

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter February 2018

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 2nd February
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 2nd March

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 5th February

Cheryl & Pip from Bromham Mill
talk on 'Garden Design'
7.30pm : Campton Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Wednesday, 7th February
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 14th February
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

I asked Linda and Deborah if I might be allowed to write this Pew News - the first one to be actually written in 2018; so may I, belatedly, wish you all a Healthy New Year!

Linda and Deborah both went 'walkabout' for Christmas this year and so they called in the 'B' Team! Kathy Taylor and I would most sincerely like to thank all of you who helped us in any way to make it such a happy, busy and friendly Season.

Malcolm and Jackie also went away and missed the November and December Coffee 'n Chats, so again I thank everybody who stepped in to help. Especially John Westgarth with his mince pies and brandy butter for the Crisis at Christmas December Appeal; I was pleased to be able to send £70 to the Charity.

Christmas Services at Campton would not be the same without the decorations and so I thank Bill for once again providing us with a beautiful tree, which Joy and Audrey 'dressed' for us. The window sills, each with a different theme were done by Pam and Louise Anne Gordon, Joy, Lily and myself. The big arrangements by the altar and pulpit were the skilled work of June Martin. We are so blessed to have her to help us with the flowers throughout the year.

We started our Christmas with the traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols led this year by Audrey. Thank you to all the Readers and Singers. It really is a service of love - the young soloists setting the mood for us. I would like to thank the younger generations who are taking over the removal of chairs to and from the Hall - it is such a help.

The Christmas morning Communion led by Dean was a lovely, well attended, service of carols and praise.

We said 'goodbye' to 2017 with a Benefice Service at Campton, when we were joined by our old friends from Haynes and Clophill, it always makes for a good Service as we share the worship together.

Bit by bit the beautiful colourful decorations have gone away for another year and the January Coffee 'n chat welcomed home Malcolm and Jackie. Over 2017 you and your friends have raised **£250** for the Church, **£220** for Macmillan Nursing, **£200** for Help4Heroes and **£70** for Crisis at Christmas; and all for the nominal cost of £1 per person! Amazing isn't it?

I know that during 2018 there will be fundraising events for you all to share in and enjoy, I do hope you will, as this lovely old Church is only able to continue its life at the centre of the village if you support it.

Thank you, **SUE HAYHURST**

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle
a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl.*

And the anticipation nurtures our dream."

- Barbara Winkler

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 5th February**
at **Campton Village Hall**

Cheryl & Pip from Bromham Mill will be giving a talk on
'Garden Design' (making the most of your space)

New members are always welcome to come along to any of our
Gardening Club meetings; please feel free to join us, everyone is welcome.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm : Admission £3
(or annual membership £24)

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

TEA AND CAKE

I just wanted to thank everybody who responded to my invitation
to 'Tea and Cake' at the Village Hall on 6th January.

It was a fantastic afternoon, made possible by the love and
generosity of those working their socks off in the kitchen - those of you
who carted chairs and tables from the Church to the Hall -
and those of you who baked cakes; but our efforts would have meant
nothing if all of you had not come to share the afternoon.

So a very sincere 'thank you' - for the last time!

Love to you all from Sue H.

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in February:

Friday February 9 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association
- 10am to 1pm 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 & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last Meeting on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. It was good once again to see so many residents attending, with the focus of public participation being primarily on the release of the **Local Plan (Pre-Submission Draft)** by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) earlier that day.

Central Bedfordshire Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard were able to provide an update on the Local Plan. As you will be aware there has been considerable discussion locally over the potential impact of the Plan on the village of Campton following the publication of the first draft in July last year. At that stage two potential development sites were selected for further consideration, land off Greenway and two roadside portions of the Glebe. The Councillors confirmed that arable land off Greenway has been put forward as part of the Local Plan. This land off Greenway has been selected as an area for a future residential development of up to 66 houses and is now referred to as HAS08 in the plan. Information was also outlined on the major developments proposed at Marston Vale, Biggleswade, Arlesey & north of Luton together with proposed growth in other Central Beds towns & villages.

This new draft of the Local Plan is now open for the last stage of public consultation before submission to the Government Inspectorate. This stage of consultation is open until 5.00p.m. on the 22nd February and you can find out how to "Have Your Say" on the Plan at:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/have-your-say-2.aspx>

Further web links to the full draft plan etc. can also be found via the Parish Council website. If you would like a paper copy of the consultation booklet please contact the Newsletter Editor and the Parish Council will arrange delivery. Paper copies of the full Plan can be obtained from Priory House CBC Reception.

Assuming that the Government Inspector approves the plan for adoption by Central Bedfordshire Council then we understand that the Glebe will not be developed on as part of the Local Plan. It is important to highlight that the decision by CBC not to include the Glebe sites in the Local Plan does not exclude the Glebe completely from future development proposals.

Central Bedfordshire Council have issued a questionnaire with regards to this year's Budget. They are urging all residents to take the time to put forward their views as part of this consultation which will run until 29th January 2018.

Copies of the questionnaire can be completed on-line or paper copies obtained from Priory House. The briefing on the questionnaire outlines the services that CBC intends to provide as well as details of their potential spending and investments. CBC will also be initiating a consultation on waste management in the coming months. The consultation will aim to seek the views of residents with regards to waste management, collection and recycling as well as outlining future options to improve the services currently offered to residents.

As part of a Road and Pathways improvement initiative CBC will be resurfacing the footpath along parts of Gravenhurst Road, running from Brookside. The poor condition of the path was originally highlighted to CBC by the Parish Council and they have agreed to include the costs in the Highways budget for the next financial year.

It was with great sadness that The Parish Council recently heard of the passing of Mr Jeff Simmons. Jeff was a former Councillor who lived in Campton village and the Parish Council would like to offer their sincere condolences to his family at this difficult time.

The response to the **Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Survey** increased significantly over the holiday period and the Parish Council thanks all those that submitted returns or attended the "Drop-In" sessions last November. Work is now underway to analyse the returns and start to establish the Steering Group. The Parish Council will be looking to support the community in the creation of this all important Neighbourhood Plan throughout 2018. If you would like more information on the Neighbourhood Plan, or are interested in helping, please do contact me.

**The date for the next meeting is
Wednesday, 7th February 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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Orchards East, is an exciting new three year Heritage Lottery funded project working across the eastern region. The project, based at the University of East Anglia extends initiatives already developed by county orchard groups and other partners, including Suffolk Traditional Orchards Group and the East of England Apples and Orchards Project, to survey existing orchards. The survey data will be used to record the kind of orchards in existence as well as their significance as habitats for biodiversity and wildlife. In addition the project will research the history of orchards to help understand what was grown locally, how orchards were managed and the importance of orchards to the local community and its economy.

Working across Bedfordshire, Cambridge, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, Orchards East is hoping to recruit and train as many volunteers as possible to take part in surveying local orchards – no expertise needed just an interest in your local area and a willingness to complete a short and simple survey form! In addition volunteers are needed to get involved in local historic research involving anything from looking online to visiting the local Records Office.

The project also aims to raise our understanding and appreciation of orchards by running a range of workshops on different aspects of orchard management including planting, propagating and grafting, pruning and orchard restoration.

Finally, for those individuals or communities interested in developing a community orchard or who would like to bring an old orchard back to life, Orchards East can offer help and support to get your project off the ground.

Orchards East would welcome any information readers may have about old orchards in Bedfordshire or the wider region and are also looking for volunteers who can help to track down and survey old orchards and undertake some local research into their history. Anyone with an interest in fruit, orchards and the historic landscape is welcome to join us! For further information, please contact rachel.savage@uea.ac.uk or visit the website www.orchardseast.org.uk



THANK YOU

I am overwhelmed with the messages of good luck on my move to Thornbury. Thank you so very much to you all.

Also, thank you for your generosity in the shape of Garden Vouchers.

My new garden will not know what's hit it!!

You are all so kind, be that the Bowls Club, Church or the Parish Council.

My son-in-law advises that at my age I should aim for mature plants and not cuttings!! Thanks to you I shall be able to take his advice!

Thank you, love from Sue H.

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

		January 2018
1 st	£35	11 A. Stickland
2 nd	£20	45 C. Greet
3 rd	£12	66 Mr. Cook

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

Free Horse Manure in Campton



- Bring your own bags, wheelbarrow, trailer
- Choose your own well rotted manure (up to 10 years old, rich compost)
- Small voluntary donation e.g. £1 to Campton Gardening Club
- To arrange loading of manure contact Sue on 01462 813208 or 07719799846



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can YOU help us to maintain our Community Bus Services?

We urgently require additional volunteer drivers for as little as 1 morning per month!

Wanderbus, based out of Meppershall, is run entirely by volunteers. We operate two 16-seater buses on weekdays (mainly mornings) with fixed routes collecting passengers in the rural villages around Shefford & Stotfold and going to local & regional Shopping & Town centres.

There we park up and wait for 2/2.5 hours before returning. This is of course your free time as well!

What Do You Need to Drive?

1. Group D1 on your Driving Licence – older licences will automatically have this grouping that allows you to drive a 16 seater bus.
2. Aged 25 – 70
3. A free weekday morning – bus departure times are around 08.45/09.00 and you will be back in Meppershall between 12.00 & 13.30 (latest). We can allocate routes to suit if you need the earlier return time.
4. A desire to help our local communities. Whilst we are a fixed route bus service open to all passengers the majority are elderly who rely on our services to get out and about and enjoy the social interaction of fellow regular passengers.

Full training will be given (classroom & practical - MIDAS) and you will can be accompanied by one of our regular drivers until you are totally happy to 'go solo'. Don't worry about routes – the passengers will tell you where to go if you are unsure!!

**If you want to spend a very rewarding morning
PLEASE contact us for more info on 0300-123-3023
or e mail thewanderbus@gmail.com**

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the 15th February 2018

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