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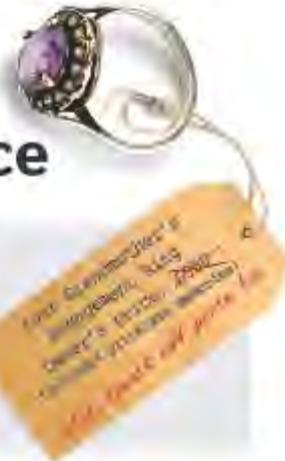
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SWALLOWS

I heard a lovely story recently, about the importance of swallows in one family's life. The swallow had always been Granny's favourite bird, and she'd look out for their return each spring, as they completed their journey from Africa. Even after Granny had passed away, the first returning swallow would always be greeted by the other family members exclaiming "Granny's back!"



I was reminded of this while chatting to one of our local farmers at his farm gate not long back. He mentioned that he had been looking out for the swallows' return, and was worried they were late – or worse, not coming back at all. Right at that moment, a swallow swooped overhead. No more needed to be said. "They've made it again – which means the planet's still working," as poet Ted Hughes once put it.

One of the features of Tempsford village that makes it special is the continued presence of swallows. They like our mix of livestock pasture, ponds and no doubt the proximity of the river too, for a steady source of the airborne insects that they hawk. They also like the nest site options that are provided by open outbuildings. They like a roof over their head, and a 'peg' to support the mud cup that they plaster to the wall. If you have any such places, you can help the swallows by allowing them access, and hammering a nail in here and there, out of reach of rats and cats.



The tidying up of farmyards and the loss of some old barns and sheds has contributed to the decline of swallows in our landscape. Sometimes even the simplest of acts, like those above, can help to give them a continued home.

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ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street, Tempsford
Rector : Rev Margaret Marshall
Phone: 01234 870363

Dear Everyone,

Once upon a time (certainly when I was a child) the practice of making a 'New Year's resolution' was generally accepted. I can't remember now what mine might have been, but I doubt very much if I ever stuck to them! Children are perhaps more changeable than most: it is part of their nature to be always on the move: it's an almost inevitable part of growing up. But, looking back, I think it's a really good idea to strive for a positive change and to make a fresh start. There are other times in the church's year (Advent and Lent, for example) when such resolutions seem particularly appropriate, but in the secular world, there's no better time than when the year tips over into new territory, to be deciding on something different. Although St Peter's did exceptionally well with realising its plans in 2014 (particularly in re-lighting the church building, internally and externally), we recognise that the pressure on our resources is becoming ever greater. Although money is critical – without it we shall not be able to function at all – it is the building up of our membership and support within the community which are most important.

We are hugely grateful to the corps of 'well-wishers' who now support our few fund-raising events during each year, but one day there **will be no church** to support if people stop coming to praise God, to pray, to care for one another and simply enjoy being together. Just one hour on two Sundays a month does not seem a vast commitment by today's standards... especially when you set that against all that God has given us! We owe him even the privilege of life – a fragile and infinitely precious treasure – never mind the beautiful place we call our home!

I would like to commend our church and its activities to you and invite YOU to make a New Year's resolution to help an institution, which has been here getting on for a millennium, to continue. St Peter's is a lovely, friendly, easy-going community, where all are valued and prayers are offered weekly (morning prayer takes place on Thursday mornings – in church in good weather, or in member's homes when it is cold), even if our main services only take place on first and third Sundays. It is a beautiful,

peaceful building, perfect for quiet reflection as well as more vibrant worship. We would love to welcome you to a group we value and cherish. Without positive resolutions from you St Peter's is unlikely to survive. In the coming of Jesus, God was trying something new: he came closer to the world in person, to try and change the hearts of wayward humanity. A story goes that the angels were commiserating with Jesus after he had been crucified and returned to heaven: 'What a shame that the Father's new initiative was a failure'. 'Oh no,' says Jesus, 'it wasn't a failure; we're just entering phase two.' 'Another new idea?' one angel asks. 'No, not really... in phase two the mission is handed over to my followers.' There is a short silence as the angels consider this; finally one asks: 'What's Plan B?' Jesus replies: 'There is no Plan B.' Please be part of phase two with us; there is no Plan B! Today our few faithful members are concentrating on saving St Peter's, but ultimately our sights are set on the world!

With love and warmest good wishes for 2015
Revd Margaret

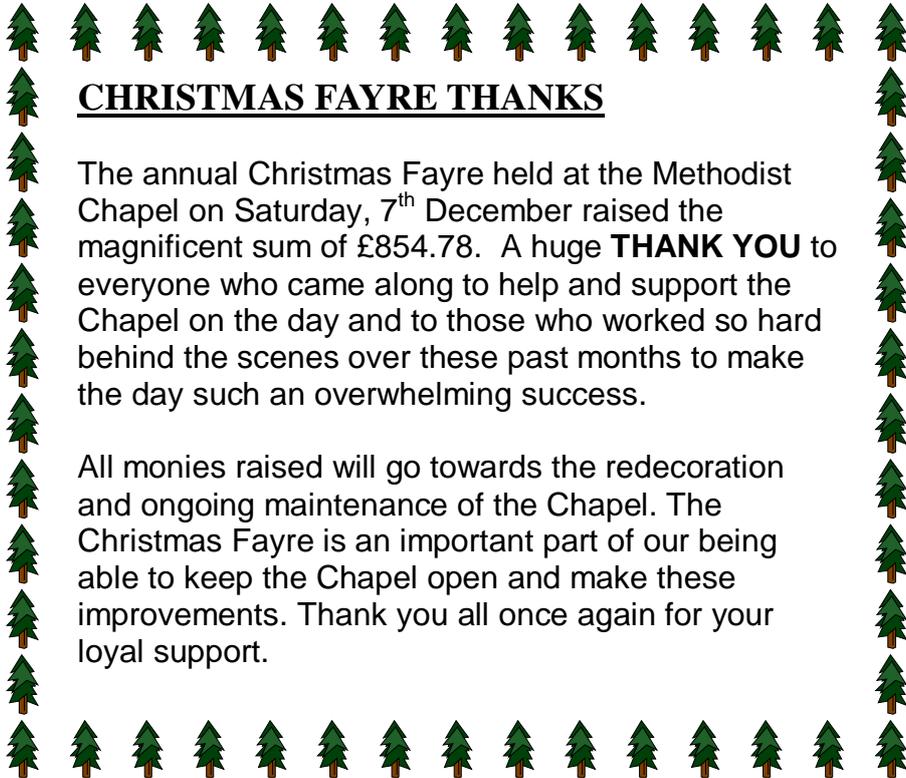
TEMPSFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

With the sun shining directly on to "Memorial Green", over 40 adults and children stood for a silent two minutes before the newly refurbished and relocated war memorial on the afternoon of November 9th remembering the war dead of our village. Wreaths and memorial crosses were then laid at the foot of both memorials, and the congregation silently processed into the Church where Rev Barbara Garwood of the Methodist Church led the remainder of the service and Rev Margaret Marshall gave the sermon. Refreshments were served afterwards at the Stuart Memorial Hall which gave people an extra chance to look at the exhibits and videos from the previous day's Veterans meeting.

Thanks go to those who prepared and served the refreshments, and to everyone who contributed to the collection of £91 which was sent to the Royal British Legion.



TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH,
Station Road, Tempsford
(part of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit)
Minister: Rev Barbara Garwood : 01480 470378
Church Steward: Stephen Gosling: 01767 640289



CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

The annual Christmas Fayre held at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday, 7th December raised the magnificent sum of £854.78. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to help and support the Chapel on the day and to those who worked so hard behind the scenes over these past months to make the day such an overwhelming success.

All monies raised will go towards the redecoration and ongoing maintenance of the Chapel. The Christmas Fayre is an important part of our being able to keep the Chapel open and make these improvements. Thank you all once again for your loyal support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEMPSFORD

As far as is possible allowing for seasonal and celebratory variations
there will be a church service **every** Sunday in Tempsford,
either at the Parish Church or at the Methodist Church as shown below.

A warm welcome is assured at all services.

Parish Church

4th January 9.30am Holy Communion
11th January Holy Communion 9.30 at Gt Barford, 11.15 at Blunham
18th January 9.30am Holy Communion
25th January Holy Communion 9.30 at Gt Barford, 11.15 at Blunham
1st February 9.30am Holy Communion (Candlemas Day)
8th February Holy Communion 9.30 at Gt Barford , 11.15 at Blunham
15th February 9.30am Holy Communion
22nd February Holy Communion 9.30 at Gt Barford, 11.15 at Blunham
1st March 9.30am Holy Communion for St David's Day

Methodist Church

4th January No service
11th January 3.00pm Preacher: Mr. Laurie Horden
18th January No service
25th January 3.00pm Preacher: Rev. Barbara Garwood

1st February No service
8th February 3.00pm Preacher: Rev David King
15th February No service
22nd February 3.00pm Preacher: Mrs. Pauline Zahner

Please note: there are services on the other Sundays at Gt Barford
Methodist Church and Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury,
all at 10.30am



St Peter's Flood Lights

If you would like the flood lights put on for any occasion, the cost will be £10 per night. Please contact Gloria 01767 640050

St Peter's Church would like to wish David and Karen Beagent all the best in their new home, and a very big THANK YOU to David for all his wonderful support and time given to St Peters. We really do miss you both.

St Peter's would like to thank you all for your support in 2014. We have had a very good year with the rewiring of the church, which has helped us to do more events in the church such as the flood lights, and the Christmas Fayre. We look forward to your continued support in 2015



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A WARM BUT WETTER THAN AVERAGE YEAR

I think I can agree with the weather forecasters who have been saying what a mild year we have had in 2014.

The winter season was very wet and stormy but mild. There were fewer frosts than normal and the coldest night was on January 12th when the temperature fell to - 5°C, but this was an isolated event. We had to wait until the beginning of March until the next cold night of - 3°C.



Winter rainfall was high with January being the wettest month of the year having 3.86" (96.5mm) of rain.

The first two summer months were in complete contrast to the winter. The weather was settled, warm and dry. The hottest days were on July 18th and 24th when the temperature reached 30°C. August however was a disappointment. Just when the children wanted some warm, sunny weather the month turned out to be quite poor with below average temperatures and above average rainfall.



We had a lovely autumn though, warm and dry and the warmest Halloween on record - it was 19.5°C here in Tempsford on 31st October, quite remarkable.

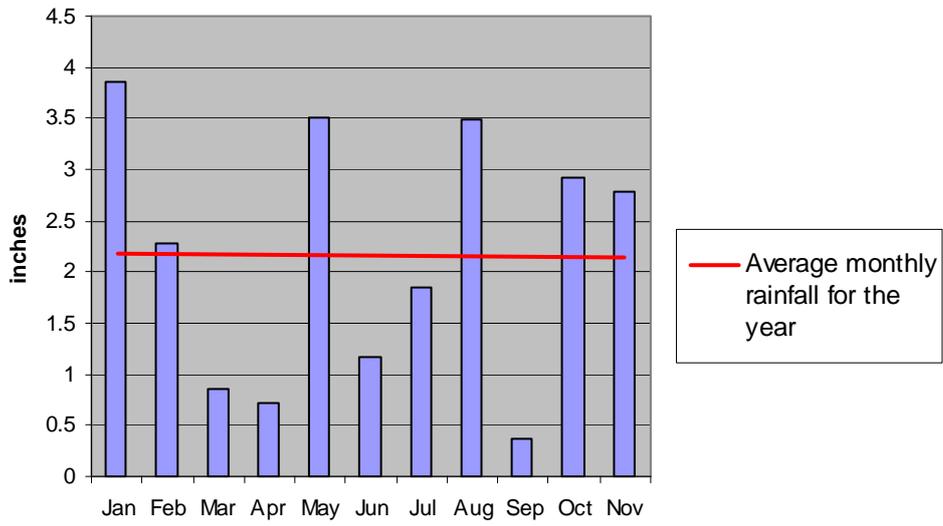


November and December temperatures have been fairly average so far at the time of writing with mild spells interspersed with colder snaps (and glorious mornings) but with little prospect of a white Christmas.

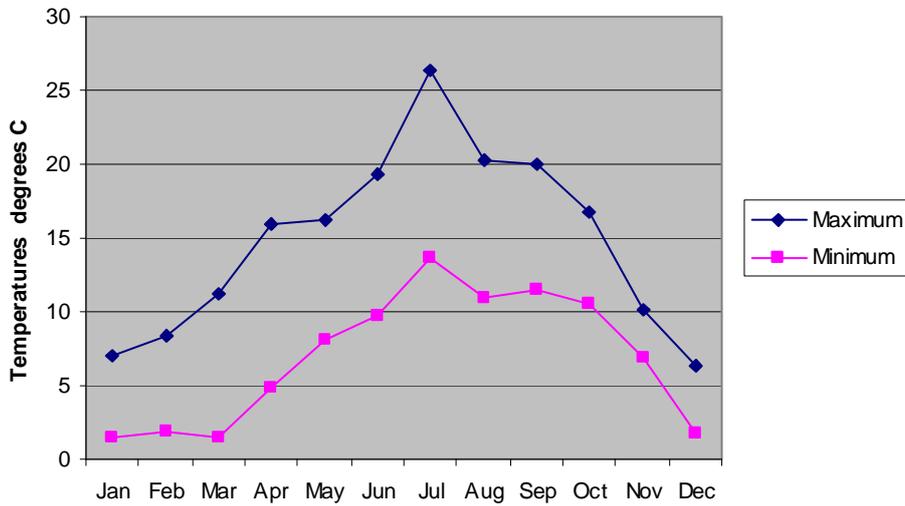
Rainfall total so far this year just over 24" (average for this area is about 22")

Meryl Besant

Monthly Rainfall 2014



Average monthly temperatures 2014



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council held on 17th Nov 2014. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website. www.tempsford.org

Apologies for absence: Received from Central Beds. Councillors, Doreen Gurney and Adam Zerny.

Declarations of interest: None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Public Session: 6 Members of the public were present, 5 of which were residents. Mr. Ken Chambers, the proprietor of a Windscreen business on the Black Cat roundabout was present to inform Tempsford that he would be having a meeting on the 28th November between 2-3pm with Mr. Alistair Burt MP, to express his concerns about the access onto the roundabout.

Police Report: PCSO Lucy Barnell was present and stated that there was nothing of significance to report. The abandoned car left in Station Road for 3 weeks was mentioned, and PCSO Barnett said if it happens again, to email her.

Parking Problems: Cllr. Clark reported that he had been discussing with Mr. Graham Boyle of Kiers regarding this problem. They had agreed the need to liaise with Stuart Court residents, Kier staff and residents opposite the entrance. Present at the Council meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Bull of Stuart Court who explained they had formed a little association of Stuart Court residents. She had sought their comments and had already spoken with Cllr. Clark and Mr. Boyle. Problems presented were:- Huge difficulty driving in and out of the junction, drivers coming out not looking right when exiting, Kier staff parking in Station Rd and then walking into Kiers, and parking space is tight in Stuart Court for residents in their tandem parking. It was questioned whether the parking area on the right of the entrance that was used when building the estate, could be re-introduced. Mrs. Bull has put an email out to residents to ask them to park lower down the road. A suggestion from Cllr. Clark was to move the white line at the junction forward, so that the cars stopped further out and the possibly have bollards at the beginning of the verge. The Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Bull for attending ; it was good to have a voice from Stuart Court and hoped it would continue.

Highways: The Chairman was having a meeting with the Highways Department soon and would be discussing the ideas mentioned regards Kiers exit

amongst other matters. He had sent a letter to the department about the grief the pothole-patching had caused the village. The CBC satisfaction survey had been received and which the councillors agreed to complete.

Black Cat Quarry: The Liaison group had suggested that perhaps Councillors would like to visit on a Saturday, as none could attend the last meeting.

Play Areas: The fencing for the new play area has not yet been erected, but the company would let the Clerk know when it would be starting. The grass needed to be cut and the Clerk had contacted our contractor for advice. The lease has been signed. Safety Inspection Sheets handed in, showing a need for new bolts for Springer in Church End play area.

Defibrillators: The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the installation of defibrillators in the Church End telephone box, and the porch of the Chapel in Station Road had been received by the Clerk. All Councillors had received a copy to read, and was accepted by the Council. The Council has been asked to make sure villagers are aware of the Defibrillators and to encourage as many people as possible to attend the Community Awareness course that will have to be arranged.

Level crossing closures: Mr. Philip Clark from WSP was in attendance and reported on the first part of the survey. 75% of survey replies preferred the northerly route for the bridge. There was to be a public exhibition at Tempsford on the 2nd December in the Stuart Memorial Hall and another in Everton.

Composting facility: The Clerk had attended the meeting of the Tamar Liaison Group and it revealed that Tamar was going to put in for planning permission for a new method of composting by a completely different process called an outside "wind-row". The present permission is for "in-vessel composting".

Dog Control Orders: New orders had been circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk. They are quite strict and the CBC had been informed of all areas that would need signs.

Green Infrastructure: Daffodil planting had been completed for this year. Some more would be planted next year.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES CONTINUED

Community Wellbeing: The Chairman encouraged the Council to consider any other ideas which the Council could support for the improvement of the "well being of the community". A First Aid course was still a possibility.

Planning: No planning applications had been received.

Cemetery/Church matters: The Clerk reported on an incident that had occurred at the cemetery and would be taking it up with the funeral directors. New fencing has been completed in the far corner near Mill Lane in the new area of the cemetery. It was reported that the storage shed needs cleaning out and woodwork treatment inside. The Chairman suggested a work party be organised and to seek a professional to do the woodworm treatment. The laurel hedge needs cutting in the church yard. The main gate in old cemetery is not shutting correctly – Cllr. Bettles to inspect it.

Finance: Payments approved to be paid by Council – Grass Cutting, Clerks wages Sept/Oct, Cemetery Fencing contractor. The Clerk had prepared a summary cash-flow forecast until end of March 2015, and presented a budget for 2015/16 which, after discussion, the Council accepted. The payment for the new play area fence would drastically reduce the current account balance. It was suggested that the street lighting costs need to be investigated (and to check who owns them). Similarly the cost of the electricity for the defibrillators needs to be confirmed.

Correspondence: The Clerk had received a letter regarding the Salt Bag Scheme again this year.

Dates of next meeting for 2015 : January 19th, March 2nd, April 20th, May 18th, July 20th, September 21st, November 16th were accepted; April 20th will be the Annual Parish Meeting.

Linda Collins: Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

82 Shoeboxes filled with 'Love in a Box'

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82 children

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82 very happy boys and girls in Belarus this year!

On behalf of everyone at the Chapel a huge **THANK YOU** for the simply amazing response from the village once again this year.

CHAT CLUB

On Wednesday, 19th November members met in the Chapel Schoolroom for their Annual Christmas Tea Party when Mrs. Mary Infield and friends led us down memory lane with a united sing-song of old time musical favourites and Christmas Carols. This was followed by tea/coffee and warm mince pies.

On Wednesday, 10th December members met once again for their Annual Christmas Lunch at 'The Wheatsheaf'.

There will be no Chat Club get-together in January. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th February 2015 from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. in the Chapel Schoolroom. Feel free to come along and join us in the New Year and find out what we get up to. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

'MEET & EAT' LUNCHES

To help with catering and seating arrangements places **MUST** be booked by **MID-DAY** on the **Monday** prior to the lunch taking place. Call Carole Gosling on 01767 640289 if you would like to know more or if you would like to book your place.

<p>Tempsford Methodist Chapel</p> <p>'MEET & EAT' LUNCH</p> <p>Please note that there will be no lunch held in January. However we will return in February as shown.</p>	<p>Tempsford Methodist Chapel</p> <p>'MEET & EAT' LUNCH</p> <p>Wednesday, 11 February 2015 12.30 to 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>MENU Lasagne Garlic Bread Trifle/Cream Tea/Coffee</p> <p>£4.00 per person</p>
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STUART MEMORIAL HALL

Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone who came along to the hall and supported us in any of our events this year. As a result we were able to make a small profit on each of the Car Boot Sales and an excellent one on the day of the Village Show, all of which helps to maintain the hall.

Village Quiz

We are looking forward to a return visit of Chris Ebeling with one of his ever popular quizzes for our next event, a village quiz, on April 17th. Fuller details will be in the next edition of Tempsford Times.

Maintenance

Earlier this year we began the repainting of the main hall. We are now able to complete this, with the upper parts of the walls being emulsioned in a lighter colour. This will take place in February. We are also looking to replace the old windows with uPVC frames and double glazing but in the present style, to improve sound and heat insulation. We have had to apply for a grant to enable this to be done.



The need for more Trustees

The Management Committee (the Trustees of the hall) is well aware of how important the hall is to the people of the village but with so few committee members we are struggling to cope with the work needed to look after it. At best we have 6 Trustees, with only 5 of us from November to May. Some of us have been Trustees for a very long time and are ready to step down, but what will happen to the hall if the management committee numbers fall any further? We desperately need more people to help us or the future of the hall could be in jeopardy. If you feel you can help in any way please contact me on 01767 640873.

Meryl Besant (Chair of Trustees)

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TEMPSFORD MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

The Museum has had an amazing year, with excellent attendances on all our open days and frequent hits on our website.

Our archives are getting great reviews and each month more and more items are donated, giving us more to put on show for the public to see.

In November, there was a fantastic one day event arranged in co-operation with the Tempsford Museum and the Veterans of RAF Tempsford. There were talks, film shows and various items of memorabilia relating to the airfield on show. The Tempsford Museum were able to put on a spectacular show of items in our collection for the veterans and their families. This received great accolade from all who visited. It is hoped that there will be another much larger three day event next May, to commemorate the end of WW2, more news on that later.

All visitors to the Museum over the past two years have received a free raffle ticket on entry. This was for a meal for two with wine at the Wheatsheaf Public House in the village, kindly donated by Margaret and the late Jim Sawford. At the December opening, Margaret drew the winning ticket, number 691 on the yellow ticket. This was won by Mrs Tina Brimley, who visited the museum in the summer with her father, who was related to the North Family, formerly of Tempsford. Our grateful thanks to Margaret Sawford for her kind generosity and support.

The museum will now be closed till February, when we will start a new year with a new programme of exhibits to put on show. To those who have visited, thanks for your support. To those who have not been yet, we hope you will all pop along sometime in the future and see what we have saved from the past, for the future.

The Trustees of the Tempsford Museum and Archive, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Steve Cooney



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Bedfordshire Police Urges Public To **“[Ctrl] + [Rpt] + [Del] Cybercrime”**



Bedfordshire Police is launching a range of advice to help people keep safe while on the internet and assist in catching online crooks. The [Ctrl] + [Rpt] + [Del] campaign aims to educate people on how to avoid falling victim to internet criminals.

Detective Superintendent Jon Gilbert, leading the force's cybercrime team, said: "The campaign is called [Ctrl] + [Rpt] + [Del] because we want people to take *control* of the information and images they put online to protect themselves from scams, phishing and harassment; *report* any cybercrime they are aware of and *delete* the opportunities for criminals to use the internet for crime.

"Cybercrime is one of the fastest growing criminal activities across the world involving more than just the online fraud and cyber bullying that is often in the news.

"For example never send confidential personal or financial information by email.

"Cybercrime is very under-reported, with victims often feeling embarrassed because they have been scammed online or not knowing who to report the crime to. We want to raise awareness of the ways that victims can report these to the various agencies. If you are a victim of cybercrime, you should report it quickly as the authorities could help support you.

Visit bit.ly/1tjanLj to find out more about how you protect yourself and report cybercrime.

If you want to report a cybercrime or if you suspect someone of illegal online activity please call, in confidence, Bedfordshire Police on 101, or text information to 07786 200011.

Alternatively you can contact the independent crime fighting charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES

BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In December the club held their Christmas social. There was a competition for a Christmas table decoration: a garden related quiz organised by one of the members: nibbles provided by members of the club and a time to chat to everyone. There is no meeting in January. Tuesday 3rd February, 7.30pm in Blunham Village hall, Angela Potter will present 'Spring Planting'. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. All visitors are welcome.

For more information please contact Brenda 01767 640623.

ADVANCE NOTICE : BLUNHAM GIANT BOOK SALE

Saturday 21st Feb 2014, 10.00am to 3.00pm
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Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor Adam Zerny's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes news on potential new developments at Black Cat and along the A1 and concerns about Central Beds Superfast Broadband plans for Tempsford. As always the newsletter will include a round-up of up-and-coming local events. To join the mailing list, email him at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk or visit the web-site www.adamzerny.co.uk . For the latest news, follow him on twitter @adamzerny .

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT AND CAROLS.

This year's festive event held in the Millennium Garden, attracted approximately 100 visitors to the Candlelight and Carols evening. The weather was just perfect and a lovely big fire was there to keep everyone warm, whilst they enjoyed delicious hot jacket potatoes, and mince pies, all washed down with wine. The entertainment was provided by the Nexus Big Band from Sandy, who played a selection of Christmas Carols.



A profit of £200 was made which will go towards the upkeep of the Millennium Garden. Thanks to G&M Growers for providing the potatoes, to Gordon and Irene Norman who provided the wine and to Gary Blick for supplying all the lighting etc. Thanks also to everyone who came along and supported the event and a Merry Christmas to you all
Steve Cooney.

Tempsford Parish Council Contact Details

Name	Position
Adrian Besant	Chairman
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Steve Cooney	Councillor
Chris Bettles	Councillor
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