

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

July 2018

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 2nd July
Wyn & Margaret from Ickwell
'A talk on Bees & Wildlife'
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 6th July
10.00am - noon
All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 3rd August

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 4th July
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSIONS

Saturday, 7th July : 10am - 3pm
Wednesday, 18th July : 6pm - 9pm
Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON OPEN GARDENS

Sunday, 8th July
Commencing from
Campton Manor at 12.30pm
Members of 'Trugs & Trowels'
Gardening Club : £3
Non-Members : £4

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



Campton Lower School Vacancy

Midday Supervisory Assistant

Days: Monday – Friday inclusive

Hours: 11.55am – 1.05pm

Start: ASAP

***Please contact the School Office
for an application pack***

01462 813359 – office@camptonlower.org

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL - INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM



The Village Hall Management Committee is very pleased to announce that the Induction Loop/Sound System at the hall has now been repaired and is in full working order.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for funding this work and we are sure that this will prove beneficial to the many users of the hall.

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

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



"The hum of bees is the voice of the garden."

- Elizabeth Lawrence



Our next meeting is on **Monday, 2nd July** at **Campton Village Hall**.
Wyn and Margaret from Ickwell will be joining us to talk about
'Bees and Wildlife'. Hopefully they will be bringing along some
of their bees and the opportunity to buy their honey.

Campton Open Gardens will be on **Sunday, 8th July**

The Open Gardens will commence from Campton Manor at 12.30pm.

All contributions to the 'Pot Luck' Buffet can be delivered to
28 Greenway prior to meeting at Campton Manor.

After a tour of our 'Open Gardens' we will return for a finger buffet
and Pimms at the above address.

A raffle and a couple of surprise visitors will enhance the afternoon.

Non-members £4 Members £3

Everyone welcome

Village Hall meetings start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

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

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Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers offering their time to the group,
are all insured and DBS (formerly CRB) checked.

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 most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on 6th June 2018 at the Village Hall. Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown gave a short report to the Parish Council. He explained that the recent tree inspection within the Parish was part of a routine Central Bedfordshire wide inspection, which is scheduled to be carried out every three years. Should any recommendations arise from the inspection, necessary works would be carried out in the autumn. Councillor Martin reported the continuing poor condition of the road surface in Greenway to Councillor Tony Brown. He will be arranging for CBC Highways to carry out an inspection in due course.

To ensure compliance with the new GDPR regulations the Parish Council discussed and agreed a Privacy Policy and Privacy Notice, both of these documents are available on the Parish Council website. If you do not have access to the internet, then please contact me and I will arrange for a copy to be delivered to you. Please be assured that any personal information that the Parish Council collects in order to carry out the work of the council, will be processed and stored safely in accordance with the requirements of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

Unfortunately, there have been a number of burglaries, attempted burglaries and calls by bogus street collectors in the Parish and surrounding area of late. These included a distraction burglary in Rectory Road involving bogus gas board employees, a bogus street collector claiming to be collecting for Keech Hospice and an aggressive individual calling at residences to provide quotes associated with tree surgery. Further distraction scams have been reported locally in recent weeks. All these incidents have been reported and notices have been displayed to warn residents. If you have any information on any of the above activities please contact the Police. Most importantly please remain vigilant at all times, particularly when answering the door and notify the Police of any suspicious behaviour.

Vandalism continues to be a problem at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Representatives of the Parish Council will meet with the Football Club during June to discuss this issue.

Speedwatch urgently require additional volunteers. Please initially contact me for further information on how to join the local Speedwatch team.

The Parish Council currently has six Councillors and one empty seat. With so much happening in the Parish, including the important Neighbourhood Plan, it

would be really beneficial both to the council and to our residents, to have a full team of Parish Councillors. Parish Council meetings are open to all residents so feel free to come along and attend a few meetings to see how they are run, talk to the councillors or please contact me for any additional information.

**The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council is
Wednesday, 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The next round of consultations about the Neighbourhood Plan will be starting in July. Working groups have now prepared a draft Vision and Objectives, which will eventually become the policies that influence planning decisions within the parish. Your views on these are really important at this crucial stage as the first draft of the Plan will be prepared based on the feedback we receive. Look out for information about two forthcoming drop-in sessions.

These will take place at Campton Village Hall on:

Saturday, 7th July from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday, 18th July from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Light refreshments will be served on both days.

We have launched a Neighbourhood Plan photographic competition with Campton Lower School. The children's photographs will be on display at the first event on Saturday, 7th July at Campton Village Hall. Winners will be announced at 2.00pm, so please do come along to see the children's work.

We will also be delivering questionnaires to every household. You can either complete the paper copy or go online to Survey Monkey. A link will be provided via the Parish Council website and on the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

Further updates on the progress of the Plan, plus minutes of the Steering Group meetings can be found at:

<https://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

or join our Facebook community:

<https://www.facebook.com/Campton-and-Chicksands-Neighbourhood-Plan>

Pew News

Firstly, my apologies that I missed the deadline for our June news. I should also make it clear that this magazine is not a church publication; it's offered by the Parish Council to include all organisations in the parish. We're very pleased to be included and share with you the activities we run for all to enjoy.

In May we were pleased to support Lily in her fundraising for the Scout Jamboree next year. Both May and June's coffee mornings were well-supported. On 10th June we held a moving Memorial Service, offered especially for those bereaved in the preceding year, but all are welcome. Candles are lit to remember loved ones and we follow with refreshments.

The bell tower will be worked on in late June to provide better facilities to muffle and protect the bells. Following this on 7th July from 10am - noon, we will be giving All Saints a thorough spring clean, both inside and out; as usual doughnuts will be on offer! Please come and help if you can.

On 14th July we are all looking forward to Julia and Jim's wedding in the Church.

Our next **coffee mornings** will be on **6th July and 3rd August** - please join us.

We're very pleased and excited to announce that **RF2 will be 'Rockin' the Aisles' on 1st December** - please put the date in your diaries now, as this gig is always very popular.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sunday services at 11am - you will be warmly welcomed. Service details are on the church noticeboard or please contact me or Audrey Brand.

All best wishes, **DEBORAH MAGGS**, Churchwarden 07778 424408

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

THE WINNERS FOR THE JUNE 2018 DRAW ARE:

1st 7 - J. Hare (£35); 2nd 53 - S. Strong (£20); 3rd 67 - A. Pettifar (£15).

Data Protection..... *The 100 Club holds details of participants' names and addresses securely. Winning names are published in the monthly parish newsletter, website and on the village notice board.*

If you do not wish your name to be published, please inform the Editor of this Newsletter in writing.

News From The Tower

The work in the tower is underway as I write. Our bells are light, easy to ring and popular for area ringing, quarter peals, peals, young ringers practices, outings, as well as Campton ringers Tuesday practices and Sunday service ringing. Ringers are a generous bunch of people and have made very generous donations since the new bells were installed back in 2007, to the benefit of the church and the installation. We need to continue to invest in the installation.

Back in 2007 the St Albans Diocesan Bells Advisor told me that if we were going to have a lot of ringing at Campton (we do!) we would need an efficient system to manage the sound, very sound advice. By 2016 the current manual sound management system, installed in 2007, was becoming warped in places and difficult to adjust. The idea to replace it was conceived two years ago.

Now we are moving to a more modern system of sound management which is electrically operated and will last us for many years. The old system was stripped out on Friday June 15th. On Sunday June 17th, for the first time in 11 years, we rang the bells fully 'open' ie with no sound deadening material in the louvres. Although light our bells are very powerful and the sound was deafeningly loud, reconfirming to me the need to manage and adjust the sound. The new system goes in on Monday June 18th and has been funded by a legacy, a grant from the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers and of course the unforgettable 'Campton Festival of Bells' last November, at which we recruited four youngsters under 11, who are ringing regularly with us.

Visiting ringers in July:

Wed, July 25 - Peal attempt - Leicestershire ringers - 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

TRUGS AND TROWELS

We meet the first Monday of every month, 7:30pm-9:00pm

(meeting one week later if it's a Bank Holiday)

at Campton Village Hall

12 month membership £24 or £3 for ad hoc attendance

Interesting speakers cover the A to Z of gardening

from keeping Allotments to growing Zucchini!

(and if you're wondering what the X is for it is Xylem that transports water and nutrients from the roots around the plant)

Next Events: Monday 2nd July - Ickwell Bees & Wildlife

with Wyn and Margaret *(and honey?)*

Plus Judging the Biggest Sunflower

Sunday 8th July - Campton Open Gardens plus Pot Luck Buffet at 28 Greenway.

Meet David & Sandra Mott with
their pet Eagle & Barn Owls.

£4 (£3 for members)

Commences 12pm, 28 Greenway *(contributions to the buffet accepted at this time).*

SPEAKERS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

August 6th Mick Camp, Chair of Horticultural Society

September 3rd Joanna, owner of Baldock Flower Farm

October 1st Betty Cooke, Gardening for Wildlife

November 5th John Crawley, Britain in Bloom

December 3rd David and Angela Baker, Quiz Night
(time for the mulled wine and mince pies)

January 7th Look forward and look back, renew subs; share tips & tricks

February 4th J P Carter of Flitwick Seedbox, Shows and Judging

Large library of gardening books for people to borrow.

'Swap Table' – variety of plants available that people kindly donate,

'Seed Bank' – a selection of seeds to share.

'Recycle It' – help yourself to a collection of pots, tools, etc.



See our Facebook page: **Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club**
and website: **www.e-voice.org.uk/trugsandtrowels**

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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