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***Don't forget !***  
**THE TEMPSFORD SHOW**  
**Saturday Sept 10th at 2pm.**  
*See centre pages*

**TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH,**

**Station Road, Tempsford**

(part of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit)

**Minister: Rev Paul Beard : 01480 473444**

**Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,**

**81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175**

Dear Friends,

We live in uncertain times.

It seems that little can be counted upon. We think we are secure, and then Life throws us a wobbly one. A secure job suddenly looks shaky. A secure relationship blows apart. A secure home has to be abandoned. Globally there is uncertainty, too. Interlinked Stock Markets suffer from greed or fear and the world economy judders. Just as we get used to the Demon of the Week, another Demon of the Week looms up — it was Osama Bin Laden, now it is so-called Islamic State and so it rolls on. Today's healthy food is tomorrow's ticket to a life of illness. We were in the EU and now we will not be and no-one knows quite how that happened or what will happen because of it. Other countries thought they were going to get medals in the Olympics.

We live in uncertain times.

But, 'twas ever thus. Times have always been uncertain for those who lived through them. There have always been wars and rumours of wars. The poor have always been with us. We have always seen change and decay all around us.

In the midst of uncertain times the Christian has a certainty, however, of God's love. The Bible says "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die", but it also says "Lo, I am with you to the end of the age." Jesus remains, and will always remain, the rock of ages which was cleft for me and for you and for all who wish to hide in him.

It is this certainty that enables us to stand on Jesus the rock and look beyond the restless waves of our times to the constant horizon of the Christian hope. We need not hide. We can use our faith to rise above the uncertainty that floods the world and point to the eternal values: faith, hope and love. These three remain, despite all the changes in the world and all the changes in our lives.

As I look forward to the second year as your minister and tremble at the uncertainties that lie before me and you, I take great comfort in Jesus'

promise to be with us always, even to the end of the age.  
Jesus is my home, wherever I find myself. My relationship with Jesus is the one relationship guaranteed never to blow apart. My job of serving Jesus as best I can is a job for life.  
So I live in certain times: certain that God loves me, whatever happens.  
God Bless.  
Paul

**MEET AND EAT LUNCHES** are held at the Chapel on the second Wednesday of the month from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.  
Call Carole Gosling on 01767 641175 to book your place.  
£4.00 per person. Menus as below:

**Wed 14th Sept**

Minced Beef Cobbler  
Seasonal Vegetables

Fruit Crumble  
Custard  
Tea/Coffee

**Wed 12th Oct**

Beef Casserole  
Seasonal Vegetables

Bakewell Tart  
Custard  
Tea/Coffee

**LOOK OUT FOR NEW TIMES OF THE *COFFEE SHOP* :**  
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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 25th September 2016  
at 6.00 p.m.**

**led by Rev. Paul Beard**

**Come and join our thanksgiving for another Harvest**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Come and join us for refreshments from 5 o'clock in the Chapel Schoolroom  
(All gifts of produce used to decorate the church for this occasion will be distributed to the sick and elderly of the village)

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TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH

# **COFFEE** **SHOP**

**NEW OPENING TIMES:**  
**Thursday 22nd September and**  
**Thursday 20th October**  
**from 11.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.**

Come along and enjoy  
a slice of home-made cake together with a  
cup of tea/coffee

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



Thank you to everyone who supported the  
**Summer Fayre**

We are pleased to say we raised £352.50. A  
big thank you to all of our dear helpers.



### **St Peters Harvest Service** **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October : 6.00pm**

Please come and join us to celebrate this special time of the year. If you have any donations please call Helen 640366, Maureen 640227, Gloria 640050.

Look forward to seeing you all.



## **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**

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| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>           |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September       | 9.30am Gt Barford; 11.15am Blunham     |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>           |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September       | 9.30am Gt Barford; 11.15am Blunham     |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>    | <b>6.00pm Harvest Service</b>          |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October          | 9.30am Gt Barford; 11.15am Blunham     |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | <b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>           |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October         | 9.30am Gt Barford; 11.15am Blunham     |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October         | 10.30am Benefice Service at Gt Barford |

### **Methodist Church**

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September        | 6.00pm Section United Service Buckden                    |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>6.00pm Preacher: Mr. Colin Webber</b>                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September       | No service   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>6.00pm HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>                           |
|                                  | <b>Preacher: Rev. Paul Beard</b>                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October          | No service   |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>6.00pm Preacher: Rev Paul Beard (section service)</b> |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October         | No service   |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>   | <b>6.00pm Preacher: Mrs. Pauline Zahner</b>              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October         | No service   |

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## **NEWS FROM ROXTON V.A. C.of E. LOWER SCHOOL**

**Roxton is your local school.** We have a lively and popular pre-school which welcomes children from 2 years 9 months and from September next year, the children will stay with us until the end of year 6. We are a small, happy school and we welcome visits at any time. Hope to see you soon

### **Visit to Black Cat Quarry**



During the Easter holidays I was approached by the archaeologists working at the Black Cat Quarry to see if we would like to visit. I was unaware that there were archaeologists at the quarry so was most intrigued.

It would appear that long before the A1, the same roadway was an important route with numerous settlements alongside. As part of the quarry work archaeologists were called in to check the site for any signs of habitations or remains and they have found a vast quantity of each.

The quarry company, Hope, arranged everything for us including transport (and the weather I think!) and we were able to take Oak and Willow class on an adventure. We were all dressed in hi-vis jackets, safety helmets and goggles and were shown how the quarry actually functions, including lots of big lorries and diggers. Then the archaeologists took over to explain their work. We were shown the trenches they dug and some genuine Roman and Bronze Age artefacts including one of a collection of skeletons which they found in a burial area. The children then had the chance to dig their own pits to search for remains. We all had a super time and thank the quarry for the invitation.

**In the summer term we are so proud to have achieved the GOLD RE Quality Mark.**

This is a national award given to schools who can prove to an external assessor that they have reached the highest standards in teaching and learning in RE. We also had to show that the staff have kept up to date with training and shared their expertise both in and out of school. What is just as important is that the assessor inspected the classrooms and books, and interviewed the children to judge how much RE is enjoyed and valued in school.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Cooper for leading the subject and the rest of the staff for the amazing work they do in RE all year round.



**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

This term sees the restart of our popular and fun activity clubs. We provide Football, Rugby, Street Dance and Friday Morning Multi Activity clubs which are all open to the whole school. We'll also be taking part in all the local area Sports Fixtures.

For those who prefer performing we will once again be hosting Theatre Train and providing musical instrument lessons as well as participating in the annual Sing On concert at the Corn Exchange. The term's performing activities culminate in our traditional (but with a twist!) Christmas Concert in the village hall in which the whole school participates

We like to mark those special landmarks in the year and so will be celebrating Harvest and Christingle in St Mary's church as well as joining them for their Macmillan Coffee Morning. Our mums and toddlers also meet each Wednesday morning in church for coffee, activities and a chat.

To end the term in style we will have our annual whole school outing to the Pantomime in Peterborough (Oh yes we will!) kindly supported by our amazing PTA.

*Jane Trott, Head teacher*  
Roxton VA CofE Lower School, School Lane, Roxton MK44 3DR  
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### **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Tempsford Methodist Church is once again supporting this special project. All information, together with leaflets, will soon be available from Carole Gosling (01767 641175) should you wish to fill a shoebox for a child.

Children are so often the innocent victims of the world we live in today and shoeboxes are small – but they do change lives. Your 'love in a box' shows that there is love in the world and that somebody somewhere cares.

For some children it will be the **ONLY** present they receive in their **ENTIRE** childhood. Please join with us once again this year and **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

### **CHAT CLUB –**

Chat Club meets again in the Chapel Schoolroom on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. **Everyone Welcome**

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## **WATCH OUT FOR 105!**

You will be seeing a lot about 105 in the not too distant future.  
**On 6<sup>th</sup> September a new national phone number “105” will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.**

Key points to note about this service are:

- Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.
- 105 is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. They can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.
- 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.
- Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

A consumer awareness campaign will run from September through to next spring and will include PR, media advertising, social media and coordinated messaging through partner channels.



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learning in  
Tempsford?

But do you  
recognise  
where it is?



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## **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF BIGGIN FARM YARD AREA**

Tempsford Estate has placed plans before Central Beds Council for the development of the yard area of Biggin Farm. The proposal is for 8 dwellings, 3 single storey, 3 semi detached two storey and 2 detached two storey, all within the existing buildings. The development area does not exceed the present area. Tempsford Parish Council has met to consider the plans and members of the public were invited to attend the meeting. There was much discussion of general and specific details with representatives of Tempsford Estate covering such aspects as general design, appearance and height of buildings, drainage, light pollution, parking, and windows overlooking other residences. The Parish Council agreed to the application with all the provisos that were raised by residents during the meeting.

The full plans are available for inspection on the CBC website ref no CB/16/02922/FULL . The general plan of the site is shown below





# THE TEMPSFORD SHOW

**Saturday Sept 10th 2016**

Stuart Memorial Hall  
Tempsford

## Schedule of Classes

### Floral Classes

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Three single-headed blooms - single variety                   | <i>"The Wheatsheaf"</i>         |
| 2. Six single-headed blooms - two or more varieties              | <i>Mr T. Husain</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 wellington boot pot                   | <i>"The Wheatsheaf"</i>         |
| 7. Vase of garden flowers ( <i>to be judged by public vote</i> ) | <i>"The Wheatsheaf"</i>         |
| 8. A bunch of wild flowers and/or grasses                        | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. Norman</i> |

### Sponsor

### Fruit and Vegetable Classes

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 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. &amp; Mrs. A. Quinn</i>      |
| 14. Three carrots (bunched)                 | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. A. Quinn</i>      |
| 15. Garden produce selection in a container | <i>Tempsford Estate</i>             |
| 16. Three potatoes - single variety         | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. Gosling</i>    |
| 17. Six shallots                            | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. Gosling</i>    |
| 18. Three apples - single variety           | <i>Tempsford Estate</i>             |
| 19. Six plums                               | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs D. Pennington</i>   |
| 20. Three pears                             | <i>Mr T. Husain</i>                 |
| 21. Bunch of mixed herbs                    | <i>Mr. &amp; 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 in a loaf tin             | <i>"The Wheatsheaf"</i>        |
| 24. Six chocolate brownies               | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs G Norman</i>   |
| 25. Four fresh cream meringues           | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs G Norman</i>   |
| 26. Six cheese scones                    | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. C. Knott</i> |
| 27. Four muffins – any variety           | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. C. Knott</i> |
| 28. Lemon drizzle cake – <b>men only</b> | <i>Mr T Husain</i>             |
| 29. Six jam tarts                        | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs G Norman</i>   |

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 30. Victoria Sandwich                     | <i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>          |
| 31. Six flap-jacks, any variety           | <i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>          |
| 32. Six shortbread fingers                | <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. &amp; Mrs. A. W. Bingham</i> |
| 35. Jar of marmalade                      | <i>Mr. &amp; 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)**

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| 37. “All Creatures Great and Small”  | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. T. Sills</i>  |
| 38. “Summer Fun”   | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. T. Sills</i>  |
| 39. “Dawn or Dusk”   | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. Norman</i> |
| 40. A photograph suitable for the front cover<br>of the December Tempsford Times | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs T Partridge</i> |
| 41. “Flight”   | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs T Partridge</i> |

**Craft Classes**

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| 43. Painting or drawing – any medium                               | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs M Honan</i>    |
| 44. A hand-made greeting card                                      | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs M Honan</i>    |
| 45. A decorated hat  | <i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i> |
| 46. A decorative folded paper table napkin                         | <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**

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 48. A miniature garden                      | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. C. Knott</i> |
| 49. Original Lego model                     | <i>Mr. T. Husain</i>           |
| 50. Four cereal cakes                       | <i>Tempsford Estate</i>        |
| 51. A photo I have taken                    | <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>Mr &amp; Mrs I Gosling</i>  |
| 55. Handwriting competition - age 10 or 11  | <i>Mr &amp; Mrs I Gosling</i>  |

## **Tempsford Show Details**

### **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)**

### **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](http://www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk)

or obtained from Meryl Besant (01767 640873).

**Exhibit Entries fees:** Children's classes : free.

All other classes : 25p per entry

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.

**Full rules and details** were printed in the last edition of **Tempsford Times** and are available on the website. They will also be displayed on the day at registration.

## **AMEY are working on behalf of Highways England to improve the A428**

**Amey will be working on week-nights between 20:00 and 06:00, to minimise disruption. Work started in July and we expect it to be finished by November.**

This work may result in slight delays for local road users and through traffic, as well as additional noise in this area while we are working, for which we apologise.

Stretches of the A428 will be closed while we are working, with clearly signed diversion routes in place. The details of closures areas follows, **(all dates are subject to weather and other conditions):**

Between Eltisley (junction with the B1040) and Caxton Gibbet roundabout, from Monday 25 July to Tuesday 16 August;

Between the St Neots roundabout (junction with the B1428) and the Tesco roundabout (junction with Barford Road), from Wednesday 17 August to Monday 12 September;

Between Tithe Farm roundabout (junction with the B1428) and Eltisley, from Tuesday 13 September to Tuesday 11 October;

Between the Tesco roundabout and Tithe Farm roundabout, from Wednesday 12 to Saturday 29 October.

For all of these closures, drivers will follow the same diversion.

*When heading westbound, drivers will:*

*take the A1198 at Caxton Gibbet, then;  
at Godmanchester, follow the A14 westbound to junction 21;  
at Brampton Hut, take the A1 southbound;  
follow the A1 southbound to Wyboston roundabout, where the diversion ends.*

Drivers heading eastbound will follow this diversion in reverse.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website [www.tempsford.org](http://www.tempsford.org)

**Present:-** 7 Parish Councillors, Clerk, Central Beds. Councillor and 6 members of the public. (Apology from Cllr. Adam Zerny, Central Beds.)

**Declaration of interest:** No declarations of interest were declared.

**Acceptance of Minutes** – Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were accepted as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

**Police Report** – The police website showed only an incident from May, and was not felt to be up to date. The Chairman gave a Power-Point presentation of the Community Engagement event held on June 13<sup>th</sup> by Nick Lyell, Chief Inspector. Various items were discussed. Tempsford is in Group 1 and our PCSO is Ann Jeeves 4763.

**Public Session – Speedwatch** – Residents have carried out four Speed Watch sessions and one motorist has been caught. Those drivers caught will receive a letter and if it happens 3 times will be fined. **Fly problem** – there had been comments about the excessive amount of flies in the village. The compost sites were contacted and they thought there may be a problem. Cllr. Gurney had also contacted them.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – The Chairman thanked all the Council for their help along with the rest of the volunteers in the village. The total cost of the event came to £905.32.

**Central Beds Councillors** – Cllr. Gurney reported that she would be having a meeting with the Borough Council and Alistair Burt regarding the A1 and A428 upgrade. We would be kept informed. Cllr. Bettles asked whether a map would be possible. Cllr. Gurney said she would send one to the Clerk.

**Planning** – A planning application was being made for the development of Biggin Farm. The Chairman gave a presentation of the plans of the development. Questions were put forward by members of the public that were present. The Chairman said that as soon as the plans were sent to CBC for application, and the Council received them, a planning meeting would be organised and the

public invited. **Mobile homes at The Anchor** – at least one mobile home may get permission to be there. A new “public footpath” sign has been put up as the other one had been removed.

**Highways** – A428 route to Caxton Gibbet: three routes have been suggested and a strategy meeting on July 21 will be attended by members of the council. The present A428 from St Neots to Caxton Gibbet is being resurfaced between now and November in over night sessions and diversions will be set up. Cold Arbour Lane will be closed for one day in August for resurfacing. Long grass on verges that has not been cut by CBC is causing a problem needing local farmers to do it. The Tempsford village sign has not yet been refurbished. The hedge in Church Street needs to be cut back and the trees near Cottage Farm are infringing on the light.

**Kiers** – Station Road entrance – work on improving sight lines has not progressed any further. Cllr. Clark will follow this up. Concerns over parking in the drive to the new play area – Chairman to contact Kiers to get update.

**Children’s play areas** – The playground inspection has been completed; Clerk to list problems that still need to be attended to. The basket ball post in the new Station Road area has been damaged and has to be repaired. The chain link fence at the back of the small Station Road area needs to be removed as does the Willow tree which is overgrowing the area – Chairman to remind the Estate again.

**Cemetery/Churchyard** – The wooden entrance gate in Mill Lane needs to be attended to. Cllr. Cooney said he would do this. Cllr. Bettles said the Russian vine at the side of the cemetery hut needs to be cut back. Clerk to contact contractor.

**Finance** – The Council approved the listed payments and details of bank reconciliation and cash flow were given. A request had been received from the Stuart Memorial Hall for a donation towards the cost of a new curtain system. The Clerk notified the council about the national salary award for Parish Clerks.

**Correspondence** – An email had been received from the Environment Agency saying they were going to do a trial opening in September of the saw mill sluice gate so that there is no barrier to fish movement. A local

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farmer was present and stated that he and the Estate were worried about this, commenting that the sluice gates were there to keep the water levels between Blunham and Tempsford stable. The Chairman asked the resident to send to the Clerk all the history of the sluice gate and explain in detail why they were against it taking place.

**Date of next meetings** – 19<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> November. The Annual Parish Meeting is booked for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

*Linda Collins, Tempsford Parish Council Clerk*

## **OTHER PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A reminder to householders and landlords that, as birds have now finished nesting, trees and hedges overhanging footpaths should be pruned back to allow pedestrians to pass easily, and not have to step into the road.

Similarly overhanging trees often obscure street lights, and as the evenings draw in, the need for good lighting will become increasingly obvious. Again will everyone please make an effort to address this matter.

Everyone remarks about the problems resulting from on-street parking, particularly along Station Road, which are often exacerbated by the movement of unusually large farm vehicles. We ask residents to consider helping vehicles to pass safely, by parking sensibly, leaving spaces between cars where possible and staggering their parking from one side of the road to the other.

Many thanks

*Tempsford Museum and Archives*

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH  
AND  
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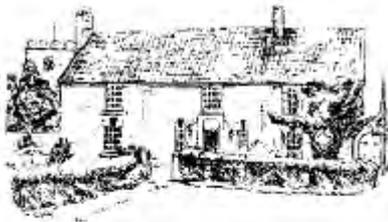
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**Would you like to take part in this year's Starlight Walk and remember a loved one?**

Join us as we walk around the grounds and local countryside on the **24 September 2016**, it's also a great way to raise money for your local hospice.

Get those walking shoes ready and book: [www.sueryder.org/stjohns/starlightwalk](http://www.sueryder.org/stjohns/starlightwalk)

The Starlight Walk will take place within the St John's Hospice grounds and surrounding countryside, and will include a shorter 5km option as well as the usual 10km. The night kicks off with entertainment on the main stage including a clubbercise warm up in-line with our Ibiza theme, so there is sure to be something to keep you motivated!

**What do I need?**

The route will be lit where possible, but you may like to bring your own torch, or better yet, support a great cause and buy one of ours!

There will be hot drinks, food and merchandise available. If you would also like to volunteer on the night please call 01767 642412, alternatively you can make a donation by emailing [stjohnsfundraising@suerydercare.org](mailto:stjohnsfundraising@suerydercare.org).

Last year's event raised £65,000. This year St John's Hospice requires £2.7 million to keep its doors open and continue to provide the care so many patients and their families need.

Please accept our apologies and note that dogs may not be brought along to this event.

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Guest speaker Peter Hall gives an illustrated talk on the history of Tempsford Railway Station from its opening in 1863 through to its closure in 1956.

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**Friday 30th September 7.30pm**

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Following three successful summer outings, the club will resume their meetings in Blunham village hall. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. September, 7;30pm.

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Refreshments are served. Visitors are welcome.

For more information please contact Brenda on 01767 640623

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## **ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Autumn meetings begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> We welcome visitors and new members to our meetings at 7.30pm at Roxton Parish Hall on the first Thursday monthly.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** John Shere gives an illustrated talk on The Royal Observer Corps—“ABOVE & BELOW GROUND”

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** Unfortunately the programme has changed because our published speaker is unable to be with us. New topic to be advised at the September meeting

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Damien Odell will give his illustrated talk on “THE HISTORY OF CHICKSANDS PRIORY” . Chicksands Priory is situated near Shefford, Bedfordshire

*If you would like a copy of our programme for 2016 (available now) contact Ruth Coxon 01234 871321; Peter Newell 01234 870158 or Janet Must 01234 870234*

## **BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA**

The Community Cinema held in Blunham Village Hall presents:

**Friday 30th September 'The Imitation Game' (cert 12)**

Biographical drama starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

**Friday 28th October 'Ghostbusters' (cert U)**

fantasy comedy starring Bill Murphy and Dan Aykroyd.

Doors open 6.45 pm and the films are shown promptly at 7.30 pm. Ticket prices Adult £5.00 or £4.00 purchased in advance. Family tickets (2 adults + 2 children) £14.00 or £10.00 purchased in advance.

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Drinks, Sweets, Ice Creams and Popcorn are available.

For tickets or more information contact Sue Holden 01767 640572  
or Margaret Watts 01767 640053.

## **PERSONAL MESSAGES**

**The Lawrence family** would like to thank all those responsible for organising the wonderful tea party for Queen's 90th birthday in which so many local residents were able to participate. It was a wonderful event. Thank you so very much.

**Home Help** wanted in Tempsford

Mum returning to full-time work seeks extra help at home and potentially some after-school child-care.

Possible tasks include washing, ironing and tidying up but could be extended to include weekly cleaning (approx 4 hours).

Total time approx 10 hrs per week, most of which can be flexible. For further details and discussion call Elaine on 01767 640860 or text 07894 444510

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