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Tempsford Stuart Memorial Village Hall



**WE ARE
THE PEOPLE'S LOTTERY
WINNER OF £50,000**

ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street, Tempsford
Priest in Charge: Rev Graham Buckle
The Rectory, Park Lane, Blunham

He is Risen!

One of my favourite comedians is Milton Jones, you may have seen him on TV with his wild hair and colourful shirts! Milton has a Christian faith, and in one of his books he says this, "Perhaps hope is like ordering something on Amazon, every now and then you get a message saying it's on its way. Then one day the doorbell will ring! But if you don't answer your hope might disappear to the depot for ever and ever."

Hope is one of the things you cannot see or touch or smell, yet most of us have some! We hope for all sorts of things. A lot of our hopes are materialistic, win the lottery, a bigger house, a nice holiday with lots of sunshine, the list goes on and on...

The Christian hope is far from the hope and desires of material things. It is a hope based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Why is it based on someone who lived two thousand years ago? Christians have a belief that Jesus is the Son of God, and that on the first Easter day he rose again from his death on the cross of wood, on a hill outside the city walls of Jerusalem. The hope is that when our earthly life is over we will meet with God, and in his presence all things will be put right and we will all take our place in everlasting life.

Another hope of the church is to see more people come to believe and put their faith in the risen Lord Jesus! We long to see more people in our churches every Sunday, and engage with the Gospel message of love for one another, seeking to support the poor and underprivileged of our communities. We

would love you to come and experience the worship in our churches, and to experience that love that Jesus has for all people.

On another note, I have just finished the round of annual meetings in the four churches in our benefice. It has been good for me to learn of what has been happening before I joined you last October. It is always a privilege to work with dedicated people who are intent on keeping open our buildings for weekly worship, pastoral services such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, and other events for the schools and for the bringing together of our communities.

I'm sure most of you know that our ancient yet beautiful buildings take a great deal of our financial resources. And here in Tempsford it is no exception. The first thing I noticed here is the lack of heating, which in the near future we are hoping to put right. It should be a relatively simple task as the wiring was put in place when other re-wiring was carried out just a short time ago. We have already received a quote for the electric heaters, which will cost around £1500, but we now need a quote for installing them! Once we can get these in place and working the building will be a much more comfortable space for our worship and other events! That still leaves the monthly running costs of our building, insurance, repairs etc. at between £200-250 per week. There may come a point in the near future when our resources completely run out, and the church will no longer become viable to keep open and would have to close as a place of worship, although, even if that were the case we would still have to pay the weekly running costs. I hope that this will not be the case!

May God bless you as we work together for the Risen Lord Jesus!

Parish Services in the Benefice

May

Sunday 5th 9.30am Gt Barford HC,
11.00am Blunham MP,
11.00am Roxton HC

Sunday 12th 11.00am St Peters HC,
9.30am Blunham H/C,
11.00am Roxton FS,
9.30am Gt Barford MP

Sunday 19th 11.00am Gt Barford HC,
11.00am Blunham CC,
9.30am Roxton HC

Sunday 26th 9.30am St Peters HC,
11.00am Blunham H/C,
11.00am Roxton MP,
11.00am Gt Barford RT

Thursday 30th 7.00pm Little Barford Ascension Service

June

Sunday 2nd 9.30am Gt Barford HC,
11.00am Blunham MP,
11.00am Roxton HC

Sunday 9th 11.00am St Peters HC,
9.30am Blunham H/C,
11.00am Roxton FS,
9.30am Gt Barford MP

Sunday 16th 10.30am Roxton Benefice Service HC

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Blunham Benefice Service CC

Sunday 30th 10.30am St Peters Benefice Service HC

SATURDAY 29th 12.30pm VETERANS SERVICE

St Peters in Red - HC Holy Communion - FS Family Service— MP Morning Prayer – RT Rejoicing Together – CC Café Church

**TEMPSFORD
MUSEUM &
ARCHIVES**

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

The Museum will be open on

**Sunday 5th May
& Sunday 2nd June 2019
2 - 4pm**

Tempsford 'Out & About' -

This month we will be displaying a selection of old photographs showing local towns & villages around Tempsford.

These will include -

St Neots, Duloe, Staploe, Wyboston, Little Barford, Roxton, Blunham, Great Barford, Chicksands, Ickwell, Bedford & Sandy.

Other permanent exhibits associated with Tempsford village & RAF Tempsford will also be on display.

**Entry £2.00, Children under 15 Free.
Refreshments available in our Tea Room**



STUART MEMORIAL HALL WINS £50,000

Two months ago, when I last wrote an article for the Tempsford Times, I was telling you about a mystery project that the Hall was about to undertake. Most of you will now know that the project is called the Stuart Memorial Hall Centenary Project and involved an application for National Lottery funding. We were invited to apply to take part in the National Lottery People's Projects in which the winners were to be chosen by a public vote.

The voting was done by ITV regions and ITV film crews were involved in making short films about each of the projects. They originally came to film our project on March 8th and the video can still be seen at www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/region/anglia-west . The applicants in each ITV region were whittled down and our project was selected in the final 5 to go to public vote.

So, why a centenary project when the Hall doesn't reach 100 years old until 2024? Well, the Hall Committee felt that, because the Hall was originally built in memory of Tempsford servicemen who gave their lives in the First World War, it would be

appropriate to improve and renovate the Hall in time for the centenary and to rededicate it to the memory of those men. The project involves improved wheelchair access to the Hall and the lawn at the back, repair and replacement of roof tiles and redecoration of the inside of the building, including new curtains.

Many of you will have heard already but I'm delighted to reveal that, as a result of the public vote, we were able to win the



£50000 that we had asked for and the project will now go ahead.

There are many people we must thank, including the community of Tempsford and surrounding villages who voted for us, the Hall Committee and members of Museum & Archives

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Committee and many others who worked tirelessly to publicise the project and to get people to vote. We must also thank Adam Zerny who used his Facebook presence and newsletter to publicise the project. We should congratulate ourselves that such a small village could achieve this fabulous result.

We must not get complacent, however, and think that £50,000 is enough to do all the repairs and improvements that the Hall needs. While this is a great start to the Centenary Project, the Hall Committee could spend at least twice as much on further work and we will be looking for further funding in the period up to 2024. Please continue to support the **Tempsford Show** which is a major fund-raiser for the Hall.





Photos of screen shots from the ITV News broadcast by Brian Harrison

	<p>St Denys Little Barford Ascension Day Service Thursday 30th May 2019 7.00pm Please come and join us in this</p>
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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 4th March 2019. Full copies of the Minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk.

Present: 7 Councillors, 1 CBC Councillor (Doreen Gurney), Clerk and 4 members of the public.

Apologies – received from Adam Zerny (CBC Councillor) and Mr. Joe Lawrence.

Declarations of Interest – None were received.

Acceptance of Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Police Report – The Clerk reported there had been two incidents in the village recently. Cllr. Dan Clark said he would attend the Priority Meeting on the 13th March and said that someone should always attend these meetings in the future.

Public Session – Proposed Tempsford Football team – Mr. Lawrence had given his apology for not attending but felt that he would attend the future meeting when he could present the costs of the football team.

- **Continued closure footbridge over the Ouse** – This was raised by a member of the public. Cllr. Dan Clark would investigate what was happening about this repair.

Planning – Clerk reported she had sent in comments re CB/TCA/19/00021. East West Rail – Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Bettles had attended a meeting organised for Parish Councillors. All views were aired. Points raised included trying to avoid SSI sites, should be no diesels by 2040, will be for freight as well as passenger trains, developers and government to share cost. They felt Route A cheaper and quickest. The organisers said that although 11th March was closure date for consultation, they are always open for further contacts about it. Councillor Gurney commented that she had had talks with IWA. The Chairman expected individuals to send in responses but felt that the Parish Council should also send in a response, and the form was completed at the meeting.

Highways – A428 preferred route had been decided as the orange route, which was the one most people wanted. The Black Cat design was 'C'. Tempsford Village Name signs are now in place and there had been good

responses about them. Cllr. Bettles mentioned again about the white lines on the slope in Church Street, which urgently needed doing. This had been raised many times with CBC by the Chairman.

Neighbourhood Plan – (Christine Creese– secretary) They had now received the “updated” plan but there was still more work to be done. The group had not yet met to discuss the plan. Mrs. Creese said she would be at the APM on the 24th April.

Central Beds. Councillors – Cllr. Gurney spoke earlier about the East West Rail, but if anyone wanted to know anything else to contact her.

Finances – The Clerk asked Council to approve payments as set out in the schedule. These were approved. Cashflow and Bank Reconciliation was explained by the Clerk. Clerk to contact internal Auditor ready for end of year.

Play area – Replacement “Springer” – situation discussed. Clerk to contact Kompan again. Cllr. Bettles had completed the repair work on the fort. Council thanked Cllr. Bettles for taking the time and effort to do all this; much appreciated.

Cemetery/Churchyard – A work party had cleared the yew trees near the Stuart graves to give more light to them. There still needed work to be done in the Church yard. A maintenance plan needed to be raised and discussed with the new Vicar. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Communication – Parish Council Facebook page – Cllr. Fraser is the main operator along with 3 others will introduce and launch it at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Parish Council elections : Nomination Forms – these would arrive shortly, but the Clerk had been informed about additional address form. This was sent to all Councillors.

Green Infrastructure – The Clerk had received an email regarding remaining money available for “Green Infrastructure” projects. Suggestions – tree for cemetery, flowers under the new signs, bluebells in the Millennium Garden, more daffodils round the wall of the Memorial Green. Gannock Castle orchard needs cutting and opening. A list of emails sent to Councillors was detailed on the information sheet.



Tempsford WI

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. 7.30pm

Our next meetings are:

Monday 13th May 2019

Talk On :- Gorgeous Gateaux — Speaker :- Valerie Haygarth

Monday 10th June 2019

Talk On :- Young Magician — Speaker :- Jamie Whenham



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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 24th in the Stuart Memorial Hall and received reports from

- The Parish Council
- Central Beds Councillors
- Tempsford Charities
- St Peter's Church
- Methodist Church
- Stuart Memorial Hall
- Tempsford WI
- Tempsford Museum and Archives
- Ivel Sprinter
- and the proposed Tempsford Football Club

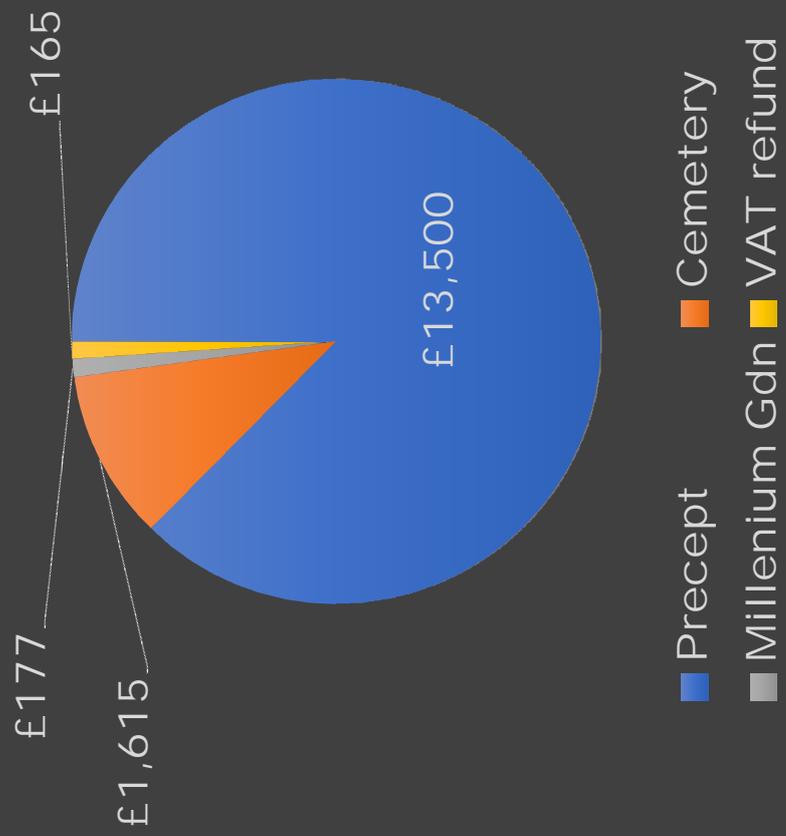
The minutes will be published in the next issue of the Tempsford Times, but a summary of the unaudited Parish

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the positions of Councillors on Tempsford Parish Council were announced in March 2019. Six of the present councillors were nominated to be re-elected. The Parish Council was sad to have to accept the resignation of Councillor Dan Clark, now living in Roxton. Councillors expressed their thanks for all he had done for the village and the Council. We shall miss his input, knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm for Tempsford.

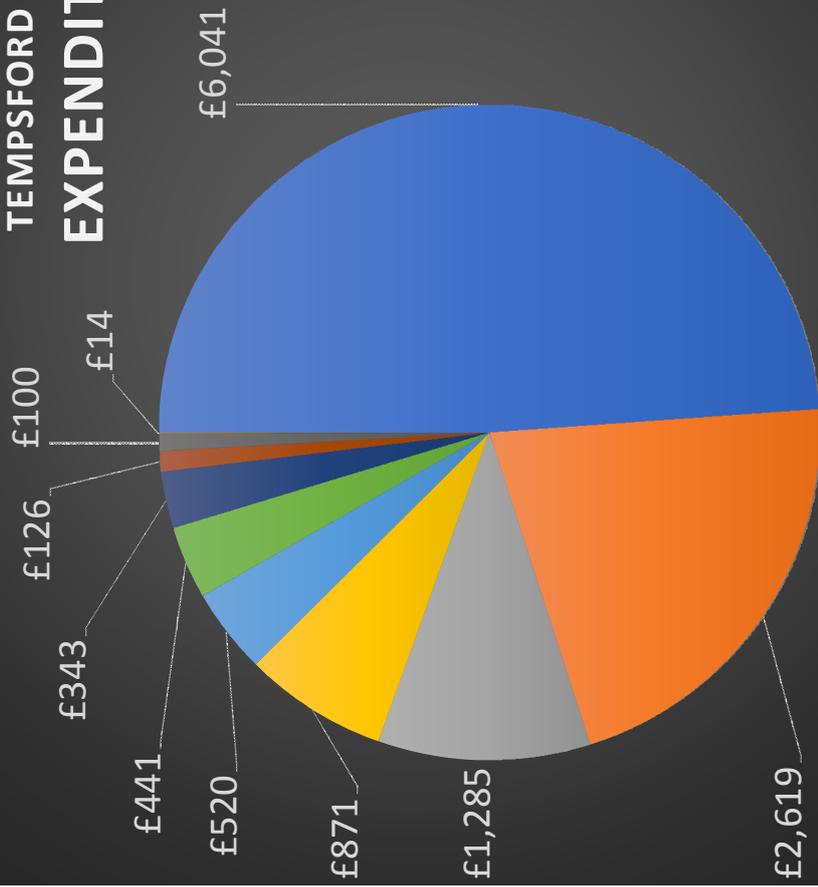
A nomination has been received for the 7th position on the Council and will be presented for co-option at the next Council meeting. As there were no other nominations, all positions are uncontested and there is no need for a Parish Council election

TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
INCOME 2018-9



TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE 2018-9

- Grass Cutting
- Clerk
- "Open Spaces"
- Legal Fees
- Insurance
- VAT
- Administration
- Hall Hire
- Section 137
- Play Area





The Tempsford Museum and Archives has organised a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Saturday 15th June 2019.

The National Memorial Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance; a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice, and fosters pride in our country. It is a living and lasting memorial.

Since planting began in 1997, the National Memorial Arboretum has been a special place honouring those who have served, and continue to serve, our nation in many different ways. Their staff and volunteers look forward to welcoming you.

It's not a cemetery. It's a place of life, represented by the 30,000 trees planted there, where older and younger generations alike can wander and wonder.

Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has something for everyone. For some it's a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy the trees; for others it's a peaceful and beautiful place to remember loved ones, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The trees and the more than 300 dedicated memorials on the site make the Arboretum a living tribute that will forever acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and civil services of this country.

The coach will depart Tempsford at 9.00am and aim to arrive back at Tempsford by 7.30pm. The cost will be £15.00 each, which will include tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival. Food and drink are available on site in the café/restaurant. You are then free to stroll round at your leisure or use the train to jump on or off at various point of interest. If you wish, you can take advantage of a guided tour. Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of the tours and we can try to get this arranged for you. If you are interested in joining us for a great day out, please let us know and we will add you to the list, once the seats are filled, they are gone, so don't delay.

For more info, contact Steve on Steve.cooney1@btinternet.com or telephone 01767 640968. Cheques should be made payable to:- Tempsford Museum and Archives. Please send your details and cheque to- Linda Collins (Secretary) Tempsford Museum & Archive, 69 Station Road, Tempsford, Beds. SG19 2AX.

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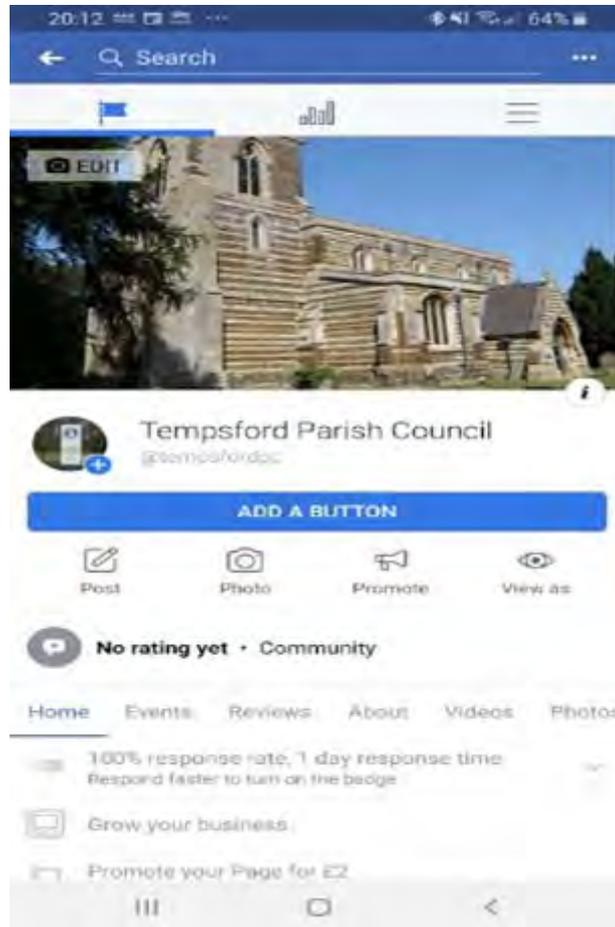
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TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

This was launched and promoted at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 24th

The pilot FACEBOOK page was set up as a project in January 2019 and already has 27 followers.



Simon Fraser introduced the reasoning behind the project and what it hopes to achieve

The Parish Council aims to represent our parishioners, which relies upon

- communicating with them
- listening to them and
- supporting their activities with communication tools

which Facebook can do

The Parish Council needs to think about **how** we are communicating to different groups (age, location, social ability, etc).

Facebook will cover the most popular age range of users (25-34 years) of which 50% male and 50% female. There are 40 million UK registered users (2/3rd of the UK population).



This post was seen by 750+ people...
with easy-to-follow link for voting

 **Tempsford Parish Council** 4 Apr at 19:35 · 🌐

Please spare 1 minute to help our village hall win £50,000 towards renovation and improvement projects. Vote... and share.
<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/stuart-memorial-hall-centenary-project>



The Parish Council will make use of it with the following examples of typical content:

- Helpful reminders (e.g. bin days)
- Central Beds helpful promotions
- Village public events
- Orchestrate village social activities
- Road closure notices
- Crime prevention

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT

- × **For advertising private companies/individuals business**
- × **For marketing your house sale**
- × **For selling personal items/services**

- × **For replacing any existing formal feedback method**
- × **A replacement for any existing communication methods**

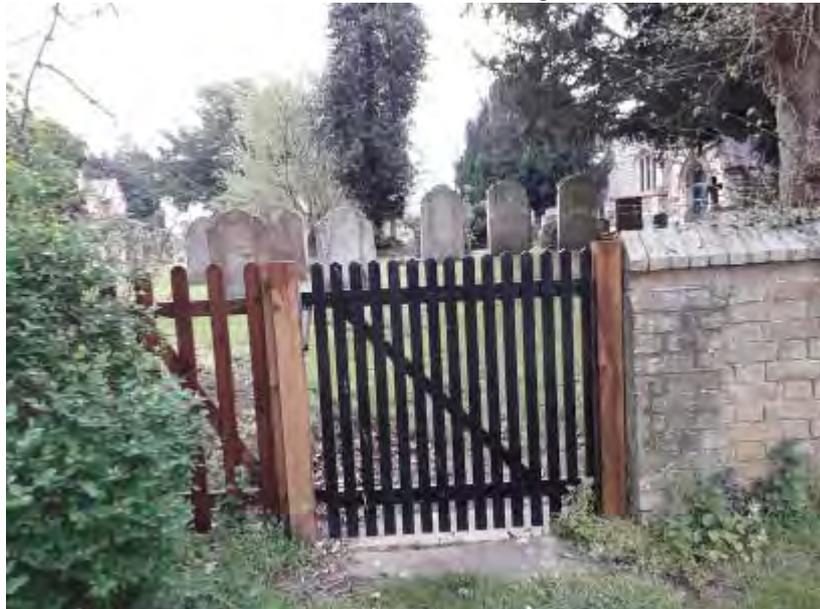
- × **Open for members to create their own posts**
- × **Permitted to be disrespectful to others, or their point of view.**

THE PARISH COUNCIL HOPES THAT YOU WILL

- Make use of the Council's Facebook page
- Promote it within the parish, letting others know of it
- And let us know if it can be used to help your group



The Parish Council is grateful to Councillor Chris Bettles for these two pieces of work.
The rotten post and rail on the playground fort have now been replaced.
The gap in the churchyard back wall leading into Mill Lane has now been filled with a small fence and an excellent gate.



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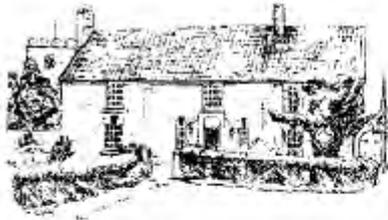
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MEAT & EAT

Please remember to book your place by the Monday prior to the meal taking place. Telephone Carole Gosling on

<p>Tempsford Methodist Church</p> <p>‘MEET & EAT’ LUNCH</p> <p>Wednesday, 8 May 2019 12.30 to 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>MENU Ham and Egg Salad New Potatoes</p> <p>Bakewell Tart Cream Tea/Coffee</p> <p>£5.00 per person</p>	<p>Tempsford Methodist Church</p> <p>‘MEET & EAT’ LUNCH</p> <p>Wednesday, 12 June 2019 12.30 to 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>MENU Bacon/Cheese Quiche New Potatoes Salad</p> <p>Peaches/Meringue Cream Tea/Coffee</p> <p>£5.00 per person</p>
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Work on the front of the Methodist Chapel has recently been completed.

Coping stones had become loose and some fallen, and with a grant from the St. Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit these have been replaced and repointed. The overall effect looks splendid and enhances our 215 year old church building.

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,

May and June Services

all Services commence at 6.00p.m.

Everybody is assured of a warm welcome at all our services

5 th May	NO SERVICE
12 th May	Preacher: Rev. Paul Beard
19 th May	NO SERVICE
26 th May	Preacher: Rev. James Bamber
2 nd June	NO SERVICE
9 th June	Preacher: tba
16 th June	NO SERVICE
23 rd June	Preacher: tba
30 th June	NO SERVICE

Chapel Anniversary

On Sunday, 14th April the Chapel Anniversary Service was led by Rev. Pam Siddall and it was a pleasure to welcome old and new

CHAT CLUB

Chat Club meets again in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom on **Wednesday, 29th May and Wednesday, 26th June from 2.30 to 4.00pm**
If you would like to come along and join us for a cup of tea and get to know some other villagers we would love to see you.

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FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES

BLUNHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 31st May, 'Greatest Showman' (Cert PG) starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron and Michelle Williams. Celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Friday 28th June, 'Victoria and Abdul' (Cert PG) starring Judi Dench and Ali Fazal. Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim.

Both films start promptly 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm. Adults £5.00. Children £2.50. Family (2A + 2C) £12.00. Sweets, drinks, ice cream and pop-corn are available. For tickets or any further information contact Sue 640572 or Pamela 641578



St Peters Flood Lights

If you would like the flood lights put on for any occasion, the cost will be £10per night. Please contact Gloria 01767 640050

ROXTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

May 2nd Hobby Bobbies

Talk by Keith Jackson

(History of the Special Constabulary in Bedfordshire)

June 6th Bringing Dead Street to Life.

Talk by Andy Gibbs

(The British Schools in Hitchin)

All talks at Roxton Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

All welcome. Members free, visitors £3.

The Local History Group meets at Roxton Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month

BLUNHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

This month, Tuesday May 7th, there is no meeting in Blunham village hall as the club will be visiting Swine Meadow Nurseries.

Also, on Tuesday 28th May, David and Hayley Sutton have invited the club to their garden.

Visitors are warmly welcomed. For further information please contact Brenda on 01767640623.



Two examples of playground maintenance problems the Parish Council has to deal with:

The children's springing rocker has been hit and broken. The Council is now working hard to get a replacement.

Bird droppings have made the swing seat filthy; anti-perching spikes on the topbar have solved that problem.



TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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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