the Welwyn Team churches looking at the relationship between Christian faith and some of the most pressing issues of our time in connection with work, home, food, nature, neighbours.

Please see the church website, www.welwyn.org.uk, for more details or contact

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Tewin Tennis Club

By the time you read this, the tennis club will have a new website! At least, I sincerely hope so, because as I write this in mid-January, I have two more weeks to lick it into shape and make it look all sparkly and new.

I am sure you know that even though we have lots more time on our hands – no commuting and no going out to have fun with friends – it still sometimes seems impossibly difficult to knock some jobs on the head. Building a website falls nicely into that category.

Even if you enjoy doing this sort of thing, which I sort of do, I am largely self taught so inevitably the result will always be better if I spend a few more hours on it.

The tennis club's current website host relies on something called Adobe Flash Player to make it work, and that's suddenly been pulled from the market. So we had to start again.

Luckily we have good backup from the Lawn Tennis Association, which already provides our relatively new on-line court booking system. The new website has this integrated much better into the pages, though you'll still need to login to book your courts.

This also means that for 2021, all the membership renewals go online. We'll simply need to press a button to send you the missive about updating your details and paying your dues online. Very 2021!

We hope you like what you see and find the website easier to use. Please do email me on pburgess000@gmail.com with any issues or suggestions.

Oh, and that address is www.tewintennisclub.co.uk

Peter Burgess

Be Alert to Vaccine Frauds

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS:

The NHS will:

NEVER ask for payment - the vaccine is free

NEVER ask for your bank details

NEVER arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine

NEVER ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport.

Top 4 Vaccine Scams

TEXT MESSAGES

People are asked to press a number on their keypad or to send a text message to confirm they wish to receive the vaccine, doing so is likely to result in a charge being applied to their phone bill and fraudsters collecting personal information to use again.

PHONE CALLS

Victims receive a phone call from a fake caller offering the vaccine for a fee or asking for bank details.

WEBSITES

Fake URL links to convincing-looking NHS vaccine booking forms, these look like official NHS forms and may contain some personal information already, at the end of the form it asks for bank details.

IN PERSON

Fraudsters are calling unannounced at the homes of victims by pretending to be from the NHS to administer the vaccine there and then, in exchange for a cash payment.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726** which is free of charge.

If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either **online** or via phone on 0300 123 2040.

If you have any information relating to vaccine fraud you can report and stay 100% anonymous by contacting Crimestoppers COVID Fraud Hotline **online** or call 0800 587 5030.

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Tewin Stores and Cafe

Tewin Stores marks its 13th anniversary as a community store this month and we would like to thank all of our customers both past and present for their support.

We were sorry we had to delay extending our opening hours from January due to the Government's tightening of restrictions prior to Christmas. The worsening situation and imposition of further restrictions reminds us all of the need to be extra vigilant. We would like to thank all of our customers for wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing whilst in the shop. Government advice can change at short notice, we will inform customers of changes to restrictions that affect Tewin Stores via the website and the shop notice board.

We would like to thank all those who donated craft items to be sold in the shop over Christmas. Due to your generosity we raised around £400 for the shop.

Regular visitors to the shop will know our freezer has not been working for some time. As I write an engineer is attempting to repair the freezer and we very much hope that we will very soon be able to recommence selling a wider range of frozen foods items. We would like to thank Paul Ugo for his help in arranging for the repair of the freezer.

Thoughts of Roger Temple who sadly died on Christmas Eve 2020

The volunteers who were involved in setting up Tewin Stores will never forget the support that Roger gave us in the early days. Roger had run the shop for over 18 years until his retirement in 2000, but in 2007 when the shop lease was taken over by the village, Roger returned; cutting the ribbon at the formal opening ceremony on 21 February 2008 and then running the Post Office every weekday morning until ill health forced him to retire. We are truly grateful for all that Roger did for the shop, as well as for the village. His legacy lives on.

Thank you for your continued support and, as it will soon be Valentine's Day, we love you all.

The January 100 club winners are:

1st Prize: Thomas Brown- £41.00

2nd Prize: Lis Tyers -£20.50

3rd Prize: Linda Crawford - £12.30

Shop opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 12 noon,

Saturdays: 8.30am – 12 noon,

Sundays: 9.00am – 12 noon

Linda Crawford

Friends of Tewin



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2020

At the AGM in February 2020, Anne Hall, Shirley Sinfield, Olly Morrisroe and Kay Adams were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Ben Roberts was re-elected as Honorary President. Roe Hill, Hilary Tipping, Damien Redlich and Wayne Rolfe were all re-elected to the Committee. Judy Puddefoot continues as Minute Taker for the Committee Meetings. We were sorry to say goodbye to Brenda Barber who stepped down from the Committee after serving for many years.

Traditionally, our first event of the year is the annual Senior Citizens' Lunch. So, on 19th February, using funds raised at the 2019 Classic Car & Craft Show, we served a two-course lunch to 96 guests in the Memorial Hall. After the meal, our guests enjoyed a light-hearted quiz, followed by chocolates, tea & coffee. We delivered 4 meals to villagers who were unable to attend. This annual lunch is a very popular and well-established event in Tewin. However, little did we know that shortly afterwards, all our planned events, like thousands of other events around the country, would be cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.

Sadly, we couldn't hold the Maypole Dancing event or the Classic Car Show which we stage in August. However, we decided to bring forward the Scarecrow Competition which wasn't due to take place until 2021. We felt because many more families were at home during the summer, that this would be a great project for everyone to enjoy, while still adhering to Covid-19 Guidelines.

For four days at the end of June, there were 47 wonderful Scarecrows on display, based on the theme of Key Workers, such as, Doctors, Postal Workers, Bus Drivers and indeed our very own Tewin Stores. The standard was excellent with a wide range of ideas. The winning scarecrow was based on Joe Wicks who had organised on-line PE classes for children. Every entry received a small prize and a certificate, the winning entry receiving a John Lewis Voucher for £25.

Friends of Tewin (cont'd)

As in previous years, we again made donations from our fund-raising events to various village groups. We were also able to make a large donation towards the refurbishment of St Peter's Church bells and another towards replacing the Christmas Tree on Lower Green from the bequest we had received from Mr Malin, deceased, of Tewin.

Judy Puddefoot has very kindly taken the Minutes of our meetings but in September she stepped down from this role. I want to thank her for being a big part of our group for so many years.

The annual Carols on Lower Green also had to be cancelled but on 19th December we arranged for Father Christmas to come on a drive-through tour of Tewin. From the looks on the faces of people as we drove by, it was a big success and we hope it brought some Christmas cheer.

2021 Events: Sadly, we have also had to cancel the Senior Citizens' Lunch which was to be held on 17th February 2021. If it is possible, we will try to stage a similar event later in the year.

2021 AGM: In line with our Constitution the AGM has to take place by the end of February. In view of on-going Covid-19 restrictions, the meeting will be held on line, via Zoom, on 17th February 2021. The Agenda will be posted on village Notice Boards and in Tewin Stores. If you wish to add an item for inclusion on this, please contact us before 10th February by emailing: friendsoftewin@gmail.com.

The year is drawing to a close and we all look forward to our lives returning to normal in the coming months. On behalf of the Friends of Tewin Committee, I want to thank you for your continued support. If it is possible to stage any of our regular annual events in 2021, we hope to see you then.

Chairman: Anne Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin. Herts. AL6 0JR

I know Christmas 2020 must seem a very long time ago but we thought it would be nice to reflect on that wonderful December evening. It was the first time we organised this event and, despite getting the timings wrong, we have had some lovely comments. It was such a great evening, enjoyed by many people and we really hope to repeat it this Christmas and possibly make it one of our annual events.

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With Christmas and New Year now only a memory we have had no escape from the reality of turmoil the Covid-19 pandemic has taken on the nation. With positive news of the vaccine however, we can start to foresee our lives returning to something like normal in the not too distant future.

For the patients and staff at Danesbury Neurological Centre and QVM Hospital, and similar facilities which are part of Hertfordshire's NHS Services, the turmoil caused by Covid-19 has been very keenly felt. Resources have been extremely stretched, clinical staff became poorly with Covid-19 and had to take time off, affecting staffing levels. This is where the support given by the Friends has been really appreciated. The money that we raise – through our shop and by donations- enables us to fund a range of 'things' which directly benefits both inpatients and patients in the community. As well as funding equipment that the NHS cannot provide, we have directly supported patient welfare and comfort.

The greatest source of income for the Friends is from our shop but, as you all know, we were unable to open the shop for six months of 2020 which has meant a substantial loss of income. We are relying more and more on other income streams. The trustees have had to start thinking 'outside the box' to try and find new ways of raising funds for our charity. If you shop online and would like to support us, one of the easiest ways to do so, at no cost to you, is by **easyfundraising.org**.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas raffle and Christmas Market, we raised £522 from the raffle, which was won by a nurse at Danesbury Hospital and £283 was raised at the Christmas Market.

At the end of December 2020 the Friends launched a new updated, streamlined website which can be accessed on **danburyqvm.co.uk**. The instructions on how to donate via **easyfundraising.org** are available on the website under Donations. You can also easily access the shop's Facebook page and eBay shop from the website. To achieve our aims, we rely on your support.

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John Harris

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