

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

May 2019

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 3rd May

10am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 7th June
and will be in aid of the
THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE
BLIND ASSOCIATION

GREENSAND COUNTRY

FESTIVAL EVENTS

Saturday, 4th May

Bird Song Walk &
Animal Orienteering
in Campton Plantation
(see advert on page 2)

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 13th May - 7.30pm

Talk on 'AURICULAS'
Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 15th May

7.45pm

Campton Village Hall

PEREGRINE RECORDER ORCHESTRA

Sunday, 19th May - 3.00pm

All Saints Church, Campton
(see advert on back page)

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

Greensand Country Festival

May 2019

With activities including open gardens,
churchyard tours, history talks, nature walks,
treasure trails, children's activities and
traditional country crafts,
there's something for everyone.



Greensand
Country



Get involved: greensandcountry.com



heritage
lottery fund

LOTTERY FUNDED

To download a full Event Guide visit:- <http://greensandcountry.com>

BIRD SONG WALK - 4th May, 7am – 9am

Join Central Bedfordshire Council's Countryside Team for a walk at Campton Plantation to find out more about Greensand Country's singing birds and why they sing.

ANIMAL ORIENTEERING - 4th May, 9:30am – 10:30am

Join Central Bedfordshire Council's Countryside Team for an animal orienteering event at Campton Plantation.

Both these Campton Plantation events are FREE but BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
0300 300 6135 steve.halton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH VISIT TO THE CHICKSANDS PRIORY

Sunday afternoon 16th June 2019

Tour takes about 1hr 15mins; tea & coffee will be available following the tour.
There is no charge for visiting the Priory, but a donation (**approx. £5**) to offset the insurance and help fund the Priory Museum Room & 'Audley End Glass' projects.

For security reasons, places on this tour will need to be booked in advance.

Please contact Maggie, Email: marsh.mam@googlemail.com / Tel: 07989 082743
or sign up at Coffee and Chat.

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



Our next meeting will be on
Monday, 13th May
7.30pm start - approx 9.00pm finish
at Campton Village Hall

This month Pops Plants 2
will be giving us a talk on
'The History and Care of Auriculas'

You don't have to be a member to attend, so why not come along with a friend or neighbour to see what it's all about. We have a 'Free & Swap' table for any unwanted plants, tools, pots or anything garden related.

You can also browse through our free library of garden books whilst enjoying a nice cup of tea or coffee and biscuit.

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

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

SHEFFORD CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 31st August 2019

Our 39th Craft & Produce Show will be held in the rooms behind Shefford Methodist Church and you don't have to live in Shefford to enter!

Do you enjoy being busy in the kitchen or garden, making things or arranging flowers; even taking a photograph is easy these days?

The person gaining the most points in the Flowers & Plants classes will now be able to win The Marriott Cup. In this section and new to the Show, we have a class for one flower in a vase, together with one vegetable. Another new cup is the Royal British Legion Cup and each year it will be given to the person who gains the most points in the photography section. In recognition of this, one of the photographs we are asking for is 'We Will Remember Them'. When at least one adult and one child from the same family enter, they are eligible for The Joyce Davies Family Cup, which is given to the family who gain the most points overall.

Our free schedules showing full details of what you can enter are now available in the library and other outlets around Shefford or by emailing the address below. They can also be obtained at our stall at the Shefford Summer Fete on Saturday 1st June, where our fun quiz will be on sale and a free colouring competition for children can also be picked up.

If you have any questions we are happy to help. Come and see us at the fete, email: sheffordcps@gmail.com or use one of the contact numbers in the schedule.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 3rd April 2019. The Chairman and Councillors were able to report on the work of the Parish Council over the last year. This included updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, the Village Hall and Campton United Charities. We thank those residents who attended the meeting. This APM was followed by the regular April meeting.

With local elections due on 2nd May I can report that the six Councillors currently in position have submitted election forms to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). No further nominations have been received by CBC and there will be no requirement to hold an election for parish councillors. We do still have one position available on the Parish Council that we will be able to fill after 15th May 2019. If anyone is interested then please do contact me or come along to a future meeting. The councillors who have submitted election forms and their current responsibilities are as follows:-

Cllr Ash: Chairman, School representative, and Campton United Charities representative.

Cllr Baker: Vice-Chairman, Campton United Charities representative, Liaison with CBC for Highways, website administrator, planning news, assistance with finance reports and newsletter.

Cllr Longson: Campton United Charities representative, Joint Burial Board representative, Representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Martin: Street Lighting.

Cllr Booton: Joint Burial Board representative, Recreation Ground, Assets.

Cllr Fradd: Website administration and Chicksands representative.

CBC has confirmed the date for the start of the public examination of the new Local Plan. There are two inspectors and hearing sessions will begin on 21st May 2019 and continue throughout that week. A further two weeks have been set aside in June and one in July. The Parish Council has been invited to address the inspectors. Cllr Brown outlined the importance of Parish Council representation at the hearing addressing small to medium housing allocation sites i.e. the Greenway site allocation. He also urged residents to attend sessions of interest. For more information on the draft Local Plan examination programme and venue visit:- www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/examination.aspx

Cllr. Brown also reported that clearance of low-level shrubbery on the Shefford side of the underpass has improved safety for residents and that, as of 03/04/19, no date had been set for any discussions regarding the Greenway site following the recent developer request for pre-application advice .

We still have a number of voluntary roles available within the parish. We particularly need volunteers to assist with the running of the Village Hall. If you have some spare time and are in a position to offer some voluntary hours for the benefit of the community then please do get in touch, we really do need your help. The Village Hall is entirely run by volunteers and without them it will not be able to continue.

The proposal from the White Hart for Sunday league football to be played at the recreation ground was discussed at the meeting. We thank everyone that responded to the recent consultation exercise. The councillors considered your comments along with those of the applicant and other stakeholders prior to reaching a decision. In a vote the Parish Council decided against the proposal; so at this time there will be no league football played at the Recreation Ground on Sundays. Further details of the consultation and decision will be published in the minutes of the meeting and will be confirmed at the May meeting.

**The date for the next Parish Council meeting is
Wednesday, 15th May 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

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Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

During the last month or so the six workgroups that report to the Steering Group have been working hard to complete an internal audit/review of each other's policy documents, policies, non-policy actions and references. This has been a significant but worthwhile undertaking for all groups and should help ensure consistency and clear supporting evidence across the documentation now going forward to the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP). A first draft of the full Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan has now been delivered. This is currently with the Steering Group for initial review and comment. The GI Plan is an independent report researched and developed by the Greensand Trust and was commissioned by the NP Steering Group in 2018. We expect that the GI Plan should provide important supporting evidence for a number of policies and non-policy actions within the final Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan banners situated on the railings at the Lower School and at the entrance Chicksands Private show the current status of the plan and will be updated as the plan progresses. Updates will continue to be published in the Parish Council Newsletter and Website.

COFFEE & CHAT - Friday, 7th June 2019



As a "THANK YOU" to Malcolm & Jackie Willis for all their hard work in the village over the years, it has been decided that the Coffee & Chat in June will be held as a fundraiser for

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

A Guide Dogs Trade Stall will be there on the morning selling lots of goodies and hopefully Nora and Heather will put in an appearance too!!

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in May:

Friday May 24 - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association ringers
- 10am to 1pm approx.

'Chris's Corner' - Chris is on holiday - again!

JOHN LOVELESS

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 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.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

PLEASE NOTE that while the Village Hall Management Committee is in the process of trying to recruit new members - it has been decided to cease the 100 Club Draw
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

CAMPTON - WANDERBUS

Bookings & Info : Tel :0300-123-3023

www.wanderbus.gov.uk

e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com



Valid from Monday 6th May 2019

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

As of 6 TH MAY 2019		"Stops at all Bus Stops on Request"	
W3 BIGGLESWADE	- Every Monday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops		09.05	RR
Biggleswade – A1 London Rd Retail Park		10.05	12.05
Asda		10.10	12.00
Sainsbury's on request		10.13 OR	11.57 OR
W6 SHEFFORD	- Every Friday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops		09.07	RR
Shefford - Morrisons		09.26	10.50
Shefford Health Centre		09.30 OR	10.45 OR
W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	- 1st Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops		08.48	RR
WGC Central Bus Station		10.00	12.15
OR = Stops on Request		RR = Return Stops on Request	

MONTHLY EXCURSION

4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH - RING FOR DESTINATION & BOOKINGS

Cash Fares – Sorry no travel passes can be accepted

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

MONTHLY EXCURSION

Thursday, 23rd May: Cambridge Botanical Gardens

(Plants from around the world) - Entry Fee to Gardens : £6.00

Bus Fare per person : £7.50

"A concert given by the Peregrine Recorder Orchestra which rehearses locally and is one of the country's oldest and best recorder ensembles. Forget school recorder lessons! Come and listen to the versatility of this ancient instrument and see the vast range in sizes of the various instruments."



Peregrine Recorder Orchestra
Musical Director: David Pugh
Registered Charity No. 1111928

Spring Concert
Sunday 19th May 2019
3pm at
All Saint's Church, Campton
Rectory Road, SG17 5PF

Featuring
Elizabeth Schofield
(Euphonium)

All proceeds to Emmaus & Water Aid
Tickets: £7.50 Children Under 14 Free



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Coffee & Chat - HELP FOR HEROES



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the March Coffee & Chat which was in aid of HELP FOR HEROES; **£130.60** was raised.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Angela Baker **no later than 15th May 2019**

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