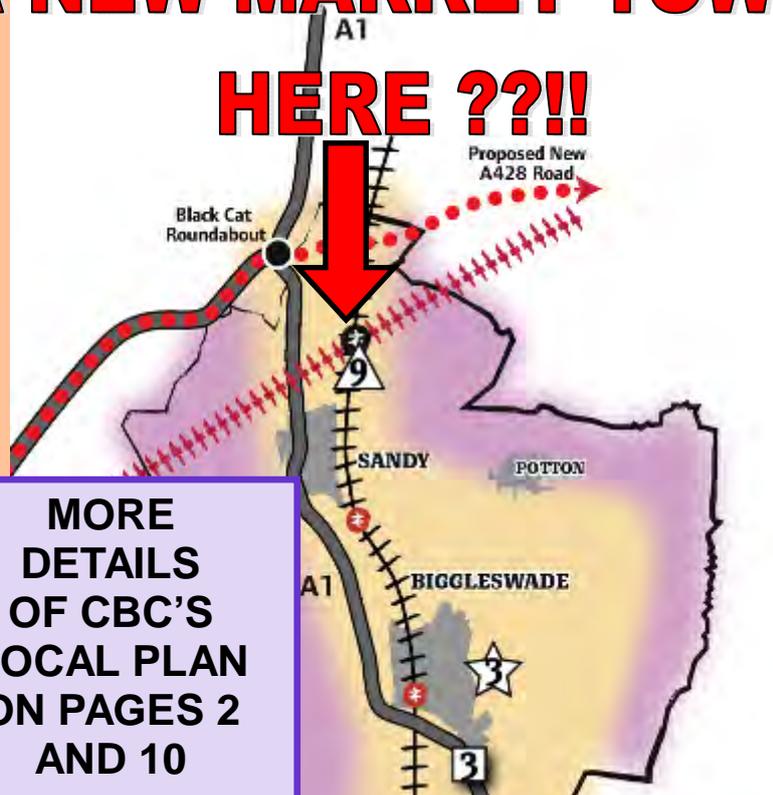


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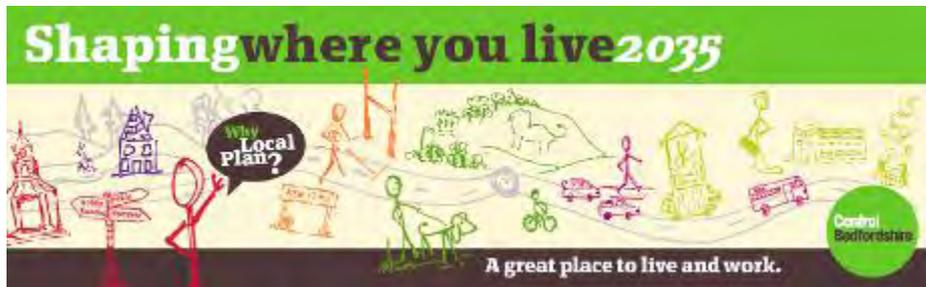
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The Draft Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire was endorsed for publication by the Executive Committee on 20 June. The Draft Local Plan will be published for public consultation from 4 July

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Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,

81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175

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Wednesday, 12 July 2017
12.30 to 2.00 p.m.

MENU

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Onion Gravy

Strawberry Pavlova
Cream
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Wednesday, 9 August 2017
12.30 to 2.00 p.m.

MENU

Corned Beef/Egg
Salad
New Potatoes

Fruit Crumble
Tea/Coffee

£4.00 per person

Chat Club

Please note that on July 26th there will not be an open meeting at the Chapel as members will be holding a Garden Party to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Chat Club.

The Chat Club will meet again in the Chapel Schoolroom on 30th August from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Come along and join us – you will be made

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Thank You

Very sadly we will be saying goodbye to Reverend Margaret in July. We would like to thank her for all her help and support in keeping St Peter's and the Benefice going.

We thank you for bringing the Benefice together and helping make one and not four individual churches. We wish her well for the future.



On the point of her retirement from our Benefice, Rev Margaret Marshall sends a special greeting to us all.

Dear Everyone,

Despite being almost eight and a half years, it seems more like a matter of minutes since I arrived in the Riversmeet Churches, a newly-qualified priest, to take up the reins of Great Barford, Roxton, Blunham and Tempsford with Little Barford. Not surprisingly it proved something of a baptism of fire: going from a single town parish to a multi-parish rural benefice is not a simple matter. I remember saying in my panel interview: 'We all know this job can't really be done, but I will do my best'... precisely the approach that had to be taken. There will always be far too much to do (particularly as we have so many church schools as well as the five churches) and ministry here bears little resemblance to how things used to be done in the heady days of one parish, one priest! Nonetheless we have had some happy times and some real highlights, as well as sorrows, as we journeyed together.

Obviously the visit of HRH Prince Charles in December 2013 was an occasion I could never have foreseen, but more domestic events were equally brilliant. For a church like St Peter's, with an ever-shrinking congregation, managing to rewire the building and create an income stream through the sponsoring of external floodlighting was nothing short of magnificent. There have been a good number of lovely weddings, too many funerals... even the occasional baptism and the twice yearly visits of the Tempsford Veterans' and Relatives' Association have been really enjoyable. The TVARA also rode to the rescue when one of our darkest days saw the church robbed of all its historic silver and registers, donating enough money to replace the key items needed for communion.

But the demands of the parishes' ministry for a single person in less-than-perfect health eventually proved too great. The decision to retire was a difficult one, but I suspect in the long term it will be the right one. Tempsford and Little Barford have held a special place in my heart – not least because of the truly lovely, friendly people around the place

and how hard a few key individuals have worked to try and preserve a church with an eight hundred year history....

And now, it seems, the immediate area is marked for major development. Who knows if the present plans will come to fruition, but if they do, it's to be hoped that St Peter's will still be here to serve new residents. As I leave you all, I would like to make one last, heartfelt plea: St Peter's is *desperate* for your support. This means more than just coming to occasional events – very soon we may have too few members to run events, and Sunday services are equally precarious. This ancient and beautiful church is the oldest building in the village. It houses a memorial to the brave deeds of all who flew from our war-time Special Operations Airfield. It is a special and sacred place. PLEASE do not allow it to close – I feel I can say this openly and from the heart as I retire from ministry here. Keep it open to host more village occasions; to mark significant milestones in the lives of individuals, families and everyone in this place.

Every week, until very recently, we have met to pray for this community, which is dear to us, despite lacking the resources for more active participation within it. Honour the small handful of brave and faithful souls who have preserved this part of your precious heritage for you - at great personal cost – and give it the future it richly deserves. With God all things are possible....

I will continue to pray for you, keep an eye on developments and, very probably, still bump into you at the local garden centre or in the super-market after I leave on 9th July. Please do say hello.

And finally:
May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

With love to you all, until we meet again.
Revd Margaret

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

Saturday 1st July	12.00noon	Tempsford Veterans Service*
Sunday 2nd July	10.30am	St Peter Patronal Service**
Sunday 9th July	10.30am	Benefice Service***
Sunday 16th July	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 rd July	10.30am	Roxton Patronal
Sunday 30th July	10.30am	Benefice Service
Sunday 6 th August	10.30am	Gt Barford Benefice Service
Sunday 13 th August	9.30am	Gt Barford,
	11.00am	Blunham, 11.00am Roxton
Sunday 20 th August	10.30am	Roxton Benefice Service
Sunday 27th August	10.30am	Tempsford Benefice Service

***Bishop Richard will be taking this service**
****This will be Reverend Margaret's last service in
Tempsford**
*****Sadly this is Reverend Margaret's last service for the**

Methodist Church

Sunday 2nd July	6.00pm	Section United Service at Buckden
Sunday 9th July	6.00pm	Preacher: Rev. Paul Beard
Sunday 16th July	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 23rd July	6.00pm	Preacher: Rev Pam Siddall
Sunday 30th July	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 6th Aug	6.00pm	Section United Service at Berkley Street
Sunday 13th Aug	6.00pm	Mr John Green
Sunday 20th Aug	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 27th Aug	6.00pm	Preacher: Rev Paul Beard

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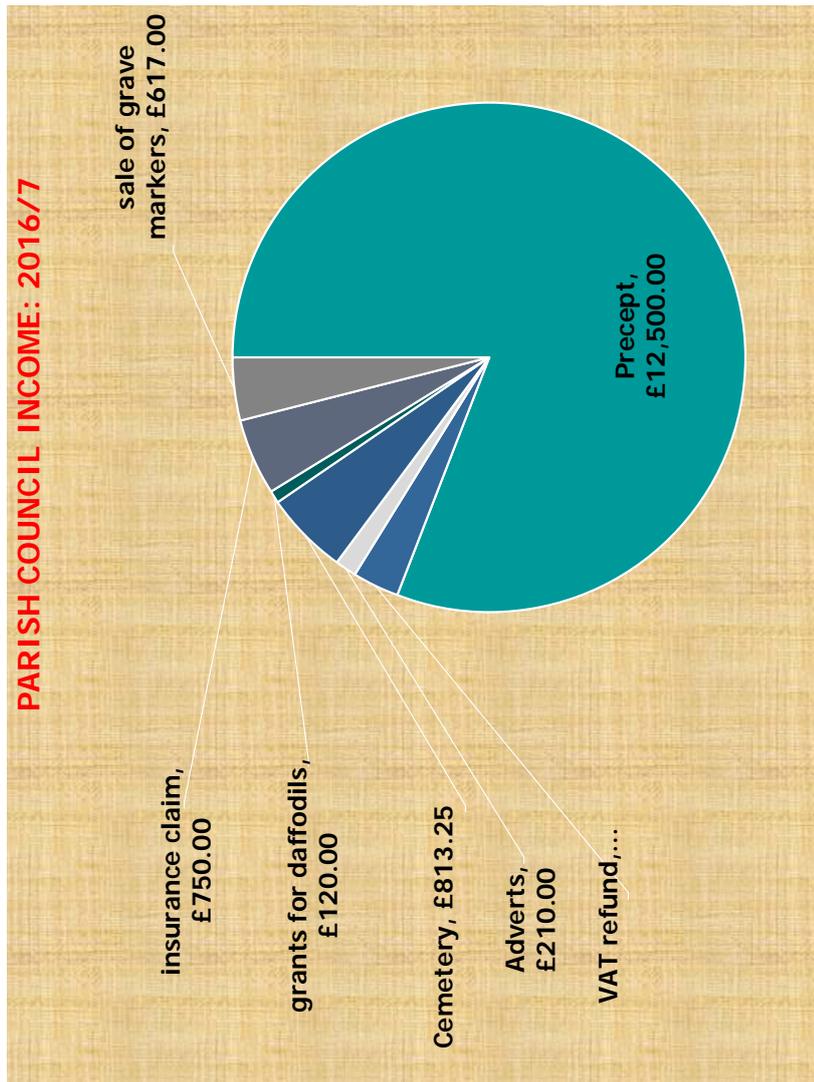
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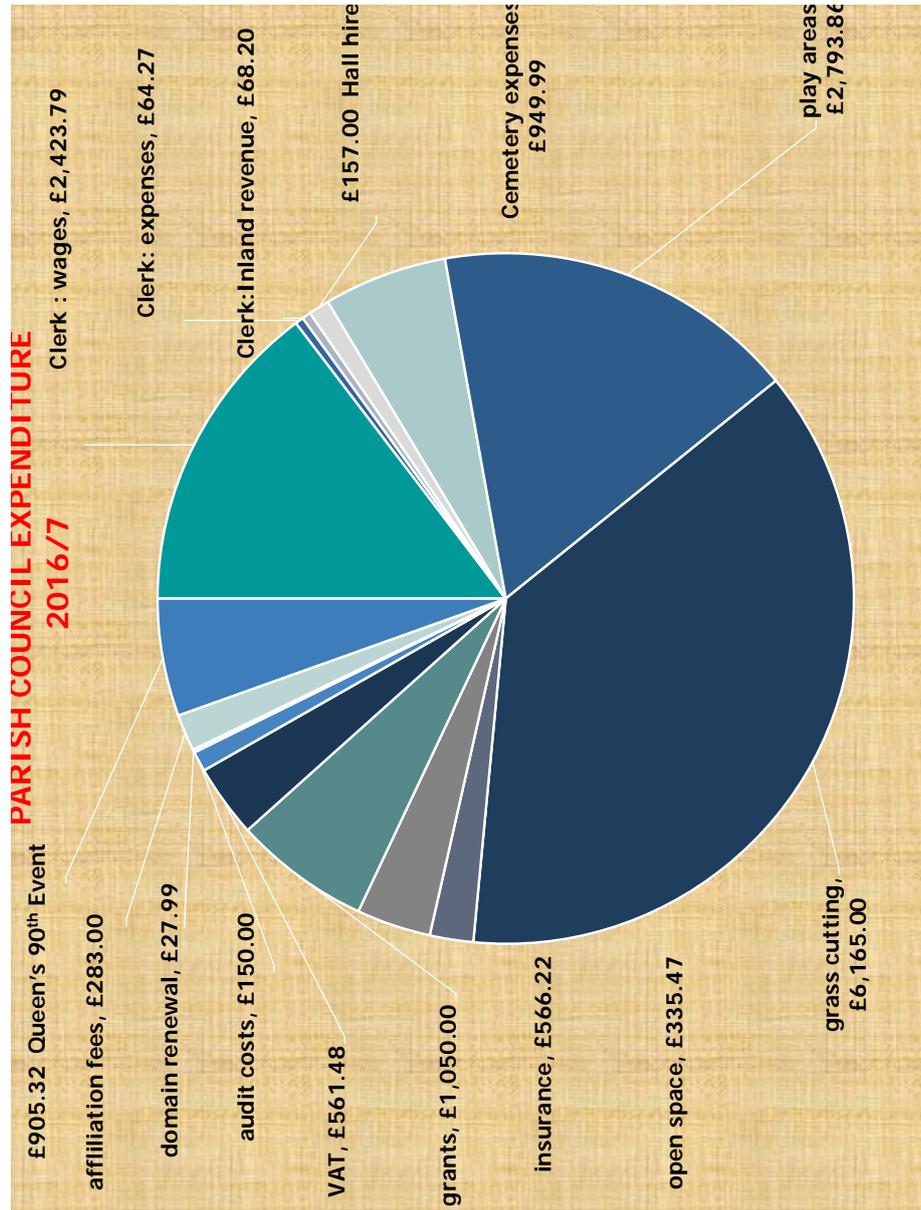
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PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES 2016-2017

This a summary of the main areas of Income and Expenditure as published at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Full copies of the audited accounts are available from the Clerk.





TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE

SHOP

OPEN:

**Thursday 20th July and
Thursday 17th August
from 11.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.**

Tea/Coffee/Selection of Cakes

In Methodist Chapel School room,
Station Road

*Browse through books, children's toys, village
postcards plus lots more items on sale*
Drop in at any time; we hope to see you there!



Show Schedule

Welcome to TEMPSFORD SHOW 2017

10.00am to 11.30am

Entries to be brought to the Hall

11.30am to 2.00pm

Hall closed for judging

2.00pm

Show opens

4.00pm

Presentation of awards and cups, followed by a Charity Auction for Sue Ryder Hospice, Moggerhanger.

The Stuart Memorial Hall Grand Raffle draw.

5.00pm

Show closes

**Admission to the Show in the afternoon
£1.00 including Programme (children free)**

“It’s Not The Winning It’s The Taking Part”

This year could be the 19th or 20th year that the villagers have organised their own show. No one really knows how long we have been organising it. So, for the sake of argument, let’s say it’s 19 years then next year we can really go to town.

The Sue Ryder Charity ran the show many years ago and, bearing this in mind, and because they are a super charity, this year we will be donating the proceeds of the Auction to them.

The core show will remain, as always, in the main hall with villagers, and others, entering into the various classes as per the schedule. Don’t be shy, do what I did in my first year, put something in and see what happens. I’ve still got the certificates, its great fun.

We will also be filling the gardens with various craft stands, snacks (Knotts of Tempsford), a Pimms bar, stalls, plus of course our own tea-room which is always wonderful. There will be lots for the children to get involved in as well!

In the car park we will have an exhibition of classic/vintage cars, tractors and an array of farming equipment. Let’s not forget we are a farming village.

Please get into the spirit of it and come along whether you enter the competition or not, for a fun afternoon. WITHOUT YOU THERE IS NO SHOW.

It’s all in aid of keeping our magnificent Village Hall up to spec and for a very worthy charity.

Geoff Phipps
(Chairman)

Sharon Clayton, Anne Francis, Doreen Harrison, Gloria Jones, James Maberly
The Team

Schedule of Classes	
Floral Classes	Sponsors
1. Three single – headed blooms – Single Variety *	<i>Karen Rance</i>
2. Six single-headed blooms – 2 or more varieties*	<i>Mr & Mrs A Lammie</i>
3. Single rose – (Tempsford village only)*	<i>Mr C Bettles</i>
4. Single pot plant – flowering or foliage*	<i>Mr & Mrs A Lammie</i>
5. Fuchsia in a plant pot*	<i>Mr & Mrs P Meeks</i>
6. Flower arrangement in a watering can	<i>Anne Marie Hetherington</i>
7. Vase of garden flowers	<i>John Stead</i>
8. A bunch of wild flowers and/or grasses*	<i>Mrs Margaret Sawford</i>
9. Sweet pea in a vase, 9 spikes with foliage – mixed categories	<i>Mike & Judy Honan</i>
10. Largest sunflower head*	<i>Mike & Judy Honan</i>
Fruit & Vegetables Classes	
11. Three onions*	<i>Betty & Phil Russell</i>
12. Six tomatoes*	<i>Betty & Phil Russell</i>
13. Six runner beans*	<i>Mr & Mrs S Gosling</i>
14. Three carrots (bunched)*	<i>Mr & Mrs S Gosling</i>
15. Garden produce selection in a container (max 45cm)	<i>Mr & Mrs G Norman</i>
16. Three potatoes – single variety*	<i>Mr & Mrs G Norman</i>
17. Six shallots*	<i>Mrs J Stocker</i>
18. Three apples – single variety*	<i>Mrs J Stocker</i>
19. Six plums*	<i>Mr D Sutton</i>
20. Three pears*	<i>Hayley Randall</i>
21. Bunch of mixed herbs in a container	<i>Mr & Mrs P Bettles</i>
22. Three beetroot (bunched)*	<i>Steve Cooney</i>
23. Three leeks*	<i>Linda Collins</i>
Eggs	
24. Six hen eggs – brown	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>
25. Six hen eggs – white	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>
26. Three duck eggs	<i>Tempsford Stained Glass</i>
Culinary classes	
27. Fruit cake in a 2lb loaf tin	<i>Kay & Tom Partridge</i>
28. Six chocolate brownies	<i>Mr & Mrs D Pennington</i>
29. Four fruit-filled meringue nests	<i>Mr & Mrs D Pennington</i>
30. Six cheese scones	<i>C & L Ryan</i>
31. Six fruit scones	<i>C & L Ryan</i>
32. Four muffins (any variety)	<i>C & L Ryan</i>
33. Six jam tarts (Men Only)	<i>C & L Ryan</i>
34. Traditional Victoria sandwich	<i>C & L Ryan</i>
35. Six Flapjacks (any variety)	<i>Sue Patterson</i>

36. Six shortbread fingers	<i>Jacquie Brockett</i>
37. Fruit pie, size 4" to 8"	<i>The Crookmanns</i>
38. Six homemade truffles	<i>Mr & Mrs A Bingham</i>
39. Three Sausage Rolls 2 inches long	<i>Mr G Blick</i>
40. Six Samosas (any variety)	<i>Mr G Blick</i>
41. Six cookies on a plate	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
42. Six bread rolls	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
43. Free-formed loaf of bread	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
44. Jar of jam – non-stoned fruit	<i>Cold Arbour Kennels</i>
45. Jar of jam – stoned fruit	<i>A & R Bruce, Builders</i>
46. Jar of marmalade	<i>A & R Bruce, Builders</i>
47. Jar of chutney	<i>A & R Bruce, Builders</i>
48. Homemade Bottle of wine	<i>A & R Bruce, Builders</i>
49. Homemade bottle of beer & ale	<i>A & R Bruce, Builders</i>
<u>Photographic Classes - size not to exceed 7"x5"</u>	
<u>Maximum of 3 entries per person per class</u>	
50. The colour red (anything with Red in)	<i>LSK Toilet Hire</i>
51. Squares	<i>LSK Toilet Hire</i>
52. Morning	<i>LSK Toilet Hire</i>
53. Shoes	<i>LSK Toilet Hire</i>
54. My Bedfordshire	<i>Wayne Cortnagne</i>
55. Trees in black & white	<i>Dave Goddard</i>
<u>Crafts</u>	
56. Homemade Christmas crackers	<i>Mr & Mrs Lyddall-Smith</i>
57. Homemade Christmas tree decorations	<i>Jin Basra</i>
58. Painting or drawing – any medium	<i>Mr & Mrs C Knott</i>
59. Knitted Christmas decoration	<i>Mr & Mrs C Knott</i>
60. Piece of pottery	<i>Andy & Sue Wines</i>
61. Handmade item of clothing	<i>Jim & Tracy Donnelly</i>
62. Handmade greeting card	<i>Mr & Mrs C Knott</i>
63. Handmade Jewellery	<i>Mr & Mrs P Clayton</i>
<u>Children</u>	
64. Photo of a cat or dog (that you have taken)	<i>Mr & Mrs Loader</i>
65. Four Fairy Cakes	<i>Anonymous Donor</i>
66. Colouring competition - ages 5 and under	<i>Geoff & Wendy Phipps</i>
67. Colouring competition - ages 6 & 7	<i>Jean Abbott</i>
68. Handwriting competition - ages 8 & 9	<i>Brian & Doreen Harrison</i>
69. Handwriting competition - ages 10 & 11	<i>Peggy Eaton</i>
70. Troll's garden on a plate	<i>Anonymous Donor</i>

GENERAL RULES AND FURTHER INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibits must be grown by or crafted by the work 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 loss of, any exhibit.
4. Exhibits must be free from insects or disease that may infect or damage other exhibits. All exhibits must be inspected during the exhibit registration process.
5. All exhibits must be in place in the hall by no later than 11.30am, and must remain on display until the sale commences.
6. Floral exhibitors must provide their own containers for exhibits (which can be filled with water at the hall).
7. Entry fees: Children's Classes - free
All other classes - 50p 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, face down (Entries without this official slip will not be judged).
9. Exhibitors in Classes 1 to 49 will be asked, on submitting their exhibits, whether they are prepared to donate them to be sold in aid of Sue Ryder. Floral containers will need to be kept by the organisers until after the sale.
10. There will be no admission to the hall during the judging.
11. Prize money will be paid out from 4.30pm
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 5pm.
16. Prize money awarded: 1st £3; 2nd £2; 3rd £1;

***NB. Exhibitors please note. Detailed exhibit rules can be downloaded from our website at www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk Click on the Tempsford Show button and scroll down the page to the Rules link or ask for a paper copy from Geoff Phipps (01767 641192)**

Classes: 66,67,68,69

Children's Colouring and Handwriting classes

Pictures to be coloured and poems to be copied can be downloaded from our website (click on the Tempsford Show button):

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or from Meryl Besant (01767 640873)

A Big Thank you to all the following in advance

- **Kier Group**
- **Those who are sponsoring Show Prizes or providing Raffle Prizes**
- **Knott's Family Farm Shop**
- **Everyone who is offering to supply cakes for the Tea Room and Cake Stall**
- **Everyone who is kindly offering to help on the day.**



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We usually have a very good crowd of people so this will be a good opportunity to sell your wares.

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The Tempsford Show Awards

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 Sawfords 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*
& Garden Feature	
Best children's exhibit	The Children's Cup
Most Successful exhibitor	The Lovitt Refrigeration Trophy

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*The Lawrence, Black Horse and Jack Beaumont Trophies

Judging for these trophies will take place between 19th & 20th July. Judging will take place from the road and no entry forms are required. The winners will be announced at the show.

If you would like your Back Garden judged, contact
Gloria Jones 01767 640050

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.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council Annual Meeting on on 4th May 2017. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk.

Present – 7 Parish Councillors and the Clerk. Cllr. Doreen Gurney CBC.
Election of Chairman for ensuing year - Cllr. Besant was nominated, seconded and elected as Chairman. Cllr. Besant accepted the position.
Election of Vice Chairman for ensuing year – Cllr. Donnelly was nominated, seconded and elected as Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Donnelly accepted this position.

Receipt of Declaration of Office - Declarations of Office were duly signed by both Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Donnelly and witnessed by the Clerk.

Apologies for absence. One apology received from Cllr. Adam Zerny. Central Beds. Council.

Declaration of Interest – None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2017 were approved and signed. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2017 were approved but will be signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting in 2018. One topic was raised – regarding the Tempsford Charity and what effect the new A428/Black Cat roundabout should it impinge on the area from which it obtains its income. Cllr. Gurney suggested that the Parish Council get someone to come and talk personally to the Council about the final route decision and put to them any concerns.

Approval of Annual Governance Statement – This was read out to the Council by the Clerk asking the Council to approve each sentence for financial governance. This was approved.

Police Report – There was no recent update available. The Police seem to be slow in updating the site. There was a meeting at Kempston HQ and Councils had been asked to attend. Cllr. Clark offered to attend and report back. Cllr. Gurney also said she may be able to attend.

Public Session – no residents in attendance.

Central Beds. Councillors – There were no updates since the Annual

Parish Meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee - Cllr. Bull and Cllr. Bettles are on the Steering Group so would report back at each Council meeting. Cllr. Bettles reported that it was a good committee and the Chairman was a good leader. Cllr. Bull reported they were meeting each month and trying to keep things moving.

Planning – CB/17/01478/FULL 5 Home Farm Close, single storey extension. Plans were passed around and discussed – no objections.

Highways – 1. Speed watch signs – now in place. 2. Festival of Britain Sign – Clerk reported on a quote received. It was suggested to get other quotes. The Clerk said she would see what other parishes had done. 3. A428 – No further things to discuss at moment. 4. Residents have expressed concern about children playing on the road in Station Road 5. A bin is needed at the end of the slope in Church Street for dog waste etc. Clerk to investigate with CBC.

Children's Play area – 1. Steel posts for basketball nets have been purchased. A contractor is now needed to install the posts. 2. A quote received for repair work by CPM on play equipment was accepted. 3. The tree fallen from a neighbouring property on to the Church St. play area will be dealt with by the new residents the council was assured, as well as replacing the damaged fence.

Cemetery/Churchyard – 1. Area where rabbits are – Cllr. Bettles to contact resident and see if he can clear the land. 2. A letter had been received asking permission to place a bench in the cemetery. Council agreed.

Finance – The Clerk asked that the Council approve “Accounting Statement”. Council approved it. The Council approved the list of invoices for payment. Clerk explained the cashflow and bank reconciliation. The Transparency Code grant that had been received was ringfenced and could only be used for purchase for what it was granted for. Insurance – This is due on 1.6.17. Clerk was obtaining quotes from present insurers and others. Pension – The Council's staging date was 1.5.17, so the Clerk had conformed with the Pension Regulator.

**ST PETERS CHURCH
TEMPSFORD
SUMMER FAYRE**



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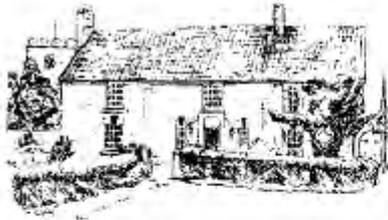
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WEATHER ROUND UP FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2017

I know you don't need me to tell you what a gloriously warm and sunny start we have had to the summer of 2017. Our recent heat wave started on Sat. June 17th and ran until June 21st when temperatures reached 30°C or more on all of those days.

Although the Met. Office announced their hottest day was 21st June (34°C at Heathrow) I recorded Tempsford's hottest day on 19th June at 32.5 °C (91°F). I also recorded the warmest night for many a year on 21st/22nd June at 20°C. Rainfall in June has been low with almost all of it falling in the first week; since then only 0.02" falling in a sharp thundery shower.

The year up to now has been milder than usual with every month except January having higher than average maximum temperatures than last year.

The wettest month so far has been May with just over 3" (75mm) rain, however half of that fell over just 2 days.

The coldest night of the winter was on January 22nd when I recorded - 6.5° C. There was virtually no snow last winter; snow fell on two days and even then it hardly lay on the ground.

The first half of the year has been drier than average with 9.5" falling in the 6 months up to June 23rd; on average we would expect about 11" by now. Could the old saying about a wet May bringing forth a load of hay be correct? We'll have to see.

Meryl Besant

(Meryl sends her records in to the BBC's Weather Watchers website everyday, and was thrilled to get her photograph broadcast on the "Look East" weather forecast on June 4th)



PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philip and Betty Russell would like to thank and all friends and neighbours for the kindness and cards they have received during Phil's recent knee replacement. This has been much appreciated. He is making good progress.

Note for music lovers

Do you enjoy music?

Singing—do you play an instrument? Are you a teacher of music or perhaps you know of someone who is? Are you in the school choir? Or just like singing around the house that's OK too or maybe you are a retired musician (age no limit)

If you are interested and want to know more

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

25th April 2017. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk. 17 residents, 2 Central Beds Councillors and 5 Parish Councillors attended and apologies were received from Cllr. Bull, Cllr. Clark and Marianne Murphy (Neighbourhood Plan Committee)

Previous Minutes – The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 22nd April 2016 were approved and signed.

Parish Council Report – The Chairman presented the Council's Report explaining the list of Councillors, the meetings that were held during the year and noted that at each meeting there were often 2,3 or more members of the public in attendance. He mentioned subjects that were discussed, presented the summary of the Council's accounts (see elsewhere in this issue) and how the Precept is used. The Council observes the Transparency Code and all financial information is put on the website at the end of the year once it has been audited. Minutes can also be seen on the website.

Report from Central Beds. Councillors – Cllr. Gurney talked about the A428 routes and NHS and Bedford Hospital. Cllr. Zerny – commented that there were many volunteers in the village to organise things which was a good thing. He also touched on the A428 and CBC Local Plan for the next 15 years. There have been vast areas of land south of Kiers, Tempsford and Everton that has been put forward as suggested areas for house building. Touched on Super fast broadband. And Adult Social Care (some CBC care homes have been rated inadequate and not good enough).

Police – The Clerk read out an email received from the local PCSO explaining why they did not attend local meetings anymore. The Clerk looked at the UK police site monthly, but they are always at least 2 months behind.

Reports from organisations within the village:

Parish Church – Gloria Jones spoke for the Parish Church of St. Peter's. She started the report with sad news that Reverend Margaret's ill health issues have continued and now with her doctor's advice she will be taking early retirement at the beginning of July. During the year there has been some successful events – Ascension Day at St. Denys, Afternoon Tea and open Church, Harvest service, Christmas Fayre, 12 days of Christmas. Last year Bedfordshire Archives and Records did a whole report and photographs of properties within the village including the Church; she suggested friends visit Bedfordshire Archives and Records website to see what is included. Extra help to run the church is always wanted.

Methodist Chapel sent in a report to say that it had recently celebrated its 213th Anniversary, They continue to hold services and events such as the

monthly Meet and Eat lunch, Coffee Shop and the annual Christmas Fayre.

Stuart Memorial Hall – Geoff Phipps gave a report on the hall. At the AGM on 3rd April a new committee was formed. They are in the process of setting up a much-needed new website and trying to run it alongside social media. They are hoping to have a brainstorming evening with residents to get new ideas for events

WI – Gloria Jones spoke on behalf of the WI. They are celebrating their 33rd year, and have had some amazing speakers. They now have 19 members, a successful darts team that plays its home games at the Wheatsheaf pub. They usually have an annual outing and Christmas meal.

Museum & Archives – Steve Cooney spoke on behalf of the museum. It continues to be popular with 30-40 visitors at the monthly openings. Friends of Tempsford Museum has steadily grown in numbers over the past 4 years and there are 107 members from all over the country. They have had various donations of photographs and memorabilia, and successfully bid at an auction for the Ceremonial Sword which belonged to William Stuart of Tempsford Hall. They try to hold one or two exhibitions a year.

Tempsford Times – The magazine started 10 years ago. Printing is now done by the Kier Group and is greatly appreciated. It would be good to have other articles of interest from local residents to add to the reports and notices of events that are the main items in each issue.

Ivel Sprinter – The Ivel Sprinter continues to provide the essential means of public transport for the village. It has just celebrated its 25th year of doing so. A new bus was purchased in March.

Presentations:

Tempsford Estate – A representative of the Estate was asked to give a presentation, but he had to send his apologies as sadly Mrs. Wynne passed away on Easter Sunday and he felt it was not appropriate to talk about the estate.

Tempsford Neighbourhood Plan

Andrew Bennett, Chairman of the newly formed Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an excellent presentation of what they hope to achieve by doing this plan. He pointed out that it is a legally binding document which gives the village a say in the development that goes on within the village and its surrounding area. It is quite an involved Plan and a £9000 grant is available for it to be completed. The call for sites by the CBC resulted in large pieces of land near to Tempsford being put forward and CBC will have to support whatever targets they asked to meet. So, the Steering Group will have to include all aspects of planning, including infrastructure, transport links, utilities, broadband, green spaces, heritage sites and much more. In its deliberations The village can stay in touch by email tempsfordneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com , Facebook Tempsford Neighbourhood Plan, Twitter @Tempsford NP. The Chairman thanked Andy for his good presentation and the meeting



BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The club has organised trips to three different gardens for June, July and August. In June we are visiting an NGS garden in Ware. July, some members are going to Trinity College Garden, Cambridge. For August we are going to Coton Manor in Northampton.

Regular meetings in the village hall will resume again in September. If you are interested in joining our small friendly group please contact Brenda on 01767 640623

BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Community Cinema held in Blunham Village Hall presents:

Friday 28th July, 'Bridget Jones's Baby'. (Cert 15)

Starring Renee Zellwegar, Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey.

Friday 25th August 'Eddie the Eagle'. (Cert PG).

Starring Taron Egerton and Hugh Jackman.

Both films start promptly at 7.30 pm, doors open 6.45 pm.

Tickets cost Adult £4.00 Children £2.00 and family tickets £10.00.

Tickets available from Sue Holden 01767 640572,
Margaret Watts 017676 64000534, or on the door.

OBITUARY

The sad news of the death of Mrs Susan Sheila Wynne reached us too late for the last edition of the Tempsford Times and so we now inform the village of her sudden death on Easter Sunday, 16th April last, aged 83 years. Susan was the widow of the late Frederick Owen Stuart Wynne of the Tempsford Estate. Her well attended funeral was held at the Parish Church of St. James at Sutton Cheney on Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Susan Sheila Wynne nee Bushell was born 17th May 1933 and married Captain Frederick Owen Stuart Wynne on 6th September 1955 and together they had a son Christopher who is now head of the family that has owned the Tempsford Estate since 1824.

In the Eulogy at Susan's funeral, she was said to be quite a formidable woman who had had a strict regimental type of upbringing. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and, recently, become a great-grandmother. Susan had many interests but her passion was horses and could often be seen on the point-to-point circuit.

Both Susan and her husband, Owen Wynne, were very generous benefactors to this village and supported many of the various events at the Stuart Memorial Hall and other fundraising events and village projects over the last sixty years.



TEMPSFORD SPEEDWATCH

Tempsford Speedwatchers are hoping to help villagers understand the point of our Speedwatch efforts – i.e. to draw drivers' attention to their speed through the

village and to encourage them to observe the speed limit. Residents might like to know what

we're doing, and we are proposing to invite them to join the Speedwatch team to see how the electronic kit works, and what we do with the information we collect. It might also serve to encourage some of them to join the team.



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