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## SIGNS OF SPRING Hawthorn blossom in Tempsford's hedgerows

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**ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,**  
**Church Street, Tempsford**  
**Priest-in-charge : Rev Margaret Marshall**  
**Phone 01234 870363**

Dear Everyone

On Passion Sunday – two weeks before Easter – when we began to enter into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we had two wonderful readings at our morning service. The first was from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, speaking to the exiled Jewish community about five hundred years before Christ of God's power to give new life to the long-discarded dry bones of his beloved people.

The second reading was the story of the raising of Lazarus by Jesus, not long before his own death. Lazarus has been dead some four days and so there could be no sleight of hand: he wasn't simply revived from a faint! But in both these readings the emphatic point being made is that belief is the key to rebirth. Just a few days later I heard the same idea being spoken of in a more secular context: Tim Smit, co-founder of the Eden Project in Cornwall, was talking about the gradual realisation of his vision for ecological study and the development of green scientists and engineers. He said that the key to his success was the 'Tinkerbelle Syndrome': if you can get enough people to believe, things WILL happen.

Coming just after the conclusion of all the annual meetings in our group churches, I found this both heartening and disheartening! The smallest of this group's four churches has been teetering on the brink of closure for some years, the stronger ones are not that much stronger. All are threatened, in the present economic climate especially, by a lack of resources – most critically of the human variety! For good or ill, our mediaeval buildings require much care, and our small, predominantly aged congregations are becoming gradually less equal to the demanding tasks involved.

If we are to sustain their life as worshipping communities, we must do what Tim Smit has done in Cornwall: inspire others not only to believe, but to contribute their time and talents; to take responsibility for these ancient houses of prayer. As a guest at one of last year's weddings pointed out to me: 'Your name is at the bottom of a list that goes back nearly nine hundred years!' – that was an awe-inspiring thought. Is ours to be the generation that is so self-absorbed that we abandon a heritage that others have cherished for so long?

At a time when we are celebrating – the season of Easter lasts a whole six weeks – the rising to new life of Jesus from the tomb, let's commit ourselves anew: from the dry, abandoned, forgotten bones, new and vibrant life can emerge if only we truly believe in the divine love that has made and held us in life, and will do more than simply clap our hands to prove it!

With love, Revd Margaret

## **ST PETER'S BELLS**

The ring of six bells at St Peter's has been rung regularly for most of the services during the last year and practices continue to alternate with Blunham on Wednesdays. Sadly, since Alan Tuffnell left us, there is no resident ringer practising in the village. New recruits are always welcomed - must be able to commit to at least 2 services and 2 practices a month and in reasonable health and understand that the later in life the start, the longer the apprenticeship!

## **FAMILY SERVICES AT ST PETER'S**

St Peter's Church holds a family service on the **first Sunday of every month**, to which all ages are very welcome. The service is themed to appeal to the younger villagers, as well as the older, and craft activities are available. It starts at 9.30am and lasts an hour, with coffee afterwards.

On **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, "The Wheatsheaf" has kindly offered to open early, so that we can meet up after the service in the pub, for bacon rolls and drinks – everyone is very welcome. The pub has a children's play area with equipment in the garden, so the children can carry on playing together afterwards too.

If you have any questions, please call Helen on 640222 or Elaine on 640860. We hope you can join us!

*Nick, Helen, Eve, Grace, Ruth, Hayden, Rose, Sam, Elaine, Lydia, Josie and Ralph.*

St Peter's and other Benefice services for  
May and June are listed on the back page.

## **FEAST WEEK 2011.**

This year's Feast Week runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June till Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011. The programme for this year has not been finalized yet, but leaflets will be posted nearer the time, notifying everyone what will be happening.

The Duck Race and Feast Week Fayre will definitely be on, although it will not take place behind The Anchor any longer. This year's Duck Race will be on the River Ivel between Ouse Farm and the Stuart Memorial Hall. The Fayre will take place by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Infield, on the meadow at Ouse Farm in Church End on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011, where the ducks can easily be seen at the finish line.

More details later on other Feast Week activities and don't forget to keep an eye on our village website [www.tempsford.org](http://www.tempsford.org) for updates on all aspects of what is happening in the village.



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## **TEMPSFORD DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012.**

Fundraising is well underway for next year's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Our target to raise is £3000 and every penny of it goes back to the village for a celebration not to be missed. The Tempsford Diamond Jubilee committee was formed in January of this year, to come up with plans and to fundraise for the celebrations to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's accession to the throne.

Over the coming year we plan to organize a variety of fundraising events. The first was on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Tempsford Chapel, when we held a coffee morning. There was a variety of stalls to give the visitors something to browse. There were Books, a Raffle, Guess the Teddy Bear, Cakes and the launch of the Tempsford Quick Quiz\*, where participants have the chance to win £25.00. A grand profit of £327.55 was made and the event proved a great success. A big thank you is expressed to everyone who came along and supported our first event. Special thanks to everyone who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, books etc. Thanks also to all members of the committee who supplied the necessities to make the day a great success.

We are also very grateful to Arnold & Daphne Zwetsloot, Mrs Windram of Tempsford Stained Glass, Mr & Mrs Owen Wynne of the Tempsford Estate, Stan & Joan Shields and Gladys Hills of Station Road, Tempsford, for their kind donations towards the funds.

Our next fundraising event will be a Safari Supper. This will be on Saturday evening 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011. There will be a Starter, Main Course and Dessert with wine provided. The cost will be £15.00 per person or £25.00 per couple. Tickets will be available soon with many pre booked tickets already requested, so don't miss out. If you would like to reserve your tickets, please ring Eileen on 01767 640858 or Steve on 01767 640968 or Betty on 01767 640887. More details later.

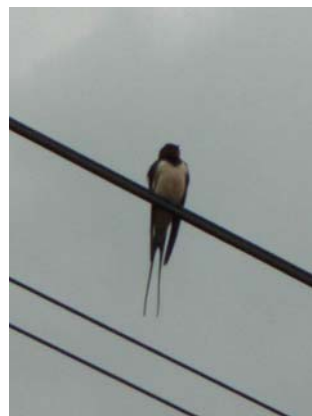
Please keep an eye out for our news bulletins and leaflets and support us when you can. Also keep watch on our village website [www.tempsford.org](http://www.tempsford.org) where there will be a page exclusively set up to keep you informed on The Diamond Jubilee fundraising, as well as other activities and news within the village.

***\* read about the quiz on page 14***

## **NATURE NOTES**

*by Conor Jameson*

The first warm days of spring and a stiff southerly breeze has brought the migrant birds flooding back, which is always a joy. No sooner has the blossom appeared on the cherry trees than the swallows are swooping over the farmyards, chiffchaffs are calling from the still bare branches of the taller trees, the willow warblers are trilling from the scrub, and the blackcaps are bubbling somewhere in the undergrowth. The nightingale was back, unusually early, audible from a great distance in the small hours of Sunday 10 April. A cuckoo too - another bird that conservationists are very worried about - gave its first call later the same morning, all the way from Africa, again.



Many birds like this are just passing through, still compelled to head further north, to what their 'programme' tells them is home - well, summer home at least. Each year, it seems, many get fewer in number. We are relieved to see some of them at all. Our landscape changes, of course, but in lots of ways it is changing for the better - more hedges put back, more field margins, new ponds, cleaner rivers. So maybe there are problems in Africa now, where the birds spend the winter. The RSPB is looking there too, now. Advances in gadgetry are making it easier for us to track the movements of small birds, to find out where they go, what they do. It's hard enough finding a nightingale in a Tempsford spinney, imagine looking for one in a west African forest. And it's not even singing there... Gadgets make it possible. Exciting times for the researchers.

'They've made it again, which means the planet's still working', said poet Ted Hughes, of the returning spring migrants. Needless to say, I couldn't put it better.

PS In my last column I asked if anyone had a home for a barn owl nest box. Thanks to Clive Knott, we now have a suitable tree. I now have a home-made kestrel box, made from an old commode. It needs a home - preferably a large open building, like a barn, or somewhere reasonably sheltered.

*Have you seen the black squirrels yet along the "link road"? Editor*

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**

The Parish Council last met on 15th March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall. The following is a summary of the main points of discussion

*Full copies of the minutes are available from the clerk or on the village website.*

### **War memorial**

Several members of the public addressed the Council with regard to the proposed alterations to the War Memorial saying that they were extremely unhappy with the plans to move the memorial. The Chairman explained that neither the Parish Council nor the Stuart Memorial Hall Trustees planned to move the memorial. What had been agreed was that the area around the base of the memorial would be made smaller and that the Parish Council had previously agreed to the request by the Stuart Memorial Hall Committee to reduce the area around the base and would contribute some funds to the alterations when full quotes had been obtained.

### **Affordable Housing**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Steve Twyford, a representative of the Wynne Family, and that a report on the feasibility study is due anytime. Steve Twyford would also like to look at the questions being prepared for inclusion on the Parish Action Plan questionnaire to ensure that the correct housing needs for the village is identified.

### **Noticeboards**

It was agreed that two new noticeboards were needed within the village. The Council decided on the type of notice boards required as part of the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

It was decided that the Telephone Box would become a Village Information Point.

### **Grass Cutting**

The Clerk stated that she sent out several copies of the Grass Cutting Specification for the year 2011/12 . The Clerk had provided

councillors with a draft contract which the Parish Council could use and send to its chosen contractor and it was agreed that this be used from this year and a copy of the Contractors public liability insurance certificate be kept on file along with a signed copy of the Contract.

### **Millennium Garden**

Cllr Cooney reported that the fence around the Millennium Garden was in need of painting and had received 3 quotes for the work required. The Chairman stated that the Millennium Garden's funds were not those of the Parish Council and that it acted only in holding the funds. It was therefore stated that Cllr Cooney decide on which quote he accepted and that the current balance held for the Millennium Garden stands at £1,361.60.

### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Cllr Cooney had written to the Parish Council asking for a donation to the planned activities for June 2012. He reported that at the Queen's Golden Jubilee 10 years ago the Village celebrated over a weekend with numerous activities for all ages. All the children in the Village under the age of 16 had received a celebratory coin paid for by the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would support this request for funding when further details are available.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall.

All welcome

## **TEMPSFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall. The Annual Report by the Parish Council on its activities and finance was given and reports were received from other village organisations: the Parish Church, the Methodist Church, the Stuart Memorial Hall Trustees, the local police and from Central Beds councillors

Fuller details will be in the next Tempsford Times.



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## **STUART MEMORIAL HALL**

After our recent AGM we are delighted to welcome Phil Woodhall and Cherie Sycamore onto the board of Trustees for the hall. We had a fond farewell to Alan Tuffnell who has now re-married and left the village.

We had a disappointing result financially for the year although bookings have remained high. We have experienced many additional expenses which were completely out of our control but we all realize that a building of that age must be kept in the best condition possible. This year we are working on the surrounding area of the building including the cenotaph surround. We have been very lucky to be given eight large garden pots full with pansies (which will be replaced with summer blooms soon) and another wooden garden bench has been donated. Our aim is to repair and replace the car park which is in a terrible condition, but I think with a price tag of around £60,000 this still is a dream at the moment!

Anyway lets look forward to the future. with our afternoon tea party at the hall on **Sunday 12th June** with 'Decibels' a 10 piece brass band. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us but if not, we can use the hall. Tickets will be available soon and are £5 which will include a nice tea and music.

Village Show **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Time to get those seeds in because we will soon be putting the show schedule together and if anyone has a suggested class for the show do let us know as soon as possible on 01767 640858 or 01767 640968.

Enjoy this lovely weather and let's hope we have a good summer.

For bookings call our booking clerk Phil Woodhall on 07786438343 or 01767 641170 or visit our website [www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk](http://www.tempsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk)

## **TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH,**

**Station Road Tempsford**

(part of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit)

**Minister: Rev Patricia Williams : 01480 473444**

**Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,**

**Biggin Farm, Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 640289**

### **May and June Services**

**Everybody is assured of a warm welcome at  
our services all starting at 6.00pm**

1st May *Section United Service at Tempsford*

8<sup>th</sup> May Preacher: Mr. John Stent

15<sup>th</sup> May Preacher: Mr. Simon Cooper

22<sup>nd</sup> May Preacher: Rev. Tricia Williams

29<sup>th</sup> May Preacher: Mr. Peter Adams

5<sup>th</sup> June *Section United Service at Berkley Street*

12<sup>th</sup> June Preacher: Mr. John Green

19<sup>th</sup> June Preacher: Mr. Richard Crane

26<sup>th</sup> June *Section United Service at Hilton*

### **CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY**

Thanks go to all those who came along and helped make the 207<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary celebrations very special occasions in the history of the Chapel once again.

The visit of the Potton Salvation Army Band and Songsters on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April was a really enjoyable evening of music and song and thanks go all those who came along to support this annual event and also to those who helped with the refreshments afterwards.

On Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April the Anniversary Service was led by Rev. Tricia Williams and it was a pleasure to welcome old and new friends who came along to help us celebrate.

## **CHAT CLUB**

At the March get-together members enjoyed delicious hot cross buns with their afternoon tea. Also in March members brought along their flower decorations in a teacup and saucer and Mrs. Kay Quinn kindly judged the entries. First prize was won by Mrs. Carolyn Owen, followed by Mrs. Carole Gosling and Mrs. Elaine Bettles respectively. At the time of going to press members were looking forward to their annual Spring Lunch in April. The next meetings will be in the Chapel Schoolroom on

**Wednesday, 25th May and  
Wednesday, 29th June  
from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.**

If you would like to come along and join us you will be made most welcome. After all **CHAT** stands for **C**uppa, **C**onversation and **C**ompanionship  
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## **PEOPLE NEWS**

**Our continued good wishes** to all our village friends who are in hospital or who are housebound: Phil Plumb, Dorothy Bettles, Sam Knott, Paul Bambridge, Tracey Kenoy, Jodie Knott (who is making good progress), Cynthia Jefferies, Ron Moore, Kath Mardlin, Betty Ingram, Alec Gore, Ron Bettles, Jane & George McCarthy, Andrew Myers and Adrian Jarvis.

**Congratulations to** Nicole and Simon Fraser on the birth of their baby girl Amelia Jane on Feb 25th (8lb 11 oz)



And to Richard Infield and Anna Sawyer who were married at St. Peter's on Saturday 23rd April.

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### **THE TEMPSFORD QUICK QUIZ**

The Tempsford quick quiz tests your knowledge of what you know about your village and its history!!

The launch took place at the Diamond Jubilee fundraising coffee morning, but you still have time to get a quiz sheet and have a go. You could win £25.00. All the answers are easy to get hold of, if you are willing to look. Some can be found in Steve Cooney's book "Images of Tempsford" available at all local libraries, or you can Google the answers on the internet. Some of the answers can be found by looking round the village at the various places of interest, so this will be a lot of fun for the family. Why not have a go? All the details are on the sheet and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011.. The cost is £1.00 to enter and don't forget you could win £25.00. Quiz sheets available from Steve Cooney. 01767 640968.

## **NEWS FROM ROXTON LOWER SCHOOL**

### **WW2 Evacuee role play day**

Wednesday 23rd March saw Oak Class (Yrs 3 & 4) dressed as World War 2 Evacuees and enjoying a day with Mrs Mcready and Miss Haversham experiencing what life could have been like for an evacuee, before celebrating with a VE Day party! They were visited by a World War 2 house wife from Bedford Museum and some real WW2 evacuees!

### **Fundraising**

The fundraising continues in earnest at Roxton Lower School. Already this year we have held an extremely successful Mufti Day raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The School Council also organised a Cake and Biscuit Stall in aid of Red Nose Day 2011, which along with the Wear it Red mufti day, raised £111. A big thank you for all of the baking that took place to make the Cake and Biscuit Sale a huge success as always!

We are again collecting both Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and the Tesco for Schools vouchers. We welcome all contributions to our collection which are very much appreciated

### **Building Works**

Works have commenced on the construction of an extension to the staff room for new toilets and resource area. This has caused minimum disruption to the school and is expected to be finished by June.

### **Our Headteacher**

At the end of the summer term we will be saying a fond farewell to our Headteacher, Mr Callow. He has done a great deal for the school during his time here helping to lift it out of special measures and on to become outstanding. I hope you will join us in wishing Mr Callow well as he moves on to pastures new. The Governors have appointed a new Head teacher, Mrs. Jane Trott, who will start in September.

### **Healthy Schools**

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully completed our review to maintain our National Healthy Schools status!

*Any parents considering sending the child/children to our school are very welcome to come and have a look at the school in action. We are always happy to show the facilities and teaching that the school has to offer. Please call to make an appointment on 01234 870230. For more information about our school, you can visit our website at [www.roxton.beds.sch.uk](http://www.roxton.beds.sch.uk)*

## **BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at Asterby & Chalkcroft Nursery – The Ridgeway, Blunham. 7.30pm.



Eva Aldridge will be showing us how to plant a hanging basket. Bring your own container, but compost and plants can be purchased on the night. All welcome.

Joanne from the local chilli farm gave a very interesting and inspiring talk at last months meeting. She told us that her business really started from a cancelled order of chillies.

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## **FIGHTING POVERTY IN ZAMBIA (FPZ)**

In June I am undertaking a sponsored walk to raise funds for FPZ. I will be leaving St Peters Church, Tempsford on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, and making my way to St Pauls, Covent Garden, (the actors' Church) on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, calling in St Albans Abbey for the Festival Service on the way. Total distance approximately 100km, 62 miles.

If anyone would like to sponsor me I would love to hear from you, either through the website **[www.fpz.org.uk](http://www.fpz.org.uk)**, or by phone, 640624. Please pray for some fine weather in June!

Thank you very much.

*Jeff Cloughton*

**Open Air Promenade Production of  
A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare  
No Loss Productions, Swiss Garden and Moggerhanger  
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**No Loss** is a new Bedfordshire based theatre company drawing on the huge pool of local professional talent to stage exciting shows in a variety of styles and venues. Their first performance will be Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* in the glorious surroundings of the Swiss Garden and Moggerhanger Park. The production is led by three Bedfordians: actor and stunt fighter Ivan Wilkinson who recently appeared in Channel 4's "1066" and "The Untold Battle of Trafalgar", Cally Lawrence, cellmate to Tracy Barlow in "Coronation Street" and blind date of Ricky Gervais in "The Office Christmas Special" and director John Handscombe whose credits include "Peak Practice" and "The Bill".

**Ticket Details**

<p><b>Swiss Garden</b>  <b>Saturday 4th June</b>  <b>Box Office:</b> 01767 627933  <b>Email:</b> marketingevents@shuttleworth.org          For more details and for online tickets visit:  <b>www.shuttleworth.org</b></p>	<p><b>Moggerhanger Park</b>  <b>Saturday 11th June</b>  <b>Box Office:</b> 01767 641007  <b>Email:</b> enquiries@moggerhangerpark.com          For more details visit:  <b>www.moggerhangerpark.com</b></p>
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**Performance Details for both venues**

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Evening: Gates open 6pm for 7pm performance

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## Kingfisher Way Community Arts Festival June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

The Kingfisher Way is a delightful riverside walk which introduces intrepid walkers to Tempsford. The Festival to which this walk gives its name is now in its third year.

On Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> festivities commence in the Stuart Memorial Hall with a Barn Dance – great fun – bring a picnic and whoop to the sound of caller Phil Lane and the Mark II Ceilidh Band

Riversmeet Hidden Britain is again bringing the best of the Arts to our five villages. The Stonebridge String Quartet, now established for seven years, has developed a large repertoire ranging from Bach, Brahms and Beethoven to Britten, Berg, Debussy and Webern. Catch them at their best at St James Church Moggerhanger on 4<sup>th</sup> June. This is followed by a terrific Exhibition of Local Artists with a Cello Recital on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June in Moggerhanger Village Hall.

Each weekend in June has a great event. All Saints Church Gt Barford hosts the fantastic Cor y Brythoniaid from North Wales on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Winners of prizes galore and conducted by Eifion Jones – himself a great tenor – don't miss this amazing Welsh Male Voice Choir !

Local musicians play with the Bedford Sinfonia which has an annual afternoon concert in Blunham Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Equally interesting is a presentation on John Donne in Blunham Village Hall on Friday evening 17<sup>th</sup> June

St Mary's Church Roxton hosts the great two final concerts of the festival on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Big jazz names—Peter France, Mark Lockheart, Huw Warren, Dudley Philips and Fred Baker, Madalena, Zoot Warren span two evenings of a remarkable lineup of pure talent  
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**Kingfisher Way Community Arts Festival June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Friday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BARN DANCE with “Mark II Ceilidh Band”; caller: Phil Lane	Stuart Memorial Hall Tempsford	7.30pm
Saturday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	CONCERT given by The Stonebridge String Quartet	Moggerhanger Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	EXHIBITION of art music and flowers	Moggerhanger Village Hall	2.00pm
Friday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	BOOK GROUPS meet with Authors	“The Guinea” Moggerhanger	7.30pm
Saturday Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	CONCERT given by Cor y Brythoniaid (Welsh Male voice choir) with John Eifion Jones (Tenor)	Gt Barford Parish Church	7.30pm
Sunday June 12 <sup>th</sup>	GUIDED WALK (The Ringers Walk)	From Gt Barford Bridge	2pm
Friday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	TALK “John Donne — Rector and Poet”	Blunham Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	FOLK SESSION folk music for all	“The Horseshoes”, Blunham	7.30pm
Sunday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	CONCERT given by Bedford Sinfonia	Blunham Parish Church	3.00pm
Friday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	CONCERT for HEALTH and WELL BEING given by Galeri Tonic	Roxton Parish Church	7.30pm
Saturday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	JAZZ CONCERT	Roxton Parish Church	7.30pm
Sunday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	FESTIVAL CELEBRATION including AUCTION and GARDEN PARTY	Chalton Manor Farm- house, Moggerhanger	4.00pm

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

A May Festival picture for you to colour



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*Down:* major; going; tweed; vegan; grain; every; ill; apt; nod; squib; exist; pansy; skint; unfit; siren



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## **ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Meetings take place at Roxton Parish Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcomed warmly; you'll find we are a friendly group and you are sure to find some of our topics interesting. To obtain a programme or for further information contact Stella Gibbs 01480 351931 .

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Flannagan, : "*The Golden Days of the Ouse*" - an era when the river was a magnet for leisure seekers, artists and the boating fraternity.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** Group Visit to Peacock's Antiques Auction Rooms 6.30pm  
A limited number of tickets are available for non-members.  
The evening will be informative and entertaining, with buffet and a quiz.  
£12.00  
payment will ensure your place. Further information on application.



**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Suzanne Sharpe & Richard Wildman, "*The History of the Harpur Trust*".

The group was delighted to welcome so many visitors to their April meeting to hear Hugh Davies' talk about women in Intelligence, Espionage and Resistance. The latter half of his extremely well illustrated talk concentrated on the role of women in WWII and we learned of many quite ordinary women who undertook the most extraordinary tasks. Many of the agents he mentioned were dropped into occupied France flying from Tempsford and Tangmere. He stated that the life of a radio operator was measured in weeks and many women agents were captured, tortured and died in Concentration Camps. The fate of some has never been established. His talk afforded us a glimpse back in time and a moment to reflect on what we owe to women, and indeed men, such as these.

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## **MAY AND JUNE SERVICES AT ST PETER'S**

The service pattern in the Benefice continues with Tempsford having a service including Communion on every first and third Sunday in a month. On a first Sunday we are using the "Praise God Together" booklets and on a third Sunday words come from the Prayer Book.

### **Sunday May 1st**

**Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion ("Praise God Together")**

Sunday May 8th

Gt Barford 9.30am; Roxton 11.00am; Blunham 11.30am  
(all Holy Communion)

### **Sunday May 15th**

**Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion**

Gt Barford 10.30am Ivel Group Christian Aid Service:  
Speaker Roger Riddell of Christian Aid

Sunday May 22nd

Gt Barford 9.30am; Roxton 11.00am; Blunham 11.30am  
(all Holy Communion)

Sunday May 29th

Blunham 10.30am; Benefice Holy Communion

### **Thursday June 2nd Ascension Day**

**St Denys, Little Barford 7.00pm Holy Communion**

### **Sunday June 5th**

**Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion ("Praise God Together")**

Sunday June 12th

Gt Barford 9.30am; Roxton 11.00am; Blunham 11.30am  
(all Holy Communion)

### **Sunday June 19th**

**Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion**

Sunday June 26th

Gt Barford 9.30am; Roxton 11.00am; Blunham 11.30am  
(all Holy Communion)

### **Sunday July 1st**

**Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion ("Praise God Together")**