

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter April 2018

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 4th April

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

(All residents are invited to attend)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 4th April

(will immediately follow after
the Annual Parish Meeting)

Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 6th April : 10.00am - noon

'H4H Bake a Cake Coffee Morning'

All Saints Church, Campton

The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 4th May

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 9th April

A talk by Inge McConnell

'Warden Abbey Vineyard'

7.30pm : Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGM MEETING

Wednesday, 11th April : 7.30pm

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

First of all a big apology, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone Armchair Travellers on 9th March. It will be rescheduled later in the year. Please watch this space, the All Saints Campton Facebook page and posters around the village for dates for this and other "Friday at All Saints" events.

As I write this we are preparing for Holy Week and Easter and you are assured of a warm welcome at any of the services at All Saints (or at either of the other churches in our benefice, St Mary's, Clophill and St Mary's, Haynes.)

These are as follows:

Palm Sunday , 25 th March, 11.00am	Family Praise
Holy Week:	
Monday 26 th March, 7.00pm	Meditation
Thursday 29 th March, 7.00pm	A celebration of the Eucharist (at St Mary's Clophill)
Friday 30 th March, 3.00pm	Solemn Devotions (at St Mary's, Haynes)
Saturday 31 st March, 8.00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday , 1 st April, 11.00am	Parish Communion

We look forward to seeing you over the Easter period, at 'Coffee and Chat' from 10.00am until 12 noon on Friday 6th April or at any of our Sunday Services held every week (apart from the fifth Sunday of the month) at 11am.

LINDA GARTON - Churchwarden.

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Village Hall 100 Club Draw

The new subscription year is about to start again with the first draw taking place this month. "THANK YOU SO MUCH" to everyone who took part in the 100 Club Draw last year, your continued support is very much appreciated towards the upkeep of Campton Village Hall.

March 2018		
1 st	£35	93 A. Hayes
2 nd	£20	150 Mrs. Freeman
3 rd	£12	43 M. Langley

**"Congratulations to all
of our winners over the
past twelve months"**

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION



**NATIONAL
LOTTERY FUNDED**

The Parish Council were fortunate in obtaining funding from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme to purchase and install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Campton Village Hall. In the event of someone suffering from a suspected heart attack, the unit will provide verbal instructions on how it should be used.

However, there will be a free 90 minute training session to be held at 1:00pm at Campton Village Hall on 30th April.

Places are limited, but if you are interested in attending please contact Jackie on 01462 812747 who will be able to confirm if there are any vacancies.

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in April:

Monday April 16 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association 10am-1pm approx.

Ringing 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**

THANK YOU.... Lynn Wade and The White Hart Pub would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the recent Quiz in memory of John Wade. It was a great evening and we raised **£150** for the British Lung Foundation.

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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wed. 7th March.

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown gave an update on the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Budget for 2018/19 which has now been approved with an increase of 4.494% plus additional precepts for the Parish Council, Police and Fire services.

The CBC Local Plan is still on schedule to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of March 2018 (CBC has since indicated submission will now be at the end of April). The Parish Council submitted a detailed representation on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan and would like to thank all residents who took the time to submit their views.

The Central Bedfordshire Council consultation regarding a new bin collection and recycling contract is still on-going. We urge all residents to go on-line and look at the various options that have been put forward and have your say. The consultation document is available on the CBC website or in local libraries. If you would like a paper copy delivered to you please do not hesitate to contact me, I will be happy to arrange this for you. This consultation is open until 20th April 2018.

The Parish Council is still awaiting confirmation of the grant from the CBC Strategic Commissioning Group for works on the loop hearing system in the Village Hall; we anticipate that we should hear by the end of March 2018. If successful, the grant will cover the costs of the repairs. If the application is unsuccessful the Parish Council has agreed to pay the full costs involved.

There have been several incidents on the Recreation Ground recently. The Parish Council is aware of these and a number of options to improve security at this important parish amenity were discussed at the meeting. Should you witness any further incidents please report to the Police and the Parish Council.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** of the Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm in Campton Village Hall. The Chairman and Councillors will report on the work they have carried out over the last year and we would like to take this opportunity to invite all residents to attend.

**The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council is
Wednesday, 4th April 2018 and will immediately follow the
Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Volunteers have now come forward to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan and a Steering Group has been set up which will oversee its completion. Focus groups will soon be meeting to discuss each of the six themes: **Homes, Community Infrastructure, Environment, Transport and Movement, Local Heritage and Business and Employment**. Details of meetings will be posted on the Parish Council website and residents are encouraged to come and join in the discussions. The plan needs to represent the views of the community, as it will influence decisions made by the Parish Council and Central Bedfordshire Council until 2035.

Focus groups will initially consider the information provided from the drop-in sessions held in the Village Hall last November and from the first survey.

We asked you three questions. Here are the most common responses:

What do you most like about where you live?

Friendly; Sense of community ; Rural environment - particularly the Glebe land; Quiet and peaceful; Small; Convenience of local town (Shefford).

What do you least like about where you live?

Speeding traffic through village; Parking issues; Threat of development; Heavy plant vehicles; Campton being used as a rat run; Lack of amenities.

What would you most like to change?

Nothing - leave it as it is!; Protect from development; Protect Glebe land and barn; Reduce traffic, stop speeding - extend 30mph towards Gravenhurst; Redirect heavy plant vehicles; Improve parking; Repair roads and paths to higher standard; Street lighting; Greater accessibility of Recreation Ground and improve resources.

The focus groups will consider how to retain the features that residents like and make proposals on how to address some of the issues raised.

If you have a little spare time to help with focus group activities or information gathering, please contact the Parish Clerk:

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

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, we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p/mile should be paid to the driver.

Neighbourhood Watch

The following reported crimes have been recorded over the last few months on the police.co.uk website.

LOCATION	CRIME
November 2017	
Priory Road, Campton	Vehicle crime
Luffenham Place, Chicksands	Burglary
December 2017	
On or near Elm Close	Burglary
Washington Avenue, Chicksands	Anti social behaviour
Washington Avenue, Chicksands	Anti social behaviour
January 2018	
On or near Elm Close	Criminal damage and Arson
Washington Avenue, Chicksands	Anti social behaviour
Eisenhower Place, Chicksands	Anti social behaviour
10th March 2018 (Lunchtime)	
Greenway, Campton	Suspected attempted house break-in

PAT WILLIAMS - Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Greenway

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."

- Ruth Stout

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 9th April at Campton Village Hall**

Inge McConnell - A talk on Warden Abbey Vineyard & Grapevines

Many thanks to Bev Bond, who gave us a very enjoyable talk last month on 'The History of the English Garden' - Part I, to be continued at a later meeting with Part II.

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

FA WILDCATS – GIRLS FOOTBALL AT CHICKSANDS



Stotfold Juniors FC and Arsenal Ladies will be running weekly all-girls football sessions for 5-11 year olds.

These will start on **Tuesday, 10th April, 6-7pm** at the Sports & Social Club Pitch and run for 16 weeks.

These sessions are open to all girls both on and off the camp and is an excellent fun way to get into football, giving everyone a chance to play!

For more information please contact: info@StotfoldJuniorsDC.co.uk

SHEFFORD CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

This year the Shefford Craft and Produce Show will be held on

Sat. 1st September 2018,

in the rooms behind the Shefford Methodist Church.

Free schedules should be available to pick up in the library foyer

Shefford from early April and will also be available

at the Summer Fete (3rd June).

You can also request a copy via sheffordcps@gmail.com

There are lots of classes for both adults and children

covering a wide variety of interests

and you do not have to be a resident of Shefford to enter.

'Help for Heroes'

Bake a Cake Coffee Morning

Friday 6th April



Once again we will be supporting 'Help for Heroes' at our Campton & Chicksands Coffee & Chat morning at All Saints Church, Campton - 10am till 12 noon.

This is always a wonderful occasion with plenty of cakes to eat on the day, plus plenty to buy and take home with you.



As usual all the money raised will be donated to 'Help for Heroes'



Family Quiz Night!

Fund-raising for Jamboree & All Saints'
Friday, 11th May at 7pm
at All Saints Church, Campton
(watch out for more details next month)

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Angela Baker no later than 15th April 2018

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