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KIER'S APPLICATION FOR NEW WORK IS APPROVED BY Central Beds Council

We in Tempsford are proud to have the HQ of an important international company such as Kiers in our village; the hall and the parkland area are important historic features of our village. There has been some housing development around the hall since it first became a centre of employment, and when an application for development of the buildings on the parkland was lodged there was much concern amongst the neighbours and the Parish Council.

Kiers plan to demolish the 1960s office block (front page photograph) , to rebuild it in a more sympathetic and eco-friendly design and alignment, to refurbish the old hall, and to improve the parkland setting with the removal of the old swimming pool area, and replace it with a changing facilities and a MUGA (multi-use games area).

However in order to inform the residents and to have a public discussion of the application, Tempsford Parish Council held an open meeting with residents of the parish on June 21st. Twenty residents attended as did the architects, two representatives of Kiers, six Parish Councillors and one Ward Councillor. No objections in principle were raised to the main application but many voices of dissention were heard about specific items within the plans, and requests were made to Kiers and their architects to consider these issues:

- a) construction is planned to take two years and during that time construction traffic would enter and leave the site via the Everton Road, but staff traffic would enter and leave via Station Road
- b) the additional discharge into what is already a poor sewage system in Station Road.
- c) the size and proximity of the car park to local houses;
- d) the lighting and use of the area outside office hours;

Much was made of the fact that Kiers had gone ahead with this planning application without first consulting the village. It was only due to the Parish Council organising the open meeting that there had been an opportunity to publicly see the plans and discuss the proposals.

The residents organised a petition and wrote their own letters of objection, and the Parish Council being in agreement with these concerns expressed them in the following letter of objection to the Planning Committee.

“The Parish Council asks that the access into the site be reviewed to assess the possibility of ALL building and staff traffic entering and exiting through the Everton Road entrance during the two-year construction period. We recognise the benefit to the aesthetics of the arrival experience for visitors and staff by reversing the flow of traffic to and from Kier in normal working conditions, but it is to the detriment of the village due to the unsuitability of the residential nature of Stuart Court and Station Road and the added pressure it puts on the junction of Station Road and the link road.

The Parish Council asserts that the sewage system in Tempsford is overloaded and frequently has to be pumped out using tankers. If it is not, then it overflows and floods local residents’ houses, which has happened several times in the past. Regardless of what ‘water saving measures’ will be used, the development is going to add the equivalent of over 30 houses to the infrastructure and place an even greater burden on a system that cannot cope. The Parish Council would expect to see alternative proposals from Kier on how they intend to manage their sewage to avoid further flooding.

The Parish Council asks that the siting of the car park be reviewed to assess (a) the possibility of moving it further from the residential properties of Home Farm Close; (b) that any lighting is low-level and switched off between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am overnight and during weekends and bank holidays, and (c) that native evergreen trees and shrubs such as yew and holly are used to screen car parking and lighting from the residential properties.

Due to the vicinity of the Conservation Areas of Station Road and Church End the Parish Council request that ‘silent’ non percussive piling is used on this site.

The Parish Council states its concern that this development may be a precursor to proposals for large-scale development of this historic parkland.”

Since that meeting, Kiers and their architects put a considerable amount of time and thought into addressing these objections and the Parish Council had further discussions with them concerning the revisions:

a) They agreed to our request that staff traffic does not enter and exit the park via Station Road, but continues with their one way system during the construction period of in via Station Road and out via Everton Road. They have further agreed to reversing that flow after construction is completed. The Parish Council asked that Kier staff continue to be considerate in their

driving into work via Station Road during the construction period, and that further consideration is given to making all traffic enter and exit via Everton Road in future.

- b) Kiers employed professionals to inspect the sewage and drainage system within the Station Road area and found that there are indeed problems (as the residents have been long complaining about) which Anglian Water will need to address. The Parish Council maintains that these problems may well be exacerbated by the increase of discharge from Kiers and will therefore be pleased to work with Kiers to pursue Anglian Water's solution.
- c) The architects have realigned the car park area some few extra metres away from the residents' properties, and redesigned its layout with less parking places. They have improved the amount of screening from the properties with appropriate planting of trees and hedges.
- d) They have redesigned the lighting of the area as requested, and agreed that it should not be on after 10pm. The potential level of use by staff outside office hours was considered to be low.
- e) The amount of noise and dust produced from the work will be monitored by Kiers and thereby kept to a minimum.
- f) Kiers assure us that they have no further intentions to build on the parkland.

Kiers also apologised to the council and agreed that they had made a mistake in not putting the plans before the public before they formally made the planning application. They offered to improve links between them and the village in future.

The Parish Council therefore responded positively to the revisions that had been made to address the points raised by the residents and the council, and raised no objections to the revised plans being accepted.

The planning application was passed unanimously by the Development Management Committee of Central Bedfordshire Council .

The Parish Council is asking Kiers to keep the parishioners regularly informed of progress during the construction period and is working with Kiers to improve links and relationships between the villagers and the company in as many ways as possible.

Adrian Besant, Tempsford Parish Council Chairman

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The survey will only take 10-15 minutes to complete and your views will help to shape policing in Bedfordshire. To take part please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/65XL2Y7>

SPEEDING:

Residents may be interested to learn that the Police supplied the Parish Council with information about the volume and occurrence of speeding along Station Road. The information was collected by a sensor on a lamp-post outside 87 Station Road during May. The peak times of speeding varied from day to day but the speed limit was exceeded more often when travelling towards the A1 than away from it! The police have stated that enforcement will be prioritised at peak times and have been asked to repeat the exercise in Church Street. You have been warned!

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| | | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Weekly |
| Data. | | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | Total |
| Both Directions | No: 35 mph & above per day | 42 | 33 | 26 | 58 | 20 | 53 | 53 | 285 |
| | Total daily volume | 869 | 675 | 565 | 829 | 852 | 740 | 804 | 5334 |
| | Daily % 35 mph & above. | 4.83 | 4.89 | 4.60 | 7.00 | 2.35 | 7.16 | 6.59 | 5.34 |

Wednesday, 21 September 2011
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We will also provide your family with a light meal before you leave, so when you go home there is no need to worry about getting something to eat.

We will have a Harvest Theme and there will be a variety of activities for you to do e.g. Autumn collage, fir cone hedgehogs, Autumn mobiles and lots more!

Messy Church is free – there is no charge for food or activities. It is open to people of all ages but children aged 3-12 and their parents/ grandparents will particularly enjoy it!

Due to insurance requirements children need to attend with at least one adult.

If you would like to find out more or book your places
please contact Carole Gosling on 01767 640289
or Revd Tricia Williams on 01480 473444

MORE FUN FROM “FEAST WEEK” **The Tug of War**



ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

September 1st. *Uncovering the Past.* Members of St Neots and District Artifacts Club explain Responsible Metal Detecting. *We hope to have a short demonstration nearby.*

October 6th. *Bedfordshire Railways.* Nigel Lutt of the Bedfordshire Archive Service.

November 3rd. *Murder in Flitwick Wood.* Mark Steinhardt tells a chilling tale from the past.

Our group meetings take place at Roxton Parish Hall usually in the Bar area, on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Why not come along to one of our meetings; we are a friendly group and you are sure to find some of our topics interesting.

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As I write today we are in the middle of the school holidays. It is always a joy, come September, to see the children who have just left our local lower schools newly ensconced in Alban – although this time round, it's Alban Church of England Academy! They are growing up, which is poignant in some ways, but this is a sign of *positive* change.

Other changes arrive so gradually that we barely notice them. Advances in technology have accelerated the pace of life. As standards of living have risen, people's expectations have also been raised. We are no longer prepared to wait for things, still less to go without. It is only when we look back to how things were in earlier times that we realise how life has altered in the developed world. Some of the changes we have seen have not been beneficial to everybody.

The repercussions that arose from the alteration of the Sunday trading laws, for example, took some time to have a serious effect on church life – it was only as a generation of weekly worshippers dwindled that we began to notice how the younger generations often had other things to do on a Sunday. Some had predicted this trend before shops were permitted to open, but for those of us with busy lives, having more time to fit in essential shopping was bound simply to be an advantage. But, of course, it was the thin end of the wedge and Sunday is now very little different from any other day... and church attendance has declined as a result.

The impact of this trend has been worse in rural areas. One of the Church of England's great strengths was its parochial system (with a resident priest caring for local people), but the large number of ancient buildings it has, often attached to tiny communities, makes that pattern impossible to sustain.

Now that church congregations have to find the money for their ministry as well as maintaining their buildings, many more small worshipping communities are feeling the strain. As our congregations were smaller to start with than those of towns, subtly advancing erosion is a long-term problem. There are fewer people on hand to undertake necessary jobs – particularly administration - and fewer who can share the financial burdens.

We have to ask the question: are our country churches important to us? If the

answer is yes, we must put our own tide of change in hand: the only thing likely to secure the future of our beloved local churches is our personal commitment. If we are not more generous with our time, talents and other resources, we shall lose them. If they close, they will almost certainly be lost for good. Let's not sleepwalk into this impoverished position.

There was a splendid poster a while back which, under a picture of a church building asked: 'What is missing from this Ch__ch?' – 'U R'! In a time of much unwelcome change, when it comes to the survival of our churches, there is no substitute for being there. With love *Revd Margaret*

PS We are making good progress with St Peter's hymn book appeal – particularly thanks to the Tempsford Veterans and relatives association. If you would like to sponsor a hymn book (£10 with a memorial dedication or £8 without, please contact David Beagent at the Old Rectory or email me at Riversmeetvicar@btinternet.com.)

A huge thank you to the Feast Week team, who raised nearly £1500. Without that generous effort the church would simply not survive! OUR HARVEST SERVICE IS AT 6PM ON 2ND OCTOBER; HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FUTURE DIARY DATES - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Remembrance Day Service: United Village Service on Sunday, **13 November** at the Stuart Memorial Hall commencing at 3.00 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Chapel Christmas Fayre – Saturday, 3rd December from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Chapel Carol Service – Sunday, 18th December at 6.00 p.m.

Would you like to be involved with the publication of the Tempsford Times? I shall be retiring at the end of the year and a replacement is urgently needed. Please give me call on 640624 if you can help.

Jeff Cloughton

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

September and October Services

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

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| 4 th September | 6.00pm | Section United Service: Berkley Street |
| 11 th September | 6.00pm | Preacher: Rev. Katy Dunn |
| 18 th September | 6.00pm | Preacher: Rev. Tricia Williams |
| 25 th September | 6.00pm | Harvest Festival Service (see below) led by Mrs. Margaret Harris |
| 2 nd October | 6.00pm | Section United Service: Eaton Ford |
| 9 th October | 6.00pm | Preacher: Rev. David King |
| 16 th October | 3.00pm | Preacher: Rev. Tricia Williams |
| 23 rd October | NO SERVICE | |
| 30 th October | 6.00pm | Preacher: Mr. John Bridge |

Tempsford Methodist Church



Sunday 25 September 2010 at 6.00 pm

Led by Mrs Margaret Harris

Come and join our thanksgiving for another Harvest
Everyone welcome

All gifts of produce used to decorate the church for this occasion will be
distributed later to the sick and elderly of the village.

Special Open Air Service

Over 60 people came along to enjoy what we hoped would have been an open air service at Biggin Farm on Sunday, 7 August led by Rev. Tricia Williams. Due to the rather windy conditions the picnic was held in the schoolroom followed by the service in the Chapel afterwards. Thanks go to everyone who once again worked so hard to make this annual event so enjoyable.

CHAT CLUB

On Wednesday, 29th June members enjoyed a Strawberry Cream Tea, together with assorted cakes and lots of tea relaxing in the company of friends. It was also an opportunity for us all to wish Mabel and John Jackson sincere congratulations on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and present them with gifts to enjoy during their special celebration. In July a Garden Party was held at Biggin Farm to celebrate the 9th birthday of the Chat Club. On Wednesday, 31 August we shall be holding a 'Crafty Afternoon'.

Chat Club meets again in the Chapel Schoolroom on Wednesday, 28th September and Wednesday, 26th October from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

PEOPLE NEWS

Continued good wishes to all our village friends who are or have been in hospital recently, or are house bound:

Phil and Barbara Plumb, Adrian Jarvis, Mont Bettles, Dorothy Bettles, Sam Knott, Paul Bambridge, Cynthia Jefferies, Ron Moore, Kath Mardlin Betty Mardlin, Ron Bettles, Betty Ingram, Jane and George McCarthy, Andrew Myers, Craig Wilford.

Congratulations to Ruth Pattinson of Station Road on winning first prize in the Aragon Housing "Small Gardens" category.

TEMPSFORD FEAST WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2011

**This year's Feast Week Celebrations have been yet again,
a resounding success.**

On Monday June 27 approximately 80 people turned out for the family fun rounders match at Church End playing field. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening with hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks and a good time was had by all. A profit of £65 was made on the evening.

The next event was on Wednesday evening June 29 when a few women sat clacking their needles for the sponsor knit in St. Peter's Church. The amount raised for that event was £165.00 sponsor money collected.

The next event was on Thursday evening June 30th, where parents and children came down to the Millennium Garden for the "Spot the Bird" competition. All children who took part received a small prize. A total of £15 profit was made on the evening.

On Saturday July 2, the long awaited Tempsford Duck Race and Feast week Fayre took place on the meadow near Ouse Farm by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Infield. The weather was very kind, which brought out a large number of people who enjoyed various old time side-show games which included splat the rat, beat the buzzer, roll a penny, coconut shy, beat the goalie, tombola, cakes, raffle, books, plants, face painting and children's activity tent, BBQ and ice-cream. A tug of war took place between the children of Church End and Station Road and the winners were the children of Station Road. Winner of the adult tug of war competition was Church End.

At 3.30 pm the Duck Race took place and with a fast running river, the race took only 2 minutes! The winning duck was number 95 C.Stafford of Church Street, who won £50. The 2nd prize was number 452 Mrs. Giovanna Pisano of Station Road, who won £25 - congratulations to them.

Feast Week takes up a lot of time and effort and it can only be achieved by the help and support of many people. Special thanks to: Linda Collins, Tina and Dave Goddard, Chloe Beaumont, Betty and

Phil Russell, Maureen and Alec Gore, Diane Hart, Maureen Goddard, Doreen and Glorie, Margaret Smith, Eileen and Ian Gosling, Shirley and Paul Sharman, Dan and Paulina Clark, Gary and Grace Blick, Jacky and the Evans boys, Michael and Marie Cooney, Kevin, Liz, Matthew and Jennifer Cooney, Jim Donnelly, Liz and Richard Infield and to John and Jen Infield for the use of the field and preparing it for the show, also to Luke Knott for supplying the Portaloo, to the Stuart Memorial Hall and Methodist Chapel for supplying the tables and chairs. Also to everyone that took the trouble to supply cakes, books, tombola etc and special thanks to everyone who supported the events during the week.

We are pleased to say that the total raised was £1464.52 which will go a long way to supporting St. Peter's Church during the coming year.

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TEMPSFORD DIAMOND JUBILEE- UPDATE

Fundraising for next year's Diamond Jubilee is going extremely well, with all the fundraising events we have had and are about to have being well supported.

Since the last edition of Tempsford Times, we have had a generous donation to the funds from Mr and Mrs Tim Sills of Cottage Farm in Church End. Our grateful thanks to them and we wish them good luck in their new home when they leave the village shortly. They will be sadly missed, but we are sure they will give us a visit from time to time.

Our last fundraising event was on Sunday 31st July, when we had an afternoon get together with a selection of Tempsford Archives on show, also a raffle and books for sale. We also had a children's activity table to keep the youngsters amused. All this was enjoyed with a nice cup of tea or coffee and some wonderful home made cakes and scones with fresh cream. A constant flow of about eighty people came along and enjoyed the two hour event, which raised £163.00 profit. This takes our total raised so far to £1,100.00.

Our next event takes place on Saturday 20th August 2011, when we will be having a Safari Supper, where fifty people will be enjoying a fun evening of a three course meal with wine at three different venues in the village. All fifty tickets for this event have been sold, so thank you to everyone who will be coming along for your support. We will update you all on how the evening went and how much we make, in the next edition of Tempsford Times.

This will be our final fundraising event this year, but we will be hard at our fundraising again early next year, with a Bingo Evening planned for Saturday 28th January 2012, so put this down on your calendar. We are also planning to do a massive Exhibition of Tempsford Archives sometime in March or April. More news on this will be forthcoming.

This year's fundraising has been very successful and this is all down to the support we have had from you. On behalf of the Tempsford Diamond Jubilee Committee, we would like to say a big "Thank You" for all your support which we hope you will continue next year. Remember, every penny we raise, goes back to you next year, for a celebration we hope you will all remember for years to come.

Steve Cooney

New Venture: 'MEET & EAT'

Come along and join us for lunch in the Chapel Schoolroom. The 'Meet & Eat' lunch will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. September and October menus are as shown below. We hope it will give villagers the opportunity to meet up for a meal and relax with friends and also give those who have recently moved to the village the chance to come along and meet some new friends. Call Carole Gosling on 01767 640289 if you would like to know more or if you would like to book your place and lunch choice.

To help us with catering and seating arrangements all places **MUST** be booked by mid-day on the Monday prior to the lunch taking place. We really look forward to welcoming you.

Tempsford Methodist Chapel

'MEET & EAT' LUNCH

Wednesday, 14 September 2011
12.30 to 2.00 p.m.

MENU OPTIONS

Bacon & Onion Quiche
Ham or Corned Beef
served with salad
New Potatoes
Bread and Butter

Strawberry Gateau
Chocolate Gateau
Tea/Coffee

£3.00 per person

Tempsford Methodist Chapel

'MEET & EAT' LUNCH

Wednesday, 12 October 2011
12.30 to 2.00 p.m.

MENU

'Cheesy Top' Cottage Pie
Seasonal Vegetables

Bread and Butter

Peaches/Meringue with Cream
Tea/Coffee

£3.00 per person



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**MORE FUN FROM
FEAST WEEK**
—the Duck Race

Richard Infield and
Dave Goddard (hidden)
set the ducks off on
their way to the
finishing line



Off they go!



**AND
THE
WINNER
IS.....**

Dave Goddard,
Steve Cooney,
Dan Clark, Liz
Infield and John
Infield keep a
close eye on the
ducks as they
approach the
winning line

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Together We Can Make A Difference.

The Methodist Church is once again taking part in this special project. As last year, there will be no initial get-together at the Chapel but all information, together with leaflets and DVDs will be available as of 1st September from Carole Gosling at Biggin Farm, Station Road (Tel.No. 01767 640289) should you wish to fill a shoebox for a child. Why not get a group round to view the DVD and involve your friends in packing gift-filled shoe boxes. Each shoebox donated by you represents one more gift for a child in need. Last year our village sent 116 gift-filled shoeboxes to the Christmas Child Appeal which was a fantastic response.

Mother Theresa once sat in a gutter of Calcutta with a visiting Bishop from the UK and he asked how he could possibly make a difference when faced with such abject poverty. She turned to him and said, "Begin with the one sitting beside you". We cannot sit down beside a child in the slums of Calcutta, or on a rubbish heap in Serbia but with the filling of our shoeboxes we can send love and hope to each child who receives them. Children are so often the innocent victims of the world we live in today and shoeboxes are small –but your 'love in a box' shows that there is love in the world and it tells them 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.**

DIARY DATE

Filled shoeboxes can be brought to the Methodist Church on Wednesday, 16 November at 7.15 p.m. – more details in the next edition of Tempsford Times.

BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the beginning of August the Blunham & District Gardening Club visited Kathy Brown's garden in Stevington. The evening kept fine as Kathy showed us around her lovely garden, beginning with a brief history of the house and garden and later describing, with such enthusiasm, her many varieties of late flowering clematis. The evening was rounded off with tea and cakes.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September in Blunham Village Hall, 7.30pm. Betty Wood will be talking about fuchsias. In the past Betty has been very involved with the National Fuchsia Society so I'm sure her talk will be interesting and informative. All welcome.

Brenda Leaf

STUART MEMORIAL HALL

It's show time again.....

Our very popular **Annual Horticultural Show** is on Saturday 3rd September. The day begins with the acceptance of exhibits 10.00am to 11.30am after which the hall will be closed for judging until 1.30pm. The hall will then be open to the public to see the exhibits and have a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of homemade cake. Between 3pm and 4pm there will be the paper aeroplane challenge which is a new event to the show and will be followed by the presentation of awards and the grand auction of exhibits.

The usual free Bouncy Castle will be there again together with the ever popular wood-turner, beat the goalie and a children's bran tub. Let's hope the sun shines for us!

Our next event will be the **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 8th October. Tickets are £5 which will include well loved ploughman's supper and entertainment by the Moonlighters. Tickets for the Harvest Supper will be on sale at the Horticultural Show as well as tickets for our **Christmas Quiz Evening** hosted by The Ebelings on Saturday 3rd December .

The children's ballet classes on a Wednesday at the hall are extremely popular and there are some new classes starting in September for a tea dance on a Tuesday afternoon and a beginner's ballroom class on a Friday evening. Details for these classes are on our website.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council last met on 19th July. *The following is a summary of the main points of discussion. Full copies of the minutes are available from the Parish Clerk or on the village website*

Cooption of new Councillor

Conor Jameson of 157 Station Road was co-opted by the Council to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor caused by the retirement of Ian Gosling in May

Planning

The application of Kiers was discussed as reported elsewhere. The Council received a letter from Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) stating that CBC had objected to the planning application at 35 Station Road and that Mr and Mrs Kier-Creese have launched an appeal to the objection.

Highways

The Parish Council was pleased to report that the Highways department had re-laid the road surface on the roads leading to and around the overbridge at Church End. A list of improvements needed to the paths and roads within the Parish had been made and presented to representatives of the Highways department in June. These included:

small but deep potholes opposite Mossbury Manor; sunken entrance to Ivy Close; pot hole in gravel opposite 81 Station Road; edging breaking up in various parts of Station Road and beyond the level crossing and near the sewage farm on Little Barford Road. In Church End: potholes outside 26; path collapsed outside 13; siding out needed outside "Sunset; path and kerbing from "The Wheatsheaf" to Church Farm needs to be redone; all paths need to have weeds removed from edges and gulleys; siding out needed on left side path on entrance to Church Street; trees encroaching on road (outside "Ouselnd").

Children's Play Area

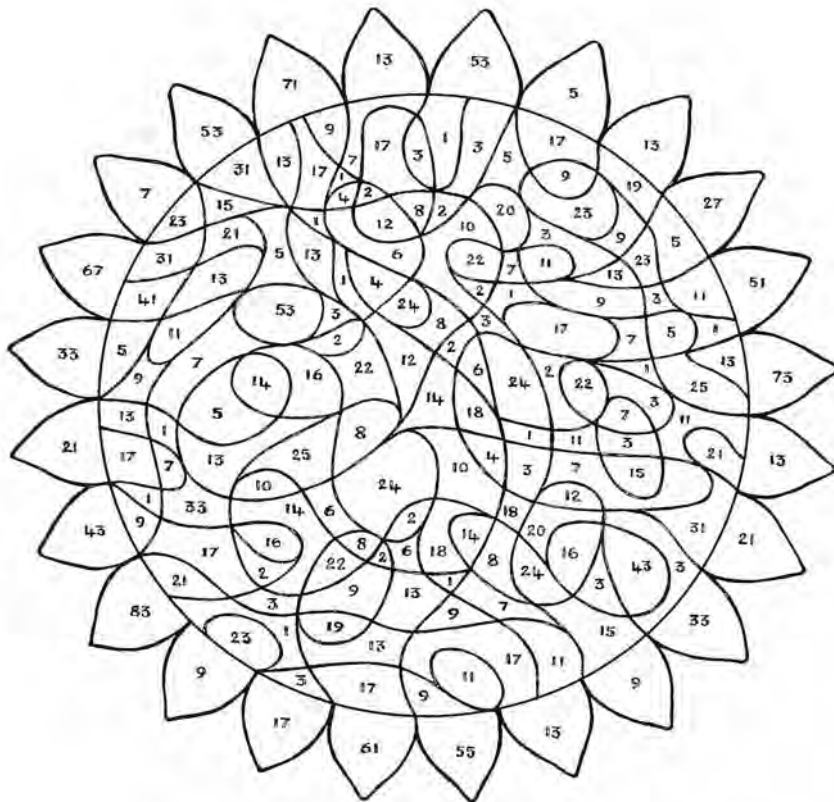
A report had been received from RoSPA on the safety aspects of the play equipment. The Council did not accept the report as it had not been carried out properly, and included comments and photographs from the previous year's report taking no account whatsoever of the work that had been done by the council to improve items since last year. A letter of complaint along with the report was sent back to RoSPA and a copy also sent to CBC.

The Planning Committee met on August 10th and discussed the meeting with Kiers on 8th August and its response to Kiers' revised application as reported elsewhere in this issue.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday Sept 20th at 7.30 pm at the Stuart Memorial Hall

PUZZLE PAGE

Autumn sunflower puzzle picture: Colour in the shapes containing even numbers to discover the picture.



OUR APOLOGIES TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS FOR THE LATE PUBLICATION OF OUR LAST ISSUE.

**Our Printers were having problems with their machinery.
We hope on this occasion that these problems
have been rectified.**

DOMESDAY BOOK RELOADED

You may remember that in our last edition we included paragraphs from a survey done by school children from Sandy Upper School for the BBC's 1985 Domesday Project. This has been reloaded by being put on online. The following are two more sections the students recorded about Tempsford. In the light of other articles in this edition we thought that it would be interesting to compare life in 1938 with 1985 and now. The problems associated with the diversion caused by the A1 was a topic of interest to the students then and was only "solved" a decade ago.

Traffic Surveys

In September 1938 following the new classification of roads A, B etc the Ministry of Transport carried out a traffic survey just outside of Tempsford to count the flow of traffic. The results taken over a seven day period 16 hours a day were as follows:

| | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M/Bikes | 175 | 95 | 83 | 80 | 124 | 278 | 406 |
| Car | 1983 | 1514 | 1595 | 1667 | 2099 | 3048 | 3555 |
| Bus | 73 | 49 | 47 | 44 | 70 | 109 | 113 |
| Van | 108 | 121 | 147 | 160 | 168 | 127 | 56 |
| Steam lorries | 571 | 699 | 749 | 717 | 663 | 362 | 99 |
| Tractors | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Push Bikes | 403 | 316 | 289 | 337 | 322 | 463 | 585 |
| Horse Drawn | | | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 23 | 27 | 25 | 40 | 31 | 9 | 0 |
| Pedestrians | 44 | 47 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 73 | 170 |

(We must also remember that the A1 then went along Church Street: Editor)

The group decided it would be a worthwhile exercise to conduct a smaller traffic survey of movement in and out of Tempsford and flow of traffic through Tempsford north and south bound on the A1, *(now a dual carriage-way bypassing Church Street. Ed)*

The following is a table of results taken from 11.00a.m. to 12.00 noon Thursday June 13th 1985.

A1 South bound traffic.

| Cars | Lorries | Coach/Bus | Pedstr'ns | Bikes. |
|------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 452 | 130 | 4 | 3 | 0 |

A1 North bound traffic.

| Cars | Lorries | Coach/Bus | Pedstrns | Bikes. |
|------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 315 | 121 | 5 | 2 | 4 |

Even though this was not peak traffic times the survey showed just how busy the dual carriage way is. A constant stream of cars and goods vehicles passing up and down the A1 straight through Tempsford.

As the second part of the traffic survey we recorded the flow of traffic through the village and traffic which turned off the A1 for Tempsford and vice-versa.

| CHURCH END | Cars | Bikes | Buses | Van | Peds. |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| | 21 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 7 |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|---|
| STATION END ENTRY | 24 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|---|
| STATION END EXIT | 26 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|---|

Obviously movement of traffic and people in any one given hour would be dependent on many factors time of day, weather, bus times etc, but it would appear that should all exits off the A1 in the area be closed this would create great problems for Tempsford and its inhabitants.

Tempsford Divided

The village of Tempsford has always been divided by a road. There is a Church end to the village and a Station end. This has not helped to foster a close village community. Yet now new plans are afoot which would make this situation even worse.

The proposed plan is to close all intersections off the A1 between the Black Cat roundabout and Sandy. This plan has caused great concern in the village because if passed it would further isolate the two ends of the village. Local residents have established committees to fight the plan and are demanding the building of a footbridge or some other form of lifeline to unite the two ends of the village.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SERVICES AT ST PETER'S

The pattern continues with Holy Communion at St Peter's each first and third Sunday. Gt Barford has a service every week at 9.30am, Roxton at 11.00am and Blunham at 11.15am unless there is the one Benefice service at 10.30am. "Praise God Together" is Holy Communion with slightly easier wording for younger members of the congregation.

Sunday Sept 4th

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

Sunday Sept 11th

Gt Barford 9.30am; Blunham 11.15am (all Holy Communion)

Sunday Sept 18th

Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday Sept 25th

Gt Barford 9.30am; Roxton 11.00am; Blunham 11.15am
(all Holy Communion)

Sunday October 2nd

Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion ("Praise God Together")
Tempsford 6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday October 9th

Gt Barford 9.30am (Holy Communion)

Sunday October 16th

Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday October 23rd

Gt Barford at Methodist Church at 10.30am;
Roxton 11.00am (Holy Communion) Blunham 11.15am (Holy Communion)

Sunday October 30th

Gt Barford: Patronal 10.30am (joint with Gt Barford Methodist Church) followed by lunch

Sunday November 6th

Tempsford 9.30am Holy Communion