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STUART MEMORIAL HALL

TEMPSFORD SHOW

By the time you read this, the Tempsford Show will be over again for another year. We hope it will have been another great success, given the planning and hard work by Geoff Phipps and his great team. Many thanks to all our donors and sponsors and those who helped with the show. I will report on the Show in the next edition of the Tempsford Times.

SUMMER BARBECUE

Our Summer Barbecue took place on Saturday July 14th. The barbecue was enjoyed by all who attended, although we had hoped that more people would come along. Perhaps it was because we were competing with the World Cup, Wimbledon and the Bedford River Festival!

NEW FIRE ALARM

Our new fire alarm and emergency lighting system has now been installed and commissioned. Several of the emergency exit signs remain on permanently which is why some of you will have noticed that the Hall is lit up at night. The lights are low power LEDs.

HOW MIGHT YOU USE THE VILLAGE HALL?

We have asked our newest committee member, Andy Wines, to talk to people around the village to find out what they really want from the Hall. Do we want a proper community hall or do we just want to take income from bookings for weddings, parties etc.? The Committee would like it to be more of a community facility but, if we are to achieve this, we need to find out what people want and what events they would come along to. If you have any thoughts, please contact Andy at awines@prestigebrands.com or on 01767 640568.

WE NEED A HANDYMAN

During the past year we lost our handyman, Andy Bull, who moved away from the village. If there is anyone out there, perhaps retired or semi-retired, who has general building experience and would like to help, please get in touch. The sort of work that Andy did was replacing guttering, external painting and a bit of plumbing. We used Andy on an 'as needed' basis and he quoted for each individual job.

COME AND JOIN US

We know that there are quite a few newcomers to Tempsford and some have expressed an interest in contributing to the life of the village. If you are interested and would like to join our committee as a co-opted member, please get in touch. We are a friendly bunch and new ideas and contributions are very welcome.

Brian Harrison, Chairman, Hall Committee

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Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,

81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175

September and October Services

2 nd Sept		No Service
9 th Sept	6.00pm	Preacher: Rev. James Bamber
16 th Sept		No Service
23 rd Sept	6.00pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL – see below
30 th Sept		No Service
7 th Oct		No Service
14 th Oct	6.00pm	Preacher: Rev. Paul Beard
21 st Oct		No Service
28 th Oct	3.00pm	Preacher: Rev. James Bamber

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 23rd September 2018

Preacher: Mr. Colin Webber

**come and join our thanksgiving
for another Harvest
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**(all gifts used to decorate the church for this occasion will be
distributed to the sick and elderly of the village)**

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 12th Sept

Gammon
Salad/Potatoes

Apple Pie
Ice Cream/Cream

Wed 10th Oct

Beef Casserole
Seasonal Vegetables

Meringue
Peaches/Cream

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Tempsford Methodist Church
Harvest Festival

Sunday, 23 September 2018

at 6.00 p.m.

Preacher: Colin Webber



**Come Along And Join Our Thanksgiving
For Another Harvest**

**We would like to invite old and new friends to join us
for tea and cake at 5.00 p.m. before the service.
If you are new to the village do come along as you
will be assured of a warm welcome.**



**EVERYONE
WELCOME**



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**St Peters Church
Harvest Service
Sunday 7th October
at 6.00pm
Everyone Welcome**





We are pleased to
announce the
appointment of
Revd Graham Buckle
to be Priest-in-charge
of Riversmeet Benefice.
His licensing service is
on
24th October at
7.30pm
at Gt Barford Church.

ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street, Tempsford
For information contact Gloria Jones
Phone: 01767 640050

Dear Residents of Tempsford,

I wrote to you in the March/April Tempsford Times, setting out the situation with regard to St.Peter's Church. We have been without a Priest for just over a year now, but I am pleased to say that an appointment has now been made. The Revd.Graham Buckle will be licensed to the Benefice as Priest -in-charge on the 24th October. There will be a service of Induction at Great Barford church on that evening. Graham and his wife Davina will be living in the Rectory in Blunham.

Graham is coming to us from the Diocese of Lincoln, where he has been Priest-in-charge of 4 parishes. Graham and Davina have three children and two grand-children. His hobbies include crosswords, walking, photography and model trains.

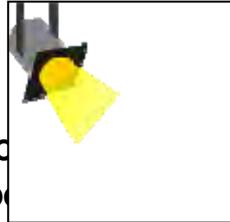
The future of St.Peter's is still uncertain and it will be up to Graham, once he has settled in, to look at the situation and work out if there is a viable option.

Please remember Graham in your prayers as he prepares to take on the task of Priest-in-charge of the Riversmeet Benefice of which St.Peter's is part.

Best Wishes,



St Peters Flood Lights



If you would like the flood lights on for any occasion, the cost will be £100.00 per month. Please contact Gloria 01767 640050

Parish Church Services

Sun 2nd Sept 9.30am Gt Barford HC, 11.00am Blunham MP
Sun 9th Sept 11.00am Blunham H/C, 11.00am Roxton FS
Sun 16th Sept 9.30am Gt Barford MP, 11.00am Roxton HC
Sun 23rd Sept 11.00am Roxton HC
Sun 30th Sept 9.30am Gt Barford HC, 11.00am Blunham HC
Sun 7th Oct 9.30am Gt Barford HC, 11.00am Blunham MP
11.00am Roxton HV - HC

Sunday 7th October* 6.00pm Harvest Service

Sun 14th Oct 11.00am Blunham HC, 11.00am Roxton FS
Sun 21st Oct 9.30am Gt Barford MP, 11.00am Roxton HC
Sun 28th Oct 11.00am Blunham HC, 11.00am Roxton MP

*St Peters – Harvest Service

HC - Holy Communion

FS - Family Service

MP - Morning Prayer

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th July 2018. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk.

Present: - 6 Councillors and the Clerk.
Apologies received from the Chairman, Cllr. Besant.

New Councillor – Only one application for the vacant post of Parish Councillor was received. The full process for such a situation had taken place and the Council agreed to, and welcomed Mrs. Tina Beaumont-Goddard as new Councillor .

Declarations of Interest – None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 24th May 2018 were accepted and signed by the Vice Chairman.
Matters arising from previous meetings – Salvation Army – The clerk had replied to the email from the Salvation Army which is considering placing a used clothes bin in the village. She explained the fact that Tempsford is a split-site village and a central position may not be available. She has not yet received a reply.

Police Report – The clerk reported there had been five incidents in Tempsford.

Public Session – No members of the public were in attendance.

Planning - CB/18/01924/Full - Ouse Farm – No objections.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Bettles updated the Council saying there would be some workshops later in the year.

CBC Councillors – Cllr. Zerny – updated information on the A428, still no route decided on yet. A1 – possible minor works, nothing drastic. East/West Rail – decision later this year, possible Sandy corridor.

Finance – The Clerk asked Council to approve payments as listed. Bank Reconciliation and Statements were explained. SLCC increment for Clerks.

Highways – The Chairman had sent a report in his absence which was read out by the Vice Chairman, it explained what had been attended to by Highways and what still needed to be done. Speedwatch – the resident that organises this was happy to report that he had received an offer of help.

Festival of Britain Village Sign – this has now been restored. The Council discussed where it could be put for the best effect. It was decided to look at the two sites after the meeting.

Play Areas – Anti-pigeon spikes had been purchased for installation on the top bar of the swings in Gannock Castle play area. Official Inspection of the sites is now needed; the Clerk needs to find a new inspector as the usual one does not do it anymore. Springers in Church St. area had been damaged, and a report by the grass cutting contractor that part of the fort was not in good condition. All to be checked.

Cemetery/Churchyard – Lime trees overhanging grave stones to be reduced in the Autumn. Burial rates to be discussed at the next meeting, comparisons with other Councils' charges having been sent to Councillors. The problem of plant pots being left on graves has been sorted out. A working party was arranged for July 20th to deal with the fallen headstones in the church graveyard. Council agreed that grave plots must be sold in sequence .

Date of next meetings - 17th September and 19th November.,



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**Sunday Sept 2nd, and
Sunday Oct 7th 2018**

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River Ivel Restoration Scheme

Information about the River Ivel Restoration Scheme and additional works along the River Ivel.

The River Ivel Restoration Scheme is a wide-ranging project studying the embankments and structures on the River Ivel, from its confluence with the Great Ouse upstream to Langford and aims to return the River Ivel into its former naturalised conditions.

Tempsford Saw Mill trial

The trial at Tempsford Saw Mill will end on 6 August. The purpose of the trial was to allow us to temporarily monitor the impacts of removing the gates. We monitored water levels, bank conditions, ecological indicators, water resources and other assets.

Whilst the initial trial period started in January 2018 and was set for 12 months we have gathered enough monitoring information and feedback from interested parties to end the trial early.

On 6 August we will begin to lower the gate to the original position prior to the trial starting. Due to current low flows within the River Ivel we will need to do this incrementally, throughout the week, to prevent drying up the river downstream. We will increase our monitoring whilst we do this to ensure that we can manage the process without detrimentally affecting the watercourse.



We will provide more information on our evaluation report in due course.

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RIVER IVEL— DOWNSTREAM FROM TEMPSFORD WEIR



Next steps

The River Ivel Restoration Scheme is an ambitious scheme; we are looking at options to restore the River Ivel to its former naturalised conditions. We will look to work with landowners and other interested parties to identify potential solutions which could benefit the rivers ecology, hydrology and reduce flood risk to people and property. If you have any questions about the River Ivel Restoration Scheme please contact us:

Email: Asset.Perform.Bed@environment-agency.gov.uk

Address: River Ivel Restoration Scheme, Bromholme Lane, Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 4NE

www.tempsford.org

Mary Infield
1920 – 2018



Mary was born Eileen Mary Blackler on 31 July 1920 at Astwick Bury where she lived until she was 13. She then moved to Seddington where her father ran the Greenhouses now called Seddington Nursery and as a market garden in the surrounding area.

She met Jack Infield in 1940 at the Young Conservatives in Sandy. They married in October 1944 and lived at Ouse Farm for 7 years before moving to Poplar Farm, Sandy. She was an active member of the original WI at Tempsford for many years. Jack died in 1982 and in 1987 she sold Poplar Farm House and moved to a bungalow in Windsor Way, Sandy, where she lived for the rest of her life until she passed away on her 98th Birthday.

For many years she played the organ at Beeston, Sandy and Tempsford Methodist Chapels. She enjoyed attending the Meet and Eat Lunches and the Chat Club at Tempsford where she met up with old friends.

Dennis (Denny) Mott was 87 when he died on Aug. 15th. He had lived in Tempsford since he married over 60 years ago. Our condolences go to all the relatives and friends at this sad time and to any others who have lost loved ones recently.

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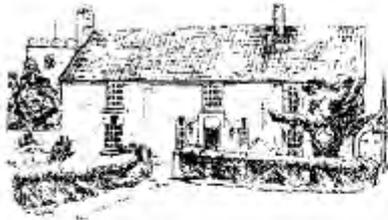
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They say that weather always repays its debt, - well I think that's very true of this year. After three spells of very cold winter weather with snow and predominantly easterly winds (which are always cold and dry), April turned out to be very wet and still rather cool. Then it was all change!



May was a beautiful month with loads of sunshine and warm temperatures. Remember the Royal Wedding on May 19th when we had wall-to-wall sunshine and a high of 21°C? - perfect for a special day.

This was just the beginning of what has turned out to be an unusually good summer. June and July continued the hot dry theme. In June there was only ½" of rain and July was even drier with little more than a ¼" ! As for temperatures, - no records were actually broken in our area, but the number of weeks of hot, dry and sunny days was remarkable. There were 16 days when the temperature climbed to more than 30°C, - some years we have had no days of that heat at all.

August proved to be more changeable. It rained at last, and the rainfall total is at least average for this time of year.

Our hottest day was July 27th when 34.5°C was recorded here, but there were several others of almost that heat. Despite the heat we've only had 5 thunderstorms this summer and 3 of those were in May, so the old saying of 3 hot days and then a thunderstorm is not really true!

Hope your lawn has survived!

FOR THOSE THAT ENJOY COLOURING





BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

This next month the club is back in the hall again, after three very successful visits to various gardens during the summer break.

Tuesday 4th September, Colin Ward will present ' Shade & Semi-shade Plants'. Meetings are held in Blunham Village Hall at 7:30pm. Visitors are warmly welcomed. For more information please contact Brenda on 01767

BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

In Blunham Village Hall

Friday 28th September, 'Captain Phillips' (Cert 12A) starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Keener. The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the U.S flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years.

Friday 26th October, 'The Post' (Cert 12A) starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. A cover up that spanned four US Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

Both films start promptly at 7.30 pm, doors open 6.45 pm.
Tickets cost Adult £4.00 Children £2.00 Sweets, drinks, ice cream and popcorn are available

ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 6th 2018

'My Year as the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire'

Talk by Colin Osborne. MBE.

OCTOBER 4TH 2018

'Atishoo, Atishoo, We all Fall Down'

(The 1918 Influenza Outbreak)

Talk by Maurice Nicolson

NOVEMBER 1ST 2018

'The War to End all Wars'

Talk by Norman Keightley.

All talks at Roxton Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £3.

All welcome.

The Local History Group meets at Roxton Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. For further details contact; Ruth Coxon - 01234 871321, Janet

TABLE TOP SALE

September 15th

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Jim Donnelly	V-Chairman
Chris Bettles	Councillor
Dan Clark	Councillor
Steve Cooney	Councillor
Simon Fraser	Councillor
Tina Goddard	Councillor
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