

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter November 2017

Wed, 1 st November	<u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</u> 7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Fri, 3 rd November	<u>COFFEE & CHAT</u> 10.00am - noon All Saints Church, Campton The following Coffee & Chat will be on Friday, 1 st Dec and will be in aid of 'Shelter'
Mon, 6 th November	<u>TRUGS & TROWELS GARDENING CLUB</u> 7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Sat, 11 th November	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DROP-IN SESSION</u> 11.30am - 1.30pm Campton Village Hall
Wed, 15 th November	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DROP-IN SESSION</u> 6.30pm - 8.30pm Campton Village Hall
Sat, 18 th November	<u>CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP</u> AGM 2.30pm Campton Village Hall
Sat, 18 th November	<u>FESTIVAL OF BELLS</u> 10.00am - 6.00pm All Saints Church, Campton
Mon, 20 th November	<u>RESIDENTS MEETING</u> - details on back page
Sat, 2 nd December	<u>ROCK 'IN THE AISLES</u> 8.00pm - 11.00pm All Saints Church, Campton
Sat, 9 th December	<u>CAMPTON CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR</u> 10.00am - 3.00pm Campton Village Hall
Sat, 9 th December	<u>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</u> 3.00pm - 6.00pm Campton Lower School

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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If you have any news or views you wish to share please contact the Editor,
Angela Baker - details on back page

Pew News

We are starting to see some beautiful autumn colours in and around the village matched, as I write this, by a very orange sun, accompanied by rising winds as storm Ophelia approaches!

At All Saints on Sunday 1st October, we celebrated the safe gathering of the harvest before the arrival of the autumn and any bad weather that might be coming our way. The church was at its most beautiful, dressed with lovely flowers, fruit and vegetables. We sat down to a delicious Harvest lunch, the proceeds of which went towards the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, supporting the development of community projects in remote villages in the Philippines. Appropriately, tins of beans were amongst the goods donated by parishioners and children from Campton Lower School, who held their Harvest Service in the church the following week. These were all taken to the Women's Refuge in Bedford. Thank you to everyone who helped with the decoration of the church, preparation of lunch and made harvest donations.

On a very sad note, the church was full on Monday 9th October for the funeral of a much loved friend, Gunther Eckert. Gunther had lived in Campton for all of his married life, and many houses in the village show evidence of his excellent handiwork. We have also been very grateful for Gunther's generous practical assistance with the upkeep of All Saints over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn and Gunther's family.

As I have mentioned in previous Pew News, to keep maintaining this lovely old building costs a huge amount of money, and we do rely on donations and fundraising to cover essential costs. Very shortly, Deborah and I will be writing to everyone in the village about our Gift Day on Saturday 4th November. We have been extremely grateful for your generosity in previous years.

We also have two major fundraising events before the end of the year. The first of these is on Saturday 18th November from 10am to 6pm, when we will be celebrating the 10th birthday of our bells and raising money with a **"Festival of Bells"**. As well as demonstrations of bellringing (on the bells in the tower and on handbells) and opportunities to "Have a Go", there will be craft workshops (jewellery making, decorating pottery and more!) and lots of activities for children. Tea and cakes will be served all day, with delicious lunches from 12.30pm. Do come along, and bring family and friends too!

We are also really looking forward to another **"Rocking in the Aisles"** with The Rock Factor on Saturday 2nd December. Tickets for this absolutely Not to Be Missed evening will be on sale shortly.

A reminder that Coffee and Chat takes place from 10am - 12 noon on the first Friday of every month, Prayers for Peace and Justice every Tuesday at 9am, and other events as advertised. Sunday services take place every week at 11am, other than the 5th Sunday of the month, where a joint service is held at 10am either here, or at Clophill or Haynes. There is an exception to the usual pattern on Sunday 11th November, when our Service of Remembrance begins at 10.50am. 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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'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

"Autumn, the years last loveliest smile." - William Cullen Bryant

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 6th November at Campton Village Hall**

A huge "Thank you" to Bev Bond who delivered a super talk on the 'History of the Rose' at our October meeting. Bev will be returning next year to give us another informative talk on a different topic.

At our November meeting we will be joined by Rob McLead (Ex-Manager at Old Warden Abbey Vineyard), who will be giving us a talk on 'Pruning'.

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

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

Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £2

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

Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday, 18th November at 2.30pm in Campton Village Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

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.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last Meeting on Wednesday 4th October 2017.

A number of issues were raised during public participation. These included concerns about existing signage and road markings for motorists at the busy A507/A600 roundabout. On-going concerns about pedestrian safety at this roundabout were also discussed. Councillor Brown provided the Clerk with a contact at Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) in order that these concerns may be reported.

Concerns were also voiced regarding car parking on roadside grass verges, in particular in parts of Gravenhurst Road. This can make it difficult for larger vehicles to pass through the village, can present a danger to pedestrians and will damage roadside verges during poor weather. The Parish Council request that you park considerately and avoid parking on grass verges. Thank you.

The request for lower branches to be removed on the trees approaching the A507 underpass was re-visited. The Clerk will re-organise via CBC and Parish Council contractors.

CBC Councillors Tony Brown & Mark Liddiard updated the Parish Council and attending residents on a number of CBC initiatives and activities.

A new on-line reporting system has been launched by CBC. The system is available to all residents and it enables the reporting of issues directly to CBC for resolution. You are able to report potholes, faults with street lighting or traffic lights, dead animals, damaged pavements, flooding or issues with drainage, overgrown trees and hedges, obstructions in the road, issues with road signs or street furniture or damage to bus stops or shelters. If you need to report an issue then visit the CBC website. <http://www.cb-report-it.co.uk/index.aspx>

Cllr Tony Brown updated the Parish Council on the Government's new consultation paper outlining future housing requirements. The paper entitled "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places" outlines a proposed new method that should be used by Local Councils in the central heartlands of England when calculating future housing need. Central Bedfordshire Council are of the view that the increase in housing need predicted as a result of this proposed methodology is not credible and is undeliverable and "It undermines the Council and our community's investment aspirations to plan growth effectively, including the necessary supporting infrastructure". As a result of this paper and its potential impact on required housing provision CBC will be speeding up the time table for completion of the Local Plan, with an aim to submit by 31st March 2018.

The Parish Council will be supporting the official Central Bedfordshire Council position on this paper by submitting its views to the government consultation process.

The Parish Council have now instigated a Neighbourhood Plan and are looking to establish a Steering Group in the near future. Please see the "Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan" article in this Newsletter for further information and how you may get involved.

**The date for the next meeting is
Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley

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Friends of Campton PTA

would like to let you know that we have recently purchased 4 new iPad's for the school. This is a fantastic achievement and something the community should be very proud of, we all helped to raise the funds for them!

We are now in full swing of planning our Christmas Fayre, if you can offer any help please let us know - be it ideas, running a stall on the day or even offering a prize for our raffle! We are also selling stalls to outside sellers.

Please contact us for more information on pta@camptonlower.org

Remember to save the date too - Saturday the 9th December 3pm to 6pm!



POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

Due to the guidelines now around 'No Cold Calling Zones', please note there will be **NO** house to house collection in Campton for The British Legion Poppy Appeal this month.

New opening times at Shefford Library

(as of 1st October 2017)

Tuesday – Friday : 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday : 9 am to 4 pm

Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

Through the Localism Act, the government has given local communities more power to influence the future of the places they live through neighbourhood planning. Our community and Parish Council now need to work in partnership to develop the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan. This is a legal document that will contain policies to influence and control development in the area. It is an opportunity for us, as a community to have our say on local issues which may otherwise be overlooked by Central Bedfordshire Council. This includes the siting, style and type of any future housing development; transport and movement in the area; community facilities and the protection of open spaces for everyone to enjoy. The Neighbourhood Plan will go through several stages of consultation. Following a referendum to gain your approval, it will be adopted and used when making decisions on planning applications.

In order to start the process we need you to give us your opinions through a few simple open questions. There will be two drop-in sessions at **Campton Village Hall** where you can learn more about the Neighbourhood Plan and how you may be able to help, as well as giving us your views. Parish Councillors will be available to listen to your feedback and answer any questions you may have.

These will take place on:

November 11th (Saturday): 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

November 15th (Wednesday): 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Light refreshments will be provided, free of charge.

We have also produced a short questionnaire for you to complete.

This is available as a direct link on the Parish Council website or online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCX9TXP>

Hard copies are also available on request, including a large print version if required. These can be obtained at either of the drop-in sessions or by contacting the Parish Clerk, Tammy Medley (Telephone: 01908 505558 or email: tammy.medley@btinternet.com).

If you would like to know more about the Neighbourhood Plan but can't attend one of the drop-in sessions, please let us know and we will contact you.

There will be further updates about the Neighbourhood Plan in forthcoming newsletters and on the Parish Council website, plus there will be further drop-in sessions for you to learn about the progress made so far. Remember, this is all about the community shaping a vision for the future of our area, not just for us, but for our children and their families in the years to come.

WANDERBUS EXCURSION

23rd November: Bury St Edmunds - famous 'Christmas Fayre'

Many exciting stalls, with a wide range of Christmas gifts on offer.

£22.00 per person

Pick up: 9.15-9.45am / approx. Arrival: 11.00am / Departure: 4.00pm

(NB. Cash Fares only - sorry Travel Passes cannot be accepted)

Please call 0300-123-3023 or email: thewanderbus@gmail.com

for more information or to book your seat

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.

		October 2017
1st	£35	164 R. Smith
2nd	£20	4 D. Wild
3rd	£12	37 G. Cameron

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

THANK YOU

Catriona would like to thank everyone who attended the **Macmillan Coffee Morning in September**. It was a lovely busy morning with lots of tasty cakes and plenty of coffee. Special thanks to Karen, Jill, Hollie and Deborah for their help and with everybody's support we managed to raise **£511** for the charity.

News From The Tower

November's big event is the 'Festival of Bells' on Saturday, November 18, which marks the 10th birthday of our new bells. Come and join us and 'have a go'!

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 Lower School - Vacancies

Midday Supervisory Assistants

Days: Monday - Friday / Hours: 11.55am – 1.05pm

Start: as soon as possible

Please contact the School Office for an application pack

01462 813359 – office@camptonlower.org

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017

All Saints Church Campton

FEATURING.....



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON

8pm – 11pm

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC ROCK,
FEATURING THE VERY BEST OF 60's, 70's & 80's MUSIC
PERFORMED LIVE IN A CHURCH
LICENCED BAR

TICKETS £10

(available **1st November onwards**)

Contact: JOY tel: 01462 811798

or email: pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

Stop Press!

On Monday, 20th November at 8.00pm in Campton Village Hall there will be an independent meeting of residents concerned about potential residential development within the village. As the Diocese of St Albans is currently reviewing the placing of some of its glebe lands up for sale, the focus of the first meeting will be on Campton Glebe. All residents are invited to attend.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the **15th November 2017**

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