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"The Tempsford Show"
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LOCAL ELECTIONS

The candidates for Tempsford Parish Council (in alphabetical order) received the following number of votes at the election held on May 7th:

Adrian Besant	198	elected
Chris Bettles	194	elected
Elizabeth Bull	184	elected
Dan Clark	147	elected
Steve Cooney	202	elected
Jim Donnelly	162	elected
Simon Fraser	141	elected
Richard Infield	131	

Electorate 469; ballot papers issued 312; rejected papers 10 turnout 67%

The candidates for Central Bedfordshire Council (Potton Ward) (in alphabetical order) received the following number of votes at the election held on May 7th:

Allan Drew (Con.)	1223
Adam Dutton (Lab.)	795
Doreen Gurney (Con.)	1384 elected
Adam Zerney (Ind.)	3059 elected

Electorate 6323; ballot papers issued 4605; rejected papers 33; turnout 73%

CiLCA

Congratulations to Linda Collins, Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council, who recently gained the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), the nationally recognised qualification for Parish Clerks. As their Clerk holds CiLCA, Tempsford Parish Council now meets the "qualified Clerk" requirement for Quality Council status under the Local Council Award Scheme. It also meets one of the two eligibility criteria to be able to use the general power of competence - a wide-ranging power which enables a council to do anything an individual can do, without breaking the law. The other criteria to use this power is that two-thirds of the seats on the council must be filled by election. As there was a contested election in Tempsford back in May, the council meets this criteria too. It is for the Parish Council itself to resolve that it is eligible to use the GPC; it is certainly a very useful power to be able to rely on, and well done Linda for becoming a qualified Clerk.

*Louise Ashmore
Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils*

STUART MEMORIAL HALL

NEW WINDOWS

We hope everyone has had a chance to see the new windows which have been fitted to the main hall. As trustees of the hall we are very pleased with the result. The outside frames in black are very smart and more in keeping with the hall's original appearance. Hopefully these windows will keep the hall much warmer in the winter and less noisy too. Our thanks go to "BIFFA" for giving us a grant of £10,000 for the work to be carried out.



Do come along and use the hall; the village can be proud of such an amenity.

Meryl Besant

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Station Road, Tempsford

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Minister: Rev Barbara Garwood 01480 470378

(until Aug 31st); w.e.f. 1st Sept: Rev Paul Beard

Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,

81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175

A FOND FAREWELL

After five years of service in our circuit, Rev Tricia Williams and her husband David are moving to Sussex in August. We wish them both well in their new Church there and thank them sincerely for all the effort and work they have put in to our Church's life here in Tempsford.

We are pleased therefore that Tricia has been able to write a special letter for this issue. Over the last year Rev Barbara Garwood has helped Tricia by holding a closer pastoral responsibility for our Church, but on Tricia's departure, Barbara is relinquishing that position, as we welcome Tricia's replacement, Rev Paul Beard.

A special Circuit event and service is being held on Sunday 26th July at Berkely Street Methodist Church from 4.30pm to mark Tricia's work for the Circuit, and to wish her God's blessing in her future work. Do try to attend this service if you can!

CHAT CLUB

Please note on July 29th there will not be an open meeting at the Chapel as members will be holding a Garden Party to celebrate the 13th anniversary of the Chat Club.

The Chat Club will meet again in the Chapel Schoolroom on 26th August from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Come along and join us – you will be made most welcome.

From Rev Tricia Williams

Dear Friends

It is just over five years ago that my husband and I moved to St Neots and I took up my appointment as the Methodist Minister for Tempsford Chapel. Now it is time for me to move on to a new appointment and I would like to take this opportunity of saying farewell to you all.

It has been good to share in the life of the village through the services and activities that are part of the Methodist Chapel and I shall take many fond memories with me of my time at Tempsford. I shall particularly remember the tremendous support that the people of this community give to the annual appeal for Operation Christmas Child and the hundreds of shoeboxes that you have filled over the years with gifts of love for children in other parts of the world who have so little.

Worship is at the heart of the life of the chapel and it has also been good to share in the celebrations of the church year at Harvest, Christmas and Easter giving thanks to God for all his blessings to us and especially for his Son Jesus through whom know the love and grace of God.

I would like to echo the words of St Paul in his letter to the Church at Philippi. *"I thank God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now."* (Phil 1:3-5) As I prepare to leave you and move on to my new appointment I can also share Paul's confidence that *"I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the day of Christ Jesus. (1:6)* You will move forwards under the leadership of the new minister and I pray that God may continue to bless your life together.

My new appointment in September will be in the Hastings, Bexhill and Rye Circuit in East Sussex. It is an area that my husband and I know well as we have previously lived and worked in East Sussex for over 30 years and raised our family there. Life is full of changes and we do not always know what the future holds for anyone of us. But we can be confident that God is always with us.

May God bless and keep you all.

Tricia

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.

A warm welcome is assured at all services.

Parish Church

Sunday 5th July	10.30am St. Peter's Day
Sunday 12 th July	9.30am at Gt Barford, 11.15 Blunham
Sunday 19th July	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th July	9.30am at Gt Barford
Sunday 2nd August	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd August	10.30am Benefice Service Gt Barford
Sunday 9 th August	10.30am Benefice Service Roxton
Sunday 16th August	10.30am Benefice Service
Sunday 23 rd August	10.30am Benefice Service Blunham
Sunday 30 th August	10.30am Benefice Service Roxton

Methodist Church

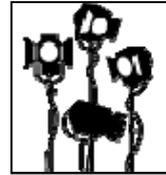
Sunday 5 th July	6.00 pm	Section United Service at Gt Barford
Sunday 12 th July		No Service
Sunday 19 th July	6.00 pm	Preacher: Rev. Barbara Garwood
Sunday 26 th July	4.30 pm	Circuit United Service at Berkley St.
Sunday 2 nd August		No Service
Sunday 9 th August	6.00 pm	Section United Service at Tempsford
Sunday 16 th August		No Service
Sunday 23 rd August	6.00 pm	Preacher: Mr. Richard Crane
Sunday 30 th August		No Service

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 PARISH CHURCH,
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'MEET & EAT' LUNCHES

These are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Chapel School room. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a super meal together. 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 641175 if you would like to know more or if you would like to book your place.

<p>'MEET & EAT' LUNCH Wednesday, 8th July 2015 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. MENU Corned Beef/Egg salad New Potatoes</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad Shortbread & Cream Tea/Coffee £4.00 per person</p>	<p>'MEET & EAT' LUNCH Wednesday, 12 August 2015 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. MENU Sausage Plait New Potatoes Salad</p> <p>Trifle & Cream Tea/Coffee £4.00 per person</p>
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Accidents On The Railway At Tempsford part 2

(Apologies to Lee for leaving this out last time. Ed.)



At 6am on 17th September 1873, 11 year old George Kefford began work in a field next to the railway, as part of a plough team, working for Tempsford farmer Mr Allen. At 8am they stopped work and had breakfast in the field. Before recommencing work, George along with his brother William and another boy, James Stonebridge, went on to the level crossing to watch the trains pass. They were watching a luggage train pass northbound, but George did not turn to see a Passenger train approaching Tempsford from St Neots. James jumped clear and shouted to George but he appeared not to hear him and was struck and killed instantly. The boy's father was fetched to the spot, and the body was then removed to the goods shed. The inquest was held the next day at Tempsford Station and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

On 22nd December 1929, Albert John Ward, a signal linesman from St Neots, was working on the line just south of Tempsford Goods shed. Only 5 minutes after starting his shift, he stepped off the northbound track to allow a train to pass without realising that a train was approaching from the opposite direction, and stepped straight into its path, killing him instantly. The driver of the train didn't notice he had struck someone, and only realised when he found Albert's cap on the front of the engine, upon arriving at Kings Cross. Serious accidents are also a danger on the railways and in 1901 a Porter named Mr Gillman was lucky to survive after falling between a train and the platform at Tempsford station, his right arm being crushed by the wheel, and his head and body badly injured, He was taken by the same train to Huntingdon Hospital, where his right arm was amputated, and faint hopes were expected of recovery.

Lee Greene

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THE TEMPSFORD SHOW

Saturday Sept 5th 2015

Stuart Memorial Hall
Tempsford

**SCHEDULE OF
CLASSES**

10.00 am to 11.30 am

Entries to be brought to the hall

11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Hall closed for Judging

2.00 pm

Show opens

4.00 pm

Presentation of Awards and Cups followed by the auction of exhibits and raffle draw.

Admission to the Show in the afternoon 50p (children free)

Welcome to this year's TEMPSFORD SHOW

It's time to start thinking about what you can enter for our village show again. Whether it's flowers, vegetables, crafts, cookery, or photographs there is something for everyone to enter. And for the children too!

You will notice that each year there are some changes to the classes. This is because we listen to your ideas as well as checking which classes are not as popular, so we try something new to see if you prefer it.

For the children's classes, the local schools will soon be getting copies of the colouring sheets, or of the poems for them to write in their best handwriting. Don't worry if your children don't attend these schools; copies of the relevant sheet can be obtained from me at 92 Station Road, or try our website.

You could also have a stall of your own at the show. It will only cost you £5 and you can keep any profit you make. Just let me know as soon as possible to reserve your pitch.

So do get involved, even if you don't enter anything. Come along and be amazed at what others can achieve, and be challenged to have a go yourself. Good Luck!

Meryl Besant

*Chairman
Stuart Memorial Hall Trustees*

Schedule of Classes

Floral Classes

- | | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Three single-headed blooms - single variety | <i>Mrs. J. Shield</i> |
| 2. Six single-headed blooms - two or more varieties | <i>Mr. & Mrs. P. Russell</i> |
| 3. Single rose (Tempsford villager only) | <i>Mr. C. Bettles</i> |
| 4. Single pot plant – flowering or foliage | <i>Mrs. S. Lammie</i> |
| 5. Fuchsia in a plant pot | <i>Mrs. S. Lammie</i> |
| 6. Flower arrangement in a tea pot | <i>“The Wheatsheaf”</i> |
| 7. Vase of garden flowers (<i>to be judged by public vote</i>) | <i>“The Wheatsheaf”</i> |
| 8. The largest sunflower head | <i>Mr. & Mrs. G. Norman</i> |

Fruit and Vegetable Classes

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| 9. Three onions | <i>Mrs. J. Stocker</i> |
| 10. Six tomatoes | <i>Mrs. J. Stocker</i> |
| 11. Six cherry tomatoes | <i>Mrs. J. Stocker</i> |
| 12. Three beetroot (bunched) | <i>Mrs. J. Stocker</i> |
| 13. Six stick beans | <i>Mr. & Mrs. P. Russell</i> |
| 14. Six carrots (bunched) | <i>Mr. & Mrs. P. Russell</i> |
| 15. Garden produce selection in a container | <i>Mr & Mrs P. Russell</i> |
| 16. Three potatoes - single variety | <i>Mr. & Mrs. S. Gosling</i> |
| 17. Six shallots | <i>Mr. & Mrs. S. Gosling</i> |
| 18. Three apples - single variety | <i>Tempsford Estate</i> |
| 19. Six plums | <i>Mr & Mrs D. Pennington</i> |
| 20. Three pears | <i>Mrs. J. Shield</i> |
| 21. Bunch of mixed herbs | <i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Pennington</i> |

Eggs

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| 22. Six hens' eggs | <i>Mr T. Husain</i> |
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Culinary Classes

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| 23. Fruit cake (free style) | <i>“The Wheatsheaf”</i> |
| 24. Six chocolate brownies | <i>Mr & Mrs I Gosling</i> |
| 25. Lemon drizzle cake | <i>Mr & Mrs I Gosling</i> |
| 26. Six fruit scones | <i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Knott</i> |
| 27. Four muffins – any variety | <i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Knott</i> |
| 28. Chocolate sandwich cake – men only | <i>Mr T Husain</i> |
| 29. Fruit pie on a 6” - 9” base | <i>Mr & Mrs G Norman</i> |

30. Victoria Sandwich	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
31. Six flap-jacks, any variety	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
32. Six cheese straws	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
33. Jar of jam made from non-stoned fruit	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
34. Jar of jam made from stoned fruit	<i>Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Bingham</i>
35. Jar of marmalade	<i>Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Bingham</i>
36. Jar of chutney – any variety	<i>Kier Group</i>

Photographic Classes – size not to exceed 7” by 5”
(Maximum of 3 entries per person per class)

37. “Man and Machine”	<i>Mr. & Mrs. T. Sills</i>
38. “Summer Fun”	<i>Mr. & Mrs. T. Sills</i>
39. “New Beginnings”	<i>Mr. & Mrs. G. Norman</i>
40. “Beauty”	<i>Mr and Mrs T Partridge</i>
41. “Food Glorious Food”	<i>Mr and Mrs T Partridge</i>

Craft Classes

43. Painting or drawing – any medium	<i>Mr T Husain</i>
44. A hand-made greeting card	<i>Mr T Husain</i>
45. A piece of pottery	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>
46. A piece of handmade jewellery	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>
47. A piece of handicraft that does not fall in any other category	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>

Children's Classes

48. A decorated fruit or vegetable sitting in a flower pot	<i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Knott</i>
49. Original Lego model	<i>Mr. T. Husain</i>
50. Three gingerbread men	<i>Tempsford Estate</i>
51. My favourite photo	<i>Tempsford Estate</i>
52. Colouring competition - age 5 and under	<i>Kier Group</i>
53. Colouring competition - age 6 or 7	<i>Kier Group</i>
54. Handwriting competition - age 8 or 9	<i>Ms. A. Halliwell</i>
55. Handwriting competition - age 10 or 11	<i>Ms. A. Halliwell</i>

GENERAL RULES AND FURTHER INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibits must be grown by or the work of the exhibitor.
2. No exhibit should have been previously entered at this or any other similar show.
3. The show committee will not be held responsible for any damage to, or the loss of, any exhibit.
4. Multiple entries in a class can be made, but only the highest place entry in each class will count towards the Lovitt Refrigeration and Langford Trophies.
5. All exhibits must be in place in the hall by not later than 11.30 a.m., and must remain on display until the auction commences.
6. Floral exhibitors must provide their own containers for exhibits, (which can be filled with water at the hall).
7. Entries fees: Children's classes : free.
All other classes : 25p per entry
8. On payment of the entry fee, an identification slip for each exhibit will be given as a form of receipt. This will need to be completed with the exhibitor's name and address (and age if a child), and put on the back or underside of the exhibit to which it relates.
(Entries without this official slip will not be judged).
9. Exhibitors in Classes 1 to 36 will be asked on submitting their exhibits whether they are prepared to donate them to be auctioned in aid of Hall funds. Floral containers will need to be kept by the organisers until after the auction.
10. There will be no admission to the hall during judging.
11. Prize money will be paid out from 3.30pm.
12. Certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
13. Where there are fewer than 3 entries in a class, awards will be made at the judge's discretion.
14. The judge's decision will be final.
15. No exhibits to be removed before 4pm.

Classes 52, 53, 54, and 55

Children's Colouring and Handwriting classes

Copies of the pictures to be coloured and the poems to be copied can be downloaded from our website:

www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk

or obtained from Meryl Besant (01767 640873).

We would like to thank the following that have also sponsored the show or provided Raffle Prizes

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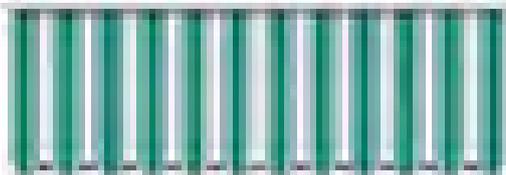
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And those who provided cakes for the tea room



Don't forget! You can have a table or stall of your own at the Show.

It will cost you £5, but any profits you make you keep. We usually have a good crowd of people so this will be a good opportunity to sell your wares. As always, contact Meryl on 01767 640873 first to book your spot.





Special Awards

Best floral exhibit	The Zwetsloot Rose Bowl
Best fuchsia	The Arthur Jackson Memorial Cup
Best Tempsford single rose	The Fred Bettles Memorial Trophy
Best fruit and vegetable exhibit	The John Gosling Trophy
Most successful vegetable exhibitor	The Ted Stocker Memorial Vegetable Cup
Best cookery exhibit	The Flo Houghton Trophy
Winner men's cookery class	The Scotts Farms Trophy
Best photographic exhibit	The Chairman's Trophy
Best handicraft exhibit	The Sawford's Garages Trophy
Most successful Tempsford exhibitor	The Langford Trophy
Most attractive Tempsford garden	The Black Horse Trophy*
The best hedge in Tempsford	The Jack Beaumont Trophy*
Most attractive Tempsford hanging basket	The Lawrence Trophy*
Best children's exhibit	The Children's Cup
Most successful exhibitor	The Lovitt Refrigeration Trophy

All trophies are held by the winner for a year

***The Lawrence, Black Horse and Jack Beaumont Trophies**

Judging for these trophies will take place during the last two weeks of July. Judging will take place from the road, and no entry forms are required. The winners will be announced at the show.

The organisers would like to thank all the sponsors, without whose generosity this show would not have been possible, and the judges for so willingly giving of their time and expertise.

FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES

ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

July No Meeting.
August 8th Members Visit to Rippington Manor, Gt. Gransden;
tour starting at 2.00pm.
Please book and pre-pay with the treasurer.

Duxford Imperial War Museum is running a website that tells the story of the **US Army Air Forces in Britain during the Second World War** and they have asked the Local History Group to help by promoting this. Anyone may visit their website americanairmuseum.com to explore thousands of photographs of the period and everyone is invited to add their own memories directly to the website. They specifically ask if anyone in this locality has memories of Americans at Thurleigh during WW11. If you or anyone you know has any recollections of the Americans when they were in this area we can pass them on to Duxford on your behalf. Please telephone the secretary or chairman and leave your contact no. Thank you.

Were you at Roxton School in 1962 - or did your children attend the school then?

If so you will remember the last lessons in the old Victorian school building before it was demolished for the building of the new school. At that time a photograph was taken outside the old school, which we think shows all the pupils with their teachers. **Can you help us?**

The Local History Group has compiled folders of information about the school and this photograph marks an important milestone in the school and villages' history. We can identify Mrs Hall and Miss Bywater but we would like your help in identifying all the pupils and the remaining teacher. Please contact Mrs Must if you think you can help. Tel 01480 870234

Further information contact Secretary: Stella Gibbs: 01480 351931 or
Chairman: Peter Newell: 01234 870158

FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES

Roxton Congregational Church

Visit this lovely Grade 2 listed Chapel



Saturday July 18th from 2pm

Garden Teas — Table Top Sale,

Blunham & District Gardening Club

It was a glorious day when 16 of our members visited Capel Manor. A guided tour in the morning gave us an insight into the workings of Capel Manor and the afternoon was free to explore at leisure. Tuesday 7th July is an evening trip to Lode near Anglesey Abbey. We will visit the garden of Richard Ayers, who was once head gardener for the Abbey. The cost is £7 which includes refreshments. Shared transport. If anyone is interested please contact Brenda 01767640623.

Gt BARFORD—ALMA SINGERS

The Alma Singers are looking to expand their Choir. We are inviting females (sopranos and altos) of any age to join us. The choir has been established for 5 years. During that time we have given concerts and helped to raise funds for many organisations and charities including: The Friends of Elstow Abbey, St. John's Hospice and Cystic Fibrosis. This year our chosen charity is The Alzheimers Society. We are privileged to have the services of a professional Musical Director, Dominic Keating-Roberts, and piano accompanist. Rehearsals take place on a Monday evening (term time) from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. in the hall at Great Barford Methodist Church. If you would like more details please contact Anne Lowe on 01234 740980 or by email at anne-lowe1@hotmail.co.uk Or visit our web-site www.alma-singers.co.uk You would be very welcome to come along to see if this is for you.

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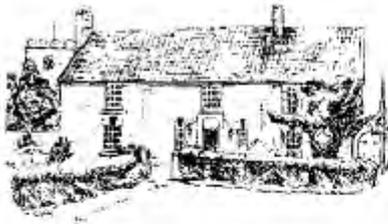
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES.

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website. www.tempsford.org.

Cllr. Liz Bull was welcomed as a new Councillor to the newly elected Parish Council.

1. Election of Chairman. Nominations were invited for the position. Cllr. Clark proposed Cllr. Besant. No other nominations were proposed. This was seconded and Cllr. Besant accepted the position.

2. Election of Vice Chairman. Nominations were invited. Cllr. Cooney proposed Cllr. Donnelly. No other nominations were proposed. This was seconded. Cllr. Donnelly accepted the position.

3. Receipt of Declaration of Office – Declarations of Office were duly signed by Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Donnelly. All other Councillors also needed Declarations of Office, Code of Conduct and Register of Interest forms to sign as this is the first meeting of the new Council.

4. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr. Adam Zerney.

5. Declarations of interest – no declarations were received.

6. Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting held on 2.3.15 were approved and signed.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10.4.15 were approved.

7. Police Report – PCSO Barnell was not present, but the Police report included just one incident, that of criminal damage at The Anchor.

8. Public Session – Discussed in this session were 1) Speedwatch – Need more volunteers, two are just not enough. . 2) Other speed prevention ideas, speed cameras, illuminated signs; fixed signs indicating speed watch area were suggested 3) Sowing of wild flowers in the village and verge cutting. 4) Amphibian fence needs to be taken down

9. CBC – No Councillors were present. The Chairman had received a request from Cllr. Gurney as to whether the Council wanted to continue with the Ivel Forum. The Council felt it was a useful meeting to be had if there was a good subject to discuss such as Broadband.

10. Planning – 1. Application from Bedford Borough Council re Black Cat Quarry extension. 2. Entrance wall and gate in Church Street. The Council made no objections to these applications.

11. Highways - The Chairman reported on resurfacing plans for the A1 slip road and Little Barford road There are dead trees on the link road that need to be taken down. Clerk to contact the department at CBC.

Kiers entrance – Agreed that Kiers and the Parish Council should work together to put bollards so people park further down. Cllr. Clark said it would be interesting to see if the A1 traffic flow is better since the change in the

Black Cat Roundabout. Items to be pointed out on the next “walkabout” in the village; trees and shrubs growth on bridge need cutting back, willows at the end of Station Road,

12. Childrens’ play area. – New Inspectors Report; the Council thought it was a good report and easy to read. Some items were mentioned needing repair, including the basket ball posts in both play areas. Councillors suggested removing the one in Station Road from the small children’s play ground to the new play area for the older children.

Gannock Castle – trimmings need removing from the hedge laying.

13. Cemetery/Church yard – Elder trees in the church yard need attending to. A gate needs to be put up between the churchyard and the rectory to stop badgers getting in. Cemetery hut needs woodworm treatment. Old grave numbers need to be disposed of. Grass round the memorials needs to be cut at the same time as the cemetery and grave yard.

14. Finance – The Annual Report and Accounts, prepared by the Clerk had been audited. These were approved and signed.

Insurance – the Clerk had obtained an alternative quote from another insurance company, which was substantially less than the present one. The Clerk presented the schedules to compare. The Clerk was asked to verify the legal expenses. If these were satisfactory the Council decided to go with the new company.

Electricity – the unmetered tariff is being increased. The Chairman and Clerk were looking into which lights are owned by the village and which by CBC to counteract this.

Transparency Code – this comes into force on 1st July and the website needs to be sorted for this. Clerk to clarify it with BATPC.

Payments which were presented by the Clerk were approved . Details of the bank reconciliation were explained.

15. Defibrillators – these are now installed, but not to be used until the awareness course has taken place. They were installed at the Chapel in Station Road and the Wheatsheaf in Church Street.

Clerk to now book an awareness course for the village residents.

16. Green Infrastructure. – Projects still wanting to be done under this scheme:- edging in Millennium Garden, bridge of dyke in Esme wood – (Cllr. Fraser suggested a pipe along the ditch then covering with earth and grassed over to make it look more natural), bulb planting later in the year.

17. Correspondence – no correspondence received. Clerk to ring CBC regarding bins left on the pavements.

18. Date of future meetings – July 20th, September 21st, November 16th.

Linda Collins,
Clerk Tempsford Parish Council.

TEMPSFORD'S "NOW IT CAN BE TOLD 2015" EVENT

The Stuart Memorial Hall was the venue for the 40th and 70th Anniversary Commemorative Weekend "Now it can Be Told 2015" in recognition of the Allied Special Duties Squadrons and everyone they carried and supported by way of their top secret operations from airfields in Britain and Overseas. The three day event, held between the 15th and 17th May was exactly forty years to the day, when veterans and servicemen who served at RAF Tempsford came to the same venue to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of VE Day.

Visitors came from as far as Canada, Holland and France to reminisce and hear first hand anecdotes from veterans and speakers, on life at RAF Tempsford during WW2.

The event started on the Friday with a day set aside for schools and colleges. 15 young pupils came from Edward Peake School Middle School, Biggleswade and enjoyed watching various short films on all aspects of life in the Special Operations Executive, based at RAF Tempsford. In the afternoon the children were split into groups with each group acting out scenarios of life as a spy or the network that helped to make the agents lives safer or to help in areas of sabotage against the Nazis.



The Tempsford Museum and Archive was open throughout the whole weekend with an exhibition of all they hold in their archive relating to RAF Tempsford. Several other display boards and artefacts were also on display in the main hall. Museum staff also provided refreshments throughout the weekend.

Saturday's programme included various speakers telling the large audience

about “Behind the Scenes of Dutch SD Ops 1940-1945” and “Africa-France special duties air operations from Blida by 624 Sqn” The highlight of the day was a Q&A session with 95 year old Wing Commander Leonard Ratcliff, the last commanding officer of RAF Tempsford. Len kept the audience both amused and transfixed with his stories and anecdotes, which went on for well over an hour and he was able to answer many questions put to him by the attentive audience.

The last talk was by Martyn Cox and Martin Bisiker who spoke about their charity “Legasee” the veterans’ video archive. Legasee is a charity dedicated to recording on digital film the memories of veterans of conflict, so that future generations can learn about military history from the people who were in the thick of the action. For those who would like to know more go to their website at www.legasee.org.uk

Sunday was a day for budding authors or those who wanted to know more about the research done by other writers. Clare Mulley, Jo de Vries and Matthew Cobb, all known writers on the various subjects, were panellists who gave advice and shared their knowledge on various aspects of writing and publishing with the audience.

The weekend concluded with a service of remembrance at St. Peters Church conducted by Revd Margaret Marshall and wreath laying at the new memorial to those who served at RAF Tempsford and the Special Agents who flew out on their clandestine work to end tyranny in Europe.



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