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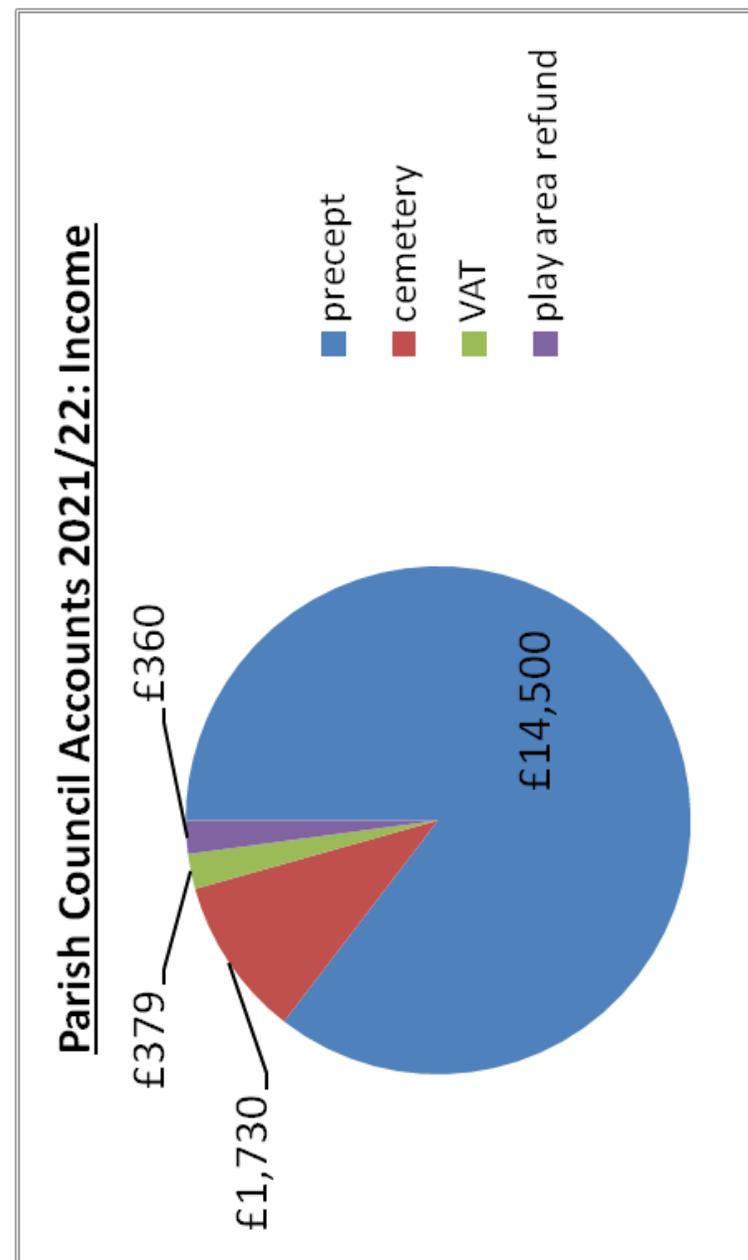
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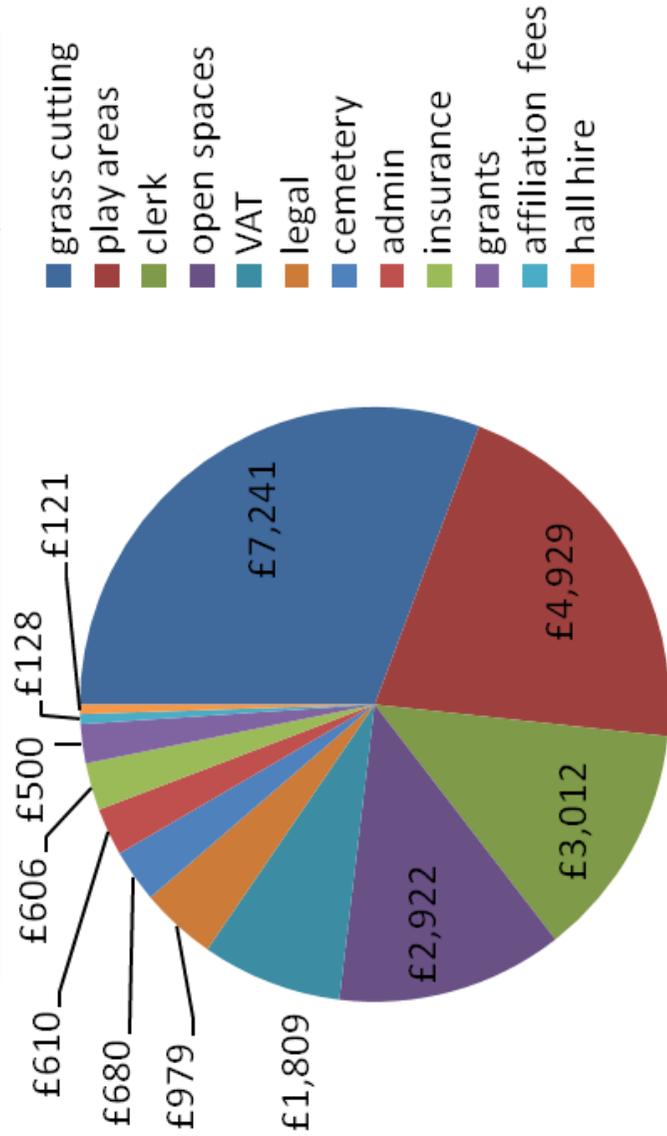
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Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillors Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes the latest updates on roads and pavements to be resurfaced in our area in the year to come. There is also news on a local schools consultation and updates on the plans to build a new power sub station in our area. As always, the newsletter will include a round-up of up-and-coming local events. To receive it directly, join the mailing list by emailing them at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk or traceywye@icloud.com



Parish Council Accounts 2021/22 : Expenditure



WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATORY EDITION OF **TEMPSFORD TIMES** IN WHICH YOU WILL FIND DETAILS OF OUR PLANS TO COMMEMORATE HER MAJESTY'S 70 YEARS ON THE THRONE.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL TRY TO TAKE PART AND ENJOY THE EVENTS AND MAKE YOUR OWN MEMORIES OF THE OCCASION.

THE NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour):

Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by The Queen and Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons: A beacon chain, once used as a tool for communication, has now become a symbol of unity across towns, borders, countries and continents and is often the central point of focus for any outdoor gathering or celebration. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

Service of Thanksgiving: A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral

SATURDAY 4th JUNE

Derby at Epsom Downs: Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby

Platinum Party at the Palace: The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign.

SUNDAY 5th JUNE

The Big Lunch can be a street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: Artistic performers, dancers, musicians, military personnel, key workers and volunteers will unite to tell the story of The Queen's 70 year reign in an awe-inspiring festival of creativity. The London based Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth.

EWR meeting: - Cllr. Lawrence attended the virtual meeting on 10th February. It was more a meeting on how they are going to construct the future meetings! Basically, EWR came with their own views. Cllr. Lawrence did put over his and Council's point of view. He is still waiting for the Minutes of the meeting, even though he has contacted them.

Richard Fuller MP— surgery: - this will be on Friday 18th March 9.45-11.15 am. Posters have been put up and also on Facebook and on the website. Clerk and Chairman will also attend.

AOB – Part of the fence at the cemetery has blown down in the wind ; Council agreed to get quotes for repair plus the replacement of a couple of posts round the Memorial Green.

Cllr. Sutton raised concerns about the lack of attendance of CBC Councillors at our meetings. Chairman and clerk to deal with

Next Meetings: - The Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April at the Stuart Memorial Hall. We hope that Richard Fuller MP will be attending.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 17th May 2022 which is at the Methodist Chapel.

ACCOUNTS FOR 2021/2022

A summary of the unaudited accounts of the Parish Council for the last financial year is given in graphical form overleaf.

The total expenditure for the year was £23,480

The total income for the year was £16,970

The excess expenditure was taken from Council's Current Account balance.

(figures are rounded)

Tempsford Airfield: it appears that as the landowner wants to develop the airfield and barn as an historical place, things will now go ahead to try and achieve this.

Neighbourhood Plan: - Cllr Sutton is in touch with the Consultant. Hoping that the formal consultation will be completed soon. The draft Plan is on the website at the moment and will be updated when properly agreed.

Finance: - The Clerk presented the cash-flow and bank reconciliation and Council approved payments

Defibrillator at Chapel: A report said that a light is needed to be able to read numbers. Cllr. Sutton said he could get one fitted there.

Playground: - The refund from Kompan had been deposited. The inspections for the play areas are due in May.

Planning: - CB/21/01951/Full – Sawfords Meadow. Same objections as before.

CB/TRE/22/00/142 – Tree work Stuart Court – no objections.

CB/22/00801/full – 156 Station Road – no objections.

CB/22/00950/full – Mill House, Mill Lane. Plans were not yet available. Decision to be made when Councillors have viewed the plans. However, the house does need renovating.

Police: - PCC virtual meeting tomorrow, which Cllr. Goddard will attend and report at next meeting. Our local support police person, Louise Bates, will be leaving the area. We presume a replacement will be appointed.

Highways: - Cllr Fraser and Cllr. Lawrence attended a A1 Neighbourhood Parish Forum but both felt that the discussion did not centre on its effects to Tempsford. Cllr. Bettles reported on the amount of dust and pollution from the A1 affecting houses backing on to the A1. He would raise it with the MP at his surgery on Friday.

Speed Camera– Has been erected in Church St for testing purposes and has markedly reduced speeding incidents. It gives a lot of useful information (see sample graph elsewhere in this issue) and will now to be moved to Station Road.

Chairman reported that the link road had been repaired, although there were still some holes both there and in Church Street that need doing.

TEMPSFORD'S PLANS WILL LINK WITH NATIONAL EVENTS

Thursday 2nd June: Beacon Lighting

8pm Gathering in Stuart Memorial Hall
With drinks, speeches, a special proclamation and poem which celebrate the Queen's 70 year of her reign followed by the singing of the National Anthem

9pm Walk to Gannock House / Church End Play area
9.45pm Light beacon

Friday 3rd June: Afternoon Tea

at Methodist Chapel, Station Road

Saturday 4th June:

2pm **Planting of Jubilee Tree**

Proclamation of Jubilee Picnic Area

Followed by

Village Fun Day at Church Play Area (SMH if wet)

5-a-side Football Tournament

Tug of War Competition

Children's Activities

With Bar and soft drinks

Plus free Hog Roast refreshments

Sunday 5th June: Street Parties

Lunch time/Afternoon

Individual residential areas are invited to devise and arrange their own local plans to hold small street/garden parties; (obviously whole roads cannot be closed but closes and entrances could be used)

Street Decoration

Entrances to Station Road and Church Street will be decorated with flags and banners and bunting. Residents are invited to decorate lamp-posts near their homes in a similar manner .

A REMINDER LEAFLET GIVING MORE DETAILS ETC WILL BE DELIVERED NEARER THE DATE

Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with us at
Tempsford Methodist Chapel

COMMUNITY PLATINUM GARDEN TEA PARTY

Friday 3rd June
3pm - 5pm

*There's no charge but you'll need a ticket from Knotts
Farm Shop or call Stephen on 01767 641175*

The Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev James Bamber 01480 453857
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81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES.

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th March 2022. Full copies of the Minutes are available on the village website www.tempsford.org or from the Clerk – clerk@tempsford.org

Present: - 7 Councillors, 1 CBC Councillor (Tracey Wye) for part of the meeting, Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: - received from Adam Zerny CBC Councillor.

Declarations of Interest – none were received.

Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 18th January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Session – A member of the public wanted to speak about tree planting for the Jubilee.

Platinum Jubilee: - Lots of ideas for celebration had been discussed. Planting a tree for the Queens Canopy, Beacon, and other events

Tree planting - suggested places – in the paddock next to the Stuart Memorial Hall, but as this was their land this would have to be discussed with the SMH committee and it would be their decision; in Gannock Castle picnic area – make this area into a Jubilee Green picnic area. Also, other ideas, small ornamental tree near the SOE memorial, and one somewhere in Station Road. Possibly 2 oaks and 2 flowering trees.

Fun Day -in Church Street Play area, Cllr Lawrence offered to organize children's events, 5 a side football, tug of war etc. Food to be supplied and paying bar.

Beacon – in Cllr. David Sutton's paddock on the 2nd June at 9.45 pm.

As no-one would commit themselves, the decision was made to have a meeting between the Parish Council, Stuart Memorial Hall, the Chapel, and the Church to decide who is doing what, basically sponsored by the Parish Council and led by them. All groups to join in organizing. Chairman would arrange a date and invite all the above.

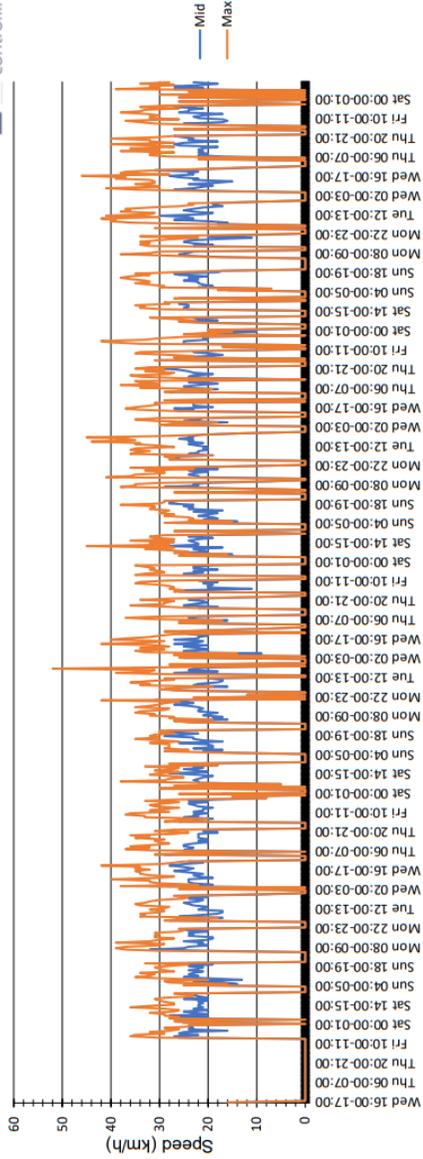
CBC Councillor: - Vanilla Alternative licence: Cllr. Wye wanted to raise the point as it is up for renewal, that it states at the moment, under 16's are allowed into the premises up to 10pm. She felt this was not suitable for this establishment. After discussion, the Chairman said that the Parish Council supports the request to have the licence changed in order to uphold the licensing objectives of protecting children from harm.

A screen shot of the information from our Speed Indicating Device “SID!”

Vd= average speed; Vmax= max speed;
 V85= the speed 85% of vehicles were travelling below
For km/h read mph!



Sequence Average and Maximum speed



Evaluation time 02 March 2022,16:00 - 02 April 2022,14:00	
Speed limit 30 km/h	Values 11436
Speed violations 6.83 %	Vehicles 1134
ADT 37	Vd[km/h] 22
AYT 13505	Vmax[km/h] 52
Evaluation direction Arriving	V85 [km/h] 28
Author: David Sutton	
Comment: Church Street	
Location: Northbound	
Arriving vehicles from:	
Departing vehicles to:	

PROPOSED JUBILEE PICNIC AREA

at the far end of Church End play area



Not a very special area at the moment, but.....

the Parish Council is contracting our groundsman to clear and tidy the area, and regularly cut the grass. New picnic tables will be purchased and the new tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee will be planted in the area as part of the special commemoration.



OUR BEACON

will be a large bonfire
in the grounds of
Gannock House,
safely arranged and
viewable from Church
End Play Area

9.45pm
Thursday 2nd June

TEMPSFORD'S PLATINUM JUBILEE FLOWER STORY

*An idea from Elizabeth Knott who promoted the
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STUART MEMORIAL HALL

THE TEMPSFORD SHOW IS BACK

After a two year hiatus due to Covid-19, we are pleased to say that the Tempsford Show is back for 2022. This year, the show will be a little earlier than previous years and will be on Saturday 20th August, so please put this in your diaries. We are currently in the early planning stages and we'll publish a full schedule and all the flower, fruit, veg, culinary and children's classes in the July/August edition of the Tempsford Times. However, we have decided that one of the classes will be a flower arrangement to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (red, white, blue colour scheme) so start planting soon if you are planning on entering. There will also be our very popular tea room, a bar, a bouncy castle (weather permitting), and various stalls and events.

The Hall will also be playing its part in **Tempsford's Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations which run from Thursday 2nd June through to Sunday 5th. The events have been organised by the Parish Council, Methodist Chapel, Stuart Memorial Hall, T-Mugs and Museum. The Hall will be the gathering point for the first event, the beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd at 8pm, when we will be serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic punch. After a proclamation and the national anthem, we will walk from the Hall to the Playground in Church Street for the beacon lighting at 9pm. Other events are set out in detail elsewhere in this edition of the Tempsford Times.

By the time you read this, the Hall will have held its AGM on April 25th. The two retirees from the Committee, Andy Wines and Linda Collins, were both re-nominated and re-elected. This leaves us with one position on the Committee to fill so, if you are interested, please get in touch. Please note that the Hall has a new mobile phone number and e-mail address for bookings. These are: Mobile: 07561618941, e-mail: stuartmhall43@gmail.com
These details can also be found on our website by clicking the 'contact us' button.

Brian Harrison, Chairman, Hall Committee
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THE THEME FOR THE MAY AND JUNE EXHIBITION WILL BE TEMPSFORD'S WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

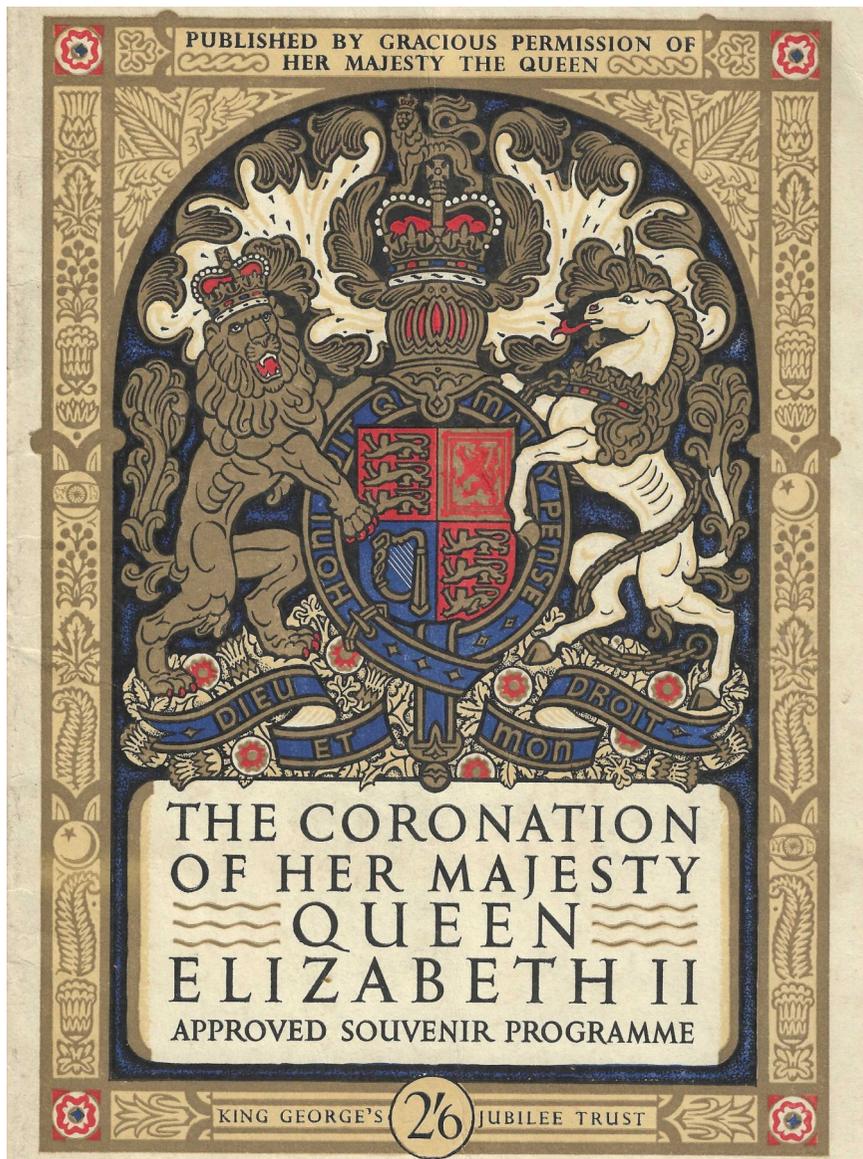
The Tempsford Women's Institute was founded in 1919 and but for a short break in the late 1970's lasted till 2021, when it was sadly disbanded.

The Tempsford Museum and Archives will be exhibiting a vast selection of archive documents, ephemera and photographs, showing the life of the once very popular village W.I.

Lots of other Village and RAF Tempsford items on show.

Sunday May 1st and Sunday June 5th
- from 2pm till 4pm at the Stuart Memorial Hall.
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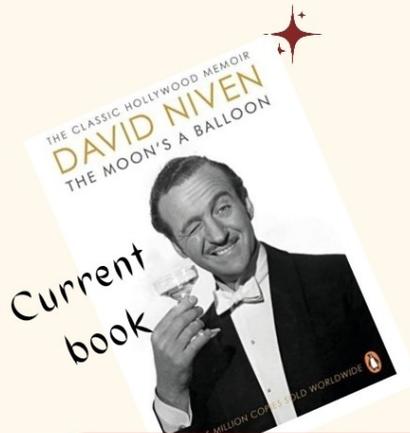
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Easter Forever!

Would you like to be celebrating your birthday every day, or some other occasion? Of course if it was your birthday you wouldn't want the numbers to keep going up! Maybe a party every day, or the receiving of gifts and cards daily might be alright!

"The Easter celebration is over for another year", is that how you view Easter? In the Church of England, we call the Sundays following Easter Sunday "Easter one, Easter two" etc. up until the celebration of Pentecost. That may seem a bit strange, but in all essence we could be celebrating Easter every day throughout the year! The overcoming of old ways by the death and resurrection of Jesus is something to continually celebrate. In our celebrations we recognise Jesus living forever, and that is something about which we should be joyous every day.

We celebrated the greatest gift of all at Christmas, and now that gift has achieved something that is beyond our comprehension – sacrificing himself; but through power he has risen again so that we might live a better life in relationship with God. In all the symbols we have seen around us for the Easter Festival – Easter Eggs, chicks etc. we see pictures of new life. This is exactly what Jesus has brought, through what he has done on the first Easter Day. I hope that we can rejoice in the victory he has won; but not to leave it as one celebration in springtime – instead, to celebrate and rejoice in him each and every day of our lives.

May God bless you this Easter, and throughout the whole year, each and every day. What he achieved is everlasting and for all of us to share in; I hope that you discover a new life in him and can share in his resurrection.

Rev Graham

BIGGLESWADE SANDY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

It seems as though life might be returning to something like normal at last and not before time. We can now plan ahead with more confidence than at anytime during the past two years.

Our motto is "We Serve". We serve our community in many ways, some of which result in donations of cash, other needs are satisfied by putting the right people in touch with one another.

More locally, we purchased a horse jointly with Bedford Lions Club which is "parked" at the Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association at Willington. Being Lions, we have to "debate" from time to time about who bought which end. One of these days we may come to a conclusion.

This year we sponsored three local schools in a project called ROAR which asks Primary School pupils to suggest ideas which they think will improve the world in which we live. The children work together in small groups to identify a project, research it, write it up building a model where appropriate and then present it to their peers who decide which project should go forward for area judgement and so on up to national level where there is a company prepared to develop a number of these proposals into a commercial proposition. We hope to sponsor five schools this year.

2024 is the year of the next Scout Jamboree in Southern Korea. Those selected have to raise considerable sums of money some of which comes from sponsorship. There are two scouts within the Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club area who have been selected and we are proud to be one of their sponsors. They don't just get the money. They have to demonstrate that they are putting in a lot of effort themselves and they will be expected to make a presentation to the Club when they return.

All these projects cost money and this is where our Fund Raising committee come into their own. They are tasked with making sure we have adequate funds to finance all these projects. They are the people who organise the Santa collections, Easter Egg Raffles, side shows at fetes etc. Without them we would be lost. They have placed 20 eggs at various locations around the area. Full details can be found on our web site bslions.org.uk. We are so far booked to attend Ickwell May Day on 2 May and Sandy Carnival on 11 June.

John Bennewith
Public Relations Officer
Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club (CIO)



Blunham Community Cinema, Village Hall, MK44 3NN,

Friday 27th May 'Red Sparrow' (Cert R 18)

starring Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton.
Ballerina Dominika Egorova is recruited to 'Sparrow School' a Russian Intelligence service where she is forced to use her body as a weapon.

Friday 24th June 'The Father' (Cert 12A)

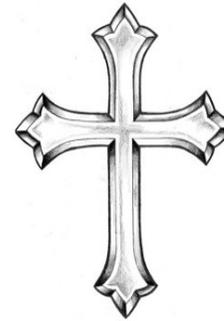
starring Anthony Hopkins, Olivia Coleman.
A man refuses all assistance from his daughter as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality.

Both films start promptly 7.30 pm doors open 7pm. Adults £5.00.
Sweets, Drinks, Ice cream and Pop-corn are available.
For tickets or any further information contact Stella 01767 640515 07783 046020.

Blunham and District Gardening Club. Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 pm. Roxton Show - 2022 will see the 67th show held in the village. Find out more about the show and how you can begin "growing for showing" with your flowers and vegetables.

Tuesday 7th June 7pm. The meeting will be an evening visit to Juliet Pennington's beautiful garden in Bakers Lane, Tempsford. Cost £11.00 which includes drinks and nibbles. Visitors are welcome. For further information contact Brenda Leaf 01767 640624.



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7.00pm

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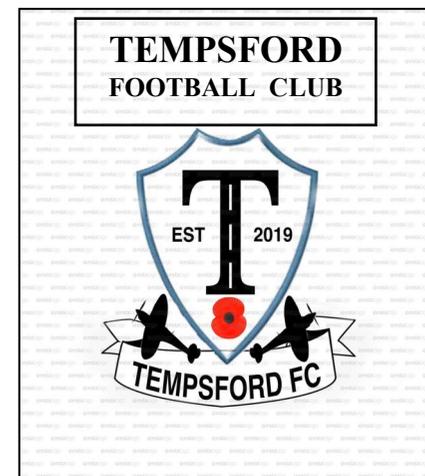
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Fixtures have been coming thick and fast during the past couple of months as we play catch up with winter's postponements due to weather and the Covid outbreaks. Despite the promising start to the year from both teams, results haven't gone our way recently although there have been lots of pleasing performances. As we come into the final stretch of the 2022/23 season, we are looking to finish our first ever complete campaign with two teams on a high (2019/20 & 2020/21 seasons were cut short by the Pandemic).



There have been plenty of lessons learnt along the way, and one of the most challenging aspects has been managing the balance of two sets of squads. With just two more weeks to polish this footballing year off, we already have one eye on regrouping and strengthening again in the summer in order to be all guns blazing for the start of next season.

The club will be organizing a 5-a-side and tug of war competition at the Queen's jubilee family day on Saturday June 4th, so we hope to meet many of you down at Church End Play Area that day. As always, we are always on the look-out for any new players and any village support or sponsorship will be greatly appreciated.

Joe Lawrence

Tempsford FC Founder and Chairman