

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter October 2017

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS'

### GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

A talk by Bev Bond

'History of Rose Cultivation'

7.30pm : Campton Village Hall

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING

Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> October

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton

The following Coffee & Chat  
will be on Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## VILLAGE HALL

### MANAGEMENT

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

7.00pm

Campton Village Hall

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# Pew News

As I write this, on a cool, damp morning, it certainly feels that Autumn is on the way. At All Saints we are looking forward to a number of events over the coming months, as we celebrate Harvest and (dare I say it!) look towards Christmas; but first, a quick look back over things which have happened since the last pew news.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August the church was filled to capacity for the baptism of Stanley Crofts, Theo Barnard, Neil Warren and Stephen Stone. We were delighted to welcome them, together with their families, Godparents and friends. It was a lovely service and a very happy family occasion.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September, Dean, Deborah and I met with representatives from the Diocese of St Albans who, as I mentioned in last month's Pew News, own the Glebe Land currently being considered for development by Central Beds. Campton Glebe is one of ten sites put forward by the Diocese, as part of their statutory duty to "manage assets". It was a full and frank, but helpful, discussion! The Diocese are now well aware of our very strong opposition to any proposed developments on this precious piece of land in the centre of our village. We were assured that the proposals really are at a very preliminary stage, and that All Saints would be fully consulted IF the site was progressed to the next stage. In the meantime, we intend to keep the Diocese fully apprised on our views, which are fully supportive of those of the community expressed at the Parish Council meeting later that evening.

## Now to forthcoming events and some dates for your diaries:-

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** will be our **Harvest Festival Service**, followed by a Harvest lunch in church; do come along, you would be very welcome!

As I have said previously, to keep maintaining this lovely old building costs a huge amount of money.

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding our **annual Gift Day**. We do rely on your generous donations and fundraising to cover essential costs. Deborah and I will be writing to each household in the village prior to this to give you an idea of the costs which we do need to cover to keep All Saints open, not just for the congregation, but as a much loved building in the centre of our community.

We also have two forthcoming fund-raising events, and look forward to seeing you at one or both of these!

The "**Campton Festival of Bells**", marking the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of our bells, will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be fun activities for all the family, including the opportunity to have a go at bell ringing and take part in craft workshops, which will include silver jewellery making, glazing pottery and children's craft activities. One of our 8 year old ringers is enthusiastically thinking up lots of ideas, most of which seem to include sparkles and feathers! Come along to find out more!

We are delighted to announce that on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, we will again be "**Rocking in the Aisles**" with The Rock Factor. This is an absolutely Not to Be Missed evening and always a sell out! Tickets will be on sale shortly, but save the date now!

A reminder that Coffee and Chat takes place from 10-12 noon on the first Friday of every month. Sunday services every week at 11am, informal Prayers for Peace and Justice every Tuesday at 9am, and other events as advertised. For any details of services, forthcoming events or to volunteer to help us to maintain All Saints in any way, do please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**LINDA GARTON** - Churchwarden

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## **Friends of Campton PTA**

would like to welcome all new parents and carers to our lovely school.

We are getting back in to the swing of things and have a few plans in the pipeline, please look out for future notices.

However, for now a date for your diary is **Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

This will be the date for our ever popular Christmas Fayre.

Look out for more details nearer the time. If you have any skills and products that you could offer, please email us on [pta@camptonlower.org](mailto:pta@camptonlower.org)

As always, if anyone has any ideas for fundraising and/or events, they would always be appreciated and if you would like to join the PTA please contact us on [pta@camptonlower.org](mailto:pta@camptonlower.org) We look forward to seeing and hearing from you all at our upcoming events!

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This meeting was attended by a number of residents with public participation ranging from concerns about the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) draft Local Plan, incidents in the A507 underpass and rubbish at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council thank all attending residents, CBC Councillors and a representative from All Saints PCC for their valued input to this session.

You will be aware of the on-going development of a new Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire by CBC; public consultation of the first draft ended on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Parish Council have submitted a carefully considered and official response to CBC. This was based wholly on the draft Local Plan, site assessments and technical documents as published by CBC in early July. The consultation period unfortunately coincided with school holidays with many residents being away, but the Parish Council did endeavour to encourage residents to put forward their views. Full information and guidance was published in the Newsletter and on the Parish Council website, which saw a significant number of new users. Posters were displayed locally and a Special Bulletin was delivered to every household in the Parish. The Parish Council also acknowledge the efforts of a number of individuals within the Parish; their initiatives have helped to raise awareness and encourage residents to "have their say" regarding the draft plan and call for sites assessments. The Parish Council do aim to support the views of the majority of residents within the Parish and would like to thank all residents who took the time to respond to the consultation and put forward their views to CBC. Councillor Tony Brown indicated that the next iteration of the new Local Plan, the pre-submission draft, should be published in February 2018 and once again will be subject to a period of public consultation.

In the last Newsletter we introduced the Parish Council's intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Campton and Chicksands. Whilst Local Plans lay out a vision of the future for a large area or local authority e.g. Central Bedfordshire, the needs of individual towns and villages can vary considerably. Neighbourhood plans are optional, but can address the specific and focussed needs of a designated locality. These plans are community led and are compiled and published by a Town or Parish Council. Taking part in the development or consultation exercises of a Neighbourhood Plan helps you have

your say in the future use of land and buildings in your neighbourhood and allows the local community to influence local planning, future development and identification of green space.

The Parish Council will shortly be holding an open afternoon in the Village Hall to introduce residents to the different aspects of a Neighbourhood Plan and how they may get involved. The Parish Council encourage all residents to look out for further information on this "drop in" session. The Parish Council will need the support of the community in order to move this initiative forward. A steering group will be set up to incorporate residents, community groups, businesses and landowners. More information on the formation of a steering group will be available on the afternoon. More details in the November Newsletter and on line at:-

<http://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

The role of the Parish Council is to represent the local community, deliver services to meet the local needs and to strive to improve the quality of life and community wellbeing. Through a range of discretionary powers the Parish Council provides and maintains a variety of services. Campton and Chicksands Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a Councillor to join our team of six Councillors and we would really like to fill this position in order to maximise the service offered to residents. The Parish Council currently meets monthly in the Village Hall to discuss on-going business. If you would like further information on becoming a Councillor please do not hesitate to contact me or come along to a meeting.

**The date for the next meeting is  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website.

A colour version of this newsletter, together with archived issues is also available to view or download; follow the 'Information' link.

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# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
at **Campton Village Hall**

Hope everyone has enjoyed being outdoors in the garden as much as I have this summer. This bespoke living space we tend throughout the year offers many rewards and as autumn approaches we are still enjoying the fruits of our labour.

The July gardening club followed another successful 'open gardens'. For our August meeting we were joined by Judi Samuels giving a talk on 'Garden Design'. Also congratulations to Ken Stevens, judged to be our best onion grower this season.

September is well underway and with summer coming to a close we welcome Autumn colour to our gardens, along with ripening fruit, some of which was kindly donated at the last Gardening Club meeting by Helen Radley. We also had two winners of our Sunflower Competition, A. Stickland grew the tallest sunflower, while M. Langley's sunflower had the largest flower head; two worthy winners.

**Bev Bond ACI Hort,(BA Hons) will be joining us for our next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, to give a talk on the 'History of Rose Cultivation', one definitely not to be missed.**

Please feel free to come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Also bring along any items for our free and swap table, shrubs fruit or garden related items that you no longer need.

**Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £2**

**For more information, please contact... Maryika 01462 851729**

## News From The Tower

### Visiting ringers in October:

**Sunday October 16** - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association  
- 2pm to 5pm approx.

Ringling is something YOU can do (NOT just something other people do!)  
and Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area.

If you would like to know more, or fix to have a go, come along  
on a Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm or call me on 07803 206161 **JOHN LOVELESS**

# Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

**If you need help from us phone 07971 854472**

If your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p per mile should be paid to the driver.

## 100 Club Draw

In participating in the 100 Club Draw, you are providing vital support for the continuing upkeep of Campton Village Hall..... THANK YOU  
Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details.

| September 2017  |     |                |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £35 | 30 P. Mitchell |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £20 | 23 L. Bryant   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £12 | 164 R. Smith   |

**"Congratulations  
to our winners  
this month"**

## WANDERBUS EXCURSION

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month**

**26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wyevale Garden Centre, Shepreth, Royston.**

Various concession shops, plus restaurant and wide range of garden items and gifts.

**£8.00 per person**

**Pick up: 9.30-10.00am / approx. Arrival: 10.30am / Departure: 2.00pm**  
(NB. Cash Fares only - sorry Travel Passes cannot be accepted)

**Please call 0300-123-3023 or email: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)  
for more information or to book your seat**

# CAMPTON - WANDERBUS

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[www.wanderbus.org.uk](http://www.wanderbus.org.uk)

e-mail: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)



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## As of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 - Revised

"Stops at all Bus Stops on Request"

| W3 BIGGLESWADE                        | - Every Monday | OUT      | RETURN   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Opp Church                            |                | 09.05    | RR       |
| Biggleswade - London Rd Retail Centre |                | 10.10    | 11.40    |
| Asda                                  |                | 10.14    | 11.36    |
| Sainsbury's on request                |                | 10.20 OR | 11.30 OR |

| W6 SHEFFORD            | - Every Friday | OUT      | RETURN   |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Opp Church             |                | 09.08    | RR       |
| Shefford - Morrisons   |                | 09.29    | 10.45    |
| Shefford Health Centre |                | 09.34 OR | 10.50 OR |

| W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY  | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month | OUT   | RETURN |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Greenway                |                                     | 08.53 | RR     |
| Opp Church              |                                     | 08.55 | RR     |
| WGC Central Bus Station |                                     | 10.05 | 12.00  |

OR = Stops on Request

RR = Return Stops on Request

## MONTHLY EXCURSION

**4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF MONTH - RING FOR DESTINATION & BOOKINGS**

**Sorry no travel passes can be accepted**

**16 Seater Buses Available for Private Hire - Schools/Clubs etc.**

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the **15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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