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## Tempsford Feast Week

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**From Rev Barbara Ebeling,  
Rector of St Peter's, Tempsford**

Dear Friends,

On Saturday I had a wonderful new experience. I went for a helicopter ride. I was not looking forward to it, having felt very strange on top of Blackpool Tower once, and never daring to go on things like roller coasters or the London Eye.

We took off from a farm in Tadlow and flew over Cockayne Hatley, Sandy, and Tempsford and landed at Blunham playing field. It was amazing to see the landscape that I drive round every day from a different angle, and especially moving to see Tempsford Airfield laid out almost as it was in the war. How must those pilots have felt returning after dangerous and difficult missions into Europe. How they must have loved to see the fields and trees of England set out underneath them. I am still learning about what went on at Tempsford airfield, and all the stories are of bravery. How amazing too that what went on there did stay a secret through the war. So my short flight made me think about and say thank you for what that generation did for us all. May we never forget.

It also taught me that it is good to face your fears. The more I thought about flying the more apprehensive I became, and yet in the end, it was an experience I would be pleased to repeat. Perhaps the things we fear are not always as bad as they seem. It's good too to try and look at problems from a different angle, sometimes by stepping a bit farther away things become clearer.

Please join us for Feast Week 2008, which will end with a Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, when we can thank God for the village, and for the church set within it.

Barbara



*This photo was taken outside St Peter's after a wedding in 1955*

the countryside she loved [and she could name every tree and flower and bird, giving the "country name" as well as the "book name" in many cases] but entered neither into politics nor gossip.

During her days giving piano lessons she cycled regularly to Tempsford but actually was rarely seen in Station Road after retiring from the teaching about the age of sixty. She continued to cycle to St Peter's until her eighties and then was happy to accept a lift regularly for several more years until declining health kept her home more recently.

With her passing, Tempsford has lost a good friend and Blunham has lost "a character". A quarter peal was rung half-muffled on the bells in her memory after her funeral on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and she was interred in Blunham's cemetery with her family.

## **Joan Harding (1913—2008)**

The recent death of Joan Harding , two weeks after her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, broke a long association with Tempsford as, for most of that long life, Joan was pleased to be a member of St Peter's church. She and two younger brothers were born in Park Lane in Blunham and the family moved, when Joan was 7, to the house in Grange Road in which she lived for the next 88 years - a record of which she was rather proud.

She loved her childhood there, playing in the water meadows and in the lvel itself, in the hayloft in the barn across their yard and with the pony which pulled their small cart. Until she had access to a bicycle, however, Joan's usual means of transport, like most people's, was her feet.

Her father was a church-goer but disliked the services taken by the rector in Blunham and he chose to take his family to Tempsford, about the same distance across the fields as the alternative of Gt Barford. Joan and her brothers attended Sunday School and then, as a young lady she assisted with the Sunday School at St Peter's under two successive vicars.

Her idyllic childhood life ended when a third brother, Rex, was born. Joan was 13 and she effectively became Rex's nurse-maid. Then, two years later, their father died and the young Joan and her mother brought up the family and kept the farm. For 60 years, Joan played her part and she was still picking beans in industrial quantities well into her 70's.

Somehow she became competent enough with playing the piano to teach it and she also became, firstly relief organist and later, full time at St Peter's - in those days with at least two services each Sunday as well as requiring a private evening's practice during the week. When she retired as organist at the age of 80 she reckoned she had given 50 years' service and that included rushing between services in her sixties and even seventies when required to play at Blunham too.

It is said that her natural sense of rhythm made her an excellent dancer in her younger days and when the ban on ringing was lifted in 1943 she also learnt to ring the bells, another skill with which she served her church until forced to give it up after some forty years. As a bell-ringer she rang at Tempsford regularly and Blunham occasionally and supported the District's regular Saturday meetings as well, often, of course, cycling many miles, as was the norm in the Forties and Fifties.

And that's how most people remember Joan - as a small figure on a bike, in a short sleeved cardigan, but always without stockings or trousers, though wearing a woolly hat and gloves in winter, and, as a great concession to inclement weather, a flowing fawn mac. They also recall "a very private person" but nevertheless, a kindly one who was always happy to chat about

## **Parish Church Events**

### **Services for May and June at St Peter's Tempsford.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. 7pm. Ascension Day service at Little Barford. Come and experience worship in this beautiful little church.

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Service at Roxton for Christian Aid Week
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm	FEAST WEEK SONGS OF PRAISE, with activities for the children

### **Are you a needlewoman or an embroiderer?**

We are hoping to spend part of a legacy to the church on an altar cloth for our small communion table. It would be lovely if there were one or two people who would be willing to do the stitching. Clarissa Robinson from Great Barford who is the diocese's expert on church linen will be able to advise on the pattern.

If you could help please contact Barbara on 01234 870363.

It would be lovely to have something made by the people of Tempsford,.

## Stuart Memorial Hall

**CHANCE YOUR LUCK ON FRIDAY 13th**

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7.30pm**

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## **Weather Update : January to April 2008**

The year started on a fairly mild but wet note with only six nights in January when frost was recorded. February was a lovely month and we all thought that spring had sprung. There was very little rainfall (under half an inch) and many sunny days. The temperature reached 15°C (59°F) on Feb 12th but the clear skies meant many frosty nights, the coldest being on Feb 17th when the temperature dropped to -9.5°C.

In March we had some very windy and unsettled weather; rainfall was higher than average (2¾") and constant gales just around Easter brought down a huge tree in Langford End field on the south side of Station Road. There was also snow on Easter Sunday morning, a weather feature much more common at Easter than Christmas;. Spring seemed to be on hold.

April started with a few warm, sunny days but quickly changed to a cooler spell across the middle of the month, and then some lovely spring weather towards the end. There were many heavy showers of hail and thunder, quite typical for this time of year too. As May arrives hopefully we can look forward to longer, sunnier and warmer days heralding the start of summer.

*Meryl Besant*

## **People News**

### **Welcome to :**

Hollie Olivia Rose Blick born on 7th Dec 2007 at 11.43am weighing 8lb 4oz  
Lauren Mary Fraser born on 17th February 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz  
a daughter for Nicole and Simon Fraser of 60a Station Road

### **Best wishes to :**

two members of our village in nursing homes and to those who have been or are in hospital, especially Sam Knott, Barry Fitzpatrick, Cynthia Fuller, Ron Moore, Wendy Bettles and Betty Ingram.

### **Deepest sympathy goes** to the families and friends of :

Jack Hall who died recently

Ted Ingram who died recently at the age of 86

and Babs Bettles who died on 12 April aged 81

We shall miss all three stalwarts of our village very much.

**Thanks from** Phil and Kath of 72 Station Road who would like to say a big thank you to everyone for making Bradley's adoption day very special. Thank you for the many cards, flowers, bottles of wine and the gifts that they received. They all had a really fantastic day.

### **Garage Sale**

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## Mkolama Village Water Project Appeal by St Peters Parochial Church Council

Mkolama is a small village in the Eastern Province of Zambia, Central Africa, located some 280 miles east of the capital Lusaka, and 15 miles north of the small town of Petauke. The village has a population of about 250.

For many years this community has relied for its water supply on a well located in the village. In recent years the supply from the well has diminished and become polluted, with outbreaks of cholera common. So it was decided to try to sink a deep borehole to improve both the quantity and quality of the water supply and sufficient money was raised for the borehole to be done and a hand operated pump installed. Unfortunately the most suitable location was in a valley about 1 mile from the village! This means that every day water has to be fetched (mostly by the women!), who walk downhill with the empty containers to the borehole then struggle uphill with the heavy loads back to the village. We who have a constant supply of potable water direct to our homes find it difficult to imagine the time and effort needed to fetch every drop.

So the second phase of this project is to provide a pump and a pipeline from the borehole up to the village. The cost of this is estimated at £3500 of which, so far £1350 has been raised, leaving £2200 required to complete the project. The aim of this appeal is to raise this sum as quickly as possible so that the work can be completed and clean fresh water will be available in the village.

***It is worth noting that since the installation of the borehole there have been no outbreaks of cholera in the community.***

Tempsford PCC believes that this is a project worth supporting and we invite you to support our efforts in raising the target sum.

If you feel you are able to contribute please support one of our special collections or better still give a gift-aided cheque to St Peters Church, specifying 'Mkolama Water Project' If you wish any further information, or to make a donation please contact Jeff Claughton on 01767 640624

*Rev'd Barbara Ebeling, Rector, St Peters Tempsford.*

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### Question: where would you have found Fairy Cakes, Wyboston WI and Four No Trumps on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April?

Answer: In the Stuart Memorial Hall, Tempsford. These were three of the 20 teams keenly competing to win the annual Tempsford Village quiz. Often one of the most demanding questions for a quiz team is to devise a suitable name to describe the group of people who have come together in the hope of carrying off first prize or avoiding the wooden spoon. Many of the teams were masters of invention and the bizarrely named "Innit Toowinit" and "Ouzing but Losing" competed against "By the Phone Box" and "Universally Challenged" amongst others.

The quiz was devised by and run by Chris Ebeling. Chris has a unique talent in putting together a series of rounds to both entertain and frustrate the competitors. We worked our way through 10 rounds, which included questions on Sport, Literature, Geography and In The News. A "Quite Interesting" (QI) round included devious questions thought out by Stephen Fry. These were all topped off with the usual marathon round; this year we had to identify who sailed or rode on various crafts or horses. In all there were 196 points up for grabs.



*(The quiz teams busy at work!*

*Photo: Jeff Cloughton)*

Another fun part of the evening was shouting out answers to the supplementary questions asked by Chris as he gives the answers to the official questions. Correct answers to the supplementary questions were rewarded with fun packs of chocolate hurled into the audience – sometimes hitting another contestant on the way!

Over the years she must have warmed to me, and I to her, as she was always there in her little thatched cottage in Church Street for me. If it hadn't been for her, I would have been a very lonely young woman as Phil worked very long hours and with two small boys to look after in the 70's there weren't the facilities for young mums as there are today. Flo taught me a lot; she wasn't a clever lady and she didn't follow any modern trends but she lived how she wanted to, contented with her lot.

*Betty Russell.*

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Tempsford Annual Parish Meeting took place in the Stuart Memorial Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in a totally different format to previous years. Over 30 parishioners were present to hear reports from many individuals representing their organisation or group that meet within the village. Rev Barbara Ebeling: the Parish Church; Stephen Gosling: the Methodist Church; Phil Russell: the Tempsford Charities; Eileen Gosling: Stuart Memorial Hall; Betty Russell: WI; Jeff Cloughton: Bell Ringers; Gordon Norman: Tempsford Helping Hands; David Harrison: Ivel Sprinter; Alan Tuffnell: Tempsford Times Village Magazine; Steve Cooney: Millennium Garden. Parish Councillor Dan Clark explained how the Parish Action Plan is progressing and County Councillor John Scott and District Councillor Jo Davidson were present and gave reports. The Parish Council Annual Report was given by the Chairman Adrian Besant, who gave a Power Point presentation to explain the council's activities and financial accounts and showed photographs of areas of the village which the council is working hard to improve.

The evening finished with refreshments and an opportunity for all present to discuss the items reported on, and to suggest other areas to work on. All agreed it was a very useful exercise in helping parishioners know more about their village and how they could be involved.

## My first meeting with one of Tempsford's characters

I was very young, just 19, in a skimpy tight dress, lots of makeup and very high heels, hardly the sort of gear for a meeting with one of Tempsford characters who was to play a big part in my life for the next forty years: Flo Houghton.

Phil was also very young; curly fair hair and the best cricket player in the county (I thought so anyway). He had just bowled all the other team out and we were going for Sunday afternoon tea (that's something you don't hear of these days) to his mum and dad's. A little grey Austin car stood in the drive. "Oh, oh," said Phil as we ran up the drive "you're going to meet our Flo." Sure enough there she stood with her heels pressed up to the skirting board and Reg, her husband, standing dutifully by her side. They must have just got there I thought as they hadn't sat down yet. Kath, my future mother-in-law, gave me a wink as if to say I hope you're prepared for this Bett, but I wasn't! Flo looked me up, down and sideways. Suddenly my dress felt even tighter, my makeup heavier, and shoes.... ..well, I positively towered over everyone!. "So you're going to get married" said Flo. "Yes" Phil and I said together. "No one knew when WE got married" said Flo, as though that's how it should be. "Oh" I said feebly. I tried to change the subject, telling Kath and George how well Phil had bowled that afternoon, but Flo's voice came above mine. "I'd rather go to a funeral than a wedding" she said, warming to the subject. I couldn't believe what I was hearing! But she did agree that along with Reg and some more campanologists to ring the bells for our wedding on August 15th 1964, as long as she didn't have to have her photograph taken. That was my first encounter with Flo.

Barbara Ebeling and Jen Infield provided Chris with fantastic support. They had the onerous task of marking, scoring and providing a running total throughout the evening. It was a close contest between the teams right up to the last round. At the finish "The Fairy Cakes" triumphed with an amazing score of 163, runners up were the Tempsford WI who scored 154. Prizes were awarded to the winners, runners up and the two teams who tied for the "achievement prize" as Chris termed the wooden spoon – these teams deserved prizes just for their names – "Innit Toowinit" and "Lacking in Pens".

The energy levels of all the competitors were maintained by the wonderful supper provided by the organisers and thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to provide a very enjoyable evening. Rumour has it that Chris and Barbara have been asked to return with another quiz next year.....so if you fancy your chances to become the next Tempsford Quiz champions, watch this space!

Thanks to everyone who supported the evening and enjoyed raising £600 for the upkeep of the Stuart Memorial Hall.

And here are three of the quiz questions for you to answer

- (a) Who would use a swizzle?
- (b) What game is played with blue, black, red and yellow balls ?
- (c) What was the name of Napoleon's horse ?

*Answers overleaf*

*Anne Griffiths*

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## St. Peters – Money Matters

A church has stood in Tempsford for hundreds of years, serving the needs of the local population, which it continues to do today.

As with all similar organisations looking after ancient and treasured buildings, its costs remain high, and are increasing. Insurance alone is a significant cost, as is heating, lighting, maintenance, and our local contribution to the salaries and pensions of the clergy.

Income is derived from a number of sources. Collections are held at the regular services, charges are made for special services such as weddings and funerals, and the church's supporters organise regular fund-raising events such as Tempsford Feast Week. Nonetheless, balancing the books remains a significant challenge.

Many people in the village - and not just the regular churchgoers - give money to the church at events such as gift days or by supporting the fundraising events, and this is of course most welcome. But have you considered giving money to the church on a regular basis? This can be done either through an envelope system or through your bank by means of a standing order. There is an additional benefit to the church in giving money in either of these ways, as provided the donor is a taxpayer, the money can be Gift Aided, enabling the church to claim an additional 25% from the taxman. There is always some pleasure in reclaiming tax!

If you would like to know more about either way of making regular contributions to St. Peter's, would you please contact either the Rector, Barbara Ebeling on 01234 870363 or Alan Tuffnell on 01767 640207. Let us together ensure that the church is able to continue its work for at least our lifetime.

### **Answers to the Quiz questions:**

(a) a Punch and Judy man (b) croquet (c) Marengo

## Tempsford Methodist Church

**Chapel Anniversary** Thanks go to all those who came along and helped to make the 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, 12th March was well attended and thanks go to all those who helped with the refreshments afterwards. On Sunday, 16th March the Anniversary Service took place and was led by Rev. Hugh Sheehan and it was a pleasure to welcome old and new friends to this special event.

### **May and June Services**

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

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Section United Service at Berkley Street, Eynesbury
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev. Christine Giles
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Circuit United Service at Ramsey
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr. Tom Rowe
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Section United Service at Great Barford
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev. Christine Giles
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr. Tony Sainsbury
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Deacon Sue Roberts
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs. Lottie Taylor

### **Chat Club**

At the March get-together members enjoyed delicious hot cross buns with their afternoon tea together with assorted cakes, biscuits and other goodies.

The Chat Club will meet again in the Chapel Schoolroom on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.

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## Parish Council Notes

**Playground Equipment** The Parish Council has set up a programme of repair and maintenance to the children's playground equipment; this should have started in early April but we are waiting for parts to be delivered. Some new equipment is needed and this will be paid for out of funds linked with the development of Stuart Court.

**Street lighting** New lighting near the end of Station Road has been erected replacing old and inefficient standards. The Parish Council is planning to spend other grant funds to complete the upgrade of all lights in the village as quickly as possible, but it would be helpful if parishioners could cut back their hedges and trees if they are overhanging footpaths and especially if they are obscuring street lights.

**Speeding** The County Council, in response to our request, is to conduct a survey of speeding and speed limits in our area. Up-to-date speed and traffic flow data will be collected using automated data collection equipment 24 hours a day for 7 days.

**Planning Applications** The plans to demolish 146 Station Road and build a new dwelling have been withdrawn.

**Parish Meeting Discussion** Items raised at the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed at the last Council meeting, particularly the very poor state of the sewage pumping system. District Councillor Trisha Turner said that other local parishes had also had similar problems and she would raise the matter with Anglian Water. They have since spent some time on repairing the pumps and flushing out and cleaning parishioners' gardens that were affected by the overflows.

**Finance** The precept for 2008/2009 has been set at £11,500. The full accounts for 2007/8 are available for viewing by arrangement with the clerk Mrs Jan Ward on 01767 640794. A summary of these accounts appears opposite .

**Next Meeting** The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday May 20th at 7.30pm in the committee room of Stuart Memorial Hall. It will begin with the AGM of the Council.

## **Ted Ingram**

Ernest Edward (Ted) Ingram died recently, very shortly after his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. With his going, Tempsford turned another page in its history, for he was a Tempsfordian through and through and was a true son of the soil, gaining both his livelihood and his enjoyment from the land. His first job was as horsekeeper for Frank Gosling and over the years he worked the land for him and later for "Snowy" Quince, while he finished his working life driving a mechanical digger to dig sand at Deepdale, which he very much enjoyed. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Ted belonged to the Home Guard, spending much time at the Little Barford power station, and in 1945 he married Betty to whom he was married for over 60 years. Their daughter, Barbara still lives in the village.

Ted had a great love of country pursuits including fishing and pigeon shooting, which he shared with Barbara, and another pastime of his was gardening. He used his large garden in Mill Lane to grow carrots and potatoes to sell at market and he also grew sweet peas of such quality that he was able to supply a seed merchant with seeds.

For forty years, he had trouble with his legs, causing him to undergo many an operation from the late '60's onwards. He was told at an early stage that he would lose a leg but fortunately he did not until relatively recently, in the late '90's (and in that same week Betty had a hip operation in another hospital!) Ted and Betty had lived in both "ends" of Tempsford and latterly his gardening exploits were curtailed by failing health.

All residents will extend sympathy to his remaining family. R.I.P., Ted.

## **"Babs" Bettles (1921 – 2008)**

Babs passed away peacefully in Bedford Hospital on 12th April. Born in London and christened Lilian Mary Standbrook, she was nicknamed Babs by her father when she was a toddler. It was in the early 1940s Babs first came to Tempsford and worked on Lambcourt Farm as a Land Army girl.

(Originally she trained as a shorthand typist, but the war intervened.) Whilst working on the farm she met Mont, one of the farmer's four sons. They married in 1945 and moved into Pleasant Cottage and later College Farm. They raised three sons John, Stephen (deceased) and David. Babs was a grandmother of six, and a great grandmother of three. In 1995 they moved back to Pleasant Cottage for their retirement. Throughout her life in Tempsford, Babs attended many local functions and travelled on the Ivel Sprinter "to help maintain the service". She attended the Chat Club regularly, was a member of the WI and the WI Darts team. She was giving woman who will be greatly missed by Mont, her family and her many friends.

JB

## Why I love Tempsford...

As one of the younger residents who loves being outside, Tempsford is my first and most favourite place to live. First of all there is the view of the countryside from my bedroom window. Every morning when Mama opens the curtains my Teddy and I say hello to the sunshine, the birds, the trees and the grass in our garden and beyond. I wave Teddy's paw for him, because he cannot do it himself. We often go and see the cows in the field opposite our house. They must like me, as they often come and see me at the gate. When the weather is nice, we walk through the woods next to the field. There are lots of birds, squirrels and rabbits in the woods. I love climbing over the fallen trees, kicking the leaves and climbing up the little hill (left behind after a tree fell over). I pick up pinecones on the way back home. Mama does not like me taking them inside, so I leave them by the front door. In the autumn I filled my pockets with conkers every time I went to the woods. Of course my pockets were never big enough, so Mama always brought a bag along. I have a big shoe box full of conkers at home.

On a nice day Mama takes me for a bike ride. This is great fun, because we go very fast and get to see loads of things and when it is cold Mama lets me wear her big gloves! We stop to see the ducks and chickens down the road. They can be very noisy. Mama says: 'quack quack' to the ducks, but I say: 'duck duck', because I am sure that is what they say. We see horses as well. They go 'clip clop clip clop', but you cannot hear that when they are in the field. We watch the trains and cross the railway. I love trains. They go: 'choo choo!' When we go through the gate down the road, there are two big geese. They are very noisy when they see me. Mama keeps stopping when we cycle to the airfield, because there are lots of great birds to see: yellowhammers, skylarks, buzzards and even a merlin. I don't mind that so much. We sing lots of songs, which makes the bike ride even more fun. When I have been good, Mama lets me go on the swings at the playground. I prefer the big climbing frame myself, but Mama won't let me on it because I am too young.

Every other Friday we go to the 'beep beep van'. It has got lots of books with lots of pictures and we meet lots of nice people. And when the lady scans the books, you hear: 'beep beep!' This is why I love Tempsford.

*A two-year-old Tempsford resident, also known as Little Big Blue Eyes.*

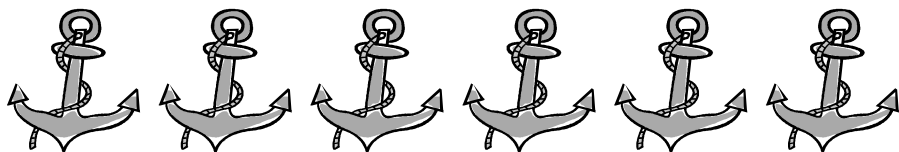
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	£11,000	Street lighting	£436
Burials	£360	Street light maintenance	£266
Cemetery plots	£540	Grass Cutting	£4,830
VAT refund	£646	Insurance	£655
Bank Interest	£303	New paths in cemetery	£8,000
Cemetery Paths grant	£3,366	Cemetery maintenance	£1,650
Grass cut repayment	£105	Clerk's wages	£2,215
Millenium Garden	£25	Audit	£208
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,345</b>	Playground equip inspection	£141
		Hall hire	£68
		Election costs	£110
		Grant to SM Hall	£831
		Loan repayment	£607
		Affiliation fees etc	£117
		Expenses	£62
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,196</b>

### **New fund supports the “greening” of community buildings**

A new fund promises to bring more sustainable space and water heating, electricity and insulation to community buildings. It will support solar water heating, heat pumps, wood pellet stoves and wind or water electricity generators.

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme aims to distribute £9 million to community not-for-profit organisations in 2008/9. The fund will help pay for both feasibility studies and the costs of equipment and installation. It offers £5000 (or 75% of costs, whichever is lower) towards a feasibility study, or £50,000 (or 50% of installed costs, whichever is lower) towards the recommended solution and its installation. The fund is open to applications from community groups, charities and trusts, parish councils, schools and colleges, faith organisations and mutual societies. The quarterly deadlines for applications are 16 May, 15 Aug, 7 Nov 2008 & 30 Jan 2009. The programme is managed by BRE and supported by the Big Lottery Fund. See [www.communitysustainable.org.uk](http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk) for full details. The Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012** provides impartial advice on renewable energy technologies. This service can also connect homeowners with discounted loft and cavity wall insulation, including 100% grants for over 70s.

Gordon Glass Marketing Co-ordinator MK Energy Agency, Tel: 01908 699927



# The Anchor Lodge

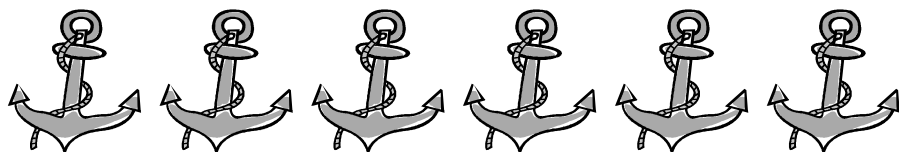
## Bar - Restaurant - Hotel

Carvery Saturday Nights 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
Children £5.95 Adult £7.95

Food served 12 noon to 9.00 pm Monday to Saturday  
Sunday Carvery 12 noon to 6.00 pm  
Large gardens - children's play area  
Families welcome

Come and see us and join in the fun!

Great North Road,  
Tempsford, Beds.  
SG19 2AS  
Tel: 01767 640233



### Cat Food Drop Off Points Needed

St Neots & District Cats Protection is your local animal charity. We raise 95% of our funds ourselves with just a small grant from Head Office. Our revenue comes from the charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots and from donations made in the course of our cat work. Our funds are spent solely on cats in our own area, so you can be sure that all donations, be it cash, new and used goods for our charity shop, cat food and cat equipment will be used for the benefit of cats in your local area. We have 12 holding and homing pens as well as several home fosterers housing anything up to 20 cats at a time, all looking for loving new homes. We need the equivalent of about 40,000 tins of cat food a year which is very expensive. To help with this we propose an easy drop off point in most localities where unwanted, unused or simply kind donations of cat food can be delivered; please email me at dawn.cowtan@ntlworld.com or telephone me on 07966 282005 if you can help.

**Free Neutering/spaying** We also offer a free neutering/spaying service in your community and can provide transport if necessary so we form a great local partnership to ensure the welfare, health, safety and happiness of all cats in our area. Loving homes are always needed for cats in our care and should you need to re-home your own cat, we are here to help. All cat enquiries can be made by telephoning 01480 476696 or 07900 257061. For all lost and found enquiries or if you need to report a cat on the road, please call 07904 701908,

### LIBRARY DATES

The Mobile Library will be opposite the telephone box in Station Road at 9.45am on the following Fridays in May and June:

May 2nd	May 16th	May 30th
June 13th	June 27th	

### POLICE SURGERIES

The Police Mobile Office will be in Station Road on the following dates and times:

Tuesday May 13th	at 11.15am to 12.15pm
Tuesday June 17th	from 7.15pm to 8.15pm

***In view of the increased criminal activity in our area recently it is suggested that parishioners make every effort to attend at talk to PC Ross Paterson about their concerns.***