

TEMPSFORD TIMES

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Tempsford Show

Saturday September 9th 2017
2-5pm

Stuart Memorial Hall
SG19 2AW

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Activities listed in the drawing:
Pimms Bar
Tractors
Vintage Cars
Ice Cream
Big Raffle Prizes
Tombola
Sue Ryder
Knott's Farm Shop
Tug of War
Tea, Coffee & Cakes
Coconut Shy
Sweet Shop
Museum Open

CENTRAL BEDS DRAFT LOCAL PLAN: WHAT DID YOU THINK?

over 60 people were at the public meeting held by the Parish Council at the Stuart Memorial Hall on August 2nd to express opinion and share information regarding Central Bedfordshire's Draft Local Plan.

Councillor Adam Zerny explained much about Central Beds thinking and process behind the plan. The proposal that most were concerned about was the development of Tempsford airfield into a large "town" community. Other areas in the Draft Plan that impinge on Tempsford are north of Sandy stretching up to the borders of Tempsford parish. Cllr Zerny also explained how residents could make representation of support or objection to the Council.

Many people wanted to know how to express their opinions without having to use CBC's Planning Website, and several were planning to form action groups to raise public awareness of and reaction to the proposals. Maps of the sites were available.

We hope you have all now managed to make your representations to Central Beds as the deadline for their acceptance has now past. The information about how each area was assessed is still on their website. There will be a further process of consultation in the Spring of next year after Central Beds has done further work assessing the sites in light of the comments that people and organisations have sent in.

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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,

John Keats, in his "Ode to Autumn", described this time of year as "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". The blazing sun outside my study window belies this description. However, whilst I have no great desire for mist, some mellowness would be welcome, and fruitfulness even more so.

In Galatians St Paul described the fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the fruits we want to see blossoming in this season of mellow fruitfulness. As we peer through the mists of our own limited understanding of God, we occasionally catch a glimpse of the possibilities which God's Spirit opens up for our lives. Our job is to nurture the fruit of the Spirit and we can do this in a host of ways.

First, last and in-between: love one another. This will require effort. It will require discipline. It will require sacrifice. M. Scott Peck in *The Road Less Travelled* defines love as "the will to extend oneself for the sake of one's own or another's spiritual growth." "Will" means both desire and action, not just one of them. "Extending oneself" means moving out of the comfort zone, pushing one's boundaries, growing and changing. Thinking warm thoughts is not enough.

Take joy and delight in our worship, our common life, in each other and in yourself. Especially, take delight in our differences. Seek peace, but not appeasement or a quiet life. Be patient with one another's little foibles (and huge shortcomings). Be kind to one another. Find the good in all things, looking to praise rather than criticise. Be faithful, even when things are not to your liking. Deal gently with others, and with yourself. Practise self-control, reigning in your own ego for the good of the community.

Fruit must be nurtured. Let this autumn be truly a time of mellow

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 13th Sept

Chicken in Mushroom Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables

Peaches,
Meringue and Ice Cream
Tea/Coffee

Wed 11th Oct

Minced Beef with Dumplings
Seasonal Vegetables

Trifle and Cream
Tea/Coffee



HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 24th September 2017
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 5pm 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)



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

The 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.

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 meet again in the Chapel Schoolroom on
Wednesday, 27th September
and
Wednesday, 25th October
from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.

Tempsford Museum and Archives

**TEMPSFORD FAMILIAR FACES,
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RAF TEMPSFORD**

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2pm till 4pm**

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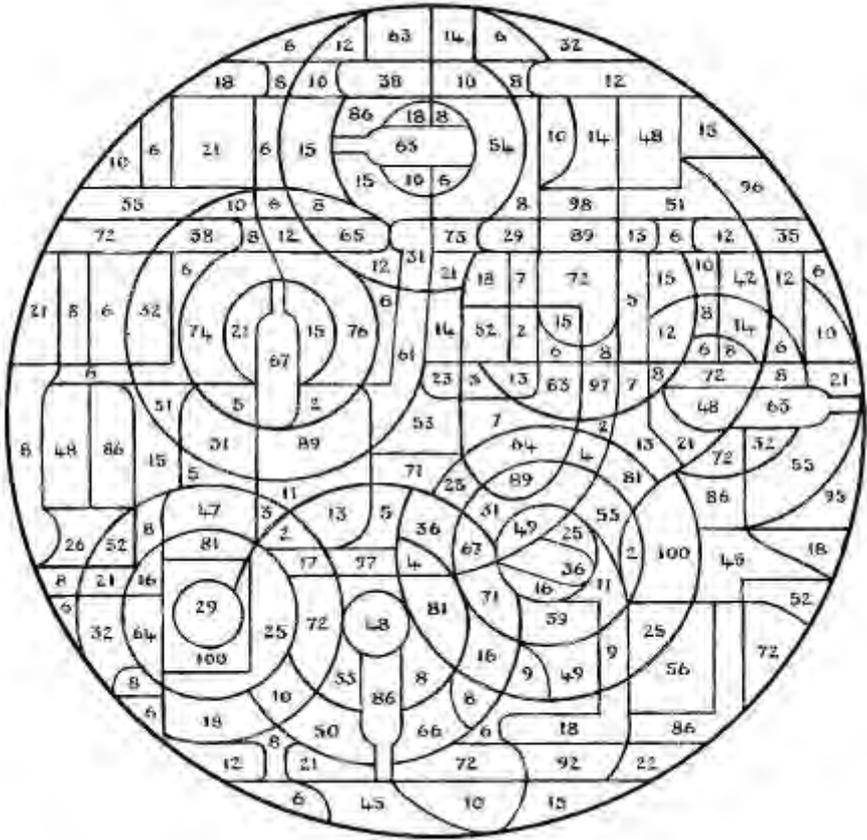
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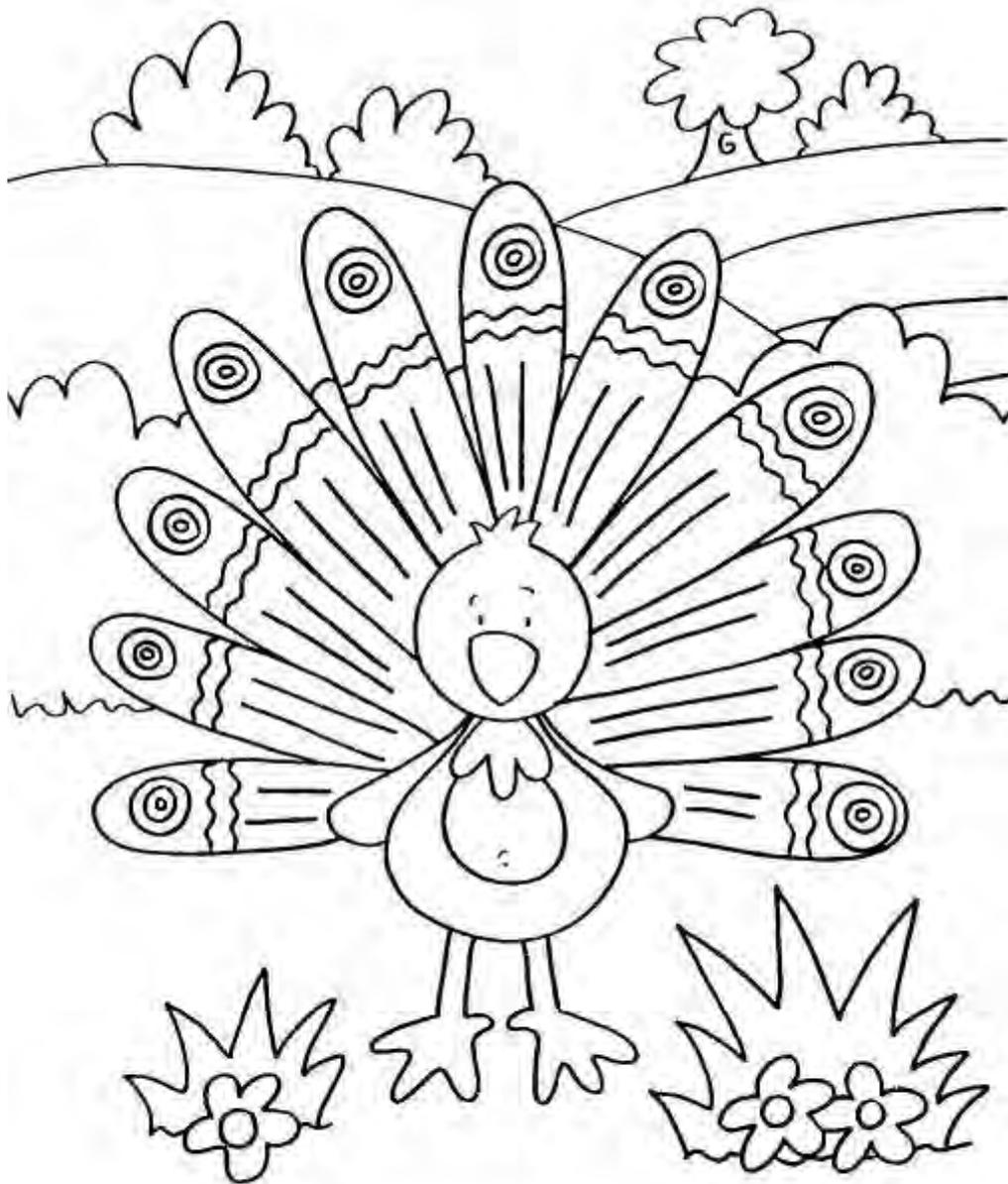
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steve.cooney1@btinternet.com

No photographs this time, but something for the old and young to have a go at. There are many colouring books for adults, so try your hand at this one; you will need your mathematical skills for this one too. Shade the prime numbers in one colour and the square numbers in a different colour. What can you see?





Make him the most colourful peacock you can imagine!

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 10th Sept	9.30am Holy Communion*
Sunday 17 th Sept	9.30am Gt Barford 11.00am Roxton
Sunday 24 th Sept	9.30am Gt Barford -11.00 Blunham
Sunday 1st Oct	6.00pm Harvest Service*
Sunday 8th Oct	9.30am Holy Communion*
Sunday 15 th Oct	10.30am Benefice Service Blunham
Sunday 22nd Oct	9.30am Gt Barford -11.00 Blunham 11.00 Roxton
Sunday 29 th Oct	10.30am All Saints Benefice Service Gt Barford

Methodist Church

Sunday 3rd Sept	No service
Sunday 10th Sept	6.00pm Mr Colin Webber
Sunday 17th Sept	No service
Sunday 24th Sept	6.00pm Rev Paul Beard (Harvest Festival)
Sunday 1st Oct	No service
Sunday 8th Oct	6.00pm Mr John Green
Sunday 15th Oct	No service
Sunday 22nd Oct	6.00pm Mr John Bridge

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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



St Peter's Harvest Service **Sunday 1st October** **6.00pm**



Please come and join us to celebrate this special time of the year. If you have any food donations please call Helen on 640366, Maureen on 640227 or Gloria on 640050. We look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fayre. We are pleased to say we raised £560. A big thank-you to all of our dear friends who donated cakes, raffle prizes and much more and not forgetting our helpers.

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TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE SHOP

OPEN:

**Thursday 21st Sept and
Thursday 19th Oct
from 11.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.**

Tea/Coffee/Selection of Cakes

In Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
Station Road

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

Welcome to TEMPSFORD SHOW 2017

As you read this, the Tempsford Show is just a few days away on Saturday, September 9th at 2pm. The show is bigger and better this year with a Pimms Bar, Vintage Cars, Tractors and many other attractions. The core of the show will remain the exhibition classes in the main hall. You can enter any of these show classes by bringing your produce along on the day, so, don't be shy, come along and exhibit. A complete list of classes is published in this edition of the Tempsford Times. This year, we will be auctioning show produce in aid of Sue Ryder. There will also be a grand raffle with superb prizes, including a TV and a DAB radio.

We really hope that this year's show will be successful because all the proceeds will be ploughed back into the Hall to maintain and improve it for the benefit of villagers and visitors. We have incurred some significant costs this year, the major one being a complete overhaul of the heating system, which cost over £2000.

The Hall Committee has recently had a 'brainstorming' session to identify ideas for events, clubs, classes, etc., that the Hall could put on. We have put the output of our session on our website (see the 'What's On' section), and on village noticeboards. It will also be available on our stall at the Tempsford Show. Please let us know which of these ideas you like and which things you would like to participate in or, even better, help to organise.

Since I last wrote, many of you will be aware that we have a new website (www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk), which, I hope you will agree, is much improved and informative. There is a calendar on the site if you want to know what's going on.

Brian Harrison (Hall Committee Chairman)

<u>Schedule of Classes</u>	
<u>Floral Classes</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
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>
<u>Fruit & Vegetables Classes</u>	
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>
<u>Eggs</u>	
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>
<u>Culinary classes</u>	
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>Jacque 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)**

Tempsford Show Notice and Reminders

Just a reminder to all last year's Trophy winners: please can you return your trophies to Geoff Phipps at 54 Station Rd Tempsford or call him on 01767 641192 no later than 1st September.

Tempsford Show Donations

If you can help with any donations for the adult/children's tombola, we would be very grateful if you could take them

A Reminder of the Schedule for the Day

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



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

It's the 8th August, as I write this, we have two more Summer Fêtes planned, but we are already planning our Christmas fundraising events; balancing our available resources against the expectation of the local communities, who look forward to seeing our Sleigh making its way round their estates throughout December.

You see, we're all getting older and that of course brings restrictions and limitations. Very reluctantly it seems as if in our deliberations we may well have to make some tough, and likely unpopular decisions. We started the evening Father Christmas

Sleigh runs back in the 1970's, when we were younger and fitter! Facing up to reality, neither of those attributes fit us so well now.

So, what are our options? The most likely is that we shall, very reluctantly, have to cut some of those evening runs. This we know will disappoint families and children and all our supporters, but we need 8 fit and active people a night for 2 hours for each evening run. We've been struggling for the last few years, but have somehow managed to scrape by, but we can't any longer. So, some runs will have to cease.

We don't want to upset children and families, of course we don't, but with a declining membership and all the associated aspects that go along with that, what can we do?

There is a possible solution! You could get in touch and get information about what Lions do and how you might join up. We were once like you, holding back, 'busy', no time etc. However, way back, we seized the challenge – decided we wanted to help our community, and wanted to give something back. So, why don't you look hard at yourself, and see if like us, you could squeeze a little more extra time into your life and do something very satisfying with Lions?

By people volunteering to join our ranks – and quickly – we might just be able to fulfil all those sleigh runs. But, otherwise, we must move forward by recognising that we must face up to our limitations and make the necessary cuts! Please don't just think about it. ACT now!! Make the call!

For more information, please call Judith or Dave Hagger
01462 814693 or Keith Lewis 01767 262433

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council Annual Meeting on. 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. CBC Councillor Adam Zerny and 5 members of the public.

Apologies:- Received from Cllr. Doreen Gurney.

Declarations of interest:- None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes:- The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 4th May 2017 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

Police Report:- The Clerk explained about any crimes that had been reported. Also asked if anyone could attend the meeting at Kempston on 22.8.17. Cllr. Clark said that he hoped to attend again.

Public Session:- One resident complained about the strong smell of sewage again. Could anything be done? The Chairman said the pumping station was flushed regularly now, but he would contact Anglian Water to see if they had any idea why we had the bad smell. There had also been several complaints about an influx of flies in the village. Cllr. Gurney had already rung the environmental health and they thought it was the composting site when the compost had been turned.

Planning:- A. Cllr. Fraser said that the Charities field would not be affected by the upgrade of the A428. B. CB?17/-2952/Full Biggin Farm – new amended drawings. No objections. C. Notice of scaffolding being erected near the play area. D) Change of use of warehouse in Tempsford. E. Local Plan - Andrew Bennett gave a report on how far they had come with the Plan. They would be having a stand at the village show to inform people of what was happening and to engage with the residents. Their application to have a Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted. Council would fund some marketing items. Adam Zerny expressed that the Council needed to make Tempsford aware of the Local Plan and “Tempsford New Town”. A public meeting would be arranged for

2nd August at the Stuart Memorial Hall.

Highways:- Hole in the pathway near the Stuart Mem. Hall that needed to be reported. A letter had been received from a resident about the footpaths near Tempsford and over the bridge past the Anchor Hotel. The paths over the bridge belonged to Bedford Borough and Cllr. Clark had already reported the problem. Bin at Church Street, the Clerk had contacted CBC about this, they had given her a reference number, but they were not very good at knowing what was going on!

Festival of Britain sign – The clerk had emailed all details to Councillors and quotes. Discussion was had between Councillors. It was decided to go with Metrosigns Option 2, but do not want metal posts.

Land access to new play area: Gates had been installed with a combination lock on it.

Children's play areas:- All work had been completed on both play areas. Basket Ball posts had been installed again.

Cemetery/Churchyard:- A letter was read out by the Clerk regarding a gravestone. Grass contractor asked if the hedge thickness could be cut down.

Finance:- The Clerk asked that the Council approve the list of invoices that needed to be paid. She then explained the cashflow and bank reconciliation. Still needed someone to obtain Transparency Code equipment.

Correspondence - A letter was received from a resident regarding noise in the village. Carbon Smart Letter and Air Ambulance letter.

Date of next meetings:- 18th September and 20th November.

**TEMPSFORD MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**AN EXHIBITION OF
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**of
TEMPSFORD VILLAGE
THE GREAT NORTH ROAD
AND VARIOUS OUTLYING PROPERTIES**

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1945 AND 2016**
- **COME ALONG AND SEE THE VAST CHANGES WITHIN THE
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CHANGE IS COMING!

Change is coming and when it does, we need to be ready!

Sounds alarming right?

Well we don't need to be alarmed, but we most certainly want to be in control.

The new East-West rail link, the new A428 route and the changes it will bring to the Black Cat roundabout, along with any other future changes to the A1 are all large scale developments that will have some level of impact on our village. However, even bigger than any of these, is the impact the new town that has been proposed by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). could have on our village.

For all the positive points that are presented about building a new town with 7,000 or more houses, there are many concerns from us, the residents of Tempsford:

- How will this impact the traffic congestion we already suffer at the Black Cat and Sandy roundabouts?
- What roads will give access to this new town and what impact will that have on our existing Tempsford roads?
- How will an already stretched infrastructure support such a large scale increase?
- How will services like doctors and dentists serve such a massive increase in population?
- What protection will be given to important historical areas like the airfield etc?
- These and many more are questions we'll need answered along with some logical ones too like:
- Why are CBC proposing so many houses in this one area if their problem is countywide?

A development like this will change the landscape of the parish forever.

As posted in a previous edition of Tempsford Times, we've put together a great team of residents to form a Neighbourhood Plan. We've engaged an external company to support the production of the plan and we're about to submit an application request for a grant. We're moving ahead, but there's only one reason we're doing itto have a legal, documented way that any development in our parish has to abide to.

We can protest and "No" to any changes we don't like. We may even be heard and listened to, but it will not be a legal right. Only an approved Neighbourhood Plan will give legal rights to ensure any developments in our village are built in way agreed by us.

To get a legally binding Neighbourhood Plan approved, we need to ensure we capture the views of the people who live in Tempsford.

WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS & OPINIONS

We need to know what is important to you and how you would like to see the village and its surroundings develop over the next 20 years. What do you want our village to have, how should it look, what should the design of houses be etc?

To make it easier for everyone to give their views, members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be at the Tempsford Show on Saturday 9th September 2017. We'd love you to come along and let us know your thoughts. The more points of view and opinions we get, the better OUR plan will be.

In the meantime, please follow us on
Facebook @Tempsford Neighbourhood Plan

We look forward to seeing you on 9th September.



BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Monthly evening meetings resume on Tuesday 5th September in Blunham Village Hall at 7:30pm. The speaker for the evening is Nigel Start, presenting 'Getting to grips with pruning'. This is an ideal opportunity to get expert advice on pruning and to meet and chat with friends who enjoy their gardens. Visitors are welcome. For more information contact Brenda on

BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Community Cinema held in Blunham Village Hall presents:

Friday 29th September 'Hidden Figures' (Cert 12) starring Taraji Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae. The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space race.

Friday 27th October 'Sully' (Cert 12) starring Tom Hanks. The story of Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger became a global hero when he landed an airliner on New York Hudson river in 2009.

Both films start promptly at 7.30 pm, doors open 6.45 pm.
Tickets cost Adult £4.00 Children £2.00

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

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell and Good Luck

St Peter's Church would like to say a big thank-you to our dear friend

Doreen Polehonski. Over 45 years she has been a very loyal member of St Peter's and she will be greatly missed. Doreen faithfully kept our Thursday morning group going, wrote and read the prayers, and set up for communion, to name just a few things. We wish her all the best in her new home in Wales.



Stacie, Jonathan and Matilda are delighted to announce the arrival of
Arthur Hamilton Hemsall Cherry

30th July 2017
6lb 15oz

Philip, Barbara, Nigel Plumb and Betty would like to thank everyone for the cards received and kind words after the loss of their daughter Tracey. Also a special thank you to Paul & Shirley, Steve & Linda, Maureen, Betty, Sue and Clive & Ellen for their hard work.

IN BRIEF:

BROADBAND

High speed fibre broadband is now available in Tempsford, but I'm sure your provider will have made you well aware of that already!

TREES AND HEDGES

The Parish Council is aware that several properties within the village have trees and hedges which overhang the footpath, making it difficult for pedestrians not to have to step into the road. Similarly some tall trees are blocking street lights, obviously again making it difficult for pedestrians especially at night. At this time of the year when pruning is being done by many, can we ask everyone to take some responsibility for their hedges and trees in this way.

DOG WALKERS

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