

TEMPSFORD TIMES

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Welcome to
**TEMPSFORD,
THE HOME OF
THE
BLACK CAT
IN
THE HAT**

10 years of
**TEMPSFORD
TIMES**

See pages 8-10

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT

TEMPSFORD'S **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Why should I be involved?

If you are concerned about what might happen to our village in the future, about the developments that may take place, about the road and rail links in our area that are currently being discussed and about maintaining the village's nature and well-being that we all treasure, then please be willing to help us in the production of such a plan.

Come and listen to our Speaker,
Siobhan Vincent from Central Beds Council on
"The Importance and Relevance of having a
Neighbourhood Plan"

Preparing the Plan will not be a quick and easy task. We shall need the support of many volunteers who have the same aim, that of maintaining Tempsford's green and pleasant land, a village to be proud of. If you are that sort of person, please come to the meeting on January 26th in the School Room of Tempsford Methodist Chapel Station Road at 7.30pm

PUBLIC MEETING

Come and find out how you can be
involved with the

TEMPSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thurs Jan 26th 7.30pm

TEMPSFORD CHAPEL
SCHOOLROOM,
STATION ROAD

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

The annual Christmas Fayre held at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday, 3rd December raised the magnificent sum of £819.13. 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 upkeep and maintenance of the Chapel. Thank you all once again for your loyal support.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX APPEAL

59 Shoeboxes filled with ‘Love in a Box’

+

59 children

=

**59 smiles on the faces of boys and girls
fleeing the Syrian Crisis now living in
Refugee Camps**

On behalf of everyone at the Chapel **THANK YOU** for your kindness and generosity for the simply amazing response from the village once again this year. You have given these children something that they may never have again throughout the rest of their childhood – innocent pleasure in simple gifts meant especially for them. **THANK YOU.**

CHAT CLUB

In November members met at the Chapel Schoolroom where Mrs. Mary Infield and friends came along and provided the Club with a wonderful concert including Carols and humorous poems. This was followed by tea/ coffee and mince pies.

In 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, 22nd February 2017 from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. in the Chapel Schoolroom. Feel free to come along and join us in the New Year. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

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 by mid-day on the Monday prior to the lunch.

'MEET & EAT' LUNCH

**Please note there will be
no lunch held during
January.**

'MEET & EAT' LUNCH

**Wednesday 8th February
12.30pm - 2.00pm**

MENU

Shepherds Pie
Vegetables

Meringue / Peaches
Cream
Tea/Coffee

£4.00 per person

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 1st January	11.15am Blunham
Sunday 8th January	9.30am Gt Barford - 11.15 Blunham
Sunday 15th January	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd January	9.30am Gt Barford - 11.15 Blunham
Sunday 29th January	9.30am Gt Barford - 11.15 Blunham
Sunday 5th February	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th February	9.30am Gt Barford -11.15 Blunham
Sunday 19th February	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th February	9.30am Gt Barford -11.15 Blunham

**All services subject to change because of Rev Margaret's illness.
Please check on the church notice boards.**

Methodist Church

Sunday 1st January	No service
Sunday 8th January	6.00pm at Gt Barford
Sunday 15th January	No service
Sunday 22nd January	3.00pm Rev Paul Beard
Sunday 29th January	No service
Sunday 5th February	No service
Sunday 12th February	6.00pm at Buckden
Sunday 19th February	No service
Sunday 26th February	3.00pm Mr John Green

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Happy 10th Birthday Temsford Times

Over ten years ago, both the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council were wanting to find a good way to communicate with everyone in the village. Having talked with each other about it, they agreed to put an equal sum of money into the pot to cover the costs of printing, hoping that further revenue would come from advertising, and set about planning Tempsford's own magazine. Members of both groups agreed to manage the advertising, and to edit, and produce a bi-monthly magazine of Tempsford news, events, reports and articles. The first edition appeared in February 2007 with 16 pages of information, amongst other things, on Gannocks Castle, the Burns Night Supper, an advert for a Pancake Day event, and a recipe for mincemeat crumble tart. We managed a few grainy photographs too, but it wasn't too long before the technology as well as publishing skills improved!



**THE COVER OF THE
FIRST EDITION**



**KEEPING THE VILLAGE UP TO
DATE WITH THE NEW COUNCIL**



TEMPSFORD TIMES has recorded many other events in the life of the village, the formation of a new unitary authority, Central Bedfordshire Council, the disaster of the breakdown of the village sewage system and all the problems that followed, the prospect of our Level Crossing being closed, and the installation of a composting site on the airfield. We used different printing establishments, trying to improve the quality of print, paper and reliability of production, (the date of publication was missed once or twice because the printer had gone on holiday without telling us!) within the resources of advertising revenue.

Our third printer was able to offer coloured card for the end papers which made it more attractive.

The Parish Council managed to forge a link with Kiers, and they offered, as part of their contribution to the local community, to do the printing for us using their professional paper and machines.

This great leap forward coincided with the visit of the Prince of Wales to unveil our new village memorial, so the special edition came out in glorious colour with several pages of souvenir colour photographs.





We have always tried to include photographs of parts of our lovely village and the lives we lead here, seasonal views of animals or plants, buildings, royal events, and famous people (John Jackson's award of the Légion d'Honneur!). However in June 2015 I struggled to find something appropriate; these lovely flowers were not photographed in Tempsford, but in Vancouver, Canada, sorry!

But we have always been pleased to publish personal announcements and photographs, of 'new arrivals' and marriages, so if you have any "special announcement" to make please let the **TEMPSFORD TIMES** know!

I have been involved with the editing most of these 10 years, so here's a chance for me to say thank you to all the many people have been, and are, involved with the production of this magazine: the contributors, the advertisers, the advertising managers, the proof readers (YES I do need one!), the website manager (because **TEMPSFORD TIMES** also appears on-line) and the deliverers and all who have helped the growth of **TEMPSFORD TIMES** in any way.

And a plea to anyone who has a story to tell, a superb local photograph or a recipe for a crumble to pass on, to not be afraid of putting pen to paper, so to speak, and record something of Tempsford's times in the **TEMPSFORD TIMES**.

Adrian Besant, Editor, TEMPSFORD TIMES

If you are interested in keeping your own record of Tempsford Times, past issues are kept with the Tempsford Museum and Archive, and limited spare copies are available there.

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Rev Margaret Marshall is unfortunately ill; we send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. She is therefore unable to contribute to our magazine this edition, so, as we didn't have an issue over Christmas, I have copied her pastoral letter from the December edition of "The Bridge" the church newsletter in Gt Barford. Although slightly out of season, the message still remains true. : Editor

Dear Everyone

There has been a rise in recent years in the number of glossy Christmas TV adverts in which there's minimal evidence of the products the companies are hoping to sell. There might be one strategically placed pair of sparkly trainers or a cuddly penguin but there are not mounds of desirable items on show. Instead the 'ad men' are trying to sell a 'feeling'. Sentiment, as well as the concept of 'the perfect Christmas', are to the fore as the makers seek to build 'brand loyalty' at the most crucial selling period of the year. A little boy who really loves his older sister (despite their generally tempestuous relationship) and the lengths he will go to in order to make up for previous hurts, are more in focus than what's inside the parcel!

In a year that has seen Brexit and Donald Trump shocks...and untold misery from terrorist attacks (not to mention wars, catastrophic earthquakes and a far-reaching refugee crisis), I would say this is heartening. Setting aside the desire of the advertisers to manipulate for profit, highlighting what money simply cannot buy, is surely in tune with the message of Christmas' Christian beginnings.

In so many ways Jesus was not the perfect gift: hugely problematic for his earthly parents in an unsettled corner of the Roman Empire, he would not just be a present for the deserving but the undeserving too. The love, forgiveness and hope he offered was misunderstood and rejected by many, even though they were what was most needed—just as nowadays. But Jesus' gifts were much harder and more costly to give than anything that can be bought and wrapped in Christmas paper. As we muddle

through this increasingly pressured season, we could do well to manage similar offerings.

Giving ourselves, our time, our talents, our thoughtfulness; giving others a second chance, our attempts at understanding, the benefit of the doubt; giving our support, our loyalty, our patience – not just to our nearest and dearest: these are the best ways we can put Christ back into Christmas. Continuing our efforts beyond the season of goodwill, when the turkey and tinsel are long gone, is even more of a challenge. As grown-ups we cannot simply send off our request to 'Mrs Claus' at the North Pole and sit back, waiting for a magical third party resolution to personal or global difficulties. We have to accept that as part of the problem, we can also play an important part in finding a solution... and, generally, the most perfect things we have to offer involve no anxious head-scratching, no exhausting trips round packed shops, no frantic wrapping, no logistical difficulties. Any amount of glossy advertising cannot help: we already have what is most essential and will be most valued. Perhaps we could bring a more beneficial sort of revolution in the year ahead.

Wishing you a positively memorable 2017
With love and thanks to you for all of your support in 2016

Rev Margaret

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre.
We are pleased to say we raised £620.
Thank you to everyone who supported our 12 days of Christmas. Once again a great success.
A big thank you to all our dear helpers



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 Jones on 01767 640050

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2016. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org from the Clerk.

Present: 6 Parish Councillors, Clerk, Central Beds. Councillor Mr. Adam Zerny and 2 members of the public.

Declarations of interest: No Declarations of interest were made.

Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 19th September 2016 and the Neighbourhood plan meeting held on the 19th October were confirmed and accepted as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

Police Report: The police website had shown three incidents in Tempsford in September. 2 vehicle crimes and 1 public order crime.

Public session: The Chairman recorded the sad passing of Mr. Tazi Hussain, a generous and good man. A card would be sent from the Parish Council. The Chairman updated the Council on various items that had been completed or received since the last meeting.

Tamar Group – composting site. The Clerk had been contacted to see if she wishes to reinstate the liaison group in Everton. It was agreed by the Council to do so, if the Clerk agreed to attend the meetings.

Telephone Box – BT are going to take away unused telephone boxes. Tempsford was not on the list, so we will be keeping our red telephone box in Church Street which is still in use.

Ivel Forum – The Chairman and Clerk were contacted as to whether it was worthwhile to keep the Forum going. It was agreed not to have a regular meeting but if someone has an interesting topic, then Councillors could go along.

Complaint about grain and straw spilt on road received by the Chairman. The Chairman rang the company and received an apology.

Daffodils – more daffodils had been planted in the village again this year.

Gannock Castle – The hedge laying at Gannock Castle has been completed.

A small wooden foot bridge had been put across the culvert in Esme Wood as, but we are not sure by whom.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman has received interest from several residents after the item in the last Tempsford Times. The Council agreed to have a Public meeting to be arranged in the new year when residents could hear more about the Council's plans (see item elsewhere in this edition). The Chairman and Clerk had attended a local plan presentation at Sandy, but as Central Beds had not advertised it greatly in our village it was not surprising that they were the only ones from the village. The matter of promoting such events was discussed and the suggestion made that the Tempsford Residents Email Group could be used.

Central Beds Councillors: Cllr Adam Zerny reported on the effect of proposed cuts to bus services, the CBC Budget and the progress of the proposed East/West rail link.

Highways: Councillors had attended the forum in St Neots on the A428. Speedwatch signs are to be ordered and the Tempsford village sign is to be refurbished and other signs within the village cleaned or replaced .

Children's play areas: Basket ball posts still need to be replaced; the rear fence in the Station Road small play area to be replaced; the fallen tree in Church Street play area needs to be cleared.

Cemetery/Churchyard: Russian vines will be removed, shelving to be erected in hut, and the cherry tree pruned.

Remembrance Day: The Council was pleased with the way the service was organised and that more than 40 people attended this year. It was agreed that the arrangements and order of service could well be used in future years.

Finance: The Council approved the list of payments and details of the bank reconciliation/cashflow presented by the Clerk.

Budget – The clerk had distributed an updated Budget for the Councillors to consider with regard to agreeing the Precept for next year which must be decided at the next meeting in January 2017. The Chairman explained the new Tax Base rate. A request had been received from the Stuart Memorial Hall seeking support for the funding of repairing a water leak.

Correspondence: Information had been received about CBC's Salt bag scheme, and from the Environment Agency's River Ivel Project.

Dates of meetings in 2017 – 16th January, 20th March, 25th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 3rd May (Annual Meeting), 17th July, 18th September and 20th November. Clerk to book all dates with the hall.

Obituary : Tazi Husain

It is with sadness and regret that we announce that Tazi [Imtiaz] Husain died peacefully at home in London surrounded by his family, on Saturday 19 November 2016 aged 73. Tazi had lived in his little cottage in Mill Lane Tempsford for the past 19 years and only left the village recently due to ill health and to be near his family. Tazi was educated at King Edward's Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan where he obtained his medical degree. He came to Oldham in 1965 to do his House job, he was then Registrar at Northampton General in 1969.

In 1972 Tazi married Shama and together they had a daughter Mishal (whom many will know as the journalist and BBC newsreader) and a son Haider. After locums at Bedford Hospital Tazi moved to Abu Dhabi to work at Central Hospital. Here his planning skills came to the fore when he set up the Urology department, edited a book called Tropical Urology and was the Founder of the Emirates Medical Journal. After a decade there he moved to King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to teach medical students at the hospital. Another decade later he returned to the UK to join Bedford Hospital as a Consultant Urological surgeon. Here he made an enormous contribution to the development of urology services as well as taking on the role of Divisional Clinical Director for Surgery & Anaesthetic Services for some time. Tazi continued working till the age of 70, but continued to teach anatomy at Cambridge till quite recently.

Sadly Tazi was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer and only given twelve months to live in late 2012, telling his family in the spring of 2013 that he wanted to continue life as normally as possible and for as long as possible. He agreed to be "guinea pig" to a new drug on trial and responded well to it. This was to be transforming for him and gave him a good quality of life for a further three years until a sudden decline recently.

Tazi had many interests outside of work. He was instrumental in setting up the Tempsford Memorial to honour the women secret agents who were flown out of RAF Tempsford to aid the Resistance in Europe during World War 2 and to honour all who worked and flew from RAF Tempsford. This was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in December 2013. He was also working on another project which he set up in January this year called the World Wars Muslim Memorial Trust. He made the mosaic for the memorial monument [just as he had done for the memorial in Tempsford] which he hoped would be set up at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire to remember Muslim soldiers who fought for the UK in both World Wars. He

had met the Prince of Wales about this issue recently. Two weeks after he passed away the NMA said they had agreed to this proposal.

Tazi was a great benefactor to the village over his life in Tempsford especially to St. Peters Church. He was also extremely generous in the establishment and continued support of the Tempsford Museum and Archive and funded a great proportion of the funds needed for the above mentioned Tempsford memorial and the re-siting of the village First and Second World War memorial in 2014.

Tazi enjoyed life to the full. In the last few years he wrote a blog about his activities and anything that came to his mind. He loved to travel to his bolt hole in Paphos and to France regularly. He enjoyed fly fishing, carpentry and was a self taught portrait painter and cook. With so many pastimes he used to say he had been in the wrong profession! He enjoyed being with his family and grandchildren, with friends and colleagues especially over a glass or two of prosecco!

There are plans being made for a memorial service to give thanks for Tazi's life and a programmed event at the Stuart Memorial Hall which will be dedicated to Tazi on Saturday 29th April 2017 – more on this to follow.



Tazi with his daughter Mishal at the Village Show in Sept 2013



With the Prince of Wales at the unveiling of the Memorial

COFFEE SHOP NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Methodist Chapel's **new Coffee Shop in 2016.**

Special thanks must go to Willington Methodist Church and Knotts Farm Shop. We raised a total of £195.00. which will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of our 212 year old Methodist Chapel.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2017 - future opening times will be included in the March/April edition of the Tempsford Times.

Autumn
in
the
Woods



November Museum Closure

We would just like to make it clear the Stuart Memorial Hall committee asked the museum not to open in November under the terms of the contract signed by the Hall and Museum committees. This states that if the hall is hired on an afternoon that the museum is due to open then the museum will not be allowed to open to the public . This has only happened once since the museum opened. We are sorry if this caused any inconvenience to anyone.

Tempsford Museum and Archives

**THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED
FOR JANUARY**

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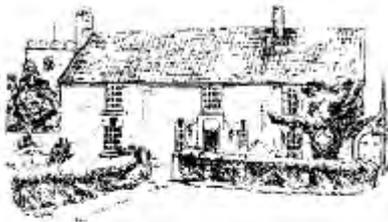
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2016 - THE WEATHER **YEAR FOR TEMPSFORD**

Compared to western regions of the UK our area has a slightly more extreme climate with colder winters and warmer summers. However last winter was relatively mild compared to most winters in this region.



January brought the only real snow fall of the winter and there was a light covering on the morning of January 17, but this was the only time that snow lay on the ground. There were a few snow showers on February 14th, and March 5th but these only gave a light dusting of snow. The coldest night of the winter was January 19th at -5.2°C . January was wetter than average with 2.27" of rain but February was a slightly colder and drier month.

The first two Spring months were quite blustery and stormy with much rainfall. Easter fell at the end of March and was particularly poor as Storm Katie battered the countryside. In April rain fell on 22 of the 30 days.

Things began to settle down in May but there was no real settled weather until the middle of July. June was very stormy and unseasonably wet this year. The last half of the summer however proved to be quite hot and settled. The hottest days were July 19th (32.5°C) and September 13th amazingly, followed by August 23rd and 24th with 31°C and 30.5°C respectively.

September and October were both drier and warmer than normal with October being the driest month of the year with only 0.8" of rain!

November brought a change in fortune though and was really quite wet and cold. The first frost of the season came on November 2nd at -1°C , and this was followed by numerous frosty nights during the month. The last week of November was particularly cold with temperatures of -5°C at night and only 3° or 4° during the day.

It is said that "ice in November that bears a duck, brings nothing later but rain and muck"! So we wait to see if this ancient weather lore holds true for our present winter. Currently December has been mild!

Meryl Besant



BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The club finished the year with a 'low key' quiz, some festive nibbles and a time to chat.

There is no meeting in January. We shall meet again in Blunham Village Hall on Tuesday 7th February. New members would be most welcome. For more information please contact Brenda on 01767 640623

Blunham Book Sale - Saturday 18th February 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Come to our Browse and Buy Second Hand Giant Book Sale at Blunham Parish Church.

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ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We welcome visitors and new members to our meetings at 7.30pm at Roxton Parish Hall on the first Thursday monthly.

Feb 2nd How the Battle of The Somme affected local peoples
Speaker Liz Davies Curator St Neots Museum with Artefacts from Norman Keightley

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Friday 27th January - 'Eye in the Sky' (cert 15)

Starring Helen Mirren as Colonel Katherine Powell, a military officer in command of an international operation. Doors open 6.45 pm film shown promptly 7.30 pm. ticket price Adult £4.00. Ice cream, pop corn, sweets and drinks are available.

Friday 24th February - 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'(cert PG)

Starring Audrey Hepburn as a young New York socialite. 1st Anniversary evening This is a special evening with a free glass of fizz to celebrate one year of the cinema. Doors open 6.45 pm film shown promptly 7.30 pm. ticket price Adult £4.00. Family £10.00 Ice cream, pop corn, sweets and drinks are available.

Millennium Garden Carols Evening

The recent Candlelight and Carols evening held in the Millennium Garden was a great success with well over a hundred people coming along to this traditional annual Tempsford event. We were blessed with a perfect mild evening with the fire keeping off the chill. The Nexus Big Band entertained the crowd again with some lovely festive music and our thanks are sent to them for some great entertainment.

There was no wastage this year with all the jacket potatoes being consumed together with four gallons of mulled wine and several mince pies and cakes. Our grateful thanks to Gordon and Irene Norman who donated the wine, our thanks also to G&M Growers who kindly donated the potatoes, to Gary Blick for providing the generator and thanks also to everyone who helped to make the evening the success that it was. After taking out costs, a profit of £293.00 will go into the Tempsford 2000 account held by the Parish Council, which goes towards long term maintenance of the Millennium Garden.

A huge thank you to all who supported this event and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and Healthy and Happy New Year.

TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Position
Adrian Besant	Chairman
Jim Donnelly	V-Chairman
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Chris Bettles	Councillor
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