

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

August 2018

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 3rd August
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 7th Sept
(Macmillan Cancer Support)

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 6th August
Mick Camp - Chair of Horticultural
Society, giving a talk on
'History of Society &
Managing an Allotment'
7.30pm - Campton Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 15th August
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

FUTURE EVENTS at All Saints Church, Campton

12th October - Campton Music Night
1st December - RF₂ 'Rock 'in the Aisles'
LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS SOON

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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

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*"A weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place,
but intends to stay."*

- Dave Barry



Our next meeting is on **Monday, 6th August at Campton Village Hall**, when we will be joined by Mick Camp (Chair of Horticultural Society). He will be giving us a talk on the Society's history and also on managing an allotment.

A reminder also, that at the August meeting the potato, sunflower and onion competition judging will take place.

Last month we had a very enjoyable talk about the keeping of bees and the production of honey, some of which was available to buy!

Also during July, despite the very hot weather, a good number of people enjoyed the walk around several 'Open Gardens' in Campton.

A big "Thank You" to everyone involved, for opening their garden, supplying cold drinks on route, contributing to the buffet & for buying a raffle ticket!

It was a great success and ended with everyone enjoying a very tasty buffet and cold glass of Pimms at Maryika's.

Now is a good time for collecting seed from the garden, foxgloves, honesty or annual poppies to name a few. If you have an abundance of seed, why not bring some in to share or swap for something you don't already have!

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



Friday Night is Campton Music Night

12th October @ 7.30pm

more details next month

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on 4th July 2018 at the Village Hall. The meeting was attended by Central Bedfordshire Councillors Tony Brown & Mark Liddiard.

Tony Brown gave a report to the Parish Council covering a range of Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) initiatives, including the gulley cleaning work carried out during the spring and long term plans for crematorium services in Central Beds. He also explained that CBC are expecting initial feedback from the Planning Inspectorate on the submitted Local Plan in late October; in particular with regards to the duty to cooperate with neighbouring unitary authorities. There was some discussion regarding any Parish Council representation at any future public hearings on the Local Plan. The Parish Council were advised to ensure any representation was evidence based and took note of the government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Councillor Liddiard reported on the future of schooling within Central Bedfordshire. He discussed CBC's consideration of, and consultation with school head teachers and governors, on the possibility of a move to a two tier system of schooling in Central Beds, together with on-going concerns over school place deficits and building provision.

The Parish Council recently met with representatives of Shefford Town & Campton Football Club. There continue to be concerns over the security of the pavilion building and the club's equipment and this was high on the agenda with some constructive ideas discussed. A new and updated agreement has been signed for the Club's use of the Recreation Ground for the 2018/2019 season.

There will be no Parish Council meeting in August;

as a result the date for the next meeting is

Wednesday, 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Every household should now have received a copy of our leaflet explaining about the Neighbourhood Plan and what it means for the community. Banners have been placed in Campton, Chicksands Private and Chicksands Base showing pictures of different areas of our neighbourhood reflecting the six themes of the Plan – have you worked them out?

Here's a reminder:

**Business and Employment Environment and Green Infrastructure Community Infrastructure Local Heritage
Homes Transport and Movement**

The children at Campton Lower School have also contributed. They have completed some worksheets about their environment and told us what they like best about where they live and what they don't like. Some of them entered a competition, sending in a photo of their favourite view. Winners received an Amazon voucher and runners up a bookmark with the photograph they had taken printed on it. Every child has also received one of our special bookmarks with the photos used on the banner on the front and information about our website on the reverse.

We're also on Facebook, so please follow us and share your thoughts about our posts: **[Facebook.com/campton-and-chicksands-neighbourhood-plan](https://www.facebook.com/campton-and-chicksands-neighbourhood-plan)**

We're now at the stage where a draft vision and objectives for each of the different themes of the plan have been produced. In July we held two consultation drop-in sessions for residents to give us their comments on the drafts. It's important that we get these right, as they will eventually become the policies of the Plan that are legally binding. To gather your views on the main issues we've launched a survey. This can be completed by filling out the paper copy delivered to your household, or you can follow the link on the Home page of the Parish Council website which will take you to Survey Monkey where it can be completed online. It is important we gather as many opinions as possible so that the Plan truly represents the needs of our community up to 2035.

If you want to send us your views at any time then you can use the Contact Form on the Parish Council website:

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You are always welcome to join a working group or the Steering Group and attend one of our meetings. Minutes of the Steering Group meetings and updates on the progress of the Plan can be found on the Parish Council

website. If you would prefer one of our volunteers to come and talk to you in person, then please let us know, we are always happy to discuss your concerns and ideas face to face.

Here are just a few of the thoughts captured from some of the working groups so far:

Maintain the quiet, tranquil character of village life within a small rural parish community. Plan improvements to existing community facilities that will enhance the character of the area, ensuring that the essence of community life is safeguarded and maintained for future generations to enjoy the spirit and culture of a typical Bedfordshire parish.

Retain and enhance the Neighbourhood separate identity through the promotion and nurture of its green spaces, walks, scenic views, for the benefit of all who may live and work here or who may visit our Neighbourhood.

Provide the residents of Campton and Chicksands with facilities to support and enhance our rural community life; for worship, recreation and sport, education and communication.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

In participating in the 100 Club Draw, you are providing vital support for the continuing upkeep of Campton Village Hall..... THANK YOU

Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details.

		July 2018
1 st	£35	37 G. Cameron
2 nd	£20	48 M. Mander
3 rd	£15	107 T. Humm

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



Request for your help with Speedwatch.....

Speedwatch is currently undertaken by three regular volunteers but urgently requires additional help.

Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley, Email: tammy.medley@btinternet.com

Tel: 01908 505558 for further information on how to join our local Speedwatch team.

News From The Tower

The annual Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) took place in London on Saturday July 7. Contested by 22 teams from all over the country, with qualifiers in the morning and 6 teams going through to the final, this is a showcase event for young ringers and their mentors. Bedfordshire made it through their qualifier to the final. We have a great record - four times winners from 2013 to 2016 - and we finished **equal third** this year. This a good result since 2018 is a year of consolidation, with 3 new team members, and next year we lose 4 current members who become too old! Linda Garton has retired from being RWNYC event organiser after 4 years and looks forward to returning to the normal world!

Campton's Charlotte was in the team and her brother Henry was in the squad. He will be eagerly looking for a place in the team next year. Among the youngest (and probably smallest) competitors was Kaitlin, who lives in Flitwick but comes to Campton with her mum Darrelle to ring every Sunday for service and Tuesday to practise.

Here are her thoughts on being a bellringer:

'Hi, I'm Kaitlin and I have been ringing for almost 3 years. When I was 6 I had to stand on every box we had to reach the rope, but now I only need a small one.

I ring at Campton every Sunday and also enjoy helping assembling the hymn books at the door. I like to treble to a touch of Plain Bob Doubles, except when John (who?) starts waffling on about nothing and distracts me, making me go wrong. I hope that someday I will be selected to represent Bedfordshire at the RWNYC. This year I was proud to be part of the reserve group of ringers and enjoyed going to London to support our team.'

Visiting ringers in August:

Wednesday August 22 - Peal attempt - Ely Diocese ringers - 10-1pm 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

Pew News

What a fantastic summer we're enjoying. I've never known church to be so warm that we often need to fan ourselves to cool down!

The wedding service for Julia and Jim Turner was wonderful, the bride looked stunning and the church was full with their families and friends and beautifully decorated with flowers.

We welcomed Sue Hayhurst back for the wedding weekend and she was able to come to church the next morning. We saw pictures of her garden and know how well she is now settled in Gloucestershire, where she has already received several Campton friends visiting her new home there.

The bell tower work is now complete, so our ringers have better facilities to muffle the bells.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 3rd August at 10am - please join us. The atmosphere is very welcoming and for the princely sum of £1 as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink.

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 Audrey Brand or me.

We'd very much welcome additional help with regular maintenance tasks, both inside All Saints and outside in the graveyard. If you might be able to help, please contact me - all offers much appreciated..... Thank you.

As I mentioned last month we're very pleased and excited to announce that RF₂ will be Rock 'n' the Aisles on 1st December - please put the date in your diaries now, as this gig is always very popular.

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

The Parish Council needs another Councillor.....

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 contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for any additional information.

SHEFFORD CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 1st September
Methodist Church Schoolrooms

Children's Classes
Photography
Handicrafts
Floral Art



Flowers & Plants
Garden Produce
Preserves
Cookery

**This year will be our 38th Show
and we would love to see you there.**

If you are taking part, entry forms need to be
with the Entries Secretary by Saturday 25th August
- full details are available in our free schedules,
which are available in the library and other outlets in Shefford.

On the day, entrants need to bring their items to the hall
between 9am and 10.30am, ready for when the hall
is cleared for judging at 10.45am.

**The Show (which is held in Ampthill Road,
almost opposite the fish and chip shop)
will be open to visitors at 2pm.**

Everybody is welcome to come and have a look at all the exhibits and
refreshments will be available during the afternoon.

All sorts of items will be on display; from
children's and adults' handicrafts, cookery and photography to
garden produce, flowers and floral arts in the section for adults.

If you need any information, contact details
are in the schedule or you can
email sheffordcps@gmail.com

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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