

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter December 2017

COFFEE & CHAT

plus Mince Pies
Fri, 1st December
10.00am-noon
All Saints Church,
Campton
In aid of 'CRISIS'

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

Sat, 2nd December
8.00pm-11.00pm
All Saints Church, Campton

TRUGS & TROWELS

Mon, 6th December
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sat, 9th December
3.00pm-6.00pm
Campton Lower School

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sat, 9th December
10.00am-3.00pm
Campton Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, 11th December
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

VHMC MEETING

Wed, 13th December
7.00pm
Campton Village Hall

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

November has been a busy month at All Saints.

First of all, thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Gift Day on 4th November and also to those who came along during the day to help with an "Autumn Clean" both inside and outside the church, despite the wet weather!

On Sunday 11th November, there was a large congregation at the Service of Remembrance and as always we were particularly pleased that representatives from the base at Chicksands were present. In a moving service we remembered by name those from the village who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars and also those from the base at Chicksands who have died in recent conflicts.

The Campton Festival of Bells on 18th November proved to be a great success, with a wonderful buzz in the church as people socialised or pursued the various ringing and craft-related activities on offer. The '100 Firsts in a Day Bellringing Challenge' target was soundly beaten - the final total of 118 firsts ranged from first attempts at bell handling (lots of those) through to several performances of a bellringing method appropriately called Campton Delight Major. On the day itself, plus online and other donations (with more promised) we raised over **£2000**, which was fantastic! A really big thank you to everyone who came along to help and take part.

Do come along to our next fundraising event on **Saturday 2nd December**, when we will once again be having a fabulous evening '**Rock 'in the Aisles' with The Rock Factor**. **Tickets are available from Joy Curtis (pianomadjoy@hotmail.com)**

On 19th November we welcomed the Bishop of Bedford, the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson to All Saints to take our morning service. In an entertaining and thought provoking sermon he talked about the huge number of commercial advent calendars currently on sale (Craft Beer Calendar with miniature bottles of beer behind each window; the mince pie calendar with twelve luxury mince pies; the Italian treats calendar and one with Pork Scratchings for each day, not to mention the £10,000 rare whisky calendar!), all a long way from the cardboard Advent Calendars with pictures of angels, wise men, shepherds and the baby Jesus in a manger which many of us remember from our childhood.

We hope that you will join us at All Saints this Advent, as we remember the birth of Jesus on that very first Christmas Day.

Everyone is very welcome at the Christingle service at 11am on Sunday 10th December, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm on Christmas Eve and Holy Communion at 10.30am on Christmas morning.

LINDA GARTON - Churchwarden

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TEA WITH SUE - AN INVITATION



Please, one and all, if you would care
to join me for 'Tea and Cake' on
Saturday, 6th January 2018
in Campton Village Hall
2.30pm to 5.00pm
you are very welcome.

Sue Hayhurst

Friends of Campton Lower School
are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on
Saturday, 9th December, 3pm - 6pm at the school.

Please come along and support your lovely village school,
all proceeds go back to Friends of Campton who are currently
fundraising to replace the school's ICT suite.

There will be plenty to see and do; Refreshments, Games, Santa's Grotto,
Lucky Dip, Tombola, Crafts, Gift stalls, Raffle and lots more!
Raffle tickets are available to purchase from the school office prior
to the day (or at the Fayre on the day!) for only £1 each.

We have lots of fantastic prizes this year, well worth the money!

If you have any donations that you can spare towards our tombola stalls
they would be more than appreciated - please drop them in to
the school office for our attention.

Thanks once again for your continued support!

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.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last Meeting on Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Public participation covered the impact of new "cold calling" regulations and the recently published public and telephone representations to the first draft of the new Central Beds Council (CBC) Local Plan.

Councillor Tony Brown reported that CBC is aiming for the pre-submission draft of the Local Plan to be reviewed by the Council Executive on 9th January 2018. Public Consultation will then commence during January 2018 and will last for six weeks. It is anticipated that the plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate before the end of March 2018.

The "Jet Patcher" which you may have seen, has now completed over 9,500 pothole repairs across Central Bedfordshire and this work will continue in the coming months.

The Green Waste collections will cease for the winter commencing 1st December through to 5th March 2018. Christmas trees will be collected between 8th and 19th January 2018.

The sound system at the Village Hall has now been looked at and is once again functional for those requiring its use. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Tyler for his help with fixing the system.

The Parish Council have now launched the "[Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan](#)". The Parish Council are very grateful to all residents who have already completed the on-line or paper survey, and also to those residents that attended the recent "Drop In" sessions at the Village Hall. The sessions were well attended and residents provided valuable feedback on the six areas that the Parish Council expect a Steering Group to address, as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. This feedback will be a great help as we move forward with the plan.

An [on-line survey](#) and [Parish Council video](#) on YouTube are available to all residents of Campton, Chicksands & Chicksands JFC should you wish to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, or provide comments and feedback.

Please see the [Back Page](#) for further information and website links.

We would also like to thank those residents who have so far expressed an interest in becoming more involved with the Plan and perhaps joining the team.

If you were unable to attend a "Drop In" session and are interested in helping, you can email or telephone me for further information.

Please remember that the Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for us, as a community, to have our say on local issues and implement policies that will influence development and facilities locally. The Parish Council will need the help and support of the local community in order to move forward with this Plan.

**The date for the next meeting is
Monday, 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in December:

Sun, Dec 17 - 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**

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

"For nature gives to every time and season, some beauties of its own....."

- Charles Dickens

**Our next meeting will be on
Monday, 4th December at Campton Village Hall**

Our December meeting will be a full evening to round off 2017, starting off with a flower arrangement demonstration, then to get us in the festive spirit, mulled wine with mince pies and a raffle to finish off.

Members are requested to bring along their Christmas cactus for judging.

Also any donations of raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £2

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

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Kerbside collection of household GARDEN WASTE will be suspended across Central Bedfordshire over the winter months.

The collections will be suspended from Monday, 4th December 2017 - Friday, 2nd March 2018 inclusive.

Therefore the last garden waste collection for **Campton will be on Wednesday, 22nd November** and for **Chicksands this will be Wednesday, 29th November 2017.**

The decision to stop the kerbside collection service during the quietest time of the year for garden waste was made as part of the council's financial planning process, and comes as a result of Government funding cuts. Council Tax alone doesn't raise enough to cover all the services the council provides, and so the council focuses on delivering services that meet the periods of high demand, in this case restricting garden waste collections to during the growing season.

Please also note that the Refuse & Recycling Collections over the Christmas / New Year period will be:-

Thursday, 28th December instead of Wed, 27th December 2017

Thursday, 4th January instead of Wed, 3rd January 2018

100 Club Draw

November 2017		
1 st	£35	104 P. Brown
2 nd	£20	140 A. Brand
3 rd	£12	155 L. Sheasby

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

As Sue Hayhurst will be leaving Campton soon, Pauline Pettifar and Kath Brown have taken on the Children's Society Box collection. This year (October 2016/17), the amount raised from boxes was **£261.50** we thank you all.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this cause, please contact Pauline (811698) or Kath (812833). We thank Sue for her many years with this organisation and wish her well when she eventually moves. We will all miss her!



CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

10AM TO 3PM

FREE ENTRANCE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

TEA, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS

NON ALCOHOLIC MULLED WINE

MINCE PIES

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

Saturday, 2nd December

8pm – 11pm

All Saints Church, Campton

Featuring RF₂ The Classic Rock Covers Band

**An evening of classic rock, featuring the very best of 60's, 70's & 80's
music performed live in a church * Licensed Bar**

Tickets £10 – available from Joy : 811798

email: pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

The Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

your parish.....
your views.....

Your local community needs your views and help to get our Neighbourhood Plan under way.

This plan will be important in shaping a vision for the future of our area, not just for us, but also for generations in the years to come.

Want to know more about the plan?

Please watch the video <https://youtu.be/ROMbhqpp6Go>

or search YouTube for..... campton and chicksands neighbourhood plan

Want to complete a quick survey?

You can take the survey online

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

or scan the QR code opposite now...

For a paper copy of the survey please contact the Parish Clerk
email - tammy.medley@btinternet.com or tel - 01908 505558



an opportunity to shape
our future together

The Campton & Chicksands
Neighbourhood Plan is a community
project supported by the Parish Council

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

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