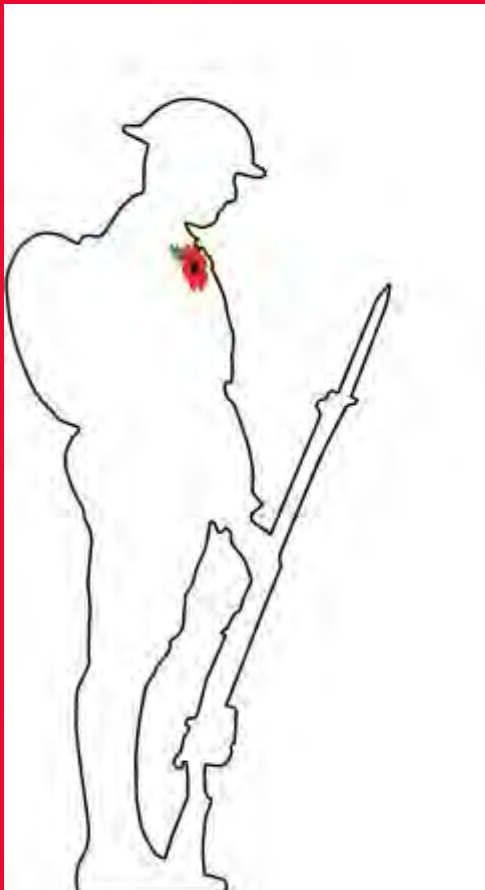


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TEMPSFORD REMEMBERS

Nov 11th

1918

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2018

3pm

*PLEASE
BE THERE*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS ALSO AN EXHIBITION AT THE
TEMPSFORD MUSEUM ON NOV 4th AND DEC 2nd TO
COMMEMORATE THE 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR 1**



ON OUR FRONT COVER...

We hope you may recognise the
“There, but not There”
figure which is being installed in many public
places at this time to remind us all of the
sacrifices made by many people in the wars.

It is 100 years since the Armistice of November
1918 and the service at Tempsford War memorial
will be a solemn occasion when we as a village
can come together to remember.

We would like to encourage as many people as
possible to attend, and to that end we have small
wooden crosses for children in particular to place
at the memorial as part of the service.

**This will take place at
3pm, on Sunday Nov 11th
and then continue in the church
opposite.**

Please do try to be there.

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.

Parish Church

4th November.....Gt. Barford Patronal "All Saints"...Benefice Service 10.30am
11th November... Remembrance Services at Blunham & Roxton 10.45a.m. Gt Barford 3.00pm
Tempsford 3.00pm. (shared service with the Methodist Church.)
18th November.. Blunham Patronal....Benefice Service 10.30am
25th November...Roxton Holy Communion. 11.00am
Blunham Morning Prayer 11.00am
Gt.Barford Morning Prayer. 9.30am

Please advise all parishioners to continue to watch Pew News and Church notice boards for any changes.

Please Check Notice Boards for December Service

Methodist Church

4 th November	No service	
11th November	3.00pm	Remembrance Day Service
18 th November	No service	
25th November	3.00pm	Rev James Bamber
2 nd December	No service	
9th December	3.00pm	Rev James Bamber
		Service includes Holy Communion
16th December	6.00pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
23 rd December	6.00pm	Carols at Gt Barford Methodist
Christmas Day	10.00am	Service at St Neots Methodist

TEMPSFORD SHOW in PICTURES
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ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street, Tempsford
For information contact
Gloria Jones on 01767 640050
or Brenda Jennings on 01480 213155

OUR NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE, Rev GRAHAM BUCKLE, was installed into the Riversmeet Benefice at a special service at Gt Barford last Wednesday evening. Amongst the packed church there was a good presence from Tempsford members, and we are very pleased to hear from him now in his first pastoral letter to us:

Thank you!

Phew! We have made it into the Rectory at Blunham! Friday 12th October will be a day I will remember for a long time to come! After what seems like an age from the interview process to the day of moving in, we have finally made it here!

It would be very remiss of me, if I didn't make it my first task to say a very big THANK YOU to all those from our Benefice who have welcomed Davina and I with such enthusiasm, hard work and wonderful gifts. It has been overwhelming to receive such a warm and friendly welcome to the benefice.

Of course this is only the beginning of what we hope to be a long and fruitful relationship. We hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming months, and that together we can grow and make a difference to the parishes and communities in which we live, work and play!

Sometimes we find it hard to wait for things to happen and we get irritable, impatient and uptight. When we go on a journey to somewhere nice or to a celebration we want to be there as quickly as possible, avoiding traffic jams, taking the shortest and quickest route, wanting to be there for the maximum amount of time. The journey of life is just the opposite, we want to take things slowly and enjoy every moment.

As Christians we want to see the kingdom of God grow quickly, our churches to be full with people seeking a new way of life. But we have to wait for God's time, and not to become too disheartened too quickly. There's a wonderful verse in the Psalms that says, "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him". However much we are champing at the bit to get things going, we are to wait on the Lord for His timing, because His timing is perfect.

That doesn't mean to say we should just sit back and wait for things to happen, far from it, as we are asked to work tirelessly for the kingdom, giving it our all and not holding back, but in God's good time we will see the fruits of our labours.

So I ask you all, as we begin a new phase in these communities together, not to be over eager in wanting things to change dramatically, unless God has that as His plan for us, but to continue striving together, recognising one another's gifts and seeking to serve each other in love and friendship.

Thank you once again for your welcome and may God bless you all.

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

OUR CAROL SERVICE

takes place on Sunday, 16th December at **6.00 p.m.** Come along and join us in singing traditional Carols and hear the Christmas story. Please join us after the service for mince pies, tea/coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKS

to everyone who donated gifts and produce for our Harvest Festival and joined us for the evening service. All gifts/produce have been distributed to the sick and elderly of the



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AND
THANK THEM FOR THEIR
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Tempsford Methodist Church

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Christmas Hamper : Santa's Sack :
plus lots more.....

EVERYONE WELCOME

“MEET & EAT” LUNCHES

Please note there will be no “Meet and Eat” lunches held during November and December

CHAT CLUB

There will be no open meeting of the Club in November or December this year. If you would like to know what we have got lined up for the New Year why not come along to our first 2019 get-together on 20 February 2019 from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.



Flood Lights for 12 Days of Christmas

After such an amazing response to the last few years we have been doing 12 days of Christmas, we are hoping you will sponsor the lights again, so we can have our lovely St Peters Church, lit up all over the Christmas period.

The cost will be £5pp, you can either have it in remembrance of a loved one, or just to celebrate your friends and family, your name will be on the list of sponsors. Hope to hear from you soon, the more we get the longer we can keep St Peters lit up.



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at St Denys Church, Little Barford
Sunday 9th December
3.00pm

Do come and join us in this
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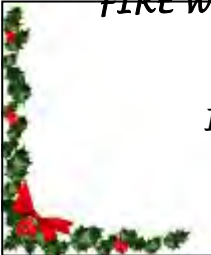


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Our next meeting on Monday 12th November
Talk On :- Who is the Real Father Christmas!
Speaker:- Paul Fowler
No Meeting in December!



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**An Exhibition to commemorate the
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SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2018 &
SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018
2pm till 4pm**

The museum will be exhibiting a variety of ephemera, photographs, battlefield finds and papers relating to the men of Tempsford, who left to fight for King and Country. Some never returned, some came home to a different world to the one they left behind.

First World War film footage will also be shown. There will also be other permanent displays associated with Tempsford Village and the Special Operations Executive.

**Refreshments and home baked cakes will be
available in our Tea Room**

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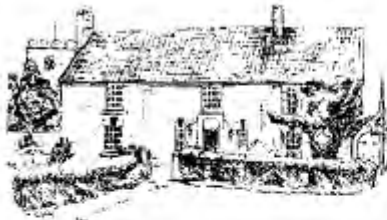
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2018. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk.

Present:- 5 Parish Councillors and Clerk

Apologies: from Councillor Donnelly.

Declarations of interest: None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2018 were approved after a change of wording in item 1 and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from previous meeting – The Salvation Army had looked at Tempsford as a place to site a clothing bank recycling bank and had decided it was not suitable.

Police Report: No incidents were reported.

Public Session: No residents were present. The Chairman read out a report from the Speedwatch co-ordinator who is hoping to get more volunteers to help operate it.

Planning: 1) Refurbished Village name sign – still awaiting reply from CBC planning to accept suggested positioning of the sign
2) Cemetery land registering – still waiting on correspondence from solicitors.
3) Clerk to contact CBC re positioning of downpipes on Stonebridge Barn conversions and the need for a drop kerb in Station Road.
4) Bedford Borough Local Plan – Councillors should respond now.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bettles reported that the plan was proceeding well. All questions regarding the NP should be directed to the Neighbourhood Plan gmail first. The matter of the Constraints and Designations map with reference to the village settlement envelope was sent to the Council by the Chairman of the
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NP committee. The Council felt that it could not be altered but would seek further advice.

CBC Councillors – None were in attendance.

Finance: 1) The Clerk asked Council to approved payments as listed. Bank Reconciliation and cashflow were presented by the Clerk.

2) Budget – Cllr. Fraser and the Clerk presented a Budget for 2019/20 which had been circulated to Councillors. The Council accepted it but wanted to allow some money to be used as a Community Grant.

Highways: The Chairman gave a report on highway items that had been addressed since the last meeting. Some items had been attended to, others still awaiting. CBC tree officer is aware of the problem of willows in the ditch along Little Barford Road that obstruct the sight lines for traffic out of Station Road; he is also aware of the tree on Station Road, growing into property No.1 Home Farm Close.

Play areas – Church Street – The fort is not in good repair and the broken “springer” needs repairing. Cllr. Bettles volunteered to mend the fort and have a look at the springer. When repaired the Clerk will get an Inspector to do the annual safety inspection.

Cemetery/Churchyard: 1) Burial Rates had been discussed at the last meeting and a suggested new scale of rates alongside those of other villages had been prepared. After discussion a Resolution was passed to accept the increased burial rates as from January 2019 and for these rates to be reviewed every 3 years.

2) Gravestones in the churchyard had been put back in place by a work party of Councillors. Lime trees in Mill Lane over hanging the gravestones in the new part of the cemetery should be cut back.

Remembrance Day – Rev. Paul Beard and Mrs Brenda Jennings will lead the Service of Remembrance on November 11th. It was suggested that as part of this small wooden crosses could be laid

TEMPSFORD SHOW

We had wonderful weather this year for the Tempsford Show, which must, in part, have contributed to the attendance which was well up on last year. Although the overall attendance was up, we believe that there were far fewer children. Perhaps this was because families were taking final breaks before the end of the school holidays. If you have any thoughts as to children's attractions that you would like to see in the future, then please let us know.

Competition for the various classes was as strong as ever, although some of the fruit & vegetable classes lacked entries due to the nature of this summer's weather. The culinary classes, however, were stronger than ever as was the entry for the children's colouring and handwriting competitions. This all made for very challenging judging and we should thank all the judges for their hard work. We also thank everyone who sponsored classes, made donations and donated raffle prizes.

Thanks also go to our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor Kier, but also to Tempsford Stained Glass, The Rockery Centre, Bedfordshire Garden Buildings, The Barbecue Centre, Flamingo, Bedfordshire Car & Caravan Centre and Frontier.

Congratulations to all the class winners, who are too numerous to mention here but the Special Awards winners are listed opposite. The profit from this year's show was up slightly from last year's excellent result and, as always, will be ploughed back in to help to maintain and grow the Hall. Huge thanks go to Geoff Phipps and his organising committee, the Hall Committee, the Museum Committee and all those villagers who helped on the day.

We hope to continue to grow the show next year and, as mentioned earlier, any ideas for what you would like to see would be welcome.

Geoff Phipps, Chairman, Organising Committee

Brian Harrison, Chairman, Hall Committee
b.harrison46@btinternet.com

Special Awards Winners 2018

Best floral exhibit	The Zwetsloot Rose Bowl	Valerie Greer
Best fuchsia	The Arthur Jackson Memorial Cup	Diane Jefferies
Best Tempsford single rose	The Fred Bettles Memorial Trophy	Liz Saunders
Best fruit/vegetable	The John Gosling Trophy	Stephen Gosling
Most successful veg. exhibitor	The Ted Stocker Memorial Cup	Judy Stocker
Best cookery exhibit	The Flo Houghton Trophy	Kay Quinn
Men's cookery class	The Scott's Farm Trophy	Adam Wake
Best photographic exhibit	The Chairman's Trophy	C Larson
Best handicraft exhibit	The Sawford's Garage Trophy	Margaret Gale
Most successful Tempsford exhibitor	The Langford Trophy	Barbara Plumb
Most attractive Tempsford garden	The Black Horse Trophy	Tina Daniels/Paul Cross
Most attractive Tempsford back garden	David & Juliet Pennington	
The best hedge in Tempsford	The Jack Beaumont Trophy	Rebecca Mitchell
Most attractive Tempsford hanging basket or garden feature	The Lawrence Trophy	The Cottage Mill Lane
Most successful exhibitor	The Philip Russell Memorial Cup	Barbara Plumb
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IN MEMORY -
JOHN MELBOURNE LEWIN (1930 – 2018).

John was born in Brunswick Nursing home in Cambridge 1930. He was the eldest son of Arthur and Carrie Lewin of Chadwick House, Station Road. John came from a Methodist family and they attended Tempsford Methodist Chapel in Station Road for many years. His father was a local thatcher by trade, but was also a Local Methodist Preacher. A man who preached salvation by faith in Jesus alone.

John's childhood spanned the war years 1939-1945 when the village was host to a top secret airfield which supported the resistance movement in Nazi occupied Europe by training, equipping and then parachuting agents and saboteurs behind enemy lines. John's love of military aircraft stemmed from his childhood encounters here.

After the war ended in 1945 John's first job was at Blunham with the Simms family who were carpenters and undertakers. He spent most of his time making coffins. He then changed jobs and went to work at Woodbury Low Farm Tempsford, which was owned by a Christian family named Schwier. He married Joy Youngs in 1961 and they had two sons, Stephen and Andrew. John remained happily married to Joy for 57 years.

Throughout his working life, he worked the land on two arable farms in Tempsford and Bourn (near Cambridge) and helped to gather in the grain from over twenty five harvests. He loved

celebrating the harvest season, giving thanks to Almighty God for His provision of seed time and harvest year after year.

John loved to recall and share experiences from his life. The memoirs he wrote a few years ago give a fascinating insight into his early years at Tempsford. In addition to his farm work and carpentry, he also followed in his father's footsteps and became a local preacher culminating in being lay Pastor of two Baptist churches in Caxton 1962-1974 and latterly Potten End (Hertfordshire) 1974–1995.

Among his many interests were gardening, history, military aircraft, ships, carpentry and amateur photography. John was patriotic, and proud to be British, but above all he was a



CHADWICK HOUSE
as it was in John Lewin's time.



BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is on Tuesday November 6th. Victoria Diggle is coming to talk about the 'National Garden Scheme'. Victoria helps run the scheme in our area, enabling the public to visit many beautiful gardens throughout the year. The meeting is in Blunham village hall and begins at 7:30pm. All visitors welcomed.

BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 30th November, 'Darkest Hour' (Cert PG) starring Gary Oldman and Kirstin Scott Thomas. In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its empire.

Friday 28th December, 'Englishman who went up a hill and came down a mountain' (Cert PG) starring Hugh Grant and Tara Fitzgerald. A cartographer must tell a Welsh village that their mountain is only a hill, the offended community sets about to change that.

Both films start promptly 7.30 pm doors open 6.45 pm.
Tickets costs Adults £4.00. Children £2.00.
Sweets, Drinks, Ice cream and pop-corn are available.
For tickets or any further information contact Sue 640572

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TEDDYBEARS PLAYGROUP

Come and do your Christmas shopping all under one roof. On **Wednesday 14th November** the playgroup is hosting a **Christmas shopping evening**. Join us for a festive evening in Blunham village hall in aid of the Teddybears Playgroup. A variety of stallholders will be selling unique gifts, handmade products, sweet treats and much more. Relax with friends over a glass of mulled wine/tea or coffee/ mince pies and homemade cakes. Doors will be open from 7pm till 9pm.

GREAT WAR CENTENARY EXHIBITION

St Edmund or St James Church,

Park Lane, Blunham MK44 3NQ

Saturday 10th November 10:00 to 4:00pm

Sunday 11th November 12:30 to 4:00pm

Come and browse round the exhibition to commemorate the end of World War 1 with a stunning installation of hundreds of knitted poppies, and war memorabilia. Refreshments available throughout the day.

Stop Press

We have just learned of the sad death of Betty Ingram, Barbara Plumb's mother. Our condolences

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Tina Goddard	Councillor
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