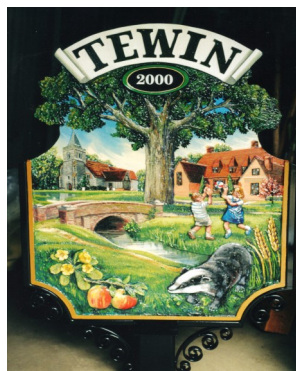




# *Tewin Magazine*

December 2021



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**Merry Christmas**

## Editorial Note

Welcome to our December 2021 edition of the Tewin Magazine and a Happy Christmas to all our readers. I hope you have enjoyed the Magazine over the past year. Subscriptions are due for renewal in January. Please see page 6 for details.

Events this month are: Coffee Morning with the students from Oaklands College on Wednesday 1st (see below), THACS Arts & Crafts Sale on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December (p6), Walk a Mile for St Peter's and Christmas Quiz on 11th (see below). The Screen on the Green this month is showing 'Yesterday' on the 13th (p9) and Friends of Tewin are helping Father Christmas on a Drive-Through on 17th (p27).

See page 3 for details of the Christmas Services at St Peter's, including the Tewin Nativity on the 12th and Carol Service on 19th.

The Tewin Community Bus is back. See page 4 for details.

Tewin Brownies have been going for 56 years and need your help (p30).

The Post Office is now open on Monday afternoons (p13).

The reprint of the 'History of Tewin' is now available (p25).

**Trussells Butcher's Van** is outside the shop on Fridays from 2.30-3.30.

Call 01438 812304 if you wish to order in advance.

Please continue to send contributions for future editions of the magazine to [tewinmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:tewinmagazine@gmail.com). The deadline is the 15th of the month, but the earlier the better.

Jackie Murphy, Editor

## News from the Rose and Crown

On Saturday 11th December 2021 two events in aid of St Peter's Church Christmas Appeal will take place at the Rose and Crown.

**Walk a Mile for St Peter's.** From 12 noon, starting from the Rose and Crown. £5 contribution per person.

**Christmas Quiz** at 7pm. £2 per participant. Raffle to be held so bring some cash!

Sadly missed during the pandemic, the students from Oaklands College are back. They will be hosting a coffee morning from **11am on Wednesday 1st December**. Please come along and support them and enjoy some of their delicious cakes.

Merry Christmas from all the staff at the Rose and Crown.

## **St Peter's Tewin**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Tewin Nativity\* 4.30pm**

*An outdoor service with real livestock. Bring a lantern for the parade.*

*Wrap up warm! Tickets are free but limited and available from the church, school and Tewin Stores.*

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Family Service with Pop Up Nativity\* 11.15am**

*Come dressed as your favourite nativity character!*

**Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm**

### **Christmas Eve**

**Crib Service\* 5.00pm**

**Midnight Mass 11.30pm**

### **Christmas Day**

**All age Holy Communion\* 10.00am**

### **Boxing Day**

Please note there will be no Sunday service at St Peter's this day

but there is a warm invitation to join us at

All Saints, Datchworth

for carols, readings and mincepies in the church hall **3.00pm**

*\*Children are welcome at all of our services but these are particularly suitable for young families.*

## **Tewin Parish Council**



### **TEWIN COMMUNITY BUS IS BACK**

The bus will run on Saturdays only from the Rose & Crown, from 13<sup>th</sup> November.

It will leave Tewin at 9.30am to take you to Welwyn Garden City (via Welwyn North if requested) and will stop at LIDL, Morrisons and Sainsbury's and then return from Welwyn Garden City at 11.45am. It will cost each passenger: £2.50 single or £5 return.

For more information and to book your seat please contact:  
Ann Kevis on 01438 717473

### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of East Hertfordshire. The review will agree new ward boundaries across the council. Tewin Parish is currently split between Hertford Rural North and Hertford Rural South wards, which gives us the benefit of access to two East Herts District Councillors. Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?

#### **Consultation closes: 6 December 2021**

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Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October and March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

This is open to individuals to plant their own tree and show a picture on the interactive map on the website: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

### **WINTER GRITTING**

With winter approaching you can check when roads are being gritted by googling "HCC gritting".

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 6th December 2021** at 7.30pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

### **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

**Agenda:** Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores & website 3 working days before the meeting. *All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

**Minutes:** These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall and on the website. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

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

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### **THACS - TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

If you still have some Christmas shopping to do, then please remember to go along to the THACS Arts & Crafts Sale on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, from 10am to 4pm, in the Tewin Memorial Hall. Admission is free and there will be high quality hand-crafted gifts for sale.

The Arts & Crafts Sale will be the last THACS event for this year, but the committee is busy planning the programme of events for 2022.

Information about these will be published in future editions of the Tewin Magazine and on the *THACS* pages of the Tewin Village website, so please look out for further information in the new year.

### **Renewal of Magazine Subscriptions**

Annual subscriptions for the Tewin Magazine of **£6 for 12 issues** are due from January 2022. **PLEASE have your subscription money (cash or cheque, payable to St Peter's Church Tewin, only please) ready for collection in order to help our 23 distributors.** Our distributors are all volunteers and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have willingly delivered the Magazines over many years and in all kinds of weather. Please make it easier for them.

If you don't currently subscribe but would wish to do so, and thus have the magazine delivered to your door every month, then please contact Sue Whitbourn on 01438 798221.

Also, please continue to save Target Stamps from the Welwyn Hatfield Times to help the Danesbury/QVM Hospitals charity. Any foreign or commemorative stamps are welcome too as these can benefit Moorfield Eye Hospital. There are boxes in Tewin Stores.

A big thank you and good wishes for 2022.

Sue Whitbourn



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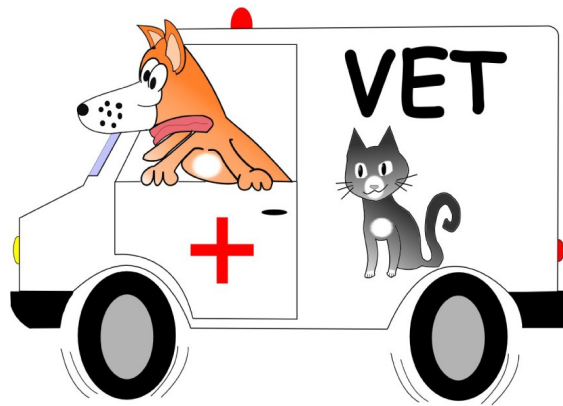
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## Screen On The Green

Our December film is “*Yesterday*” (2018), a romantic, musical fantasy about a struggling musician who, after recovering from a traffic accident, suddenly finds himself the only person in the world who has ever heard of the Beatles. Directed by Danny Boyle with screenplay by Richard Curtis, it stars Himesh Patel and Lily James. It's a fun, slightly wacky movie and you'll soon be tapping your feet and recalling (or maybe not !) the words of those legendary songs.

To put you into the Christmas spirit we'll be serving mince pies and wine so do come along on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December for a fun night out amongst friends and neighbours.

The evening will be run in a similar way as before but, for the safety of everyone, we would prefer that you are double vaccinated. Wear a mask if you wish but please do not come if you are feeling unwell.

Films to look forward to next year include: *Knives Out* (17<sup>th</sup> January), *Parasite* (21<sup>st</sup> February), *Apollo 11* and *I Tonya*. Suggestions for future films are always welcome.

**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER Doors open 7pm for 7.45pm start. Complimentary tea or coffee. Ice cream on sale. Tickets from Tewin Stores or on the door, priced £4. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a jolly night out at the Tewin Memorial Hall.**  
Marie St Pier

### Four *Colly* Birds or Four *Calling* Birds?

After much research, both would appear to be acceptable. But what are they? The song ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’ has long been passed down by word of mouth. The first written version was in 1780 and it mentioned **colly** birds, colly meaning black like coal dust. So does it mean a blackbird or a canary (a colliery bird)? No-one knows. **Calling** bird began to rival colly in the 1950s and 60s and by the 1970s was the predominant version.

## On The Farm

We have completed our Autumn drilling, sowing next year's Harvest, and on the whole everything has gone reasonably well. Seed beds are of good quality, after those huge dumps of rain in late September. Luckily the soil dried out for drilling to continue and all pre-emergence herbicides have been applied and land work finished on the 15th of October. I have sold a large tonnage of wheat from our store, as there has been a big demand from local mills. The price is good due to weather affecting crop yields across the world. There is no large stock of grain anymore, we almost live from a hand to mouth existence.

I find it hard to understand our Government's Farming Policy, all my farming life we, as a family, have produced food! With production of milk, beef, potatoes, eggs, wheat, and barley. Now they would like me to plant trees over a large area of my farm and sow a wild bird mix on the rest to feed the wild life. No Food Production!

But they are very happy to do trade deals with Australia and New Zealand, and buy their sheep meat, beef and anything else they might want to sell us, which probably is not up to our standard of production, and ship it from the other side of the world. What is the cost of this, and all of those CO<sup>2</sup> emissions? I feel the Government should support its own farmers.

Those of you travelling along the B1000 road to Digswell and onto Welwyn may have been involved in big holdups with 2 sets of Traffic Lights. This is because a Sewer Pump Station has been shut down in Bessemer Road. This pumped sewer main is laid under one of my fields at Tewin Water and has burst open and flooded the field with sewage. We found the sewer pouring out on the 1st of October. It took Thames Water and their contractors a week to control the flow. The company has had about 16 tankers working day and night on both sites to control the sewer.

More on this next month.

Ivor Williams.

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#### **Tewin Stores Post Office Open:**

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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

#### **October 2021**

Here's confirmation of the draw results for October

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>£55</b>	<b>Paul Barker, Upper Green Road</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£33</b>	<b>Ethel Sach, Cowpers Way</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>Andrew Barker, Godfries Close</b>
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### **Come And Join Us**

The Tewin Ukulele Group was formed on the 25<sup>th</sup> August this year with 10 members, all beginners.

We meet in the Parish Room on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm.

We are beginning to make a really good sound now and would like to expand the **group** with some new members.

If you still have that ukulele that you bought during lockdown or are looking for a useful present for Christmas contact us.

We will be happy to do more beginners' classes or one to one tutorials before you join the main group and can even lend you a ukelele to try out.

Contact Terry on: tbrand@talk21.com for more information

### **Book Sale**

Following the recent Book Sale we are delighted to announce a record profit of £717 and the Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Crawford and her team for their hard work on the day. They would also like to thank all those who donated books and jigsaws and, of course, everyone who came along on the day to make purchases.

### **Church Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards depicting St Peter's Church in winter (see back page) are available in church at a price of 50p each and will be available at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 27th November. Don't be late in getting what you need.

They can also be secured by calling Di Bradley on 01438 798478.

### **A Poem a Day**

Each day, from 1st-25th December, you can read a different, Christmas themed poem by following the link on the Tewin village website home page - [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk).

Happy Reading!

## Team Vicar's Letter

On the hillsides,

hope was heard singing unexpected Hallelujahs...

*An extract from the poem 'Hope was Heard Singing' by Sally Foster-Fulton*

Christmas is a time of hope – we hope we might get what we want or need as a gift; we hope others will like what we bought for them; we hope the turkey (or vegan loaf) cooks properly and that no one in the family starts a row. For a lot of us we may be hoping that Covid doesn't mar our gatherings for a second year in a row.

That kind of hoping is a little like crossing our fingers, or we might even throw up a quick prayer. We know there is an amount of uncertainty over whether what we would like to happen will happen.

I was shown quite recently two different ways of saying hope in sign language. The kind of hope I have mentioned above is signed with a hand that is out flat, palm down and wavers to and fro. It shows things are in the balance and could go either way.

But I was interested to hear of a sign for the Christian hope that is spoken of in the Bible. The sign for that is quite different. One hand acts as a firm foundation, palm upwards, while the second hand is curled into a fist and placed solidly on top of the other palm. There is no wavering. Both hands are still and confident. It shows a hope that is steadfast, immovable and not to be shaken.

So whatever we may hope for this Christmas with regard to our personal situations or the world, the story we celebrate tells us there is a hope that is certain. The hope found in the love of Jesus, the light of the world, who is born in the dark when most of the world doesn't even notice. And the hope found in the love of Jesus who breaks open even the darkness of the grave to reveal life unstoppable.

*The light has shone in the darkness. And the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 1:5

So however your Christmas turns out this year, listen out for those unexpected Hallelujahs of hope singing on the hillsides, in the streets, in your home.

I wish you and your family every blessing this Christmas time.

Susannah

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES							
DATE	DAY	SERVICE	TIME	MINISTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
DEC 5th	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION *	9.30am	SUSAN MARSH	MALACHI 3: 1-4	PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11	LUKE 3: 1-6
12th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	HOLY COMMUNION * & TEWIN NATIVITY	9.30am 4.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ZEPHANIAH 3: 14—End	PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7	LUKE 3: 7-18
19th	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FAMILY SERVICE WITH NATIVITY	11.15am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	LUKE 1: 39-55		
		CAROL SERVICE	6.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	CRIB SERVICE	5.00pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD			
24th		MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30pm	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 52: 7-10	HEBREWS 1: 1-12	JOHN 1: 1-14
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	ALL AGE EUCHARIST *	10.00am	SUSANNAH UNDERWOOD	ISAIAH 9: 2-7	TITUS 2: 11-14	LUKE 2: 1-20

**Services marked with \* will be streamed**  
**Service of Said Evening Prayer is held every Monday at 5pm**  
**NB There will be no service at St Peter's on Sunday 26th December 2021**



ROTAS					
SERVER	READER	SIDESMEN	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANER
DEC 5th DAVID	PAUL CROTTY	CLARE RAWLINS & SPIKE NICHOLSON	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	ADVENT	DOROTHY SWANN
12th PAULINE	NICKY HADLEY	LINDA MAITLAND & ANGELA WILLIAMS	DITTO	ADVENT	GLORIA KERSEY
19th	MARY GREGG	MYRA WALKER	DITTO	ADVENT	PETE JOHNSON
		DI BRADLEY & ANO			
24th DAVID	TBA	MAVIS HAGGAR	DITTO	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	CHRISTMAS
	TBA	MARK SWANN & VOLUNTEER NEEDED			
25th PAULINE	TBA		DITTO	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	

**The Church will be floodlit on Christmas night for the Fish family.  
"Remembering as always with much love, Mum, Dad, Jim, Nan and  
Popeye and our wonderful Christmases together".  
From Graham, Geraldine, Gemma and Susie**

## St Peter's News

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

We have had a busy time in the church over the autumn. It was good to welcome back old friends to the church for our service of All Souls at the very end of October. It is always a beautiful, peaceful time when we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. But it is still a time when folk make a special effort to come back to Tewin, where many of them were brought up, to light a candle and pray for their relatives and friends. So many of our older residents have passed away during the past two years. Thank you to everyone who came to commemorate those who have died.

Edward Cardale has led some very enjoyable evenings during October and November taking time for us to look in more depth at some of the psalms. He remembers managing to sing all the psalms in a month, as a chorister at Winchester cathedral. Most of us rarely remember many of them at all except the most well-known like the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (The Lord is my Shepherd...). Our services at St Peter's do not usually include a reading or sung version from the psalms. Consequently, it was very interesting to hear about more of them in detail. Edward looked at those which were joyful, others sad or angry. It was interesting to note how many important phrases, used in Christian worship, come from the psalms, which are of course in use also in other Abrahamic faiths – such as Judaism and Islam.

During November our Service of Remembrance was conducted by the Bishop of Hertford, the Right Reverend Michael Beasley. We were also pleased to have Gerry Roberts with us again to play the Last Post and Reveille on his trumpet. With the bells, the laying of wreaths, the naming of those who died, this is always a fitting way to remember those who gave their lives in war in the last century. It is good to see young and old at these events. Bishop Michael also spent an afternoon in the village visiting the school and shop and meeting the Parochial Church Council over supper.

By the time this magazine is published we shall have had our Christmas Bazaar for which Vicky de Naeyer and Amanda Glew have been working hard, along with all their helpers before and on the day. Thank you to them and to everyone who has contributed items for sale or raffles and so on and to everyone who came to support it. More next month about the result of their efforts.

Now we are looking forward to our services over the important Christian festivals of Advent and Christmas. In church there will be our **Carol Service on 19<sup>th</sup> December, Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and All Age Eucharist on Christmas Day morning** (details on p3). Outside **on 12<sup>th</sup> December**, weather permitting, we shall present our **All age Nativity** –a chance for everyone to see the story of the birth of Christ enacted by real people. I'd like to say it is like a Medieval Mystery play but really it is an opportunity for me personally to overact quite disgracefully. But it is lovely to see real sheep, a real baby, and a donkey (small pony). We all enjoy it even when it is freezing cold. Do come to at least one of our Christmas events– you will be very welcome. Please wear a mask and act responsibly towards others. We will not be operating the booking system we had last year but we shall try to ensure no-one feels uncomfortable as they sit in the church.

Sadly, we know that Covid is still rife in the area, so we continue to be vigilant and careful in church, wearing masks when moving around, not taking wine at communion. It is great to see people coming back to services as they feel more confident. Our clergy are still 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**

Yes, we say it again, but Autumn is well and truly here and don't the colours in the trees look spectacular? Winter is on the way and the colours will disappear. But no reason to be glum and stay indoors. As they say 'no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes'.

So we can easily play tennis through the winter and what better way to blow off the cobwebs and enjoy a social game. The Tewin tennis courts offer one of the best surfaces for winter play, they dry off quickly and are playable without the balls becoming wet, heavy and unpleasant. The club has as one of its main objectives to keep the playing surfaces in great shape and they are indeed looking good and in great shape just now.

Many of the club members will remember some time ago that the courts were surrounded on three sides by trees and indeed on two sides by large Leylandii. Advantages: the courts felt secluded and in the "country" (though how Leylandii can ever make you feel in the country I will never understand). Disadvantages: the courts were shaded and debris from the trees needed constant clearing. Hard work and enough to put you off playing. In winter any frost hung about on the courts for some time as they were shaded. Development around the courts ended with most of the trees and thankfully all of the Leylandii disappearing, with a new brick wall appearing. Advantages: the courts dried quickly, winter frosts melted more quickly and surfaces stay clean, though the courts felt stark and no longer in the countryside.

Thanks to some strategic thinking from our Chairman, 'operation hide the wall' was born! Whips were bought and a work team was hustled together to spend a day planting whips - puny insignificant things - along the wall. I remember looking at them thinking, "that will take some growing". Well here we are, a few years later and indeed we have a fine screen of fabulous native British trees to the south of the courts. The courts again feel like they are secluded and in the countryside. Disadvantages? None! The courts get maximum light and sun dries them out quickly in summer and winter. We no longer struggle with constant clearing of debris from the leylandii. Walk on and play!

No excuses, we have great surfaces and plenty of opportunity to play. Just dress for the weather and enjoy the fresh air to blow off the winter blues.

Phil Raine



**The Christmas Drive-through is back by popular demand and this year it will be followed by Carol Singing to live music played by our regular Brass Band. We hope to see you in the Rose & Crown at: 6.45pm on Friday 17th December.**

**Please note change of venue!**

**Come along and enjoy singing some of your favourite Christmas Carols and Songs.**

**Even if the weather is bad the event will still go ahead!**



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## Tewin Stores and Cafe

If you've started to make your plans for Christmas, don't forget Tewin Stores will be stocking, as usual, our range of Tewin Stores branded preserves and pickles; they make excellent stocking fillers. We also have a selection of homemade Christmas cards featuring seasonal scenes of Tewin and a range of bought in Christmas cards.

Remember to order your Veg Boxes in time for Christmas. You will need to place your order on Monday 20th. Please let Bev know if you would like to order Digswell Sausages and Bacon for Christmas.

We will be running our Christmas Raffle again this year, tickets are £1 each and available from the shop. All proceeds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the Café & Shop.

Post Office opening hours are being extended. The Post Office will be available on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

We are not planning to have a Saturday Lunch in December however we do plan to have one in January on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Due to demand the History of Tewin book has been reprinted. If you would like a copy, perhaps as a Christmas present, please speak to Linda Gilley on 01438 717385.

The staff and committee of Tewin Stores would like to thank you for your custom during this difficult year and wish you a Happy Christmas and a better New Year.

The 100 Club November draw result is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Jacquie Mercer- £44.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Robert Polydorou- £22.25

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mavis Haggar - £13.35

More information can always be found at [www,tewinstores.co.uk](http://www.tewinstores.co.uk)

Linda Crawford

### Opening Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am - 4.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>	<b>8.30am - 2.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am - 12.00 noon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am - 12.00 noon</b>

## Speeding

In early November the Drivesafe Team carried out a morning speed monitoring session at Upper Green. The results were absolutely shocking with far too many drivers registering excessive speeds, in some cases up to 47 mph. We have strong reasons to believe that a number of the speeding cars were local.

We witnessed a pedestrian with two dogs struggling to cross from the footpath opposite Upper Green. One driver clearly decided it was the walker's job to get out of the way of their speeding car. We also saw a lady cycling her child to school using a buggy towed behind her bicycle. She and her young child deserve protection from speeding cars. Likewise a teenager walking to catch the school bus has no option but to walk in the road.

From feedback from individuals who stop and chat to us, the work of the Drivesafe team is considered beneficial and important.

There is a 30 mph speed limit throughout Tewin. Please keep below the limit. If you are one of the many drivers who do adhere to the speed limit please do not be harassed by drivers following too close. You have every right to drive at the correct speed.

Although we are working for the police as volunteers it is likely that Hertfordshire Police will carry out their own monitoring and issue fines. There have also been reports from around the country of police forces concerned by a drop in driving standards since lockdown was eased.

We all know there are no winners from accidents and lives can be shattered. Many footpaths and houses give directly onto the road and can catch out drivers.

The Drivesafe Team

## Friends of Tewin



### FATHER CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THROUGH & CAROL SINGING -17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

We have decided to stage the Father Christmas Drive-through again. It proved to be a great success last year. However, this year we are combining it with a different version of our traditional Carols event. After the drive-through has finished, Father Christmas will leave Tewin and instead of having Carols around the Christmas Tree on Lower Green, we are inviting you to join us singing Carols in the garden at the rear of The Rose & Crown . We are delighted to say that our regular Brass Band is coming to lead the singing which we expect to start around 6.30pm/7pm.

We know this is a break in our traditional staging of the Carols but we're excited to try something new and hope you enjoy the evening.

Posters and maps of the routes will go up around the village very soon so please keep a look out for them. Why not take a photograph on your mobile so that you have all the details to hand. We're planning to drive along every road in Tewin Wood and in Tewin village so listen out for the music, come outside and give us a wave!

### SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH – 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

We are very hopeful that the annual lunch will take place in February. We were sad to cancel the 2021 lunch, we know how popular this event is, coming as it does when the cold Winter weather has kept many of us indoors!

Early in January, every house in Tewin will receive an invitation. If you are 60 or over and would like to come, fill in and return the slip with your menu choices as soon as possible. Spare copies will be available in Tewin Stores.

As we take time to look back over 2021, we are thankful that we were able to plan the Tewin Classic Car & Craft Show. We raised much needed funds which will be used to help our village groups.

We want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has given their time to help us and support our events, it's no exaggeration to say we couldn't manage without you.

The Friends of Tewin Committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Happy holiday greetings! I hope our newsletter finds you all well and in the throes of festive spirits. The Friends have had a rather whirlwind end of year, recently having had our AGM in which the accounts for 2020 were presented. These show we are in excellent financial health. Throughout the period in which the shop was closed during 2020 we ran a click and collect service, sold donations through eBay and other forms of social media. All these proved popular and profitable. We also gained 2 new trustees this year, and our Halloween festivities were well received by those who came out and supported Welwyn village in upping the footfall through the village. It's so nice to see the community pulling together.

Now, we are all geared up for the Christmas festivities and we hope you are too. Our shop is starting to look more like Santa's grotto with each day that passes, and everyone seems to be getting into the Christmas spirit – after last Christmas we definitely have some catching up to do!

The shop is holding its annual Christmas raffle and if you are passing by do come in and support us. The draw is due to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. No doubt our festive window displays will be a highlight in the village, thanks to our very talented Georgia Shaw. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers. Without their hard work and commitment we would not be able to run our shop and support Danesbury, the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, the work in the community and other units within Herts. The work our managers and volunteers do is invaluable and is much appreciated by the Trustees, patients and staff. Again, this year we have been able to support the units in several ways, from providing personal care items, clothing, shoes, physio equipment, radios for patients and the list goes on.

From all of us at the Friends of Danesbury & QVM to all of you, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2022. May the year ahead bring you peace, love and much laughter.

Happy Holidays x



### **1<sup>st</sup> Tewin Brownies**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday evening?

Our Brownie Pack has been in the village since May 1965 an amazing 56 years. But to continue we need a new leader or unit volunteer for next term starting in January. Perhaps there are some of our old Brownies out there, now grown up, who would like to come back? Maybe you have an evening free and would like to spend it benefitting the Village young girls? You do not need any Guiding experience.

Volunteering with Brownies is very rewarding, you have fun and are giving young girls all the opportunities that Guiding offers. You just need to be over 18. If you can help or would like more details, please contact Brown Owl Clare or register yourself on the Girlguiding site and we will contact you.

Please let's make sure that Tewin Brownies keep going to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **The Owls**

To register your interest in becoming a much needed volunteer for Brownies, Please contact [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or for more information e mail: [clare.hamilton@sky.com](mailto:clare.hamilton@sky.com)

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