

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter March 2018

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 2nd March

10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 6th April
H4H Bake a Cake Coffee Morning

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 5th March

A talk by Bev Bond
'History of the English Garden'
7.30pm : Campton Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 7th March

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLERS

Friday, 9th March

'A journey through Georgia
and Armenia'

Doors open 7.30pm

Talk starts 8.00pm

All Saints Church, Campton

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 am writing this on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent in the church's calendar, as we start already to look forward to Easter. As well as Easter, and hopefully some lovely Spring weather not too far away, we have lots of things to look forward to at All Saints over the coming weeks.

In particular we are delighted to be launching ***Friday at All Saints***, a series of regular events once a month on a Friday evening at All Saints Church.

We begin with a return of '***Armchair Travellers***' on **Friday 9th March**, when Linda Garton and John Loveless will be talking about their recent trip to the little known, but fascinating, countries of Georgia and Armenia.

Please watch this space for details of future ***Friday at All Saints*** events, which will include family quizzes, concerts and talks. Entrance on the door for all events will be £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children (still at school).

In addition to ***Friday at All Saints*** on 9th March, you are assured, as always, of a very warm welcome at ***Coffee and Chat*** from 10.00am until 12 noon on **Friday 2nd March** or at any of our Sunday Services held every week (apart from the fifth Sunday of the month) at 11am, including Mothering Sunday on 11th March and Easter Sunday on 1st April.

LINDA GARTON - Churchwarden.

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Friday 9 March

Doors open at 7.30pm.

Talk starts at 8.00pm

The return of

Armchair Travellers

Join Linda Garton and John Loveless for

A journey through Georgia and Armenia

Admission £6.00 for adults; £3 for children still at school

Refreshments and raffle

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in March:

Sunday March 11 - Peal attempt - Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
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

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Kerbside collection of household **GARDEN WASTE** was suspended
across Central Bedfordshire over the winter months.

This will resume from Monday, 5th March 2018.

Therefore the first Garden Waste Collection for
Chicksands will be on Wednesday, 7th March and
for **Campton this will be Wednesday, 14th March 2018.**

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

"A weed is but an unloved flower." — Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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

A talk by Bev Bond – 'History of the English Garden'

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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on Wed 7th February 2018. Central Bedfordshire Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard were able to update us on the recent CBC 2018/19 budget consultation exercise. They presented the outcomes of the consultation, approved by the CBC executive on the 6th February 2018. This will now be recommended for approval at full Council on 22nd February 2018. The recommendation included an approximate 1.5% increase for services and a 3.0% increase for Adult Social Care. The Budget will also reflect the £90 million which will be spent on capital expenditure.

The current CBC Waste Services contract, due to expire in 2018, has been extended into 2019 while Central Bedfordshire Council consider and consult on future options. The options under consideration by CBC for houses in Central Bedfordshire include possible changes to bin collections, recycling procedures and the collection of food and garden waste. Public consultation on these options opens on 26th February and the Parish Council urge all residents to look at the options and put forward your views.

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/bin-collections/recycling-options.aspx

The local CBC Customer Services Centre has moved to Shefford Library as of the 30th January. All on-line services remain available.

The Parish Council has been informed of the works necessary to repair the hearing loop system and install some additional audio microphones for the Village Hall. The Parish Council thank the Village Hall Management Committee for arranging a visit by an engineer and obtaining the quotation for the required works. The Clerk has applied for a grant from the CBC Strategic Commissioning Group and if successful it will cover the costs. If the grant request is unsuccessful the Parish Council have agreed to pay the full costs involved for the benefit of Village Hall users.

The Parish Council Clerk has now received the Community Defibrillator and is planning for it to be installed and for the relevant training to take place.

The Parish Council has submitted a detailed representation in response to the recently published Pre-Submission draft of CBC's Local Plan. The text of this representation can be found on the Parish Council website. Some outline information regarding the content of this Plan was published in the last edition of this Newsletter and during early February the Parish Council delivered a

"Special Bulletin" to every household urging all residents to take a look at this draft of the Local Plan and providing details on how to "Have Your Say". The public consultation closed on the 22nd February.

Thank you to all the residents who completed the recent Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan survey or attended the drop-in sessions which we ran last November. We are currently collating all the information you provided and initial outcomes will be published shortly. A brief update and some information on moving this Community Project forward can be found on the back page of this Newsletter. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Neighbourhood Plan, but were unable to attend the sessions that we ran, please contact me for further information.

The Parish Council has been given reports of residents parking on grassed areas within Campton Village. These areas are becoming increasingly muddy and the mud is being transferred to the roads. Not only does this look unsightly but is also likely to cause problems for our contractors as soon as grass cutting resumes. We ask that residents try to park considerately and refrain from parking on these grassed areas and verges. Thank you.

Since the last meeting there has been further vandalism of the Football Club pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council continue to work with the Football Club on the security of the building, but ask that residents report any suspicious behaviour to the police and also to the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

**The date for the next meeting is
Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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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 VILLAGE HALL **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** **100 CLUB DRAW**

A very big "THANK YOU" to all of you who participated in the 100 Club Draw last year. During the next few weeks members of the Committee will be coming around house to house, inviting everyone to join the "100 Club" for another year. This is our major fund raising occasion for people to assist with the upkeep of your Village Hall through a small financial contribution. The basic feature of the 100 Club is that for a payment of £12 you will be allocated a Draw Number which will be entered into 12 monthly draws. A minimum of half of the total proceeds will be allocated as prizes and three prizes are won each month. If you are not in when we call, we will leave details of who you can get in touch with should you wish to participate.

100 Club Draw Results for February 2018:-

1st (£35) No. 42 R. Farndon;
2nd (£20) No. 102 B. Roberts; 3rd (£12) No. 87 M. Bowen

SPECIAL OCCASION TO CELEBRATE?

Birthday / Wedding Anniversary / Christening?
Need a bigger venue?

Why not book CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Capacity 120 standing or 70 sitting : **£12 per hour**

Kitchen, sound system, disabled facilities.

Visit our webpage at camptonandchicksands.org.uk

for more information.

CAMPTON - WANDERBUS

Bookings & Info : Tel :0300-123-3023

www.wanderbus.org.uk

e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com



Open to all passengers. Cash fares & concessionary travel passes accepted.

As of 2nd 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	- 1st 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

4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH - RING FOR DESTINATION & BOOKINGS

Sorry no travel passes can be accepted

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

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.

www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk

The Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

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

Update & Moving Forward....

A short update presentation together with outcomes from the recent Neighbourhood Plan Survey can now be viewed on the Parish Council website.

www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/

Along with attendees comments from the "Drop-In" sessions run late last year this information provides a sound basis for a more in depth consideration of the key aspects of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

In order to move forward volunteers are now needed to join the Focus Groups & form the Steering Group.



Do **YOU** have interests (e.g. environment or local heritage) or skills (e.g. traffic surveys) that could help build this important Neighbourhood Plan?

Do **YOU** have a little time to help with focus group activities like monthly meetings or data gathering?

If so please contact the Parish Clerk

email - tammy.medley@btinternet.com or tel - 01908 505558

Please note that the Parish Council will support all volunteers during this community project

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 March 2018**

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