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MEMORIES OF 2018's FOUR SEASONS



HAPPY 2019

IN MEMORIAM

NIGEL ARGENTINE ALINGTON of Little Barford **7th Jan 1947 to 4th June 2018**

*These are extracts from the Eulogy at his funeral at
St Denys Church, Little Barford on 19th June 2018*

Nigel was born on 7th January 1947 the first of a generation of Maclean of Ardgour cousins. He was educated at Stowe School, where he played the French horn, and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge where his hobby interests included rowing and theatre. He was an excellent rifle shot, shooting his first stag at Ardgour whilst still at prep school. On coming down from Cambridge he joined the leading Insurer Bain Hogg (later taken over by Aon) dealing with credit and political risk. He spent most of his career in that area, for many years as an Executive Director of Aon Global Risk Consulting.

He made a huge contribution to Clan Maclean in a wide variety of ways, a feature being his passion for Clan Maclean history, researching and planning minutiae of details of Clan Maclean links with Sweden.

Nigel was always an extremely private person and anyone asking too many questions got very short shrift but he was always there for his family if they needed him. He had many sterling qualities such as his extreme efficiency and attention to detail plus a brilliant dry sense of humour and a sense of fun. Nigel's talents were not only deployed on Maclean activities. On inheriting Little Barford from his uncle Ebby, Nigel took his responsibilities as The Laird very seriously, *inter alia* he had to deal with continual threats from development including power stations, a new dual carriageway proposal and land given up for industrial purposes.

Warm condolences were expressed to his family and a debt of gratitude to Caroline Stanley who took care of his charge when he became ill, for being his comforter, a true friend and being with him to the end.

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Lights, Camera, Action!

I am sure you are aware of the saying, "Time passes more quickly the older you get"! Well we are now in 2019! Where did 2018 go? you might ask! I don't know about you, but for me there have been a lot of changes and challenges! We meet along life's journey many people and incidents that change our lives, sometimes for good and sometimes not so good. How we deal with such occasions determines how life proceeds after we have encountered someone or the situation we have travelled through. I wonder how you react to the post-Christmas period. I often think how everywhere seems a little darker with all the Christmas lights packed away! Rooms are more spacious with the Christmas tree gone, as the space it once occupied is now free, (apart from the needles from the real trees!) After most celebrations life always seems a little flat!

Some will have seen the first Christmas story acted out by children, some will have heard it in song through the words of carols, or maybe you have encountered the story through a television or radio programme! However you have interacted with the story of Jesus' birth as a baby in Bethlehem, my hope is that it has made a difference to your life.

I like to see the nativity acted out by children, it seems to have an innocence about it. Yet what Jesus came to do was far from being innocent. He came so that he might make a difference to people's lives and the way they live them. Jesus showed us a new way of living, not by introducing us to new technology, but

to be a loving, caring, compassionate society. Working hard to care for our friends, neighbours and all of humankind. Over the Christmas period we have seen many lights, decorated houses, stars and candles. Caring and loving those less fortunate than ourselves in a way is shining a light into their lives, taking away the darkness and gloom of no future to lighting a way forward with the care of those around them.

We light the centre white candle on our Advent Ring on Christmas Day, we remember the bright star that led the wise men to the Christ-child and we will in February celebrate Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the temple). The season and the story is full of light, and we have the opportunity to take that light into our lives, and to share that light within the communities in which we live and work.

Good News!

Please note services at St Peter's will resume on 27th January at 9.30am

February dates: Sunday 10th 11.00am

St Peters would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2019.

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Wed 13th February

Shepherds Pie
 Seasonal Vegetables

Bakewell Tart and Custard
 Tea/Coffee

**TEMPSFORD
MUSEUM &
ARCHIVES**

**In the
Stuart
Memorial
Hall,
Church
End.**

TEMPSFORD MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

**The Museum will be closed for January
but will re-open on Sunday 3rd February 2019**

**The February Display will be
Tempsford Past and Present
with many unseen photographs
of Tempsford Village over
the past 150 years.**

(see pages 8 and 18)

**We would like to thank all our visitors
and members for their continued support
over the past year and wish you all a very**



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and entrance to Station Road, Tempsford
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Tempsford Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan project is continuing to make great progress with a desired outcome of having an approved and appointed plan in place this year.

Structure changes within Central Bedfordshire Council caused several delays to the project during 2018 as we were waiting for various answers and confirmations, but once they were all sorted we were able to continue moving ahead with the project.

We're now at the production stage, where we're using external experts to help write the plan in a way that will meet the minimum standard of approval and most importantly, be legally binding.

We'll then present it to further external advisors for their feedback. We'll then update the plan with these builds before submitting for inspection next year.

Once inspected and approved, we'll be holding a referendum, where all Tempsford residents eligible to vote will be asked to approve the plan. Once approved, the plan will be in place for 15 to 20 years and represent the view of our community.

We'll be giving you more updates throughout the year as we move towards the approval stages of the plan but until then, the Tempsford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to wish you all best wishes for the New Year.

Andy Bennett
tempsfordneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEMPSFORD

As far as is possible allowing for seasonal and celebratory variations
there will be a church service every Sunday in Tempsford,
either at the Parish Church or at the Methodist Church.

A warm welcome is assured at all services.

Benefice Churches (St Peter's in bold)

Sun 6th January	9.30am Gt Barford HC; 11.00am Blunham MP
Sun 13th January	11.00am Blunham HC; and Roxton FS
Sun 20th January	9.30am Gt Barford MP; 11.00am Roxton HC
Sun 27th January	9.30am St Peter's HC
Sun 3rd February	9.30am Gt Barford HC; 11.00am Blunham MP; and Roxton HC
Sun 10th February	9.30am Gt Barford MP; Blunham HC; 11.00am St Peter's HC; and Roxton FS
Sun 17th February	9.30am Roxton HC ; 11.00am Gt Barford HC
Sun 24th February	9.30am St Peter's HC; 11.00 Blunham HC; and Roxton MP

Methodist Church

Sun. 6 th January		NO SERVICE
Sun. 13 th January	3.00pm	Preacher: Mr. John Green
Sun. 20 th January		NO SERVICE
Sun. 27 th January	3.00pm	Preacher: Mrs. Pauline Zahner
Sun. 3 rd February		NO SERVICE
Sun. 10 th February	3.00pm	Preacher: Rev. Pam Siddall
Sun. 17 th February		NO SERVICE



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INSPIRING WOMEN



Come and join us for an evening and get to know us. We have guest speakers followed by refreshments and a chat. We meet every 2nd Monday in the month at the Stuart Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

Our next meetings are:

Monday 14th January

Talk on "Meryl's Mead" - Speaker: Meryl Besant

Monday 11th February

Talk on "Kwazulu Natal"- Speaker: Brian Harrison

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FROM ADAM ZERNY our Central Beds Councillor

**Positive reaction from Central Beds Council
over Highways concerns**

Two months ago I voiced concern to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)'s Director of Community Services (boss to the Head of Highways) about lack of progress on a number of road concerns in our area.

I asked how CBC's Highways Dept decided if a particular proposal was suitable to have public money spent on it given there might be similar concerns in another area. I was told that speed limits would be assessed by considering the points made in the Government's guidelines*.

My next question was where CBC documented all the current proposals and the related scores. I was sent a list of schemes scored on a variety of criteria including affordability, risk, public support and cost. However, to my concern, there were just 23 schemes on this list for the whole of Central Bedfordshire. Six weeks ago, I gave CBC a list of the major roads concerns mentioned by local residents, most of which related to speed, and on this occasion, CBC has reacted well. The Council has this week announced a new Local Transport Scheme. It has a fund of £200,000 and is intended for small roads schemes i.e. those costing up to £25,000 each.

CBC will pay for a minimum of eight new measures across Central Beds. This clearly won't pay for everything residents would like to have (in truth it wouldn't pay for all that is required in our ward alone) but it is a positive step. CBC will cover the cost of the initial design work and then if the parish/town council is happy with the price it will be asked to pay about 50% of the cost of the works themselves if it wishes to proceed. The monies paid by the parish/

town council can include any recent Section 106 money** allocated to Highways.

CBC has asked each parish or town council to nominate two schemes by 31st January 2019. The winners will be announced by May and they should go into production by April 2020. It is possible for a town or parish to be successful with both of their requests. CBC will score all the options so those that do not get paid for this year should find their way onto future Section 106 roads plans for when new developments are built.

CBC says "requests will be assessed in respect of policy compliance, deliverability and value for money. All evidence provided by the parish will also be taken into consideration. Those projects which most clearly demonstrate a local need will be prioritised". I am also told priority will be given to rural areas because past funding of this nature has largely benefited more urban areas.

CBC also says advice will be provided to town and parish councils on request and prior to submitting a request.

Drop me a line at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk (or Tempsford Parish Council) with the improvements you think are most appropriate for your area and the parish council will consider them at the January meeting.

As a minimum, state the exact location and the nature of the problem. And don't forget to attend the January meeting of Tempsford Parish Council to argue your case!

* - The document in question can be seen here.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/63975/circular-01-2013.pdf

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Departures from Station Road, Tempsford

DAY	TO	LEAVES HERE AT	RETURN JOURNEY LEAVES AT	ARRIVES BACK HERE AT
1 st Monday of the month	Tesco Goldington	9.30 am	11.30 am	12.15 pm
3 rd Monday of the month	Bedford	9.20 am	1.00 pm	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Sandy and Biggleswade	9.00 am	Sainsbury's 11.05 am Sandy 11.12 am	11.53 am
	Sandy and Biggleswade	11.53 am	Biggleswade 12.41 pm Sandy 1.09 pm	1.20 pm
Wednsdy	Cambridge	9.10 am	2.00 pm	3.00 pm
Thursday	St Neots <i>Also stops at Tesco Eynesbury</i>	8.54 am	11.55 am	12.12 pm
Friday	Sandy and Biggleswade	9.00 am	Biggleswade 10.40 am Sandy 11.07 am	11.30 am
	Sandy <i>Also goes to Sainsbury's</i>	11.30 am	Sandy 12.30 pm <i>No return journey from Sainsbury's</i>	12.45 pm
Saturday	Sandy and Biggleswade	9.20 am	Biggleswade 11.15 am [Sandy request only 11.35am]	11.25 am

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DAY	TO	LEAVES HERE AT	RETURN JOURNEY LEAVES AT	ARRIVES BACK HERE AT
1 st Monday of the month	Tesco Goldington	9.20 am	11.30 am	12.05 pm
3 rd Monday of the month	Bedford	9.15 am	1.00 pm	1.35 pm
Tuesday	Sandy and Biggleswade	8.50 am	Sainsbury's 11.05 am Sandy 11.33 am	11.45 am
	Sandy and Biggleswade	11.45 am	Biggleswade 12.41 pm Sandy 1.09 pm	1.15 pm
Wed'day	Cambridge	9.03 am	2.00 pm	3.00 pm
Thursday	St Neots <i>Also stops at Tesco Eynesbury</i>	9.00 am	11.55 pm	12.17 pm
Friday	Sandy and Biggleswade	8.50 am	Biggleswade 10.40 am Sandy 11.07 am	11.20 am
	Sandy <i>Also goes to Sainsbury's</i>	11.20 am	Sandy 12.30 pm <i>No return journey from Sainsbury's</i>	12.40 pm
Saturday	Sandy and Biggleswade	9.10 am	Biggleswade 11.15 am [Sandy request only at 11.35am]	11.30 pm

The Ivel Sprinter is a community bus service for ALL ages; fares are on a par with Stagecoach.
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th November 2018. Full copies of the minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk.

Present – 7 Councillors, 1 CBC Councillor, Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Apologies – CBC Councillor Adam Zerny.

Declarations of interest – None received.

Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2018 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

Police Report - Cllr. Clark cannot attend the next police meeting but did send in a form regarding incidents. The only information given by the police was about their prevention measures, such as the farm watch programme. The Chairman had been to a meeting held by Alistair Burt MP when policing was raised. £4 ½ million has been given to cope with gang and violent crime in Bedfordshire. Cllr. Clark felt that we do have positive liaison with the police and does not want it to stop, which he why he attends the meetings. Question raised – is it worth looking into “automated number plate recognition equipment to help deter would be thieves? To be researched.

Public Session – a resident raised the fact that food recycling bags had been changed. They are now distributing non-biodegradable bags. Could the Council ask CBC why this has happened?

Planning – CB/18/03480/FULL = no objections. Other items raised – the need for drop kerbs, down pipe discharging rain water directly onto public path on new development in Station Road, the siting of the refurbished village sign and disputed building having taken place.

Neighbourhood Plan – A member of NP committee gave an update. Things are moving forward, and the residents will receive copies of the plan when finished.

CBC Councillor – Cllr. Doreen Gurney was in attendance and she also spoke of the lack of Police within the area. A meeting had been held with the Chief of Police on the incidents that had occurred in Potton. She also

mentioned that any Councillor was welcome to go to the meetings or ask her to speak on any problems.

Network Rail – Cllr Gurney wanted to make the level crossings safer, because of the frequent incidents

Councillor Training. Councillor Goddard had attending the training for new councillors and not only enjoyed it but felt she had learnt a lot.

Finance - The Clerk asked Council if they would approve the list of invoices. Bank statements and bank reconciliation were presented by the Clerk. Budget and Precept: As the Precept decision had to be in before the Council's next meeting, discussion was made at this meeting alongside the Budget that had been previously prepared. It was decided to increase to £14000 as Budget indicated.

Highways – Salt bag scheme. Clerk to check what was left and if needed to order more from the Scheme.

Play Area - Cllr. Bettles was still repairing the fort at Church St. Council asked the Clerk to look into claiming for the damage to a playground springer on the Council's insurance.

Cemetery/Churchyard – New cemetery fees would be sent out by Clerk before end of the year, to start January 2019. It should also be put on the website as well. The lime trees hanging over grave stones now need to be cut back and the cherry tree in the new cemetery extension needs to come down. Contractor needs to be contacted. Spraying of weeds needs to be done more carefully around the graves.

Correspondence - It was raised by Cllr. Goddard that we needed to get information that the Council received from CBC and other institutions, out to the villagers' notice. It was suggested a "Facebook" be set up for the Parish Council as it seems to work in other Councils. Cllrs. Goddard and Fraser to organise and bring to next meeting.

Dates for meetings 2019 – these may change. 21st January, 4th March, 24th April APM, 20th May, 15th July, 16th September and 18th November.

The next Council meeting is therefore on 21st January at the Stuart Memorial Hall at 7,30pm



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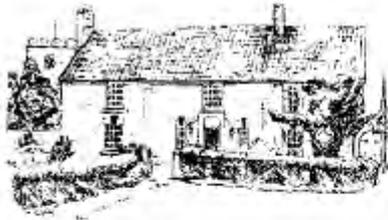
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As reported previously, the highlight of the year so far was the Village Show which was even more successful than the previous year, aided by the superb weather on the day. Many of you who stayed to the bitter end will remember the frantic auction of produce which was conducted by our excellent auctioneer, Jim Donnelly. The auction was in aid of Sue Ryder and raised just over £200. Geoff Phipps, our show organiser, received the following comment from Hayley Webb, Community Fundraiser, Sue Ryder:

'We are delighted that Tempsford Village Hall Committee have supported us again this year. The fantastic amount they have raised could fund the cost of one of our hospice nurses for one day as well as one session of bereavement counselling for someone struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one which is fantastic. A big thank you to the committee members and everyone who attended the event'

The photograph shows Geoff presenting the cheque.



In conclusion, we wish all of our customers and helpers a healthy and happy New Year. See you in 2019.

Brian Harrison, Chairman, Hall Committee

b.harrison46@btinternet.com

TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH,

Station Road, Tempsford

(part of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit)

Minister: Rev Paul Beard : 01480 473444

Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,

CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

The annual Christmas Fayre held at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday, 1st December raised the magnificent sum of £828.00. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to help and support the Chapel on the day and to those who worked so hard behind the scenes over these past months to make the day such an overwhelming success. All monies raised will go towards urgent repair to the front of the Chapel. Thank you all once again for your loyal support.

CHAT CLUB

In November members met together with Meet & Eat colleagues for a combined fish and chip lunch - which was a huge success. Thanks must go to all those who decorated the Chapel Schoolroom and helped with serving the lunches.

There will be no Chat Club get together in January. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27th February 2019 from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. in the Chapel Schoolroom. Feel free to come along and join us in the New Year. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

COFFEE SHOP NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Methodist Chapel Coffee Shop in 2018. **GOOD NEWS** is we re-open the first Coffee Shop of 2019 on **21st FEBRUARY**. See further information on Page 20



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BLUNHAM BOOK SALE -
Saturday 16th February

10.00 to 3.00 pm
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BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Last month, Victoria Diggle gave an enjoyable and informative talk on the National Garden Scheme.

There is no meeting in January.

The next meeting is Tuesday 5th February in Blunham Village Hall and starts at 7.30pm

STOP PRESS:

A pair of (ladies) glasses was found at the chapel recently, perhaps left after the Christmas Fayre. Please contact Carole Gosling

Could you be the voice of your community?

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Attend our event for prospective candidates on 14 January 2019

We have arranged an informal event as we recognise there's value in talking to councillors face-to-face to find out what's actually involved, in terms of the time and level of commitment that it takes to be an effective councillor. Potential candidates can come along to Priory House at 6pm on 14 January to hear first-hand from councillors, to ask questions and seek advice which should help them to decide if they want to represent their community.

TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Position
Adrian Besant	Chairman
Jim Donnelly	V-Chairman
Chris Bettles	Councillor
Dan Clark	Councillor
Steve Cooney	Councillor
Simon Fraser	Councillor
Tina Goddard	Councillor
Linda Collins	Clerk



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